

as eagles. Isaiah 40:31





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AND SHALL WE SEE THY FACE

And shall we see Thy face, And hear Thy heavenly voice Well known to us in present grace? Well may our hearts rejoice.

Fruit of Thy boundless love, That gave Thyself for us; Forever we shall with Thee prove That thou still lov'st us thus.

And we love Thee, blest Lord, E'en now though feeble here; Thy sorrow and Thy cross record What makes us know Thee near.

We wait to see Thee, Lord, Yet now within our hearts Thou dwell'st in love that doth afford The joy that love imparts.

Yet still we wait for Thee, To see Thee as Thou art.. Be with Thee, like Thee, Lord, and free To love with all our heart. **JND**

Dear Friends.

I have been meditating a little upon the words "Face to Face." Often times we have loved ones who do not live very close to us. We can write to them and we can often talk to them on the telephone. Going back a few years most of us can remember times when the telephone rang and when we answered it we heard the voice of one whom we loved that was far away. We would announce to everyone around us "It's Mary!" or "It's Bob!" and everyone would gather around to hear their voice and to say some words to the person they loved. I remember one of our sons who called us from Vietnam while in the service there. Oh! How good it was to hear his voice! But oh what joy it was when he arrived home to see him face to face!

Yes, how happy we are when we can see our loved ones face to face. This is usually accompanied by hugs and sometimes by kisses. But a much greater joy awaits every one who has accepted the Lord Jesus

Christ as their Savior. What will it he to see Him face to face! As I have thought about it my attention was directed to some of the scenes that are brought before us in the book of Revelation. In chapters 4 and 5 we find that there are twenty



four elders gathered around the throne. Who are these twenty four elders who fall down before the Lamb? They are representatives of the twelve tribes and of the twelve apostles. As such they represent Old and New Testament saints. That means, dear ones, that they represent you and I. And Who is the One who is sitting upon this throne? Chapter five and verses six through nine identify the One who is sitting upon the throne as the Lamb that was slain. What do the twenty four elders do when they see the One who died for them? They all fall down before the Lamb and sing a new song saying, "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof." Why? For Thou was slain, and has redeemed us to God by Thy blood." They also say with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain" and list seven more reasons why He is worthv.

In the last verse of that chapter we again find the twenty four elders falling down before the Lamb of God and worshipping Him who lives for ever and ever. This then is what we all will do when we see our Saviour face to face? We will fall down before Him and worship Him that lives for ever and ever.

It is strengthening and very encouraging reading the testimony of the saints of old who, regarding their faith, looked forward to seeing the Lord Jesus. Here are a few of them.

Job who lived many years before the law was given and went through great losses of his family and possessions had this to say: "For I know that my Redeemer lives and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth, and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me." Job 19:25-27.

The apostle Paul wrote these comforting words regarding our glorious future. "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we waik by faith, not by sight). We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:6-8.

But while we are here upon earth we "see through a glass, darkly, (or dimly or indistinctly), but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." I Corinthians 13:12.

When we think of seeing our Saviour face to face I am reminded of these words which the apostle John was inspired to write: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; For we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him, purifieth himself, even as He is pure." I John 3:2,3.

Face to Face

Face to face with Christ, my Savior, Face to face—what will it be? When with rapture I behold Him. Jesus Christ who died for me. Only faintly now, I see Him With darkling veil between, But a blessed day is coming, When His glory shall be seen. What rejoicing in His presence, When are banished grief and pain; When the crooked ways are straightened, And the dark things shall be plain. Face to face! O blissful moment! Face to face—to see and know; Face to face with my Redeemer, Jesus Christ who loves me so. Face to face I shall behold Him. Far beyond the starry sky; Face to face in all His glory, I shall see Him by and by! Mrs. Frank Breck

In the last chapter of the Bible we read these words three times: "Behold. I come quickly." And we can answer: "Amen, Even so, come Lord Jesus." May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." Revelation 22:20,21.

In His Wonderful love,

John McNeil

And Is It So-I shall Be Like Thy Son?

And is it so—I shall be like Thy Son? Is this the grace which He for me has won? Father of glory, thought beyond all thought! In glory, to His own blest likeness brought! Oh, Jesus, Lord, who loved me like to Thee? Fruit of Thy work, with Thee, too, there to see Thy glory, Lord, while endless ages roll, Myself the prize and travail of Thy soul. Yet it must be: Thy love had not its rest Were Thy redeemed not with Thee fully blest, That love that gives not as the world, but shares All it possesses with its loved coheirs. Nor I alone; Thy loved ones all complete In glory, round Thee there with joy shall meet,-All like Thee, for Thy glory like Thee, Lord, Object supreme of all, by all adored.

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