

*'They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

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



AERY NUGGETS

HAVE I AN OBJECT, LORD, BELOW

Have I an object, Lord, below,
Which would divide my heart with Thee,
Which would divert its even flow
In answer to Thy constancy?
O teach me quickly to return,
And cause my heart afresh to burn.

Have I a hope, however dear,
Which would defer Thy coming, Lord,
Which would detain my spirit here
Where naught can lasting joy afford?
From it, my Savior set me free,
To look and long and wait for Thee.

Be Thou the object bright bright and fair
To fill and satisfy the heart,
My hope to meet Thee in the air,
And never more from Thee to part:
That I may undistracted be

—G.W. Frazer.

Dear friends,

As we begin another year we often hear the words, "Happy New Year." This happiness is what we would wish every reader would experience this year. This world with all of its pleasures can never really bring us true joy and happiness. But knowing the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior will bring us real joy and satisfaction. Many today are looking for happiness in the wrong places. This world with all of its pleasures can never bring us true happiness. Here is the invitation from the Lord Jesus. "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 28:-30. If you accept this invitation from the Lord Jesus you will indeed have a "Happy New Year."

Not only will you be able to have a Happy New Year but you will be able to say with King David: "He (the Lord) hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God." Psalm 40:3a.

"Praise the Savior, Ye who know Him,
Who can tell how much we owe Him?
Gladly let us gladly render to Him
All we have and are.



We will also find something else that is new. It is **His compassions**. Compassion is really sympathy for those who are going through sorrow and loss. God's compassions never fail. "They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22,23. No matter what we may be going through we can be assured of our Lord's interest and care for us. We can take our burdens to the Lord and leave them there. As another has said "He knows, He loves us, He cares. Nothing this truth can dim. He gives the very best to those who put their trust in Him." We also have been given a new commandment. What is that? "That ye love one another (how much?) **as I have loved you.**" By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34.

"What about the future? "We, according to His promise, look for new heavens, and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness." 2 Peter 3:13. What a day that will be! How wonderful to look forward to that day! Man has, to some degree, spoiled much of the heavens and earth. But God has promised a *new heavens and a new earth!*

Also we have a new song that we will all sing to the Lord. Here it is: "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands saying with a loud voice, **"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.** And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and forever. And the four beasts said, AMEN. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him that liveth for ever and forever." Proverbs 5:9-14.

All those who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are represented by the twenty four elders who fall down and worship the Lord. What a day of rejoicing that will be!

"What will it be to dwell above,
And with the Lord of glory reign,
Since the blest knowledge of His love
So brightens all this dreary plain?
No heart can, think, no tongue can tell
What joy 'twill be with Christ to dwell.

When left this scene of faith and strife,
The flesh and sense deceive no more,
When we shall see the Prince of life,
And all His works of grace explore:
What heights and depth of love divine
Will there through endless ages shine!

And God has fixed the happy day
When the last tear shall dim our eyes;
When He will wipe these tears away,
And fill our hearts with glad surprise;
To hear His voice, and see His face,
And know the fullness of His grace."

Swain, 1792

In His love,

John D McNeil

WORSHIP

It is not merely what we shall feel then (in glory) that God reveals to us ; but He desires us to enter now into what we shall have then. This glory is given us already. Assuredly we shall not have such a place then, if we have not got its title upon earth. It is ours now by faith, though then we shall have it in its fullness. What enables the elders to be so calm in the midst of judgment? That which God had done for them through the cross of Jesus. But God has done this now. In Christ was wrought as perfect a work upon earth as there could be in heaven. He will not do another or better work there, though it may be enjoyed more above. But God has revealed this scene to His own that they may now enter into it intelligently, and may be worshippers according to its spirit, even upon earth, seeing the glory which will be theirs in heaven.. Worship is a more serious thing than is supposed by many. Anything that does not suit the presence of God in heaven is unfit for the presence of God on earth. Even in outward things He looks for our hearts to be exercised. It is a bad sign when the children of God allow themselves in anything that is inconsistent with His presence. We are responsible that the worship of God should be conducted in a way worthy of Him---in solemnity but in liberty. We should be careful that we do not distract others, but rather help one another to enjoy Him better.

The Lord grant that, walking in holy liberty, and remembering that it is not the order of the flesh or of forms that we have to keep up, we may be preserved from thinking that His order is less reverent than man's ! May he vouchsafe us to seek what becomes the presence of Him whom we come together to exalt ! He has given us the place of worshippers: may we worship Him in spirit and in truth ! A better relation or employment God Himself could not give even in heaven. —Wm. Kelly

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