"They shall mount up...

ËAGLES' WINGS



HE IS COMING, COMING FOR US He is coming, coming for us: Soon we'll hear His voice on high; Dead and living, changed and rising, In the twinkling of an eye Shall be caught up all together, For the meeting in the air; With a shout the Lord, descending, Shall Himself await us there. Oh! What joy that great fore gathering, Trysted meeting in the air; Sweet to know He's coming for us, Calling us to join Him there

He is coming-oh! How solemn When the Judge's voice is heard, And in His own light He shows us Ev'ry thought, and act, and word! Deeds of merit as we thought them, He will show us were but sin, Little acts we had forgotten He will tell us were for Him. Oh! What joy, for He imputeth Righteousness instead of sin; Little acts we had forgotten He will tell us were for Him. Sweet to take the linen garments All a gift, and all from Him.

as eagles. Isaiah 40:31

## Dear friends.

As a very young boy I had often heard from my parents and different preachers that the Lord Jesus was coming again to take His people home to heaven.

I will never forget the day that I told my mother that I did not feel good. Actually my soul was troubled. So I was able to stay home from school. After my brother had left for school I got down on my knees and accepted the Lord as my Savior. What joy it was for me to know that if the Lord Jesus should come I too would be caught up to meet Him in the air.

Since that time many years ago the Lord's coming has always been something that I have tried to remind myself of each day. Yes, we could hear that shout today. But it is easy some times to forget that wonderful promise and be caught up with discouraging news that we often

read about in the paper. It is at times like this we need to turn to the Lord and His precious Word. What do we read there? "Let not your heart be troubled: Ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: (or

better translation of mansions is dwelling places) if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

His servants shall serve Him; and **they shall see His face.**" (Revelation 22:3,4) What will it be like to see Him face to face? As the hymn writer put it so well:

## "Face to Face with Christ my Savior. Face to face, What will it be? When with rapture I adore Him, Jesus Christ, who died for me."

I sometimes think of Thomas who did not believe that the other disciples had seen the Lord. Thomas had said "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." John 20: 24-29.

When the Lord met with His disciples eight day's later Thomas being with them this time the Lord said to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing. What was his answer? "My Lord and my God."

How good to think of that time when there will be a new heaven and a new earth. Then the tabernacle of God will be with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. **"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:1-4.** 

What a blessed hope is ours as we go on from day to day. When we become discouraged we need to remind ourselves of what lies before us. How good it is to start each day by taking time to read a portion of God's Word and then meditate upon what we have read.

> "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

"He is coming as the Bridegroom, Coming to unfold at last The great secret of His purpose, Mystery of ages past; And the bride, to her is granted In His beauty there to shine, As in rapture she exclaimeth "I am His, and He is mine." Oh! What joy that marriage union,-Mystery of love divine; Sweet to sing in all its fullness, "I am His, and He is mine." —R.L. Haslup

In His love,

John McNeil

"The angel answered and said unto the woman, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matt. 28:5 & 6.

That empty tomb told the story in an incontrovertible manner that Jesus was victor over death, having effected eternal redemption for all who trust in Him. His resurrection testifies to the Father's perfect satisfaction to the work of the cross, and tells of the sin question forever settled, and the way into the Holiest now opened up.

"He said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself: handle Me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have. And when He had thus spoken, He showed them His hands and His feet"—Luke 24:38-40.

Christ's victory over death is the assurance that the sin question has been settled to the divine satisfaction, and that peace has been made by the blood of the cross. As the risen One, "He is our peace," who has vanquished our foe and has opened the way into the immediate presence of God for all who come to Him by Jesus Christ. As we look up, by faith, into the holiest of all, and see Him, who once stood in our place when He bore our sins in His own body on the tree, now seated as the glorified Man at the right hand of the Majesty in the heavens, we know we have nothing to fear. God has accepted us in Him, His Beloved One, and we now stand free of all condemnation. All this is involved in His salutation, "Peace be unto you."

> "Christ's grave is empty now Left for the throne above; His cross asserts God's right to bless In His own boundless love."

