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Grace for Every Need

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There is Joy divine that is ever mine
Since the Lord has forgiven me; (Pardoned me)
And I work and sing for my blessed King,
By his grace I have been made free. (truly free)

He will ever keep when the tempests sweep,
And hath grace for each trying hour;(every hour)
So I go in love to this Friend above,
Ever trusting His grace and pow'r. (grace and pow'r)

O this Wondrous grace is for all the race,
It is boundless and full and free; (full and free)
And I trust and cling to my blessed King
Who by grace now is keeping me. (keeping me)

There is Grace for Every Need Grace for you, grace for me,
Keeping true keeping free, Precious saving grace indeed
Flowing from the throne above; Grace to cover all my sin,
Grace to all who believe, O this grace now receive,
Full forgiveness all may win,
Yes there's grace in the Lord's perfect love.

Grace Described

John Bunyan

The grace of God is found in His great love for sinners, in His longing to do them good. His son Jesus Christ personifies grace, for by the offering up of His body, sinners are made whole and pure, once and for all.

Christ's blood has nothing to do with laws, nor rules, nor commandments. Instead, it is a price, a redeeming price. He makes us whole and new by giving us, not by expecting anything from us. He justifies us by His grace, nor by our works.

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Selection from Streams in the Desert—Vol. 2

By: Mrs. Charles E. Cowman

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For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you,
and ye shall be tilled and sown.

Ezekiel 36:9

God Does not use the plough and harrow without intention! Where God ploughs He intends to sow! His ploughing is proof He is for, and not against us! The husbandman is never so near the land as when he is ploughing it: the very time when we are tempted to think that He hath forsaken us!

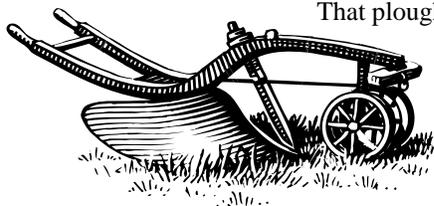
The ploughman is proof that he thinks you of value and worth cultivating-and He does not waste His ploughing in the barren sand. He will not plough continually, but only for a time, and for a definite purpose. Soon He will close that process. "Doth the ploughman plough continually to sow? Doth he continually open and break up the clods of his ground?" (Isaiah 28:24, R.V.) Verily, No! Soon, aye soon, we shall, through these painful processes, and by His gentle showers of grace, become His fruitful land. "The desolate land shall be tilled...and they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden" (Ezekiel 36:34, 35). And thus shall we be a praise unto Him.

"Someone must go through sore travail of soul before a life movement, outwardly visible, can be born," and Josephine Butler. The one who seeks release from the process of fruitage would expel the furrows from the face of Lincoln, and make St. Paul a mere esthetic-would rob the Divine Sufferer of His sanctity. We cannot have the result of the harvest without the process! The price must be paid.

O God, wert Thou ploughing
Thy profitless earth
With the brave plough of Love.
And the sharp plough of Pain?
But hark to the mirth
Of wheat-field in harvest!
Dear Plougher, well worth

That ploughing, this yellow-gold
grain.

-Unknown



Singing in Adversity—Part I

Selection from *The Secret of a Singing Heart* By: C. W. Naylor

Life has its adversities. It must needs have them. Adversity, pain, sorrow, and disappointment, are the lathe upon which God shapes us. They are the emery-wheel that grinds and smooths us. They are the polishing-wheel that makes us shine. If we can never be happy until we are so situated that nothing which exists may tend to render us unhappy, we shall have little happiness in life. Happiness does not come from a life of ease and indolence. It is not the result of the absence of obstacles and difficulties. Happiness comes from triumphing over them. Therefore the song of true happiness often arises from the soul that undergoes many adversities.

Paul understood what life must be. He went through the cities of Asia after he had been stoned and left for dead, “Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22). He enumerated the things he suffered in his work for Christ. Doubtless you have read that list again and again. Notwithstanding all this no one has more to say about rejoicing, being filled with joy, and singing the songs of victory, than does this same sufferer of tribulations.

The Psalmist also knew about tribulations. He said, “I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble thou hast known my soul in adversities” (Ps. 31:7). God did not leave him to himself in his tribulations. Being conscious of this he could rejoice. Jesus said to his disciples, “In the world ye shall have tribulations.” Did ye say, “Mourn and weep because of this”? Did he intimate that they should shrink from them? Did he indicate there was something wrong in them that brought these tribulations? Not so. He had already told them that the world would hate them. Now he showed them that as a result of that hatred of the world and also as the result of the natural conditions in life, they should have tribulations. Did he say to them, “This will take away much from your happiness; you will be sad and disconsolate much of the time; you will sorrow on account of these tribulations; it is too bad you are to have them”? No; he said nothing of this kind. He told them plainly what was to come; then added, “But be of good cheer—I have overcome the world.”

Think of the boldness of Jesus in saying this. Just before him lay Gethsemane. Just beyond that the trials before the high priest and Pilate and Calvary awaited him. He knew this very well. He knew he must pass through the bitterest of tribulations. Nevertheless he said, “Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

What a wonderful example for us this is. He has overcome the world not merely for himself, but for us as well. As the Psalmist pointed out, he knows our adversities. He knows that lying ahead of us there are adversities and difficulties, perhaps dangers, sorrows, and many things to try the soul. He also knows when we are in those things, when they are pressing hard upon us, when we are tempted to bow down our heads and give up. He knows exactly how we feel, how things seem, how the future looks, how the present troubles us. In spite of it all he is saying to us, “Be of good cheer; I have overcome.”

Dear soul, Jesus knows all about your troubles. He knows every heartache, every difficulty, everything you must overcome, everything you must bear. Trusting in his grace, relying upon his help, you shall soon find your heart filling again with melody, for the clouds will pass away.

Paul asks, “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall

tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?” Then he adds, “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us” (Rom. 8:35, 37).

Speaking of our acceptance with God and our justification by faith through grace, Paul says we “rejoice in hope of the glory of God” (Rom 5:2). But are the good things of God all in which we can rejoice? No, for he continues, “And not only so but we glory in tribulations also.”

Paul could rejoice in the bad things as well as in the good things. Why could he do this? Was he a mere enthusiast? Was he a man who shut his eyes to the facts? No, he was sober-minded, consistent, and sane. He looked behind the frowning face of circumstances. He saw the results that follow tribulations. He set them down for us that we might consider them and rejoice with him. “Knowing that tribulation worketh patience and patience experience, and experience hope, and hope maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts.

That was the secret of Paul’s rejoicing. The verses just quoted are put in a more understandable and better way in the American Standard Version, “We also rejoiced in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation worketh steadfastness and steadfastness approvedness and approvedness hope and hope putteth not to shame because the love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts.”

(To be continued in the August/September issue)

I’m On the Winning Side

By: C. W. Naylor



Along the way of life are many foes
That daily war against my soul;
But constant victory My Savior gives to me
As I press on to the goal.

The battle may be long and hard to win,
And Satan’s hosts may press me sore;
But though I may be tried I’m on the winning
side,
I shall triumph evermore.

A multitude of warriors of the cross
In serried ranks do bravely fight;
They never shall retreat, Nor ever know
defeat,
They are winning for the right.

With courage in my soul I’ll do my part,
For Jesus I will loyal stand;
So on the winning side Triumphant I abide
With the faithful holy band.

On the winning side, I’m on the winning side,
I’m on the winning side with Jesus;
Though hot may be the fray, My soul can boldly say,
I’m on the winning side with Jesus

Jesus, Our Example

Excerpt from *The Secret of Prayer* by E. E. Byrum

Jesus is our example in time of temptation, trial, persecution and prayer. It is said of him that he was tempted in all points like as we are. It is impossible for us to realize the great temptations through which he passed while in the wilderness being tempted of the devil. He remained faithful and resisted the devil, and met him with the Word of God, saying, "It is written." He would then tell the devil what was written, finally giving him a positive rebuke, which caused the evil one to flee from him. In 1 Corinthians 10:13, the apostle says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." Considering this promise, and taking Jesus as our example, we are given an inspiration to go through the greatest temptations and trials. In the time of deepest trial, he felt the weakness of his humanity, but would flee to the Father in prayer and would receive strength and whatever help was needed. In like manner, we can receive strength even in time of trial, remember the words of Peter, "Though now for a season, if need be ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." 1 Peter 1:6-8.

It was in the Garden of Gethsemane that Jesus passed through the greatest trial of his life. Knowing that the time had come for him to pass through the great ordeal of the crucifixion, his humanity shrank from it. He went aside from his disciples and there with the greatest earnestness that man ever prayed, he implored the father. Just before leaving the disciples, he had said, "Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder ... My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." Matthew 26:36-39.

I Will Follow Thee

By: James Lawson

I will follow thee, my Savior, Wheresoe'er my lot may be;
Where thou goest I will follow, Yes, my Lord, I'll follow thee.

Tho' the road be rough and thorny, Trackless as the foaming sea,
Thou hast trod this way before me, And I gladly follow thee.

Tho' 'tis lone, and dark, and dreary, Cheerless tho' my path may be,
If thy voice I hear before me, Fearlessly I'll follow thee.

Tho' I meet with tribulation, Sorely tempted tho' I be,
I remember thou wast tempted, And rejoice to follow thee.

Tho' thou leadest thro' afflictions, Poor, forsaken tho' I be,
Thou wast destitute, afflicted, And I only follow thee.

I will follow thee, my Savior, Thou didst shed thy blood for me;
And tho' all men should forsake thee, By thy grace I'll follow thee.

"He went away again the second time and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done."

"And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words."

He prayed so earnestly that his sweat was, as it were, great drops of blood falling down to the ground, and Luke says:

"And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him."

One beautiful thought in connection with his prayer in this time of great trial was his submission to the will of the Father, knowing it would cost him his life unless the Father saw fit to change matters, but he humbly submitted, and said, "Not as I will, but as thou wilt." What a lesson to us!

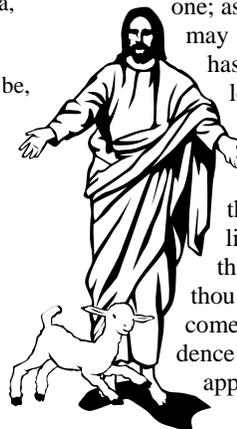
His mission into the world was to redeem fallen men, by giving his life; and while he felt the weakness of humanity, as we feel it, nevertheless he was submissive and ready to fulfill the mission, even at the cost of his life. There are now many times when people fail to receive the needed help from the Lord because of a lack of perfect submission to this will. They are not willing to go through the necessary suffering in order to accomplish the proper end. "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow in his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." 1 Peter 2:21-23.

He instructed his followers what to do in case of persecution, and said, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." Matthew 5:11, 12.

When he was persecuted, and even hanged upon the cross by his enemies, he said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." He was ever ready to forgive his enemies, and taught that we should do the same. He said, "Forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also, which is in heaven may forgive your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." Mark 11:25, 26.

In the seventeenth chapter of John, he sets us an example of praying for others. After offering an earnest petition for his disciples, he said, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." This prayer includes us. It is one of the longest prayers that Jesus offered, of which we have record.

At another time we find him at the place where Lazarus was buried, and just before commanding the dead man to come forth from the tomb, Jesus lifted his eyes toward heaven, and said, "Father I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always." In like manner we should come to the Lord with our petitions, with that confidence that the Lord hears us, as it is then that we can appropriate the promise of 1 John 5:14, 15.



Happenings on the way to Jerusalem

From *The Picture Story Life of Christ* by Elsie Egermeier

The time had come again for the Passover Feast at Jerusalem, and Jesus knew that his life on earth would soon be ended. He took his twelve disciples aside from the crowd which followed and told them again that soon he should be given into the hands of the chief priests and the scribes, his enemies, and be condemned to die. But the disciples could not understand; for they believed surely he was the Son of God and that he would become the king of the Jews.

Two of his disciples, James and John, came to him soon afterwards, bringing their mother. She knelt before Jesus and asked him to grant places of honor to her sons when he received his kingdom. Jesus knew these disciples and their mother did not understand that the kingdom of heaven would not be like an earthly kingdom, and he said that places of honor would be given only by God the Father.

The other disciples felt jealous of these two, and Jesus knew about their feelings. He called them aside again and told them that in his kingdom those who would be great must be the servants of all the others. He reminded them of how he had labored hard and long for others, and he told them that they should serve others too.

Many other people were going to Jerusalem to attend the Feast, and they walked along the roadway with Jesus and his disciples. These people had heard Jesus teach, and they had seen him heal the sick. They, too, hoped that he would set up his kingdom in Jerusalem.

By and by the multitude came to a city called Jericho. The road to Jerusalem led through the streets of this city, and soon the people of Jericho were much excited because Jesus was with them. News of his coming spread rapidly from one part of town to another, and many who had heard of Jesus came rushing to see him.

A blind man named Bartimaeus sat by the roadside begging. He heard the sound of many footsteps, and he wondered why such a crowd was passing, so he asked the reason. And someone answered, "Jesus of Nazareth is going by."

Bartimaeus had heard about Jesus of Nazareth. He had probably heard about the man who had been born blind and who had been healed by this wonderful man from Nazareth in Galilee. Now he wished that Jesus would have mercy on him, too. He rose from his seat by the roadside and began to cry loudly, "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!"

Those who stood by were displeased to hear the blind beggar crying after Jesus in this way. They told him to keep quiet. Perhaps they said that Jesus could not hear him; for the noise of the crowd was great. But Bartimaeus would not be quieted. He cried louder than ever; for he wished to have Jesus heal his blinded eyes.

Jesus heard the poor beggar, and he knew how the men near by had urged him to keep still. He stopped and commanded someone to tell the blind man to come to him. A messenger hurried to Bartimaeus, saying, "Be of good comfort, for Jesus has heard you and now he is calling for you."

Bartimaeus threw aside his garment and ran eagerly to the place where Jesus stood. Jesus asked, "What do you wish me to do for you?"

"Lord, give me my sight," he asked.

Jesus answered, "Go your way; your faith in me has made you well."

At once the blind eyes opened, and Bartimaeus could see as well as those who had never been blind. And he joined the crowd to follow Jesus.

Bible Study—Holiness (Obadiah 17)

From *Bible Readings for Bible Students* by S. L. Speck & H. M. Riggle

1. The origin of holiness

Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13

2. Holiness is declared to be

A. *A way for the people of God to walk on.*
Isaiah 35:8-10

B. *The only preparation for heaven*
Hebrews 12:14; Matthew 5:8

3. God's people are

A. *Called to holiness*
1 Thessalonians 4:7

B. *Commanded to be holy*
1 Peter 1:14-16

1. In their conversation
1 Peter 1:15

2. In their life
Romans 6:19

3. In their love
Ephesians 1:4

4. In their body.
Romans 12:1

5. To serve God in holiness
Luke 1:74, 75

6. To worship God in holiness
Psalm 29:2

7. To praise the beauty of holiness
2 Chronicles 20:21

4. The kind of holiness attainable in this life

A. *God's holiness*
Hebrews 12:10

B. *Perfected holiness*
2 Corinthians 7:1

C. *Practical holiness*
Romans 6:19, 22

5. Conclusion

Psalm 93:5



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Young People's Service (Sunday)	4:45 p.m.
Children's Service (Sunday)	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 p.m.

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