



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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## UP-SPRINGING LIFE



If a tiny flower can throw aside  
A clod three times its size:  
Can not a prince, a Son of God  
Beneath his burden rise?

Since April showers have not the  
power

To stop the Robins' song  
Can not we rise above our tears  
And loud His praises prolong?

Since Christ has risen from the  
grave

And won for us a crown;  
Can we not fix our eyes on Him  
And look no longer down?

Then spring thou up, Oh, trembling  
soul

This is no day for fear;  
With sin and death a conquered foe,  
And our Lord's coming near!



## MUDDY SUNDAY

(by Jennifer Frost, age 13)

The tire went flat,  
And Daddy was mad;  
It was pouring rain  
And we kids were bad.  
The church bell was ringing  
Off in the distance,  
A truck threw a rock  
And barely missed us.  
We waded through water,  
Mud, and slime;  
And brother kept telling me  
His muddy Bible was mine.  
We lost our offering,  
Ruined our clothes,  
Mother used ten Kleenexes  
To blow her nose.  
We finally arrived,  
An hour late,  
We lined up at the bathroom,  
It was a long wait.  
When the service was over  
We all ran home,  
The folks that stared at us  
Were not alone.  
The reason they stared  
(It was reason enough)  
We all had weeds hanging  
Out of our cuffs.  
We made it home  
With no more trouble,  
Except we remembered  
Our flat-tired car  
Was still in the puddle.

## In Days Gone By

On March 14, 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's large cotton industry.

## IF JESUS CAME TO YOUR HOUSE

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two--

If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.

Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest,

And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best.

And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there--

That serving Him in your own home is joy beyond compare.

But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door,

With arms outstretched and welcome to your heavenly Visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?

Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?

Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard?

And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymnbooks out?

Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder-- if the Saviour spent a day or two with you,

Would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you go right on saying the things you always say?

Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?

And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?

Would you sing the songs you always sing, and read the books you read, and let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go?

Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends?

Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?

Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things that you would do,

If Jesus Christ in person came to spend some time with you. - L.B. Eades

## Not How Long but How Well We Live

There is a great deal of senseless praise of longevity, as though it were a wonderful achievement to live a good while.

Ah, my friends, it is not how long we live but how well we live and how useful we live. A man who lives to eighty years and accomplishes nothing for God or humanity might better have never lived at all.

Methuselah lived 969 years, and what did it amount to? In all those more than nine centuries he did not accomplish anything which seemed worth record.

Paul lived only a little more than sixty, but how many Methuselahs would it take to make one Paul? Who would not rather have Paul's sixty years than Methuselah's 969?

Robert McCheyne died at thirty, and John Summerfield at twenty-seven, but neither earth nor Heaven will ever hear the end of their usefulness.

Gray hairs are the blossoms of the tree of life if found in the way of righteousness, but the frosts of the second death if found in the way of sin. -I. DeWitt Talmage.

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*If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy.*

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The more a man bows his knee before God, the straighter he stands before men.

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The time to get your spiritual instrument in tune is early in the morning before the concert of the day begins.

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Some people treat God like they do a lawyer; they go to Him only when they are in trouble.

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That which is morally wrong can never be politically right.

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-Shaftesbury

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## WHAT GOD HAS DONE WITH OUR SINS

Forgiven and covered them .... Psalm 32:1

Not imputed them unto us ..... Psalm 32:2

Removed them ..... Psalm 103:12

Made them white ..... Isaiah 1:18

Blotted them out ..... Isaiah 43:25

Pardoned them ..... Isaiah 55:7

Cast them into the sea ..... Micah 7:19

Remitted them ..... Matthew 26:28

Took them away ..... John 1:29

Purged them ..... Hebrews 1:3

Cleansed us from them ..... I John 1:9

Cast them behind His back.... Isaiah 38:17

# Miscellaneous.

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## FORGOTTEN? UNRECOGNIZED? UNAPPRECIATED?

In Chapter 9 of Ecclesiastes we read an interesting story about a poor wise man. A strong king attacked a small city and it looked hopeless to the inhabitants. They were surrounded, cut off, and had only a few men who were able to fight.

This is when the poor wise man had a plan, and with that plan, which is not told to us, that little city defeated the strong king and his army, and great rejoicing followed. That poor wise man was the hero and deserved at least a medal, but no one remembered him. His wisdom was drowned out by the shouts of the fools.

This happens often when some insignificant person performs well and nobody cares and no recognition is given. However, let us remember that God knows everything, and you may not be recognized or given proper credit for a job well done, but God remembers and the rewards will be much greater than the world can give.

When you read a little farther in Ecclesiastes 9, we read in verse 16 that Solomon said that wisdom is better than strength, and in verse 18 he says that wisdom is better than weapons of war. The poor wise man's wisdom was stronger than the king and his army.

Wise men are heard in quiet, with words spoken calmly and deliberately. Clamor rules among fools. Wise and good men often content themselves with having done good, praise or not. Many people have been worthy to be recognized, but it never came.

However, the day is coming when wrong shall be made right. Let's just keep doing right. We are more than victors in Christ, even when forgotten, unappreciated and unrecognized.

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## JUST PREACH THE GOSPEL

A young preacher in a college town was embarrassed by the thought of criticism from his cultured congregation. He sought counsel from his father, an old and wise minister, saying:

"Father, I am hampered in my ministry in the pulpit I am now serving. If I cite anything from geology, there is Professor A., a teacher of this science, right before me. If I use an illustration of Romany mythology, there is Professor B., ready to trip me up for any little inaccuracy. If I instance something in English literature that pleases me, I am cowed by the presence of the learned man that teaches that branch. What shall I do?"

His father replied to him. "Don't be discouraged. Preach the Gospel: they probably know little of that." -Pillar of Fire