

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

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THE BLACKSMITH'S ANVIL

Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door,
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," I said,
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"

"Just one," said he, and then with twinkling
eye,

"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

And so, thought I, the anvil of God's word,
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;
Yet though the noise of falling blows was
heard,

The anvil is unharmed . . . the hammers gone.

Many a man aims at nothing and hits it with remarkable precision.

MORE THAN A DEAD LETTER

The Bible is like a telescope. If a man looks *through* his telescope, then he sees worlds beyond; but if he looks *at* his telescope, then he does not see anything but that. The Bible is a thing to be looked through, to see that which is beyond; but most people only look at it; and so they see only the dead letter.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

David Livingstone's Prayer

Lord, send me anywhere; only
go with me.

Lay any burden on me; only
sustain me.

Sever any tie but the tie that
binds me to Thy service and
to Thy heart.

My Jesus, my King, my Life, my
All,

I again consecrate my life to
Thee.

In Days Gone By

On July 20, 1969, Neil
Armstrong became the
first person to walk
on the moon.

On July 27, 1943, the
Korean War ended.

My Place at My Church

There is a corner somewhere
That I alone can fill.

If I fail to take my place,
No other ever will.

It's all a part of God's great plan
That each a worker be;
And somewhere in His vineyard
wide,

The Lord needs even me!



POEMS

by Sharon



ONE HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW

A hundred years from now, my friends,
I'll be in Heaven, fair;
I'll walk upon the street of gold,
See all the beauty there.

I'll fellowship with everyone,
Be "Grandma's Girl" again;
We'll reminisce a thousand years,
Remembering where and when.

I'll run all over Heaven,
Meeting saints of long ago;
All the ones I've read about,
And each one I will know.

I'll see the walls of jasper,
The gates of pearl, and more;
Oh, I'll be free of sin and pain,
And no tears on Heaven's shore.

I'll have time with my family,
For they'll be there, I'm sure;
And those I've won to Christ, I'll see
There by the river pure.

Such peace I'll have I've never known,
But by far the best for me,
Will be when I see Jesus,
There in eternity.

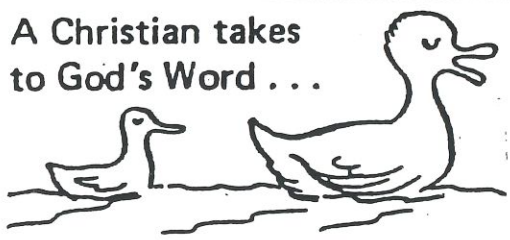
Yes, He'll give me my mansion,
Clothe me with robe and crown;
And when I move to Heaven,
I'll lay my burdens down.

My mothering will be all through,
For Rick will be whole there;
He'll be visiting with Jesus,
On Hallelujah Square.

A hundred years from now, my friends,
I know just where I'll dwell;
Forever, thanking Jesus,
For saving me from Hell.

-Sharon Dice, April, 1992

A Christian takes
to God's Word . . .



...like a duck to water!

WHAT TIME IS IT IN UTAH?

One evening in Albany, New York, when a sailor was asked the time, he pulled out a huge watch and replied, "It's 7:20."

The inquirer knew it was later. "Your watch has stopped, hasn't it?"

"No. I'm still on Mountain Standard Time. I'm from southern Utah. When I joined the Navy, Pa gave me this watch; he said it'd help me remember home.

"When my watch says 5:00 a.m., I know Dad is rollin' out to milk cows. And any night when it says 7:30 I know the whole family's around a well-spread table, with Dad thankin' God for what's on it and askin' Him to watch over me. I can almost smell the hot biscuits and bacon!

"It's thinkin' about those things that makes me want to fight when the goin' gets tough," he concluded. "I can find out easy enough what time it is where I am. What I want to know is, what time is it in Utah?"

On the Light Side

- ❖ A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand!
- ❖ I'd stop eating chocolate, but I'm NO quitter!
- ❖ My grandson said to me, "Grandma, when I get married, I want to marry someone just like you—only newer!"
- ❖ Four-year-old Emily said to her grandmother, "Mimi, I'm so glad God made you pretty and beautiful." Her grandmother thanked her and said, "God made you pretty and special too, Emily. God does not make any junk." Emily responded, "Yes, He does. He makes candy, and you tell me it's junk."

The God of The Impossible

- I. There is no place too hard for God to work.
- II. There is no person too hard for God to break.
- III. There is no power too hard for God to break.
- IV. There is no problem too hard for God to solve.

Math Riddle – Math Riddle

This is like an optical illusion....with numbers! This riddle **MUST** be done in your head and **NOT** using pen and paper.



Try it...it's weird
Take 1000 and add 40 to it.
Now add another 1000.
Now add another 30. Another 1000.
Now add 20. Now add another 1000.
Now add 10. What is the total?

Did you get 5000? Seems most people do. The answer actually is 4100. Don't believe it?? Try it with your calculator.

Miscellaneous-

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*STORIES
*EVENTS
*VIEWS
*NEWS



LITTLE STORIES WITH BIG LESSONS

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.

That's FAITH.

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them.

That's TRUST.

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up.

That's HOPE.

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

That's CONFIDENCE.

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children

That's LOVE.

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence, 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.'

That's ATTITUDE.

Have a happy day and live your life like the six stories.

ANOTHER NOTE FROM GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

Our newest great-grandchild, number 35, has just arrived with the birth of a baby boy, Hunter James Stinson. He was born on July 13, 2021. His parents, Justin and Sarah Stinson, live in Toledo, Ohio. Grandparents are Tim and Sheila Dice, Dunreith, Indiana. My wife Sharon and I now have 18 great-grandsons and 17 great-granddaughters. They live in various States including Ohio, Indiana, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Alabama and North Carolina. Needless to say, we do not get to see most of them very often. We still have six of them to meet for the first time.

Two of our oldest great-granddaughters are now 14 years old. If my wife and I live a few years longer we could very well be great-great grandparents! The Lord has been very good to our family.

-Leonard & Sharon Dice