

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

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## WHISPERS OF SPRING

Faint whispers of Spring are in the  
air,

Echoes of winter linger everywhere.

Beyond the cold a promise lies;

Roses will soon greet winter-weary  
eyes

Unfriendly cold — gone with the  
breeze,

Admitting defeat as it quietly leaves.

Reassurance of warmth from a far-  
away sun.

Yearning for Spring-time when  
winter is done.

February is an interesting month,  
Filled with thoughts of love.

The greatest love that we can have  
Comes from our God above.

When we have this love He gives,  
Others will readily know.

The kindness that exudes from us  
Brings to our face a glow.

Show your love to those about,  
Let them know you care.

The tiny spark that you ignite  
May burst into a flare;

A signal to others all around

That you have love to share;

May it grow till we're all consumed  
With God's love everywhere!

— Fern Hanlin Coberly

## Don't Listen To M U R M U R S

When murmurs stand ready to  
grip us,

Of happiness ready to strip us,

Our voices in anthems we'll raise

And banish our murmurs with  
praise.

When fretfulness seeks to entrap  
us,

With garments of grief to enwrap  
us,

Just start up a volume of song,

'Twill give you the vict'ry along.

"Some of them...murmured"

and they never entered in. Their

bodies were overthrown in the

wilderness.

—R. E. Neighbour

## In Days Gone By

On Feb. 19, 1807, former

vice-president Aaron

Burr was arrested for

treason, but was later

tried and acquitted of

the crime.

## SENTENCE ILLUSTRATIONS

What this country needs more than a change in the work week is a change in the weak work.

It takes more skill than I can tell — to play the second fiddle well.

If our country is worth dying for in time of war, let us resolve that it is truly worth living for in time of peace.

Literally millions of people quit thinking about God when they quit Sunday School.

Where love is thin, faults are thick.

Excuses satisfy only the ones who make them.

It is possible to give thanks in all situations.

A tongue of praise doesn't have time to gossip.

It is easier to save face if you keep the lower half shut.

When opportunity knocks, open the door.

Our favorite attitude should be gratitude.

Debts of gratitude are the most difficult to collect.

If you have a good excuse, don't use it.

A smile can add a great deal to one's face value.

It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow.

Serving Christ under law is duty; under love it is delight.

BIBLE QUESTIONS — References are given so you can supply the answers.

1. What disciple did Jesus save from drowning? Mt. 14:28-31 \_\_\_\_\_
2. In the story of the good Samaritan, who passed by on the other side of the road without helping? Luke 10:31-32 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who baptized Jesus? Matt. 3 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who was Jesus speaking to when He said "Ye must be born again?" John 3 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who wrote the book of Acts? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Whom did God choose to carry His name to the Gentiles? Acts 9:15 \_\_\_\_\_
7. What apostle was led forth from prison by an angel? Acts 12:7-9 \_\_\_\_\_

## A Child on Loan

"I'll lend you for a little while  
A child of Mine," He said.  
"For you to love the while he lives,  
And mourn when he is dead.  
It may be 6 or 7 years, or 22 or 3,  
But will you 'til I call him back,  
Take care of him for Me?  
He'll bring his charms to gladden you,  
And should his days be brief,  
You'll have his lovely memories  
As solace for your grief.  
I cannot promise he will stay,  
Since all from earth return,  
But there are lessons taught down there  
I want this child to learn.  
I've looked this wide world over  
In my search for teachers true,  
And from the throngs that crowd life's  
lanes,  
I have selected you.  
Now, will you give him all your love,  
Nor think the labor vain,  
Nor hate Me when I come to call  
To take him back again?"  
I fancy that I heard them say,  
"Dear Lord, Thy will be done."  
For all the joy Thy child shall bring,  
The risk of grief we'll run;  
We'll shelter him with tenderness,  
We'll love him while we may,  
And for the happiness we've known  
Forever grateful stay.  
But should the angels call for him,  
Much sooner than we've planned,  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes,  
And try to understand."

## ~Grace To See Us Through~

Whatever the Lord has called us to do  
He'll give us grace to see us through,  
Though the task be great or small,  
We'll be successful if we heed His call.  
We need not lean on things we understand  
just reach up to Jesus, take His nail-scarred hand.  
He'll lead us in paths that are always right  
if we stay in the faith abiding in His light.  
Jesus is all we need every day  
for He'll be there, as we call on Him and pray.  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
from His ways, we must never depart.  
We're called and equipped to work for Him  
The Lord will be with us until the very end,  
So answer the call, as with power He will endue,  
He's our Savior and Friend, so faithful and true.

## **LIBERALS WANT TO MAKE PEOPLE THINK ABORTING YOUR BABY IS NORMAL BEHAVIOR**

The Left is working hard to remove any social stigma associated with abortion. The National Network of Abortion Funds recently launched its most recent attempt to normalize abortion. They created . . . an online organization that publishes personal accounts from women who insist that abortion shouldn't be stigmatized and that they benefited from aborting their unborn children, according to the *Federalist* . . .

What this website fails to address is the negative physical and mental effects abortion frequently has on women, and it certainly never mentions how abortion kills a unique human being in the womb . . .

An abortion can wreak havoc on a woman's mental health. The weight of her decision often causes a life time of regret and negative psychological effects . . .

Despite the ill effect abortion has had on millions of American women, the Left continues its fighting to normalize it.

# Miscellaneous-

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\*VIEWS  
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## If God Should Go on Strike...

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike,  
Because He was not treated fair in things He didn't like.  
If only once, He'd given up and said, "That's it. I'm through,  
I've had enough of those on Earth so this is what I'll do:

I'll give my orders to the sun, cut off the heat supply!  
And to the moon, give no more light, and run the oceans dry.  
Then to make things really tough and put the pressure on,  
Turn off all the vital oxygen till every breath is gone!"

You know He would be justified if fairness was the game,  
For no one has been more abused or met with more disdain.  
And yet He carries on, supplying you and me  
With all the favors of His grace, and everything for free.

Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go,  
But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe.  
We don't care whom we hurt to gain the things we like;  
But what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike.

*Walt Huntley*

## Reasons for Enduring Trials

When trials hit, we can do one of two things concerning our faithfulness to God: give up or continue on. Paul knew what it was like. In fact, many times in trials, he felt like he was between a rock and a hard place (2 Cor. 4:8), yet he continued remaining faithful to God. I believe that in verses 14-15 in the same chapter he gives us three reasons to endure trials.

He knew that trials, and even death, would not rob him of the crown of life. "...knowing that He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise us up also by Jesus, and shall present us with you." (v.14)

He realized that surviving his hardships were influencing others toward Christ. He was aware that He was glorifying God in enduring adversity. "For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God (v.15)

Yes, enduring trials can be good for us and others. So, when trials hit,  
hang in there and keep praising God!

*Edd Sterchi*