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# GOD'S HEAVEN

If all that I read about Heaven is true, With all of its beauty

So rare,
To me, I would have to be
Out of my mind,

Not wanting someday to Go there.

Where mansions I'm told Built on streets of Pure gold, with never a

Worry or care; To me, I would have to be Stupid or dumb,

Not wanting its glory To share.

Yet people I know really
Rollin' in dough,
It's strange, how they
Snicker and stare;
When I say, "It's no lieOr just "pie in the sky"
It's real, and it's out
There somewhere.

You may say, it's a dream
Or some wild thought
Up scheme, that gives this
Assurance so fair,
I'll say it again-"I would
just

Be insane"
Not wanting, God's heaven
To share.

- Walt Huntley

# THINK IT OVER

Instead of pointing a critical finger, try holding out a helping hand.

All traffic lights on the "road to ruin" turn green when they see a fool coming.

# In Days Gone By

On April 16, 1862, slavery was abolished in Washington, D.C.

## THINK IT OVER

You're STRONG and WELL— THAT'S FINE.

You HOPE to remain so— THAT'S NATURAL.

You MAY be disappointed— THAT'S POSSIBLE.

You WILL die—THAT'S SURE.
You WANT to go to Heaven—

THAT'S PROBABLE.
You better START to get

ready—THAT'S WISDOM. You may be PUTTING it OFF-

THAT'S FOLLY.
You want to start RIGHT—

THAT'S PROPER.

You MUST know the way— THAT'S NECESSARY.

—John Woodhouse.

#### ALL 4 GOSPELS...A UNITED TESTIMONY

Especial emphasis rests upon that to which all four Gospels bear a united

testimony. That united testimony is sevenfold:

1. In all alike is revealed the one unique Personality. The one Jesus is King in Matthew, Servant in Mark, Man in Luke, and God in John. But not only so: for Matthew's King is also Servant, Man, and God; and Mark's Servant is also King, and Man, and God; Luke's Man is also King, and Servant, and God; and John's eternal Son is also King, and Servant, and Man.

The pen is a different pen; the incidents in which He is seen are sometimes different incidents; the distinctive character in which He is presented is a different character; but He is always the same Christ. That fact alone would mark these

books as inspired.

2. All the Evangelists record the ministry of John the Baptist.

3. All record the feeding of the five thousand.

4. All record Christ's offer of Himself as King, according to Micah.

5. All record the betrayal by Judas; the denial by Peter; the trial, crucifixion, and literal resurrection of Christ. And this record is so made as to testify that the death of Christ was the supreme business which brought Him into the world; that all which precedes that death is but preparation for it; and that from it flow all the blessings which God ever has or ever will bestow upon man.

6. All record the resurrection ministry of Christ; a ministry which reveals Him as unchanged by the tremendous event of His passion, but a ministry keyed to a

new note of universality, and of power.

7. All point forward to His second coming.

-Schofield Notes

# -You can rejoice! -

You may not have much in pocket or purse And before it gets better, it could get worse Yet you can rejoice - You can rejoice!

You may not have health as well as before And your illnesses could multiply more Yet you can rejoice - You can rejoice!

You may not have what others may own And what you do have, away may be flown Yet you can rejoice - You can rejoice!

You may not have the most rewarding career And you may be stuck with it - no ending near Yet you can rejoice - You can rejoice!

You may not have the perfect home life And deal with vexing kids, husband, or wife Yet you can rejoice - You can rejoice!

If God has saved you through the blood of His Son Then life's setbacks mean nothing - the victory's won. Through any situation - any - bar none You can rejoice - You can rejoice!

† The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-anyprice, peace-at-any-price, safety first instead of duty first, the love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life. -Theodore Roosevelt

She taught me now to pucker up. And hold my lips just **50** , She told me to be readv. When she gave the signal. "Go!"

I closed my eyes and puckered up. And did as I was told, But it's hard to learn to whistle, When you're only three years old!

#### UNDER ONE NATION GOD

Historical revisionists have for a long time tried to deny or obscure the fact that our nation was founded upon Christian principles and a belief in God. These quotations are proof that our Forefathers, including the framers of the Constitution, never intended a separation of God and state.

#### The Mayflower Compact, 1620

Having undertaken for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith...do...solemnly and mutually in the presence of God covenant and combine ourselves together."

## Constitution of the New **England Confederation, 1643**

"Whereas we all come into these parts of America with one and the same end and aim, namely to advance the Kingdom of our Lord lesus Christ and to enjoy the liberties of the Gospel in purity with peace."

#### William Penn, 1681

"If you are not governed by God, you will be ruled by tyrants."

#### Samuel Adams, 1752

"The rights of the colonists as Christians...may be best understood by reading and carefully studying the institution of the great Law Giver and Head of the Christian church, which are to be found clearly written and

promulgated the New in Testament."

#### The Declaration of Independence, 1776

"The laws of nature and of nature's God...that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights...appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world "In the name of God. Amen. for the rectitude of our intentions... with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence."

#### Benjamin Franklin, 1787

"I believe in one God, the Creator of the universe."

In the Constitutional Convention: "I have lived, Sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth... that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

#### Alexander Hamilton, 1787

Soon after the Constitutional Convention: "For my own part, I sincerely esteem it a system which without the finger of God never could have been suggested and agreed upon by such a diversity of interests"

Truly our Founding Fathers brought the United States into being as "one nation under God." Let us not allow the unprincipled and the godless to rob us of our lawful heritage.

-R. H. Weber, Progress, July 2020

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## HOW TO BEHAVE YOURSELF IN CHURCH

I Timothy 3:15 - (...that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God...)

- 1. Similar to the common sense move on longer car trips, use the restroom just before services.
- 2. In order to avoid walking into services late, leave home earlier.
- 3. Don't be somewhere else in the building drinking coffee, fellowshipping, etc. when you should be in church services.
- 4. Write notes to yourself so that you can tell all of the enlightening things you have to say after church services rather than during them.
- 5. Don't bring food or drinks into church services.
- 6. Turn off watch alarms and cell phones during services.
- 7. Don't expect someone else to make kids whose parents aren't at church to behave. At least give it a try yourself.
- 8. Consider how the way you dress relates to respect or disrespect for God.
- 9. Wait until services are dismissed before zipping up your Bible cover.
- 10. Don't walk out of services during the invitation.
- 11. If you must have a certain cough drop or candy enclosed in a crackling wrapper, unwrap as many as needed for church and put them in a noise-free container.
- 12. Never, ever, be so utterly disrespectful that you clip your fingernails during services!!!

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# I Missed Him So

His little bed was empty and his kiddie car unused.

I couldn't keep the tears back as I viewed his new white shoes.

His toys were neatly piled in place beside his little chair.

No bright eyes peeping out at me and silence in the air.

With a dozen things to do my hands and feet were slow,

I couldn't settle down to work because I missed him so.

The hours just slowly crept along no matter how I tried,

When evening shadows lengthened out I sat me down and cried.

I missed his childish prattle, his little curly head.

I missed his earnest baby prayers before he went to bed.

With his eyes as bright as diamonds and his heart filled with delight,

He had gone home with his grandma down the street to spend the night.