

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

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New Year's

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CHRISTIAN



There's a new year we're now facing,
Full of tensions, fears, and strife;
There's the 'hammer and the sickle'
That would change our way of life.

There are wars and other troubles,
Like so many states go through;
So the future we're now facing
Will depend a lot on you!

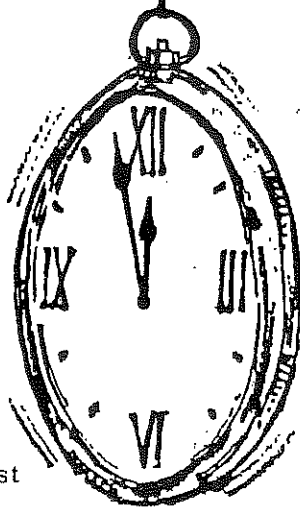
There's our schools where prayer's forgotten,
And our Bible can't be read;
Where most churches look like churches,
But in God's ways they are dead!

What we do with our great nation
Time alone will tell the tale;
For by blood we won our freedom --
It's a treasure not for sale!

So awake, ye souls that slumber!
Arm yourselves with love and truth!
For we owe, by sacred honor,
Freedom's blessings to our youth!

Give your best to God and country!
Rally 'round our flag so fine!
Give out love instead of hatred --
It's your duty and it's mine!

Give a new-look to the new year --
Look to God who reigns above!
Then through faith and prayer and trust
We'll keep free this land we love!



- Les Cox

A NEW YEAR

Dear Master, for this coming year
Just one request I bring;
I do not pray for happiness
Or an earthly thing.
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me,
But this I ask, teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To talk with Thee each day.
Dear Master, make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And then the year I now begin
A happy year will be
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

There's More Beyond

*Small feathered thing imprisoned by
Confining bars of steel,
You've never tasted freedom, yet
You somehow know it's real.
Your hampered wings have longed for flight
Beyond your prison bars,
For instinct tells of trees and nests
And wind and sun and stars.*

*I've watched you cock your tiny head
As wild birds flying free
Have lifted happy, singing hearts
In warbled jubilee;
And you have heard and answered them
Whom you have never known!
You've felt the tug to soar to heights
That you have never flown!*

*I too am shackled, little bird,
So I identify.
I also feel an upward tug
And oh! I long to fly!
Although I've never soared above
Earth's circling atmosphere,
I know there's more beyond this door,
And I'm a stranger here.*

*I've heard of far-flung realms of light,
A City, and a King.
Of golden streets and gate-size pearls,
And holy hearts that sing;
And how I yearn for that bright land
I've seen by faith beyond;
With you, small bird, my soul is stirred;
I can't help but respond!* —MARY MASON



The Better Way

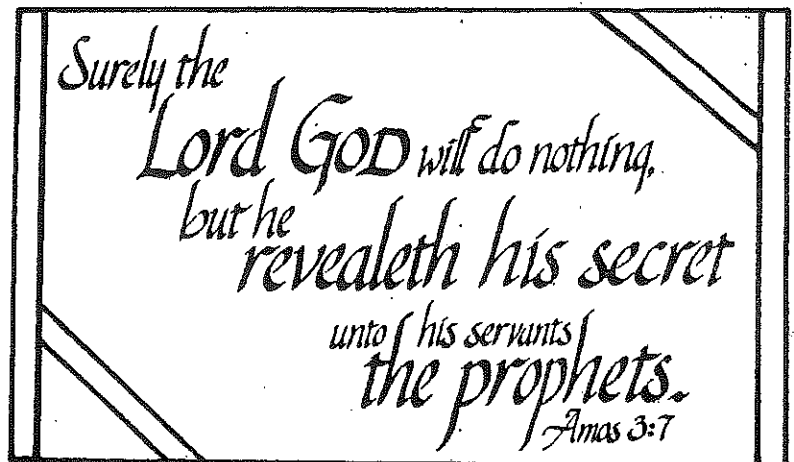
*I used to tell my troubles to ev'ry one I knew,
But after I had told them, the more my troubles grew.
My heart, so heavy-laden, grew heavier day by day,
Until at last, praise Jesus, I found the better way!*

*I used to seek for comfort from human hearts below,
But how could they relieve me when all they had was woe?
I found them empty cisterns; I famished day by day,
Until I came to Calv'ry and found the better way.*

*But now I go rejoicing, and ev'ry weight of care
I cast upon the Healer who makes it light to bear.
And, like a child of gladness, I go from day to day,
I'm happy in my Saviour and in the better way.*

*Oh, are you sad and weary, and seeking rest in vain?
Then why not come to Jesus? He'll give you peace for pain.
His love He freely offers; He'll bless you day by day;
So go no more in sorrow, but find the better way.*

—Frances E. Bolton



Give Me One Soul Today

*Lead me to some soul today, O teach me, Lord, just
what to say!
Friends of mine are lost in sin and cannot find their
way,
Few there are that seem to care, and few there are
who pray;
Melt my heart and fill my life, give me one soul
today.*

—Will H. Houghton

SOME CHRISTIAN RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

During the new year I will:

Like Paul, forget those things which are behind and press forward.

Like David, lift up my eyes to the hills from which my help comes.

Like Abraham, trust my God implicitly.

Like Enoch, walk in daily fellowship with my heavenly Father.

Like Moses, suffer rather than enjoy the pleasure of sin for a time.

Like Job, be patient and faithful in all circumstances.

Like Joseph, turn my back on all evil advances.

Like Gideon, advance even when my friends are few.

Like Andrew, strive to lead my brother to Christ.

Deathbed repentance is burning the candle of life in the service of the Devil, and then blowing the smoke into the face of God.

—Billy Sunday

A sixth-grade girl's definition of a miracle: "Something extraordinary that happens without any strings attached."

Bible Trivia Questions

I was something round, white and good to eat. I would melt in the sun and if kept all day I would spoil. However, on Fridays I would keep for 2 days. I had the flavor of fresh oil and was made into cakes. I tasted like wafers and honey.

What was I? _____

ANSWER: Manna (Exodus 16)

...Certainties...

*I know not how
that Bethlehem's babe
Could in the Godhead be:
I only know the Manger-Child
Has brought God's life to me.
I know not how that Calvary's cross
A world for sin could free:
I only know its matchless love
Has brought God's love to me.
I know not how that Joseph's tomb
Could solve a death's mystery:
I only know a living Christ,
Our immortality.*