

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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Homesick

*“But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly; wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city”
(Heb. 11:16).*

As a Child, when my family and I would take a little trip to visit some relatives or on a vacation, it was exciting to see other places and journey about. Staying either with relatives or in a Motel was never as comfortable as being in your own bed of which you are accustomed. I reflect back on these experiences and think about how great it was to return to HOME where I once again enjoyed my familiar surroundings and back in MY own bed.

I had heard an elderly preacher say years back , “A Christian is the ONLY person on earth that is HOMESICK for a place they never been.”

I, beloved have never been to heaven, yet I can certainly identify as the years have rolled by with the statement that the dear brother had made. Oh, dear one’s this world is not our home, although in the natural realm this is all we know as a home. But, to them born of God’s Spirit and made citizens of the kingdom of God in earth and in heaven, we are blessed with the revelation that God hath prepared a country wherein dwelleth a city not made with hands, but of God. We have been born of our Mother’s womb and entered into this natural realm called life in the mortal aspect, yet to the child of grace born from above, we have been blessed with a hope of an immortal home far greater that the human mind can perceive.

We have NOTHING in this life that we can honestly say is our own, oh, we have titles to lands and automobiles, numerous possessions, but where shall they remain when the Almighty calls your name? Temporal is everything we have in this time world. As the days roll by and age takes its toll the glimmer of THINGS appears less and less appealing. The hopes of relationships of kindred and children are often disappointing as they go their own way.

Discouraging events of the carnal interest overwhelm often our dear offspring as we witness their lifestyles with sadness as the world takes its grasp upon their heart’s

interest, and all the years being brought up in the Church seems to be of none effect. Our expectations are often transformed into sadness along this life's pathway.

Grace comes to remind us of our temporal state and that these heartaches and sufferings in mind and body are but for a short season compared to eternity. In time as the Almighty calls our name to be beckoned on into that immortal realm, the failure of being the Husband that I desired to be shall be erased from mind, the shortcomings of being the father I longed to be will as a vapor and no longer vex my soul with sadness, the haunting unworthiness of attempting to live the life of a God called minister will take a flight in the realm of "forgetfulness" as well. Praise the Lord that the former things of this life will be remembered no longer; for if the former was to be in our heavenly thoughts, Oh, the tears that would be shed upon the surface of heaven's floor, Oh, the heartache that would rob the immortal realm of joy and peace. Yet, I am persuaded that God our Father shall removed the former, that the anthems heard will be joyful praise because the dear Lamb has transformed us from this life to the heavenly where purity exist and righteousness reigns as the heirs of divine grace worship the King of Kings.

Yes, beloved of God, I am HOMESICK for that city, I am looking and longing for great graduation day when my Saviour shall call me away from all this here below. We watch with stunned eyes as we see by the means of World wide television the calamities of the Almighty unfold before us. Floods, whirlwinds, ice storms, earthquakes, children abused, crime at record scale, decline in Biblical Christianity, our Nation marching into Babylon's arms to be slaughtered like animals (IRAQ). I am persuaded that this is the beginning of the travail of a Nation that has for gotten the God of the Holy scriptures and even made mockery of his word. We no longer are having a church spring up here and there, they are "worship centers" to go and worship whosoever you desire and call him god. The Bible is merely being used as a symbol of religion in lieu of the inspired "rule and guide." The Masonic Lodge has used the same book as the "chief of the greater lights" in our culture as a religious symbol in their anti-christ rituals and dogma. The "prosperity and name it and claim gospel is the message of the day".

Is there any wonder that the child of grace that has been revealed the sovereign , Almighty character of God is grieved by what is being witnessed in the name of Christianity? Yes, beloved I'm HOMESICK for my heavenly home. To gather with the saints of God in a humble little meeting house tucked out among the cotton fields gives me a little taste of where my heart and my soul longs to be. To embrace the brethren in genuine love and sing the old songs of Zion in sweet unison causes tears to fill mine eyes. To see the "Gifts" of God stand before the assembly and express their God sent messages as food for an awaiting flock, is sight to behold. OH, what a little taste glory, what joy does fill my soul. Yes, beloved I am "HOMESICK" for that place where Christ hath said, "I go to prepare a place for YOU, if it were not so, I would have told you."

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