

The Gospel Herald

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

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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Sixty Years of Prosperity and Ease

Note: I do not normally address worldly “current events” in my writings but was compelled as set forth.

Dear beloved of God blessed with the hope of sins forgiven and life eternal, I have of late as my age has entered the Senior Citizen realm reflected upon the past years of my life time. Just think a moment and consider with me the things which have occurred in the past century alone.

- 1) Man has transitioned from plowing the earth with a horse and plow to mechanical means by large modern tractor machinery. Mowing grass is no longer a sickle or rotary push mower as I used in years past and early fifties, but a gas-powered lawn tractor.*
- 2) Man has transitioned from horseback transportation to modern comfortable gas-guzzling automobiles.*
- 3) Society has moved from primitive log cabin constructed homes to large square footage, comfortable dwellings. Electricity has given us lights by night and the convenience of microwave units, clothes dryers, wash machines, television sets, cable/dish television worldwide viewing, indoor water and sewer plumbing eliminating the “old outhouse” toilet facility.*
- 4) Man has moved from automobile for long distance travel to commercial airplane flight allowing us to travel a thousand miles in a little more than two hours.*

- 5) *Electronic equipment has revolutionized our lifestyles. The fax machine invented in the 70s allows documents to be sent via telephone line in minutes around the world. Computers have allowed our lifestyles to research data and correspond worldwide in mere minutes. To compile documents and electronically file them in a moment of time.*
- 6) *Medical science has advanced with leaps and bounds, eliminating many dreadful diseases that had killed millions in centuries past. The use of CT scan, MRI machines, chemotherapy, radiation, etc.*
- 7) *We have been blessed to have been born in a land where we have enjoyed the freedoms of Christian worship without persecution and martyrdom. With all of this nation's downfalls, I am a 65-year-old retiree getting a Social Security check monthly and Medicare benefits as needed, to-date, which has allowed me to enjoy the free time of retirement from the secular realm and travel as God permits to fellowship among the Lord's people.*

*Dear Brethren, these things have occurred (on the most part for we who are 65 to 90 years of age) **IN OUR LIFETIME!** And on the most part since the great depression and World War II.*

*If any can honestly say that we have not been a **BLESSED** people as Americans, I would question ones intelligence. The GOD of the Holy Writ has showered down upon this Nation over the past century great prosperity that has made our lives a delightful experience compared to the hardships and labors of our forefathers.*

*Now in saying all that I have said, has **ALL** these things truly been a blessing or has **prosperity and materialism** become America's great curse?*

*Has not our society become a **self-sufficient, spoiled, materialistic, individualistic** society of God rejecting rebellious people? Yes, it has. This same God of the Holy scriptures that has rained down an **EASY** lifestyle upon this United States of America has at the **same time** caused it to be a curse. For look at the enemies of this nation, the Muslim world who hates us as infidels and is using our Educational Institutions to gain our technologies which shall be to our own nations destruction.*

In conclusion; I cannot think of another time in history that I would have rather lived as an American than what God has ordained for me.... We that are alive today have lived the greatest life of prosperity than any other peoples of the face of the earth....do you know of another?

We have witnessed the outpouring of technology and inventions surpassing all of those of the history past. I think we have witnessed the Lord's prophetic saying to Daniel

when he said, “But, thou O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even till the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased” (Daniel 12:4).

Some might say, I would have rather lived in the 1850’s and been able to enjoy the personal experiences of the bygone brethren of which we read about in the Old Baptist historical circulars and correspondence. I can identify with the desire to have been there and met and been in sweet fellowship (not always) with those of times past. Yet, that **WAS NOT** God’s determined time nor path for us to tread. We are the saints of the **LATTER DAY!** We are those given the testimony and witness of those who have gone before us. Our God continues to have a witness, a remnant according to the election of grace to press on with that glorious everlasting gospel of our sovereign, omnipotent, omniscient and Almighty God that declares **HE** himself came robed in mortal flesh likened unto his brethren to become the **ultimate sin offering** for all which have been chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. Yes, beloved of God, lift up those drooping arms and be assured “**Our God doeth ALL things well.**” And all his divine will and sovereign purpose shall come to pass exactly as he has predestined and ordained it to be.

For we are the testimony and witnesses as our God’s **Latter Day Predestinarians** in this time world until he brings it to a climatic end with **a SHOUT and the VOICE of an archangel.**

“**For this is a day the lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**” Press on weary pilgrims, sojourners and strangers, our Lord draweth nigh.

Respectfully submitted,

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