

Bible Words for Today

ROMANS 7:15 — "For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." (RSV)

A man invited into the control room of a large modern airplane was amazed at dozens of dials, indicators and delicate instruments provided for the safety and control of the great ship of the air. Especially fascinating was the gyro-compass steadily pointing the direction unaffected by surrounding influences.

But surprisingly enough, there was also an old-fashioned magnetic compass. It was explained that the gyro-compass, though not affected by its environment, is controlled by a power within itself which gradually changes and has to be corrected occasionally by the magnetic compass. The latter, though temporarily affected by surrounding magnetic influences, is subject to the earth's unchanging, far away pole.

Everyone needs that power within himself, called will, to guide his life. But one's will alone is not a safe guide. We all need the constant guidance of the divine power outside and beyond ourselves. Daily prayer and meditation serve to correct our wills by the will of God and to keep us on the true course.

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Schedule of Catholic Masses for
Western North Carolina
Waynesville—8:00 and 11:00 —
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ception Chapel.
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Church.

**The Christian And
Missionary Alliance
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"A Bible Church With A Christ
Centered Message"
The Rev. David Richardson, Pastor
SUNDAY—
2:15 p.m.—Bible Study.
3:00 p.m.—Afternoon Service.
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service

Victory Baptist Church
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SUNDAY—
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Fred
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11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Training Union.
8:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
WEDNESDAY—
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.
SATURDAY—
7:30 p.m.—Prayer service in a
home.

Sunday School Lesson

The New Heaven and New Earth

ST. JOHN HAS A VISION OF THINGS TO COME WHEN THE OLD WORLD HAS PASSED AWAY

Scripture—Revelation 21.

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL

WE HAVE now come to the last chapter of our Bible, written by the last of the apostles, John.

He was on the island of Patmos, in the Aegean sea. Dr. Wilbur M. Smith calls this chapter "One of the most exalted, glorious, radiantly beautiful chapters of all the Bible."

St. John writes:
"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

Probably even the youngest of the Sunday school pupils has seen a bride dressed for her wedding, and looking her loveliest, to meet her bridegroom.

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,

and he will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God."
"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."
"And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."
"And He said unto me, It is done. I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end (these are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet). I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son."

There was no temple in the great city, for there was no need, for God and His Son, the Lamb, ruled there to be worshipped.

The city was pure gold, and the 12 gates were of 12 pearls; "every gate was of one pearl."
"And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb (Jesus) is the light thereof."

"And the nations of them that are saved shall walk in the light of it; and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it."

"And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no night there."
"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that de-

MEMORY VERSE

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We have not space to describe in all details this beautiful city which God shall create for His children, but the younger children as well as the older ones,

flesh, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

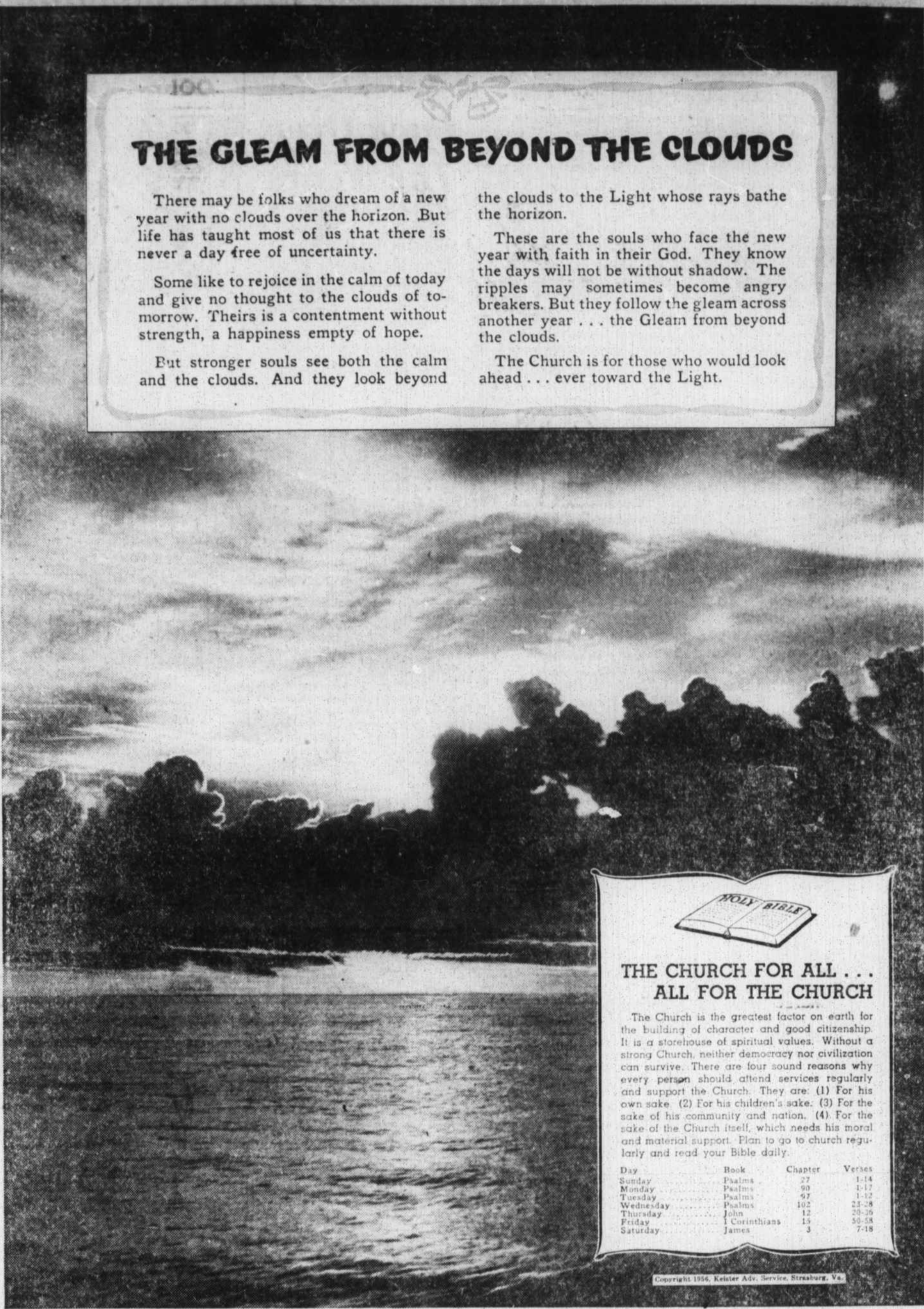
Dr. Smith quotes the words of the late Mr. Scott about the stones that composed this great city, as follows:

"Amongst precious stones the jasper and sardius are remarkable for their brilliancy. These hard and indestructible gems are fit emblems of incorruption in the glorified state. The blue 'wavy colors of the rainbow' in the one, and the red of the other are flashed out in wondrous beauty."

This beautiful city was larger than any city on earth today. Dr. Smith has computed the number of people who may inhabit it to be a hundred thousand million.

When will it come? No one knows, but wouldn't you and your families like to be eligible to live in it? And how happy and comforted the apostle must have felt after he was given this vision of the Holy City!

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THE GLEAM FROM BEYOND THE CLOUDS

There may be folks who dream of a new year with no clouds over the horizon. But life has taught most of us that there is never a day free of uncertainty.

Some like to rejoice in the calm of today and give no thought to the clouds of tomorrow. There is a contentment without strength, a happiness empty of hope.

But stronger souls see both the calm and the clouds. And they look beyond

the clouds to the Light whose rays bathe the horizon.

These are the souls who face the new year with faith in their God. They know the days will not be without shadow. The ripples may sometimes become angry breakers. But they follow the gleam across another year . . . the Gleam from beyond the clouds.

The Church is for those who would look ahead . . . ever toward the Light.

HOLY BIBLE

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Psalms	27	1-14
Monday	Psalms	90	1-17
Tuesday	Psalms	97	1-12
Wednesday	Psalms	102	25-28
Thursday	John	12	20-26
Friday	I Corinthians	15	50-58
Saturday	James	3	7-18

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