

WEEKLY MEDITATION

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"Fear not; for I am with thee."—Isa. 43:5.

If you have circumstances in your life that seem undesirable, remember that in everything in God's world there is an element of good—if you but open your eyes, mind, and heart to this good.

Consider what Jesus did whenever He was faced with difficult circumstances. To the wild wind and the tossing waves He said, "Peace, be still." In the presence of the hungry multitude, He blessed the few loaves and fishes, and the hungry were fed. In the face of devastating disease, He said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." To them who persecuted Him, He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Jesus Christ had faith in His Father God, in His love and in His power, and Jesus' faith was used to turn inharmony and the appearance of evil into something good

and favorable. Through our faith in God, we too can bring forth good from every condition and situation.

We can form the habit of greeting each day with quiet prayer from which we can draw forth the assurance that we are going forth to meet something good in God's world. We can know without a doubt that each experience will add to the growth and development of our souls. The awareness of God's presence and power in our life makes us strong and unafraid. Faith in Him gives us confidence, poise, and assurance that all is well. It is not possible for us to be inwardly afraid and still have faith in God at the same time. So, regardless of the demands made upon us, we can meet them courageously when we put our complete trust in God.

And he will send them a saviour, and a defender, and he will deliver them.—Isa. 19:20.

TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

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CHURCH GOING

There is an important passage on church going in Hebrews 10:23-25: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering . . . And let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is . . ."

We are often urged, these days: "Go to the church of your choice." The implication is that one church is as good as another—just so you go to church. But this is not so.

The Scriptures teach that the true Church is composed of those who have placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Savior who died for their sins. Such are told to "hold fast" the faith which they have professed without wavering. This must come first, for it is only those who have first exercised such faith, who can meet to-

gether with unity of mind and purpose to encourage each other "to love and to good works."

It is a truly blessed experience for those who have been saved by the grace of God, to assemble to express their praise together in song, to lift their heart together in prayer and to join together in the study of God's Word so as to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

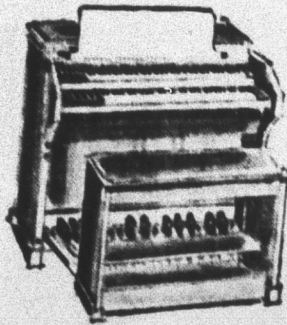
In these days of tension and confusion there is a tendency for even the most sincere Christians to be so occupied with temporal things that they deprive themselves of the encouragement and spiritual uplift that comes from getting together with other Christians. But these are just the times when true believers need the encouragement of each other's company and should particularly remember the admonition of Scripture not to forsake

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At Bennett:

Jesus' Gospel Likened To Chains In Talk

GREENSBORO — The gospel of Jesus Christ was likened to the chains which bind a cargo to its carrier by the Rev. Elmer L. Carver in his vesper message at Bennett College Sunday.

Chaplain at DePaul University at Greencastle, Indiana, the speaker stated the chains of Christian freedom free man to become his best self.

"It should be kept in mind," he said, "that freedom does not mean license and that it is not an individualistic but a social word. Three chains that make Christian freedom are self-discipline, Christian love or self-denial and commitment."

"Where commitment is concerned, one cannot stop half-way. You are either in bondage to sin or in bondage to Jesus Christ."

NCM's New Office Bldg. Talked In DC

DURHAM—North Carolina Mutual's new home office building was selected for discussion on the program at the 10th Annual Prestressed Concrete Institute held in Washington, D. C. recently.

Speaking on the general subject, "The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company Building—A New Concept for Precast Prestressed Construction," Earl Schwerdtfeger, Project Designer, Wilton Beckett & Associates, Los Angeles, California discussed "Architectural Concept." This discussion was followed by an address by Ira Hooper, Associate, Seelye, Stevenson, Valne & Knecht, New York, N. Y. on "Structural Design Features" and Peter J. Verma, Concrete Materials, Inc., Charlotte, concluded with a talk on "Manufacture and Erection."

Following this session, North Carolina Mutual held a reception from four to seven in the Chinese Room of the Mayflower Hotel, at which the scale model of the building was displayed. The affair was held under the direction of Murray J. Marvin, Planning Director of the company.

He was assisted by Asa T. Spaulding, Jr., Assistant Planning Director. Among the government officials signing the register were the following: Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., Congressman Horace R. Korman, Abe McGregor Goff, Chairman of Interstate Commerce Commission; Clif Alexander, Jr., Special Assistant to the President; L. Howard Bennett, Principal Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; Dr. Samuel Westfield, State Department.

Also Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner of Welfare, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Andrew Hatcher, former Associate Press Secretary to the White House; Randall L. Tyus, Special Assistant to the Administrator, Small Business Administration; Dr. Grace L. Hewell of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Mr. and Mrs. Maceo Hubbard, Mrs. Hubbard, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, and many others.

Barber-Scotia Alumni Notes

NEW YORK—Mrs. Mabel Macklin Washington and Mrs. Lecora Mays, of St. Albans, New York, recently visited Montego Bay, B. W. I. (Jamaica) guests of The Casa Montego hotel.

Mrs. Washington and Mrs. Mays also had a very pleasant stay in Kingston and Nassau, Bahama Islands.

Dr. Lionel Newsom, president of Barber-Scotia College, Concord, N. C., met recently with a group of the New York Alumni.

Mrs. Alma Caldwell Clark is president of the New York Barber-Scotia Chapter.

Rev. Abernathy Bennett Orator October 25

GREENSBORO—Speaker for the vesper service at Bennett College on Sunday, October 25 will be the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, of Atlanta, Ga.

The minister, who is secretary-treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is also pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church and works closely with Dr. Martin Luther King.

He was active in the Montgomery (Ala.) Improvement Association which sponsored the successful bus boycott, serving as chairman of the executive board and later as president.

He is married and the father of two daughters and a son.

His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

"the assembling of yourselves together . . . and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

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SEASONS CHANGE

For a time leaves are green, then in early fall they become brilliant with many colors. Finally they turn brown and fall from the trees, leaving them drab and lonely looking.

God never changes, he is an ever present help.

"For I am the Lord, I change not" Attend church and learn more of God's wonderful and never changing love.



The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone . . . him free to live as a child of God.

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