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Our Baby-God

The thing that fascinates us most about Christ-
mas is the appearance of the Almighty God as a
helpless baby, the sight of tiny hands which, we re-
mind ourselves, hung up the moon and rolled the
earth into space. And now He's made Himself so
helpless, out of love for us. He wasn't really born
with a shock of flaxen hair as our Christmas cards
represent Him. He was born just like any other son
of man, tiny and absolutely dependent on the love of
His mother. He would be hungry if she did not feed
Him; He would not be clean, did she not wash Him.
Now He is close to everyone. He waits in His crib for
our adoration. He has not yet assumed the dignity
of manhood, nor the majesty of His glorified body;
for somehow after the resurrection, His words to
Mary Magdalen -- "Don't touch Me" -- rather put
us in awe of Him. He could annihilate us with a
glance if he would. Our prayers at Easter are ad-
dressed in adoration; but at Christmas we want to
wrap the Infant Jesus in prayers of love and pity.
We want to take Him in our arms, and let His poor
little body draw from the abundance of our own
warmth and vitality.

But just think of Mary's joy. This Baby is God.
Think of how you would feel if you could have God
in your arms, sitting at your table, or asleep in the
next room. Mary realized the dignity of her Son.
She had been visited by an archangel; Joseph's
dream had reassured her knowledge, and Eliza-
beth's greeting had confirmed it. She knew that
she was the Mother of God -- yet she did not be-
come vain, nor did she try to use her Son's power
for her own ends.

So let's savor the spirit of Christmas to the full.
We can build a crib in our souls which need never
be torn down. We can hug our Lord to ourselves
and Hold Him fast -- so fast that, by His grace, we
need never lose Him from our arms.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF
AUTHORITY of an order of Re-
sale of the Superior Court of Du-
plin County, made in that certain
Special Proceeding entitled: "In
the matter of Stan North et als" and
being Special Proceeding No. 2343,
duly filed in the office of the Clerk
of Superior Court of Duplin Coun-

ty, the undersigned Commissioner
will offer for re-sale for cash on
Thursday, December 15, 1949, at
the hour of 12:00 Noon at the Court-
house Door in Kenansville, Duplin
County, North Carolina, to the
highest bidder all those certain
tracts or lots of land situated in
the Town of Magnolia, N. C., Du-
plin County, and being described as
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SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 52:4; 9:1-7; 11:1-4;
Jeremiah 23:18-19; Luke 2:26-35
DEVOTIONAL READING: John 1:1-14

**'Mine Eyes
Have Seen'**

Lesson for December 25, 1949

WHAT can the old man see in the
baby? There must have been
some to ask that question, as the
old man Simeon took the little
six-weeks-old Jesus in his arms.
To most eyes he was just another
baby; but at the touch of him,
Simeon broke out
into words so filled
with hope and ec-
stasy, so rhythmic
with emotion, that
his words, even to
this day, are used
as a hymn in all
the Christian
churches of the
world. "Mine eyes
have seen . . ." Dr. Foreman
The aged man, already moving
across the thin line dividing this
world from heaven, could see with
the eye of the spirit what was hid
from the eye of many a practical
man. To Simeon's mind, imbued
with the spirit of the ancient prop-
hets, the child in his arms was a
center of light.

All the rays from the dim and
ancient prophecies came to a focus
in this child; and from this child
again there shone out to all the
future years of man the hope of
a better world. What the prophets
have foretold, is now to be; this
child is the hope of mankind.

They have seen a great light

THE CHRISTMAS PROPHECIES.
Our Old Testament lesson text,
sing the hope of the Hebrew peo-
ple. It was a hope that spread be-
yond themselves, their tiny hill-
country, landlocked and harborless,
out to the "Circle of the Nations,"
on to the world of vast peoples
beyond their ken.

In a leaderless world, where
men went blindly through life,
smothered by the smoke of
torches in the wavering hands
of the blind, the prophets sang
of the Coming One, the Mes-
siah, God's chosen Leader,
who would bring men out of
darkness into light, the Divine
Counselor.

In the centuries when the serv-
ants of God were enslaved by those
who worshiped only the sword, the
prophets pointed confidently to the
time when the leadership of the
world would at least be in the
hands of those who knew and un-
derstood and obeyed God.

Eyes of Faith

YET THE PROPHETS did not
NOW always fully understand their
own prophecies, as we are told by
Peter (1 Pet. 1:10, 11); and certain-
ly most of the Jews did not. When
they heard the word "Messiah" or
"King" they could think only of
the kings they had known and ad-
mired, some now David, great in
battle, or another Solomon, in a
greater and more golden palace.

So when the little boy Jesus
born in the dark stable under
the hill, it was not everyone
who could see what Simeon
saw, that now the hopes of the
prophets were coming true,
now the Kingdom of righteous-
ness and peace, the Realm of
All Nations, was to begin.

What Simeon's fading human eye
could see was no great thing -- a
helpless infant from a peasant
carpenter's home. It was only
Simeon's inward eye that saw the
truth.

Eyes of Faith

YET THE EYE of faith can see
more. The salvation God is
bringing to the world has only
just begun. As in Simeon's day the
salvation and the light were barely
at the horizon, so now it is still but
sunrise. The colors of sunrise may
be mistaken for those of sunset,
by those who have been long asleep.
It is only those who have watched
through the night who know the
sunrise for what it is.

The songs of Christmastide
are songs of hope, and not only
songs of remembrance. It is
not the hope of fools, for the
world of today is brighter than
the world into which Christ was
born, and the brightness shines
from him.

Who would turn back this world,
for all its wretchedness and frus-
trations, into what it would have
been had Jesus never been born?
At Christmas time we rejoice, not
that all things have been accom-
plished or that all the prophecies
of good have come true; we re-
joice rather that the God-sent
Leader, the Messiah, the Saviour,
has come, and that with his com-
ing salvation and light and glory
have begun.

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as J. A. MATHIS property in Mag-
nolia:

Lot No. 1: BEGINNING at a stake
on Main Street in the Town of Mag-
nolia at Mrs. R. P. Stokes corner
(formerly, now Archie West heirs
corner) and runs thence as South-
ern edge of Faison Street North 76-30

76-30 West 100 feet to a stake on
Main Street; thence North 13-30
West 149 feet to a stake; thence
South 76-30 West 16 feet to a stake;
thence North 13-30 West 51 feet to
a stake; thence North 76-30 East
106 feet to a stake an old line;
thence as old line South 16 East
200 feet to point of beginning and
being Lot No. 1 of J. A. Mathis
property and being a portion of
lands as described in Book 131,
page 358, of the Duplin County
Registry, also see Will Book 5, page
413, of the office of Clerk of Su-
perior Court.

Lot No. 2: BEGINNING at a stake
on the Northern edge of Main
Street in the Town of Magnolia,
located South 76-30 West 100 feet
from Mrs. R. P. Stokes corner, for-
merly, (now Archie West heirs cor-
ner) and runs thence as North-
ern edge of Main Street South 76-30
West 65 feet to a stake on Main
Street; thence North 13-30 West
149 feet to a stake; thence North
76-30 East 65 feet to a stake on
line of Lot No. 1; thence South 13-
30 East 149 feet to beginning and
being Lot No. 2 in division of J. A.
Mathis property, and being a por-
tion of lands as recorded in Book
131, page 358, of the Duplin Coun-
ty Registry, also see Will Book 5,
page 413, of office of Clerk of Su-
perior Court.

Lot No. 3: BEGINNING at a stake
on the Southern edge of Faison
Street in the Town of Magnolia,
N. C. said stake being a corner of
Lot No. 4 and runs thence as South-
ern edge of Faison Street North 76-30
East 99 feet to a stake; thence
South 16 East 252 feet to a stake
corner of Lot No. 1; thence as line
of Lot No. 1 South 76-30 West 108
feet to a stake; thence North 13-30
West 252 feet to point of beginning
and being Lot No. 3 in division of
J. A. Mathis property, and being a
portion of lands as recorded in
Book 131, page 358, of Duplin Coun-
ty Registry, also see Will Book 5,
page 413, of office of Clerk of Su-
perior Court.

Lot No. 4: BEGINNING at a
stake on Southern edge of Faison
Street in Town of Magnolia, at a
ditch, and runs thence as Southern
edge of Faison Street, North 76-30
East 122½ feet to a stake, first cor-
ner of Lot No. 3; thence as line of
Lot No. 3 South 13-30 East 114
feet to a stake; thence North 82
West 32 feet to a stake on ditch;
thence as ditch North 55 West 130
feet to beginning and being Lot No.
4 in division of J. A. Mathis prop-
erty, and being a portion of the lands
as described in a deed to J. A. Ma-
this as recorded in Book 131, page
358, of Duplin County Registry, see
also Will Book 5, page 413, of the
office of Clerk of Superior Court.
A ten per cent deposit will be re-
quired of the successful bidder as
evidence of good faith.

Advertised this the 30th day of



THE SUN reflects the spirit of Christmastide as it beams down on the picturesque chapel at Sun Valley, famous Union Pacific resort village in Idaho. The late afternoon scene was taken by Sun Valley's photographer, George Long, Jr., who experimentally "shot" his picture directly into the sun. The strong rays of the sun streaked the film but the result was a rare star of Bethlehem effect and a beautiful picture characterizing the spiritual richness of the Christmas season.

November, 1949.
H. E. Phillips, Commissioner
12-23-4t. HEP

EXECUTORS NOTICE

The undersigned, having qual-
ified as Executor of the estate of
Isaiah Branch, deceased, late of
Duplin County, this is to notify all
persons having claims against said
estate to present them to the un-
dersigned on or before the 22nd
day of November, 1950, or this no-
tice will be plead in bar to their
recovery. All persons indebted to
said estate will please make im-
mediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 22nd day of November,
1949.

Raymond Branch, Executor
of the estate of Isaiah
Branch, deceased, Mount
Olive, North Carolina.
H. E. Phillips, Attorney
12-30-6t. HEP

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned, having qual-
ified as administrator of the estate
of Sarah Elizabeth Kennedy, de-
ceased, late of Duplin County, this
is to notify all persons having
claims against said estate to pre-

sent them to the undersigned on or
before November 8, 1950, or this
notice will be plead in bar of their
recovery. All persons indebted to
said estate will please make im-
mediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 8th day of November,
1949.

S. A. Smith, administrator
of the estate of Sarah
Elizabeth Kennedy, de-
ceased, Beaulville, N. C.
H. E. Phillips, Attorney
12-23-6t. HEP

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having this day qualified as Ad-

ministratrix of the Estate of W. D.
Rouse, deceased, this is to notify
all persons having claims against
the said estate to present them to
the undersigned duly verified on or
before the 2nd day of December,
1950, or this Notice will be plead
in bar of their recovery. All per-
sons indebted to said estate will
please make immediate payment.
This November 25, 1949.

Sallie Keziah Rouse,
Administratrix,
Warsaw, N. C.

1-6-6t. RDJ

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