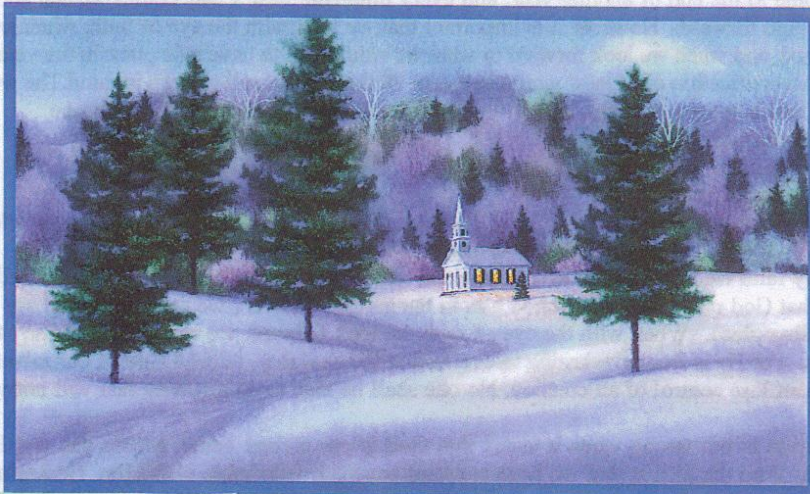


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I Lift Up Mine Eyes

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,

from whence cometh my help,

My help cometh from Lord,

which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved;

he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel

shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Psalm 121:1-4

Those that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion,

which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,

so the Lord is round about his people

from henceforth even for ever.

Psalm 125:1-2

MEDITATION MOMENTS for December 31 and January 1
by Rev. John Heys

Looking with the Eye of Faith

Today we come to the end of another year; and every time Old Year's Day comes we can and usually do look backward and forward. However it is important that we look with the eye of faith, when we look back at what happened, and when we look forward to what we would like to have take place in the year ahead.

We do have a versification of Moses' words in Psalm 90 that we do well to keep in mind. The words are these:

O God, our help in ages past,	Under the shadow of Thy throne
Our hope for years to come	Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Our shelter in the stormy blast,	Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our eternal home.	And our defense is sure.

Moses states it thus in Psalm 90:1, 2 "*Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations,*" and then later in verse 2: "*Even from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God.*"

When then by faith we look back at what happened, not only in the days of this year, nor in all our life, but from the day that God made man and placed him in the garden of Eden, we can and should say that God has been our dwelling place. When with the eye of faith we look forward, we can and should say that God will take care of us. For He is from everlasting to everlasting the almighty, faithful God of our salvation. He will not for a moment lose control of all creation. No one shall be able to do anything that will not work together for our good.

Our versification is not wrong when it states that God is our eternal home. Moses did say that He is our dwelling place. And the idea is that we have constant covenant fellowship with Him. He has not left us but watched carefully over us. Since He is from everlasting to everlasting the Almighty One, we can look forward with confidence.

Not only looking back can we see how marvelously He defended and protected His church in Christ, and will do so in the future. But we can and should look up to Christ at God's right hand as our Savior.

Glory at the End of the Road

What lies in store for us in the year we entered today we know only in broad, general terms. But we know not how long we will continue in this valley where the shadow of death is cast. For some, today will be the last day in this vale of tears. Others may be here for another week or month. Some of us will live through this whole year and beyond. And created as thinking, willing creatures we have faculties whereby we judge whether what we desire to see happen this year is threatened by what takes place round about us.

The big question, however, is not whether the wishes of our flesh will be fulfilled. The all-controlling question is not what the year will bring to us, but *where* the year will bring us. The Word of God contains such comfort for the child of God, because it not only tells us where we are going, but also assures us that all that which the year brings us will, without one exception, bring us to the glory of the kingdom of God's dear Son. For the psalmist declares in Psalm 73:24, "*Thou wilt guide me with Thy counsel and afterward receive me to glory.*"

Take that truth with you today and everyday throughout the years of your life. The all-wise and almighty God has the glory, of those whom He purchased by the blood of His Son, planned to the smallest detail. If you belong to that innumerable host that He gave to His Son, you will find heavenly glory at the end of the road you now travel on this earth.

Sing then that truth of Psalm 73:24 with these words: My soul with Thy counsel
Through life Thou wilt guide,
And afterward make me in glory abide.

Sing it as soon as you wake up in the morning and face a new day. Sing it no matter what the day may bring you. For all that happens is bringing you to the glory of Christ Himself now and has purchased for his people.

January

CALENDAR

- January 1—New Year's Day Service
8—Bible Study on Daniel; Dan and Ann Mejeur's home; 7:00 pm
Ann Ybema (birthday)
22—Bible Study
24—Hymnsing at Sandy Creek Nursing Home, Wayland; 7:00 pm

For the New Year

- H**old fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
Pray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
Pray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
- N**eglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)
Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)
- Y**ield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11, 16)
Exercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
Aim for a perfect, mature faith (Hebrews 6:1)
Redeem the time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

—Gus Nichols



As We Start the New Year



114 AMAZING BIBLE WORD SEARCHES for Kids

Daniel and Friends

- Daniel 1:1-12
- 1:1 Who was the king of Judah? _____
 - 1:1 Who was the king of Babylon? _____
 - 1:1 What city was besieged? _____
 - 1:2 Some of the (what?) from the temple of God were carried off? _____
 - 1:3 Who was the chief of Nebuchadnezzar's court officials? _____
 - 1:6 Name the four young men taken from Judah to be trained for three years to enter the king's service.
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
 - 4) _____
 - 1:7 Give the new names the four young men were given by the court official.
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
 - 4) _____
 - 1:8 What did Daniel resolve not to do? _____
 - 1:8 What did Daniel ask the chief official for? _____
 - 1:9 The official showed Daniel favor and what else? _____
 - 1:12 How many days did Daniel ask for to eat vegetables and drink water? _____

Word Search No. 84

Daniel and Friends

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Hint: Words are horizontal, vertical, and diagonal.

Find: 13-word hidden message.



Dare to be a Daniel. Dare to stand alone. Dare to have a purpose firm. Dare to make it known.