

BETWEEN SEEDTIME AND HARVEST

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GRACE TO YOU

by
Pastor Bruce Creswell

THE REST OF THE STORY

It was the evening preaching service at Bob Jones University's Bible Conference that the Rev. John McCormick expounded the Word. I believe he was the favorite of many of us students. The Amphitorium was crowded - a lot of guests from off campus would come for the evening service. Our speaker was laid-back, very deliberate, and matter of fact in his preaching. He had a way of saying things that made it easy to follow the message. This night he was unfolding the Scripture and talking about how some folks try to impress others but fall flat in doing so. He then recited this little ditty:

"To live above with the saints, we love
Oh, that will be glory.
But to live below with the saints we know
That's another story!"

Well, we all had a good laugh over this and made the connection to the message. I must confess that I spent the rest of the message rehearsing this ditty over in my mind.

Fast forward. I am in the pulpit and preaching to my own folks and used Dr. McCormick's little rhyme. The response was the same as the time I first heard it. But it was in Scotland after preaching that *the rest of the story* surfaced. While fellowshiping with the folks, my friend David Cassells, the host pastor, came up to me and asked me if I knew the rest. This was first time I heard that there was more to it. In his Scottish brogue, he began to recite:

"To live above with the saints, we love
Oh, that will be glory.
But to live below with the saints we know
That's another story!"

I dreamt of heaven the other night
And the pearly gates swung wide,
An angel with a halo bright
Ushered me inside.

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And there, to my astonishment,
 Stood folks I had judged and labelled
 As quite "unfit," of little worth,
 And spiritually disabled.

Indignant words rose to my lips
 But never were set free,
 For every face showed stun surprise--
 Not one expected me!"

And that's the rest of the story!

HYMN HISTORY

*By
 Peggy Dear*

HAVE THINE OWN WAY LORD

At forty, Adelaide Pollard was trying unsuccessfully to raise support to go to Africa as a missionary. She wondered why the Lord could so burden her with the needs of Africa but not make it possible for her to go. During this time of discouragement, she attended a small prayer meeting where an elderly woman prayed, "Lord, it doesn't matter what You bring into our lives, just have Your way with us."

That night, Adelaide went home and read the story of Jeremiah's visit to the potter's house, and later that evening she wrote this hymn. She said that she had always felt the Lord was molding her and preparing her for his service. Then all of a sudden, He seemed to have deserted her. "Perhaps", she reasoned, "my questioning of God's will shows a flaw in my life. So God decided to break me as the potter broke the defective vessel, and then to mold my life again in His own pattern".



HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD

Have Thine own way, Lord!
 Have Thine own way!
 Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
 Mold me and make me after Thy will,
 While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord!
 Have Thine own way!
 Search me and try me, Master, today!
 Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
 As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord!
 Have Thine own way!
 Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
 Power, all power, surely is Thine!
 Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord!
 Have Thine own way!
 Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
 Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
 Christ only, always, living in me!

Adelaide Addison Pollard (1862-1934)

BOOK REVIEW

By Hugh Wise

***ZVI**

By: Elwood McQuaid

Zvi is the miraculous story of God's providence in the life of a Polish Jew who became a Christian and an Israeli hero. He was only ten when the Nazis decimated Warsaw in 1939. His parents perished in the Holocaust.

Alone at 10 in a Nazi world, he escaped the Warsaw ghetto and survived many trials while living in Nazi occupied Europe. The people and events touched Zvi in ways that could not be coincidental, and a clear pattern of God's providence emerged.

Like thousands of Jewish survivors, he found his way to Israel shortly before the U N mandate of 1948 which proclaimed Israel a sovereign nation. Zvi was deeply involved as a military commander in the ensuing wars and was almost killed. Comprehensive details are provided for the Six Day War (1967), the Yom Kippur War (1973), and other conflicts.

More importantly, the Lord found Zvi and he impacted the lives of thousands as a Christian who followed God's will in spite of frequent persecution in the life of one soul who became a national hero of Israel.

This is a very compelling story about God's loving care and plan for a ten-year old boy and his sanctification.

*This book was a finalist for a Gold Medallion book award.



Sunday, May 13th, 2018



Monday, May 28th



VISITATION

By Fran DiAndrea

Blessings come in ways unexpected, as it was for me visiting two dear sisters who were shut away, one to the aging process and macular degeneration, and one to the daily, loving, tender in-home care of a husband who suffers from Parkinson's disease.

Despite their age and fragility, these women personify the quiet strength, confidence, and courage of souls tested lovingly by the Lord in whom they trust. Their faces shine when they share their love for His tender care. They sparkle like jewels in a crown in His land. Zechariah 9:16.

May we, like them, with our faces unveiled reflect the Lord's glory to the world as we are being transformed into His likeness. II Corinthians 3:18.

SENIORS MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON

Friday, May 4th, 11:00 am
Community Life Center (CLC)

How blessed we are to once again have the opportunity to host the **Melody Makers** on Friday, May 4th. Chicken salad and ham will be provided, as well as dessert, so we would ask that you please bring a double portion of a salad or a side dish to share with our guests. We will have a cart available downstairs at the lower level entrance to assist in bringing the dishes upstairs and there will be a warmer and refrigerator so not to worry about keeping the food fresh.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The concert will begin at 11:00 A.M. so please plan to arrive early.

LADIES LUNCHEON

May 11th, 11:30 am
Trio's Restaurant

Please join us for the Ladies' Luncheon at Trio's on May 11th at 11:30. The food is delicious, and the fellowship is sweet! Come and invite another lady from our class!

MEN'S LUNCH

May 18th, 11:30 am
Park Place Restaurant

The men meet for lunch every third Friday of the month at Park Place Restaurant, 10517 Park Road, Charlotte. Come join your Christian brothers for a time of fellowship and lunch.

JOY SINGERS

Every Monday in the Prayer Room at 1:30 pm
Come and join the worship in singing!



Coram Deo Sunday School Class:
Sundays: 9:00 AM, WC 201 (Choir Room)

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