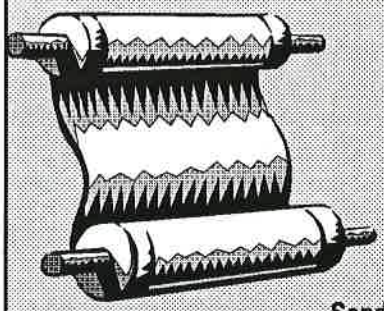


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PUTTING THE COURIER TOGETHER

We wanted to take a moment to share with you some of the details of putting the Courier together.

First of all, we wish to thank all who have written, either with letters or articles, or sent financial help. The amount of material received is the **most** critical item in the success of the Courier. This is true for several reasons:

- More material in the paper makes it more edifying and enjoyable for all of us. The more articles there are the more beneficial it is. The more letters there are the better we all stay in touch with each other.
- More material makes the paper more credible and attractive to those of the world who may read it.
- More material makes it easier to format the paper. You will notice that each issue's length is a multiple of four, usually 12 or 16 pages. This is because we format it for 8½" by 11" paper, but it is actually printed on 11" by 17" paper, with four 8½ by 11 pages per 11 by 17 sheet. This means that if we have 10 pages, for example, we must either add material to make it 12 pages or subtract material to make it 8. So the number of pages must be a multiple of four. More material from you makes this much more manageable, and we appreciate your support. (Please note. Anything subtracted from one month becomes top priority to put in the following month.)

Second, we wish to further encourage more articles. We appreciate the many articles we have received. But you will notice that they are usually from the same 3 to 4 writers, besides ourselves. We know there is more talent out there. You can do it if you will give it a try.

Next, we appreciate any suggestions or comments you have to offer. We are extremely eager to hear from you regarding the quality and content of what we are doing, as this is your paper. We will ALWAYS listen carefully, and carefully consider what you have to say. We may or may not always do things just the way you suggest, but we will always listen. We will consider all suggestions and corrections given, without taking offense. We appreciate the love shown in giving it.

Also, there has been some interest in having the Baptism column from last year put together in one tract. We are currently working on this, and just need to know how many copies to print. So you will find a slip to send back to us in your envelope. Just fill out how many you would like. Then you can expect them with either your May or June Couriers.

We thank you all for your support, and we love you all.

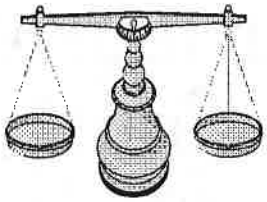
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SCALES OF JUSTICE

Good  Evil

Which Side?

We do not walk on the justice side of the scales until we become a child of God, and then we are righteous before God. Phil. 4:8-9, *"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."* Of old, Gen. 6:9, *"...Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God." "Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin,..."* (Lev. 19:36). There was a man who started and continued to walk on the justice side of the scales from his mother's womb and his name was John (Luke 1:13-16). How honorable it would be if we would let the Spirit guide us as John, for his desire was to serve the master. *"There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose."* (Mark 1:7). One who was not walking on the side of justice about this time, was Paul. When Paul was confronted with truth and justice; he said, *"What shall I do Lord?"* (Acts 22:10-16). Paul thought he was serving the master with the greatest of zeal. Many today feel they are serving God through Christ by the Spirit with great zeal, but are like Paul before his conversion; they think they are right. *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."* (Prov. 14:12). Some try to justify themselves by faith, some by works, some by being obedient to the entire law except one point. The devils also fear and tremble (James 2:18-23).

I heard of an opportunity and with considerable thought would give it a try. At first I felt uneasy going before others, but the urge to receive the rewards from this opportunity overrode any of my fears. After accepting the rules and regulations to be true, I found myself breaking the rules because I was ignorant of a fact; lack of self-control, knowledge, wisdom, and not listening to those who were abiding by the rules. After realizing I could not receive my rewards by following my desires, my entire outlook upon life and the rules changed to obedience. My faith brought me closer to the one who issued the rules; appreciating the suffering and death of the ones who wrote them. When I finally realized the rules were written in love for me, I became more aware of their meaning of right and wrong. At first my feelings were not moved much when I was obedient or disobedient, for I had not the love and fear in my heart that I should. I am now obedient with an abundant amount of love and feel joy within that words can not express. When I break the rules, a fear builds up inside me and will cause me to bow down before the one who issued the rules and ask for forgiveness. Did the one who issued the rules say, "You do wrong and I will tell you" or "I will tell you what you did was wrong after you do the wrong"? The one who gave the rules said it was wrong before the wrong was committed. If I tell my child not to, or they will be punished; have I not placed judgment upon my child by command? Let us assume the child did the not to, and I did not punish the child when the command was disobeyed; I have made void my decision to punish. The child will do as its little heart desires, because my command was without meaning. What excuse could I use to justify my breaking my word, and planting mistrust in the mind of my child, when I did not punish? If I did not punish the child after it said it was sorry and would not do it again, I forgave the child. And this is the same relationship we have with the Father through his son Jesus Christ. Before I said not to, there was no command given, but when I said not to; a command was given and judgment was placed upon the child. God placed laws upon man and judges man by these laws. When there is no law of God, there is nothing to be judged spiritually. Rom. 5:13, *"...sin is not imputed when there is no law."* God told Adam what to do and Adam obeyed. God told Adam not to, and Adam disobeyed; therefore God placed judgment upon Adam before he committed sin.

My knowledge continued to grow through reading and studying, II Tim. 2:15, *"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* I am now ready to meet the trials and tribulations of life for I am as Heb. 5:14, *"But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."*

As my knowledge of the Lord increased, my love for my Saviour increased. I realized my obedience to the law of liberty was guided by the spirit and not by the flesh. John

4:24 tells us, *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."* Therefore being guided by the spirit makes me (flesh-man) accept 1 Cor 5:8-11 and 1 Cor. 6:9-11 to be sin, because it is the law of the Lord (spirit). The flesh (man) by himself will say those things are not sin; enjoy yourself; live today, for tomorrow ye may die. Man without the Lord does not realize there is a second death. Matt. 10:28, *"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."* Heb. 4:12, *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."*

In my heart I fear the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell, and I acknowledge the word of the Lord come to me by the Spirit. I then must obey by the spirit to bring the flesh (man) into subjection. When we judge things done by man to be sin: is it by the flesh or by the spirit? It is by the Spirit that we know what is sin, because the Spirit gave us this knowledge. Paul condemns man for his selfish and unjust ways in 1 Cor. 6: 1- 7. Man condemns man in things of this life that are not stated in the law of liberty. Paul tells us we will have judgments (man) does not know what to do. 1 Cor 6:5, *"I speak this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?"* 1 Cor. 5:12, *"... Do not ye judge them that are within."* Whose judgment? This judgment is spiritual, not carnal (man). Paul tells us how to live with each other and some of the things (man) has the right to judge. Rom. 12: 17, 19, *"Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, VENGEANCE IS MINE; I WILL REPAY, saith the Lord."* 2 Tim. 2: 4, *"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."* We are therefore guided by the spirit to judge those things that are sin and not by the flesh (man). I thank God for the knowledge I have and the wisdom to use this knowledge.

2nd Pet. 1: 1-10:

1. Testimony: *"Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:"*

2,3. Salvation-Grace: *"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:"*

4. Prophecy-Covenant: *"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."*

5,6. Obedience-Wisdom: *"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to you faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness."*

7. Love-Joy-Compassion: *"And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."*

8. Obedience-Wisdom: *"For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

9. Evil-Condemnation: *"But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."*

10. Obedience-Follower-Commitment: *"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fail:"*

Through this knowledge we will keep ourselves from the sins that condemn us, Gal. 5: 19-21, *"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in many times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God,"* When we keep ourselves from sin we will walk in the spirit. Gal. 5:22-26, *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."*

> *"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall"* (2 Peter 1:10)

Now that we know what the fruit of the Spirit is; we also know that Christ will not leave us without hope. Rom. 15: 3-4, *"For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."*

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STRAIT

This word, in its several forms, as used in the "Authorized" or King James Version of the scriptures, is translated from several different words and has various meanings.

This is truly a classical case that fairly cries out for help for the average reader. Few, if any, of us can read the words from the original tongue (Greek) so we must rely on scholarly works, concordances, expositories, lexicons, as well as a comparison of various translations to achieve the original meaning of these writings.

Strait 4728 (stenos) — Narrow (from obstacles standing about)"

Matt. 7:13-14, *"Enter ye in at the strait gate..." "Because strait is the gate..."*

The meaning is obvious. The portal to life eternal is "strait", "(constricted about with obstacles) difficult to negotiate. The word is archaic in this usage, but carries much the same meaning as currently used in navigational circles, I.E. "straits of Magellen", straits of Malacca", etc. As designated on maps, it indicates a narrow body of water constricted closely by bodies of land, thus making navigation difficult. See also Luke 13:24.

> *"Enter ye in at the STRAIT gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because STRAIT is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."*
> (Matthew 7:13-14)

Strait 4912 (sunecho) — "constraint, perplexity, affliction"

Phil. 1:21-23: *"(verse 23) For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart ''* (or) to abide in the flesh—"

The thought is that Paul is constricted between two emotions; to go and be with the Lord and to stay with the churches in hopes of doing further good. Also, he expresses a certain perplexity between the two. "I wot not" (I cannot tell, RSV, I am torn two ways, NEB,).

Straitened 4912 (sunecho) Same as above.

Luke 12:50: *"...I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how I am straitened till it be accomplished!"*

Our Lord is not expressing the least perplexity. Neither is he torn between two constrictions. He knows the course he is going to steer. He is showing the affliction of spirit to which he is subjected. Foreseeing the agony of his "baptism" (death) he says, "..how distressed I am until it is over". TEV

Straitened 4729 (stenochoreo) — "to hem in closely, to cramp, distress)

II Cor. 6:12, *"Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels."*

Read from the King James translation, (year 1611) this makes little sense to the modern reader. However, with proper research we can gain a deeper insight to the author's meaning.

It appears that there had arisen hard feelings toward Paul on the part of the Corinthian church. (ref: chapter 4 of I Cor.) Paul is pointing out to them that it is on their part, and not on his, that this happened. "We have not closed our hearts to you; it is you who have closed your hearts to us." TEV

"Bowels" in this context refers to the affections. They (Corinthians) had cut off (cramped) their love from Paul, not the other way around.

Straitest 196 (akribestatos) — "..most exact; most straitest."

Acts 26:5, *"...after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee."*

The idea is, of course, that Paul was a Pharisee, the most strict party of the Jewish religion. It is commonly known that this implied a hemming about by multitudinous rites, regulations, etc.;' thus constricted, restrained, etc.

Straitly 4183 (polus) — "plenteous, sore, straitly."

Mark 3:12, *"...he straitly charged them that they should not make him known."*

In this instance the word means "strictly", "sternly", or even "harshly". Please note: "Jesus gave a stern command...", TEV "He strictly ordered..." RSV. See also Matt. 9:30 and Mark 1:43.

Straitly 547 (apeile) — "threatening"

Acts 4:17, *"...let us straitly threaten them..."*, "...let us warn these men.." TEV, "...we had better caution them...". NEB

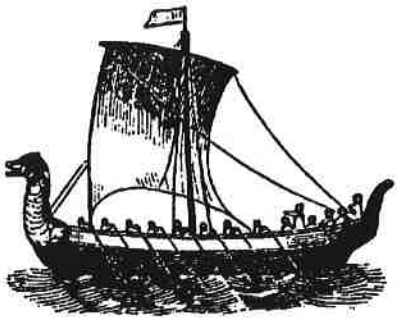
In a vain effort to halt the spread of the gospel, the Jewish authorities resorted to pressure tactics, including threatening words, but all in vain.

So we can see how that several different thoughts and meanings are all translated "strait" or its several forms. This points up the need to use all help that is available such as concordances, expositories, lexicons, and compare different translations of the scriptures to derive the correct and original meaning.

For a deeper knowledge of God's will,

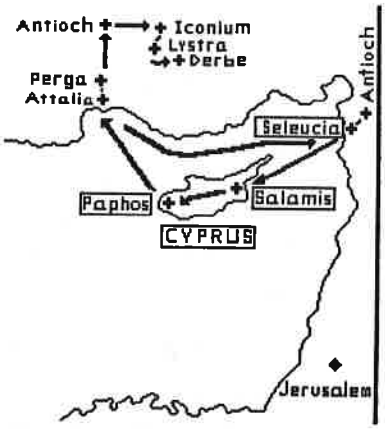
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THE TRAVELS OF PAUL — FIRST JOURNEY

Antioch in Pisidia to Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe



After Paul and his company were ushered out of Antioch by its chief citizens, Jewish leaders, and devout women, they headed for the city of Iconium. This segment of their journey was 90 miles of rough mountainous terrain, 3500 feet in altitude; Iconium itself being 3300 feet. Winter travel in this region was not an option, unless one was very desperate. Iconium stood on the edge of a well-watered, and richly fertile plateau.

The first place they taught at Iconium was at the Jewish synagogue, as was Paul's custom in the early part of his journeys (Acts 14:1). A great multitude of Jews and Greeks believed. This means they accepted all the inherent conditions of becoming Christians (faith, repentance, confession, and baptism).

Once again Paul had trouble with the Jewish leaders (vs. 2), who stirred up some of the people against him. The multitude was still divided even after Paul confirmed his bold words with miraculous signs and wonders (vs. 3-4).

Upon learning of a plot by the Jewish rulers and some of the Gentiles to stone them, they fled to the cities of Lycaonia: Lystra, and Derbe (vs. 5-7).

Lystra was a small Roman town, 24 miles to the south of Iconium, and 10 miles from the trade route. It sat upon a small hill that rose about 150 feet above the surrounding plain, bordered by the mountains. Two rivers flowed nearby.

Among those who heard Paul's preaching was a man who was a cripple from birth (vs. 8-10). With a loud voice, Paul told him to stand up and walk; whereupon he not only stood up, but also leaped about. In a town as small as Lystra, this did not go without notice. Everyone knew this man and his condition. This was no fakery. The problem, though, was that they believed Paul and his company were Greek gods come down to visit them (vs. 11-12). As the town priest of Jupiter was preparing to make a sacrifice to them, Barnabas and Paul sprang before them, tearing their garments, and cried out, *"...Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:"* (vs. 15). Even then, he barely was able to stop them from making their sacrifice (vs. 16-18).

If that wasn't enough trouble, things got worse. Certain Jews who followed him from Iconium arrived, and stirred up the people; who then were persuaded to take Paul out of the city, and stone him. There they left him, thinking he was dead (vs. 19). As the disciples stood about him, Paul stood up, entered back into the city, and they all left for Derbe in the morning (vs. 20). Think of the stamina it would require to travel this distance after having been stoned. Paul endured much throughout his entire ministry.

Derbe was also a small Roman town, 65 miles to the east of Lystra. Its exact location has been a matter of some debate over the centuries, but its site was established in 1956. This town was the most eastern part of the Roman province.

They preached the gospel at Derbe, converting many before they made their return trip, basically over the same route they had just covered.

Next article: Return to Seleucia in Antioch.

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The Christian who is pulling the oars doesn't have time to rock the boat.

TEMPERANCE

Jer 16:1-12

INTRODUCTION:

Jer. 16:12 - People walked after the imagination of their evil heart - Even worse than idolatry. Establishes need for temperance, or self-control.

II Pet. 1:5-6 - Temperance one of the things we need to add to our faith.

Gal. 5:22-23 - Temperance one of the fruit of the Spirit.

THINGS WE MUST CONTROL: (not an all-inclusive list)

1. Our Spirit - Prov. 25:28
   - A. Our Will - Jer. 16:12, II Pet. 2:10, Jer. 10:23 Prov. 14:12, Rom. 7:18 — Control by yielding our will to God - Prov. 3:5-7
   - B. Lusts - James 1:12-16, I John 2:15-17 — Control by walking in the Spirit instead - Gal. 5:16, Rom. 8:5-6
   - C. Pride - Prov. 16:18, Prov. 13:10 — Control by humility - Prov. 18:12, Luke 14:11
   - D. Anger - Eph. 4:26 — Control by kindness and goodness - Eph. 4:31-32
   - E. Wrath - James 1:19-20 — Control by good deeds to enemies - Rom. 12:19-21
2. Our Body - I Cor. 9:25-27
   - A. Fornication - I Cor. 6:18 — Control by glorifying God - I Cor. 6:19-20
   - B. Eyes - Matt. 5:27-29, Prov. 27:20 — Control by beholding the beauty of the Lord - Psa. 27:7
   - C. Tongue - James 3:2-10 — Control by listening - James 1:19, Prov. 4:10

TECHNIQUES OF SELF CONTROL:

Control the bad things in us by adding good things to our lives.

1. Submit to God - I Pet. 5:6-7, Deut. 10:12-13
2. Resist the Devil - James 4:6-8, I Pet. 5:8-10
   - a. Eschew (avoid) Evil - Job 1:8, I Pet. 3:10-12
   - b. Abstain from evil when it appears - I Thes. 5:22
   - c. Look for, and take, the way God provides of escape from temptation - I Cor. 10:13
3. Rely on Christ - Rom. 7:18-25, II Tim. 4:18
   - a. Pray - Matt. 6:13
   - b. Prayers of others - James 5:16
4. Fear the Lord

   Prov. 16:6 - By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.

   Eccl. 12:13-14 - Fear God, and keep His commands. Remember, He shall bring every work into judgment.

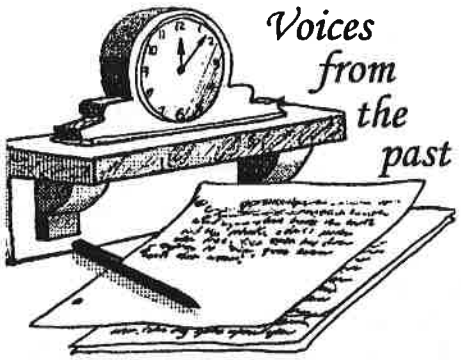
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Jeremiah 16:10-12: "And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the Lord pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the Lord our God? Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the Lord, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me:"

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

The Rod of God



We read in the old Testament of Aaron's rod that budded and of the rod of Moses. In Ex. 3:7, 11 we see how the Lord said unto Moses, *"...I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt," "...and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people out of Egypt."* Also in Ex. 4:1-4, how Moses answered and said,*"...but, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee. And the Lord said unto Moses, What is that in thine hand? And he said, a rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thy hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:".*

Verse 5, *"That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers ... hath appeared unto thee."*

Verse 17, The Lord said unto Moses. *"And thou shall take this rod in thy hand, wherewith thou shall do signs."*

Verse 20 says that when Moses departed for Egypt, he took the rod of God in his hand, and we read in Num. 20:8 where the Lord said to Moses, *"Take the rod... and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock."*

In Isaiah, chapter 11, we read of the rod of Christ.

Verse 4, *"... he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth."* (The gospel is the rod of his mouth.) (The Lord said to Moses, "Take the rod with you.") And now it says in Eph. 6:17, *"... take ... the sword of the Spirit,* (the rod of Christ) *which is the word of God."*

It is the power of God, Rom. 1:16. (Take the rod) We must use it, we must let the water run out of the rock. Eph. 6:15 says, *"And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."*

We read how Jesus was saying, *"I must be about my Father's business." "I must preach the Kingdom of God to other cities also."* Luke 2:49 and Luke 4:43. *"...always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord"*, I Cor. 15:58. *"...for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not"*, Gal. 6:9.

(And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth). *"...and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword:"* Rev. 1:16. And Jesus warns in John 12:48, *"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."*

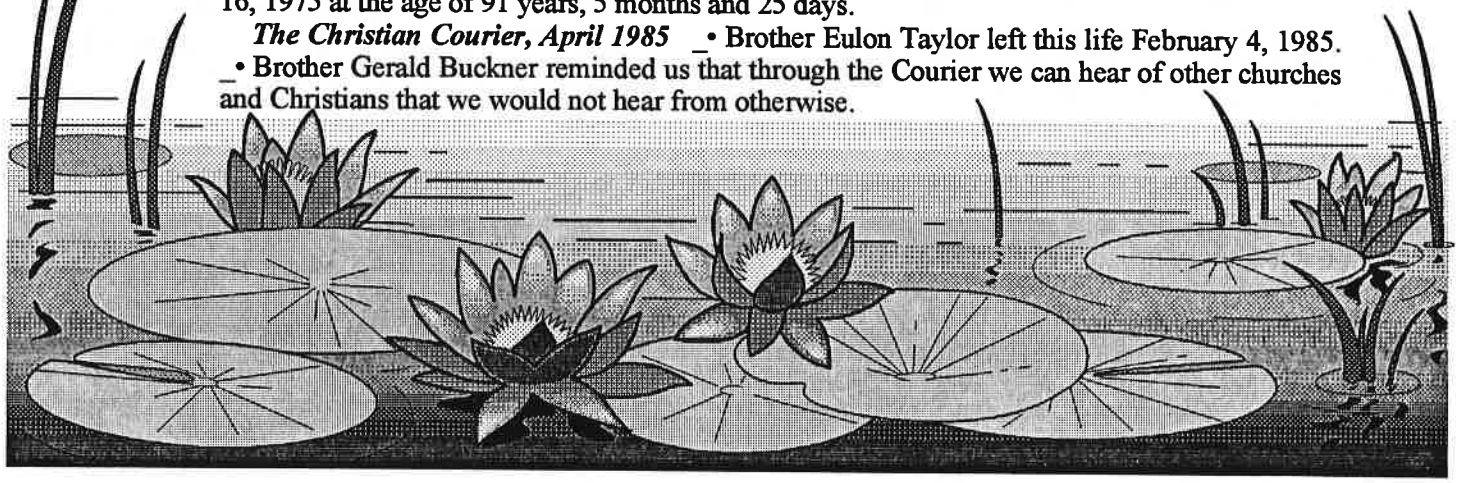
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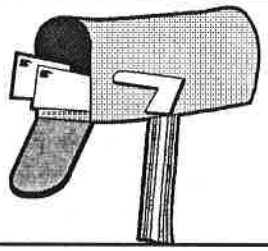
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Precious Memories

The Christian Courier, April 1975 _• Robert and Wilma Farley were baptized into the Lord's body January 12, 1975. •_ The birth of Brent Anthony McCay was announced. •_ Bro. J.C. Whitely passed from this life in February 1975. _• Sister Luella Adel Stark passed away March 16, 1975 at the age of 91 years, 5 months and 25 days.

The Christian Courier, April 1985 _• Brother Eulon Taylor left this life February 4, 1985. _• Brother Gerald Buckner reminded us that through the Courier we can hear of other churches and Christians that we would not hear from otherwise.





Cards and Letters

Baron, Ok

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church here at Baron is doing fine. We have had some sickness. Brother Darryl Wilson had heart surgery a few weeks ago. He is slowly progressing. Brother Hugo Denny was in the hospital with pneumonia but got out Monday, and is doing good.

Sister Bonnie Johnson's grandson Scottie Gardenhire got his eye put out. He was to undergo surgery Monday. We have not heard any word on how he is doing.

We look forward to a weekend meeting here at Baron, May 26-27-28 with guest speakers which are: Brother Don Lewis on Friday night, Brother Roy Mullen on Saturday night, Brother Ed Tate on Sunday morning and Brother Paul Auslam on Sunday evening.

We will serve our meals at the church kitchen each day. We welcome all that can come to be with us.

With Christian Love to all.

The Baron Church of Christ.

Bohannan Mountain, AR

Greetings from Bohannan Mt.,

Hope your new year has gotten off to a good start. We are all about over the winter bugs. Looking forward to spring. It keeps promising 65-70 degrees a couple of days, then bang 25-30 degrees snow and ice, but that is northwest Arkansas. If you don't like the weather stick around. It will change.

We want to announce our weekend meeting May 12, 13, and 14th with Brother Sirber Sinn of Goshen Ark. congregation. This is a wonderful young teacher with his own unique style in presenting the gospel with appeal to young and the older alike.

If you can, please come and support Brother Sinn. We would love to see each and every one of you.

Services 7 pm. 12th; 7 pm. 13th;

10 am. 14th. Lunch at the church 2 pm closing service.

With our love,

Brother Melvin Daniels (501) 643-3615

Brother James Vanderpool (501) 442-4834

Bellflower, CA

Christian Courier,

Our gospel meeting at Bellflower, CA. will be held July second through the ninth. Our guest speaker will be Brother Bob Eldridge from Baron, OK.

Thanks,

Al Way

Cedaredge, CO

Dear Ones in Christ,

We here at Cedaredge, CO Happy Hollow Church of Christ are all doing pretty good except for colds and etc.

We have had several visitors since our last writing. We would like to thank them all very much for coming and being with us. We enjoyed the good sermons, singing, and fellowship. We welcome them back anytime.

Sister Tina Baker, was baptized a few Sundays ago at Flora Vista, New Mexico. She is the granddaughter of Brother and Sister Rex Mickey. Tina meets with us each Lord's Day. She lives and works in Montrose, CO. We are happy to have her with us.

Sister Barbara Cowgar has been very ill and in the hospital. She is home now and recuperating quite well. Barb needs the prayers of all the Brothers and Sisters.

Also Sister Debbie Newman will be going into the hospital for major surgery March 14th. Please remember her in your prayers also.

Brother Paul Kinne is still not able to come to church, and needs our prayers. Brother Jack Morris of Fort Collins, CO is very ill and needs the prayers of all his Brothers and Sisters. He had open heart surgery quite awhile ago.

Brother Jack Wood of Hornbeck, LA, had a severe heart attack and needs our prayers.

Let's remember all of these in our prayers.

We are working on our annual camp meeting for July 1st thru 9th. Please make your plans now to join us, sharing your wonderful sermons, singing, and fellowship with friends and loved ones. Come join us. Everyone Welcome! Donations accepted for the camp meeting.

God Bless all of you.

Our Love and Prayers go out to all.

The Happy Hollow Church of Christ

Cedaredge, CO 81413

Glenwood, WA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This letter is written in a heavy heart. On March 4, 1995, Brother Robert McCay was called home. Heaven's gain is our loss. Robert was a dedicated Christian, serving his Lord and upholding the cause of Christ. Robert and Ellen donated the property and building which is now the Glenwood Church of Christ. Robert was a very giving person, always willing to lend a helping hand. We'll always remember his smiling face and sense of humor.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.... that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

Ellen would like to thank all of you for your prayers, flowers, cards, and thoughtfulness.

By the way, Ellen is recovering well from her knee replacement.

We're glad to have Bob and Bonnie Stacy back with us after recent winter travels.

Terry and Suzie Warford have made it their work to meet with us the second Sunday of each month. God has blessed Terry with an ability to preach, and we've benefited from it. Recent visitors have included Wayne Orendorff, Oren and Ruth Johnston, Bill and Veda McCay, Bill and Cinde McCay, and Richard and Monica Johnston. Thank you all for worshipping with us. We look forward to any and all visitors.

Love from the Brothers and Sisters at Glenwood Church of Christ, WA

San Pablo, CA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I apologize for not writing sooner. I would like to dedicate this letter to the memory of our sister in Christ, Sister Lorene Bever, who passed away Feb. 6, 1995. She has been a member of the church for many years. She has had her ups and downs over the years, and was in the hospital this time to get a pace-maker and was doing just fine, and while in the hospital she failed real fast. She acquired pneumonia and was too weak to survive.

She was the wife of Amos Bever, who passed away in August 1990. She is survived by her two daughters, Sister Lola Mae Prado, Sister Linda Baily, and her son, Brother Larry Bever, and a granddaughter, Sister Deanna Baily. All members of the church, and living in San Pablo, CA.

All of us, at one time or another have had worldly problems and Bever family is no exception. We would ask each and everyone of you to pray for Sister Bever and her loved ones. Please pray for the church too, that we will be strong enough to resist the world's temptations and to be able to bear one another's burdens, and that Satan will never entice us away from the will of God.

Also remember all those reported in the Christian Courier that are ill and in need of prayers, and many others that we know of. Thank you Bro. Al Way for what you said in the Jan. 95 issue. "Our prayers are that the Lord will give each of us courage and strength to face each day as He provides it, and increase our faith to live it only for him". May this be true in all our lives.

In Christian Love
Homer Bryant
1273 Plumleigh Lane
Concord, CA 94521-3410
(510) 682-2600

Seattle, WA

Dear loved ones,

We are pleased to have another new family worshipping with us, Sister Delphina Jackson and her children. We were very happy to meet them, and have them worship with us.

As Bro. Bill Taylor mentioned in his letter, we were sorry to have Bro. Robert McCay pass away. He was very close to all of us, and we will miss him. But we rejoice in his reward at Judgment.

Our dear Brother Howard and Sister Nell McCay have returned after wintering in Yuma, AZ. They came back via Sacramento, CA; Springfield, OR; and Vancouver, WA.

Sis. Amy Orendorff was able to attend her parents' - Bro. Earl and Sis. Olene Howe -50th wedding anniversary in Texas. We are happy to have her back.

We appreciate our recent visitors. Bro. Roger and Sis. Sharon Lamb came last month with their daughter, Sis. Tracy, and helped us assemble the March Couriers. Sunday, March 12, Matt and Kelly Shepherd were here from the Vancouver, WA area. He gave a very good lesson on Christian Warfare. Unfortunately, we missed them this time as we were visiting elsewhere ourselves.

Ellis and Lynell went to Matt and Kelly's (19th) to meet Eric & Lori Harper, who had come up from Sacramento. Ellis then went down with Eric and Lori to visit them for awhile. He arrived back on the 27th. Several went to Sis. Anna Lee Warner's 80th birthday celebration in the Eugene, OR, area. Arriving back the 26th were Sis. Lynell Forsman and Sis. Suzie Warford and girls.

We have no major sickness to report, but a couple of injuries. Gabe Orendorff sprained his ankle, and is in a soft cast, but recovering steadily. Also, our daughter Teri Sue, hurt her arm recently. The doctor called it "nursemaid's elbow" with one of the bones slightly out of place at the elbow. He set it back in place and within five minutes she was back to using it just like nothing ever happened.

Remember our meeting August 6-13 with Bro. Jim Brown of the Baron, OK, congregation. It's always good to see and hear someone from back home.

If you haven't announced your meeting yet, please get the information in to us so we can get it in the paper. We send our love to all.

In Christian love,
Bro. Terry Warford
for the Seattle, WA congregation

In Loving Memory
Robert Earl McCay

One March 7, 1995, loving family and friends gathered to honor the memory and celebrate the life of our dear Brother Robert Earl McCay, who passed from this life on March 4, 1995, at the age of 81. Brother Bill McCay, Jr. spoke words of consolation to his wife, Ellen; children, Ellen Jean, Bobby, Roy and Darlene; and a large gathering of other loved ones. Brother Robert also leaves 3 brothers, Roy, Howard, and Bill McCay; 3 sisters, Anna Lee Warner, Ada Johnston, Ruth Johnston; and their spouses; as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many wonderful memories were shared as all considered the life of this wonderful man.

Robert, the second son of G. Earl and Phebe McCay, considered his walk with God to be a life-long commitment. At times, there were as few as three meeting in his home, but always he was faithful and diligent. When it was stated by some, "We'll move here and help if you'll build a church building," Robert replied without hesitation, "We'll build a building if you'll move here and help."; and he did. At the age of 57, when many are thinking of retiring, Robert and Ellen donated the land and put up a building. It was 24 years ago this May that they began holding services in the Glenwood Church of Christ building.

As time went by, others became part of that group, and Robert and Ellen remodeled the downstairs in their home to accommodate the growing need for basket dinners, week-long meetings, and other gatherings. He stocked the freezer and pantry (which is legendary) with ice cream and other essentials. He was always prepared, and everyone was made to feel welcome. Whether in their home, at church services, or at congregations in other places, Robert and Ellen loved their Christian family, and loved to be with them. Many of you all over the United States have spent time with them, and we know you share our sense of loss.

We here in Seattle owe our very existence to Robert and Ellen's effort. When we could no longer drive to Glenwood, due to no more room in the van and Lynell's hip surgery, it was reluctantly decided to begin holding services here in Seattle. We have always felt a very close working bond with the group at Glenwood, attending their meetings, get-togethers, etc. When we had our first week-long meeting last August, Robert and Ellen were here to encourage our fledgling efforts, as they have for so many years

As his brother Howard said, "Our loss is heaven's gain. He lived the way he believed according to Galations 6:10: *'As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.'"*

He leaves us a rich legacy of wonderful memories and many, many examples of faithful Christian living. Our hearts are only comforted by knowing that if we are faithful to the end as Robert was, we will meet him again.

The following was sung at Robert's memorial service:

One By One

Words by G. Earl McCay
Music by Kelly McCay & Bill McCay, Jr.

One by one dear ones are going,
From our midst, we see not where.
One by one Death's stream still flowing,
Does our loved ones onward bear.

One by one, Death's hand still knocking,
Opes the door of our abode.
One by one our hearts are breaking,
As they're borne up to the Lord.

One by one God calls them ever,
From this land of sin and gloom.
One by one, o'er there they gather,
Where no sorrows ever come.

One by one how much we miss them,
But this thought our spirit cheers.
Over yonder we may greet them,
Where God wipes away all tears.

(Chorus: verses 1, 2, & 3)

One by one, we'll meet our loved ones
Over on the other shore,
Then we'll clasp their hands rejoicing,
And sing God's praise for ever more.

(Chorus: verse 4)

One by one, we too will answer
To the summons from on high.
One by one, we'll meet in heaven,
Where we will never say goodbye.

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Meetings

April 16-23	Yuma, AZ	Guest Speakers
May 12-14	Bohannon Mountain, AR	Sirber Sinn
May 26-28	Baron, OK	Guest Speakers
June 18-25	Lorenzo, TX	Paul Auslam, Jr.
July 1-9	Cedaredge, CO	Camp Meeting
July 1-9	Bellflower, CA	Bob Eldridge
July 9-16	Comanche, OK	Jim Brown
Aug. 6-13	Sea-Tac, WA	Jim Brown
Aug. 18-20	Yakima, WA	Eric Harper
Aug. 20-27	Aloha, OR	Mark Perigen

Baptisms

Tina Baker	Flora Vista, NM (Cedaredge, CO)

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Darryl Wilson	Baron, OK	Heart Surgery
Hugo Denny	Baron, OK	Recovering from pneumonia
Scottie Gardenhire	Baron, OK	Eye put out
Erelene Chessman	Bellflower, CA	Fighting cancer
Vincent Johnson	Bellflower, CA	Bound to wheelchair
Lloyd Treat	Broken Bow, OK	Back trouble
Barbara Cowgar	Cedaredge, CO	Hospital stay
Debbie Newman	Cedaredge, CO	Major Surgery
Paul Kinne	Cedaredge, CO	Ill, unable to attend services
Jo Williams	Comanche, OK	Battling cancer
Gerald Warner	Eugene, OR	Heart trouble
Jack Morris	Ft. Collins, CO	Recovering from open heart surgery
Ellen McCay	Glenwood, WA	Recovering from knee surgery & in need of comfort
Jack Wood	Hornbeck, LA	Severe heart attack
Olene Howe	Lorenzo, TX	Back & knee troubles
Cleo Sump	North San Juan, CA	Internal problems
Family of Lorene Bever	San Pablo, CA	In need of comfort
Jerry Barker	Stilwell, OK	Leukemia
Barbara Bumgardner	Yakima, WA	Fractured vertebrate
Phil Bumgardner	Yuma, AZ	Severe lung problems

Passings

Lorene Bever	San Pablo, CA	February 6, 1995
Robert McCay	Glenwood, WA	March 4, 1995

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