LITTLE LOVE LETTER

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"BUT THE END IS NOT YET"

"GREAT EARTHQUAKES SHALL BE in divers places" ("down through(divers)places")(different,various?). "-;and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven." AND just such did happen on Feb. 8. We sorrow for those in distress and grief;IT IS SAD. "Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge,until these calamities be overpast." Many have prayed thus and deep on and before and after that Feb.8 event because they gazed upon three:earthquake, splash-down, the moon eclipse; closer proximity so the harder and deeper. Man should "watch and pray" in all obedience to God always. "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." AWE FULL sights and signs do cause concern. "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." OH, MY BRETHREN,these things are to all that are IN CHRIST: His disciples. Christ said many things(warnings) to "His twelve disciples", as in Mat.I2(read it all).Also about calamities.Mat.24.

"THEN COMETH THE END,WHEN-"

BUT HOW ABOUT THIS EARTHQUAKE? Some of you are wanting a first hand closer up? We were close enuf. Now, don't chide. No, of course not.Miracles do not happen any more.BUT one thing sure,things didHAPPEN.

I had been up about 8-9 minutes and was in the bath-room prostrate in deep morning prayer. I did want to begin this next paper, but I needed HELP. Always.It's serious to me to get a thoughtful theme. In short,I never got to start LLL,BUT I gotTH'THEME. Louise was still in bed;not still now-"EARTHQUAKE". After the shaking & swaying(no damage)we go to "T.V."

(the shakes continue)
(That's a double fact-as I put in this new sheet the window rattled;Louise felt th'shock-over 2 days now)
THE T.V. WAS JUST STARTING FOR A.M."The flagWAS still there". Announcer:"This is--from ours at top of MT. Wilson-6000 feet-"(6000 plus?)Then T.V. went off. "STAND BY" showed long time,then came theREPORT.
WE WERE IN G.G.THAT '33 L.B.QUAKE:it was worse, at least in this area. Things did happen here,then. Our house never did get put back in its right place. The next door neighbors and we packed kwilts & kids and went to hills behind a dam.A camp fire all nite. (Word had come-tidal wave to reach G.G.-too,the dam) We slept many nights in our garage-then got bolder. One life was lost in G.G.then-girl friend of son of one of my teachers-the cornice of a sch.entranceFELL. Must close this-our sympathy to those distressed.
AMONG OTHERS,WIFE'S COUSINS now in San Fernando House damage-no water or gas-block fence down-cracks & buckled concrete-"Don't want go thru that again". He's been blind long time-but has been working for handicapped people. Cousin Lois is a nurse but her hospital is now closed.(ALL WHICH JUST GOES TO SHOW)

"-GIVING ALL DILIGENCE-"
PREACHING SUNDAY P.M. AT LA HABRA,on 2 Pet.1, Brother Roy Snoderly:"And what is diligence?"(v.5) Right now,later,I don't remember what he gave on it. (Was that giving diligence?) Was writing my guess: "watch carefully,good heed". AND to research later: "Speedy but careful attention and effort" "Heed-watchful-observing." I am sure Bro. Roy gave a very good lesson.(Igot a lot of it.) Perhaps too many of us(One is too many.)at that all-day meeting spent too heavily on all of the day-et cetera.
"AND BESIDE THIS,(vs.2-4)giving all diligence, add-"(I can see why many pupils,in or out,can'tADD.)
"WHEREFORE THE RATHER,BRETHREN,give diligence TO MAKE YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE:for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:"(So one can fall) "For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." "And beside this,--add-" "GRACE AND PEACE BE MULTIPLIED(v.2)unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,-". "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of ourLord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (2 Pet.3:18). "LOOKING DILIGENTLY LEST any man fall from the GRACE OF GOD;"

MAN MUST CHANGE

"THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL ENDURE FOREVER:-" "HE LOOKETH ON THE EARTH, and it trembleth." "The whole earth is full of His glory." "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever." "WE MUST DO OUR CHANGING "EXCEPT YE REPENT, ye shall all likewise perish." Apostle Paul: "I was not disobedient--but shewed--that they should repent and turn to God-" "REPENT, and BE BAPTIZED every one of you in the name of JESUS CHRIST for the remission of sins,-"

"THEREFORE IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." "-even so we also should walk in newness of life." "-our old man is crucified with HIM, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

REDEEMED MAN HAS HOPE IN CHRIST

LOST MAN IS MISERABLE knowing the wages of sin is death, BUT REDEEMED MAN has hope in christ. "For the minding of the flesh is death; but the minding of the Spirit is life and peace." (Ro.8:6)

IN CONVERSION MANY THINGS ARE CHANGED, as these:

1. THE MIND OF MAN IS CHANGED by faith from carnal to spiritual. "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name."

2. MAN'S AFFECTIONS ARE CHANGED by God's love from love of world to love of God. "We love Him, because He first loved us." "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

3. MAN'S WILL IS CHANGED by repentance from man's ways to God's ways. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

4. MAN'S ALLEGIANCE IS CHANGED. "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. BUT whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven"

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5. MAN'S RELATIONSHIP IS CHANGED. "But God be thanked, that yewere the servants of sin, BUT YE HAVE OBEYED from the heart that form of doctrine(vs.3to6) which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin,ye became the servants of righteousness."(Ro.6:E) "Giving thanks unto the Father,--Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: IN WHOM we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins:"(Col.I:I3-I4). "Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, Who hath raised Him from the dead." "--baptism doth also now save us-".

DESTINY--HEAVEN:

"BUT NOW BEING MADE FREE FROM SIN, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the END EVERLASTING LIFE. For the wages of sin is death;but the gift of Godis ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD."

QUAKES MAY COME

QUAKES WILL CONTINUE, CERTAIN;whether south of L.A.'33 or north of L.A.'7I;or if in L.A.?ALL WORLD? Calamity,small spots & panic?WEEP&WAIL,IF THE FINAL. WHAT GRIEVES ME IS: All the Gospel before men, BUT so many not so much as will "Repent and be baptized": SUFFICE THIS TO SHOW,BRETHREN IN CHRIST,UP & ATWORK.

REPORTS

SISTER LUCY CONDER, mother of Sister Fern Logan of Stockton, has left this life and is to be buried tomorrow, February 20. Sister Lucy was the widow of the late Brother Conder, formerly of Modesto Church. Sorry we can not attend the funeral-but we send our sincere sympathy to all the family and friends. --- Sister Stringham was in the hospital several days but went home yesterday,in La Habra. She's not so strong, but is her same cheerful self,in hospital or out.--- Sister Laura Willis of Carlsbad, New Mexico,has now moved to Tucson, Ariz.,near her daughter Eunice Bruce.---Sister Evelyn Heim of Bellflower is now back from her daughter's in Florida.---The Harris's of Cottage Grove, Oregon, now have their I3th Great grand child,who really belongs to Sister Kay Smith.- Brother Olan Taylor is over flu and out-o'-bed now, and he and Sis. Burdette plan to go to Lakeside Sun. ---Winter & colds about over now?GOOD.MORE WORK NOW.