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Choose Thou for Me

I dare not choose my lot,
I would not if I might;
Choose Thou for me, my God,
So I shall walk aright.

The kingdom that I seek
Is Thine; so let the way
That leads to it be Thine,
Else surely I might stray.

Take Thou my cup, and it
With joy or sorrow fill,
As best to Thee may seem,
Choose Thou my good and ill.

Not mine—not mine the choice,
In things both great and small,
Be Thou my Guide, my Strength,
My Wisdom and my All.

---H. Bonar
Lot looked up but he did not look high enough. The record states that he “lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where.” What he saw was within the framework of the earth and its attractions. He did not even look high enough to catch a glimpse of the distant mountainous horizon, let alone the vision of Eternity. The story enfolded logically from the height of his vision. He “pitched his tent toward Sodom,” then he moved in. There he lived, and his family became contaminated with the abysmal corruption of the place. When finally he did flee to the mountains it was purely through fear of divine judgment. And when he reached the summit he sought a cave. The mountain peak never became the threshold of vision and far horizons for Lot. He was largely of the earth, earthy.

How different was his uncle Abraham. He was bidden to look toward heaven. He began with a vision of God. He saw first a city whose “builder and maker is God” before he saw the cities of Canaan. What he saw of earth he saw within the framework of Eternity. What a difference it made in his whole outlook upon life. He could afford to give Lot his choice of lands. He would be content to be a pilgrim, a tent-dweller, for he was an heir of Eternity. He could afford to be patient about the apparent delays in the realization of God’s purpose. He measured time, not by the succession of days, but by the succession of ages. He saw the struggles and tragedies of the present from the perspective of the timelessness of heaven.

TODAY we need above all else the perspective of Eternity. We need to lift up our eyes to the “more distant scene.” We need to see the tragedy of our times in the light of God’s plan of redemption as revealed in His Word. If we look only high enough to see life horizontally, we will be driven to pessimism and despair. Mankind is in the throes of a terrible crisis that only divine intervention can resolve. That another world war should seem imminent, is nothing less than moral insanity. Quite literally, it’s a crazy world.

But for the Bible-believing Christian it is the darkness before the dawn. The arena of world affairs is being readied for the coming of the Lord. Look up! “When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh.”

Let us not be content, as was Lot, with merely escaping divine wrath. Let us rather anticipate the glorious reappearing of our blessed Christ.
She was a hospital technician, twenty-one and apparently disturbed. Her eyes were large with wonder and earnestness as she asked certain questions. She seemed bent upon finding some answers that science was seeking by a microscope. I knew a shorter way to the finding of some of those answers—but let me talk to her instead of you!

I am glad that you have gone adventuring into the land of wonderment. You say when you find the answers, then maybe, you can get God placed in your universe. Instead of starting with the answers, let's start with God. For if we start with God, the answers will come out right. If we do not start with God, we will still be in a haze.

Inquirer: What causes sickness?

Counsellor: Being a minister’s wife and not a doctor, I do not profess to know all the answers concerning this, but you know from your own hospital experiences and the statement of many eminent doctors that from 40 to 85 per cent of the people are passing on their mental and spiritual sickness to their bodies. One doctor speaking to a certain pastor said, “Forty per cent of the people who come to me should not have gone past you.”

Inquirer: But why the wrong attitudes that one can’t always get rid of? Why the contradictory, frustrated feelings?

Counsellor: Jesus said, “Out of the heart of men proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness; all these evil things come from within, and defile the man.” All these wrong attitudes are foreign bodies in our being; wrong attitudes that we cannot overcome ourselves—but Christ can in us. “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Power outside of ourselves is offered us for the sin question. Christ Jesus is the Master-Key for all of life, for He is Life itself. “In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.” He alone can change the contradictory, frustrated feeling within us to that of a united, whole-personality. This last statement, I make, not only because God’s word makes this plain, but also, because great hosts of people have proven it true in the laboratory of personal experience down through the ages.

Inquirer: What about the moral standards? Do they not continually change in different areas and generations?

Counsellor: God has just one code of morality — the Ten Com...
How to Decide Upon

A LIFE WORK

by Rev. Jared F. Gerig, Dean

For young people there is no more important question than this one which every young person faces, "What shall I do with my life?" To know that we are saved to serve will be basic to a right answering of this question. If we are saved, that fact will have much to do with the matter of life work. There is a "work of faith" which is the activity and employment which faith inspires, and if faith is the inspiration, it will also be the controlling element in all that we do.

It is true that we are saved to serve, but we must also be severed to serve. "Free to serve!" These words were uttered by a thoughtful woman as she saw a great vessel loosed from its stays and ploughing its way into the ocean. In the water it was finding its native element. It was in bondage until it was launched. We are like that vessel. We are not free when we are our own, withheld from God. Our highest freedom comes in submission to God's will, and God's will is the ocean to us, our native element. When fully yielded to God, we, like the ship in the ocean, are indeed free, free to serve, and in so doing find our highest liberty.

If the Christian is saved and fully submitted, he will be summoned to serve. He will receive a call, and that call will become the stabilizing force of all his future career. God needs Christian servants in every realm of work, and in every type of profession, but it is not the need, but the call which remains of preeminent importance. One may be engaged in a legitimate work, and yet be wholly out of the will and plan of God. Whatever work one may engage in, let him be sure that he has been called of God to that work. This is so all-inclusive that it may make the world one's parish, or it may confine one's labors to the four walls of a household domain. Whatever it is, it is a high and holy calling.

We need to know also that God calls every willing servant, so He makes that call plain. His call is never muffled nor indistinct. An inability to recognize the call of God is always man's fault rather than God's. Man may be too busy to listen; he may not have an ear to hear; he may be concerned with his own selfish ambitions; he may be misdirected and wrongly influenced by the advice of others; he may be so lacking in spiritual devotion that God is postponing a perfect revelation. He must cry, "O God, what wilt thou have me to do," and then, above everything else, be willing to do it.

There are incomparable tragedies
ahead for the life wherein the life work according to God’s will is fully known, but neglected or rejected. There is the tragedy of being a misfit, a life time misfit. To fit is to fit into God’s plan, and not to fit into that plan will throw the whole of our lives out of divine order. We become the spiritual traitors and deserters to our own best interests and God’s highest cause. There is the tragedy of unfulfilled service. As there is a “to every man his work,” so that work will remain undone if that man does not do it. His life will not be lived, if he does not live it. Life will have been to no avail, and all his years will have been wasted. The deeper tragedy will be spelled out in the doom of those whom he was called to serve. What tragedy is there comparable to a persistently dissatisfied life. Life will become permeated with a bitterness of dissatisfaction, disappointment, and unrest. He will lose his sense of Christian direction and purpose, and become a spiritual nomad, driven hither and thither by the mirages of this desert-life. But greatest of all tragedies will be his lost rewards. God’s eternal rewards are for those who answer His call, and do His work. There will be little satisfaction in being “saved so as by fire.” To have a life-time of labor “Weighed in the balances and found wanting,” revealed as wood, hay, and stubble and tried by fire, will climax a life which has given all too little consideration to the eternal value of its building materials. The verdict of the Divine Inspector is, “He shall suffer loss.” He shall lose his reward.

How shall I recognize God’s work for me? This is the vital personal question. It would seem unnecessary to say that such considerations as financial remuneration, measure of popularity, personal pleasure, natural endowments, family influence, childhood ideals, romance and marriage, nor even educational specialization, should never be allowed to become singly nor collectively the sole determinant of a Christian’s life work.

If there is any inclination toward a certain work or profession, the first test will be its compatibility with your highest understanding of God’s will. This will mean that you have seriously, reverently, unhurriedly waited upon God, and throughout a period of such hesitation, you have heard no objecting voice to “this is the way, walk ye in it.”

It must also be tested in regard to its agreement with your best knowledge of and your highest respect for the Scriptures. God’s call in any matter or to any work will never lack harmony with the Bible.

Let it also be tested by a mental comparison of all the involvements in such a work with the blessed reality of the indwelling and anointing of the Holy Spirit. Consult with the great Occupant of the soul. Can I have an unbroken union in such a profession, and will the Holy Spirit bless me to the glory of God?

A final test might relate itself to our unavoidable responsibility to the soul-needs of our fellow men. No work can be of God which narrows our vision, curtails our sacrifice, decreases our service, lessens our unselfishness, and saves our lives. The mainspring of all that we do, the work we engage in, the calling we respond to, is service to men. It is service which will give us our

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AN OPEN mission field was entered this summer by two B. I. students, 2,000 miles northwest of Fort Wayne in the Cree Indian Reservation of Saskatchewan, Canada.

Walter Johnson (left) and Jim Cannon, '48, (right) report several conversions among these nomadic people, who set up their dwellings wherever they find new food supplies.
THE ONLY Christian family in this area made living missionary pioneers and offers the same facilities to anyone who will come and gospely evacuated by the Catholics. There are five families of Indians within this two-mile and trapping the means of living.

(1) These are Cree Indians: left to right — Crow Blackbird, John Blackbird, and John Blackbird, the representative between the Indians and the Canadian Government.

(2) The elderly lady with a shawl over her shoulders lives alone in the teepee. The other Indians live in the cabin during the winter but sleep in tents during the summer. (3) This is the only Christian family in the area. The father is a mink rancher, and is here shown mending his fishing nets used to catch fish for mink food. The cabin in the rear of this picture is where Johnson and Cannon lived.

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daughter, Bob Uglyfoot,

The ritual sun dance
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photographed because it
is a religious ceremony.
(4) Shows an Indian res-
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which the fish are laid
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ian earlier, but the others
ass this summer.
After three years in Army service and three years in school, Ira Gerig, B.M., is returning to give full time to teaching here at the Institute—

I'm glad to give my testimony to the saving Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. I have often wondered what I would be thinking in these days of insecurity if I were not a Christian. There certainly is a strong possibility that I would be sharing in the general feeling of dread and doubt. But, thanks be to Him who giveth life more abundant, I am sharing in the sure things of eternity instead. My hope is fixed, my future is sure, and my feet are planted on the immovable Rock of Ages.

It is indeed a genuine pleasure to be back at the Bible Institute. I am praising the Lord for this opportunity to serve young people. To be sure, the teaching of music is important because of the vital place that it holds in our church services. But over and beyond this, it is more important that the Lord grant us a spiritual ministry here. We are trusting the Lord to this end and ask that your prayers, too, follow us in this important work.

Miss Violet M. Munter, A.B., teacher of French and English—

"Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared" (Exodus 23:20).

The same wonderful Lord who saved me sixteen years ago and who since has so lovingly guided my every step according to His promises gave me this verse from Exodus as His token that He has led me to Fort Wayne Bible Institute. Truly I can declare with Samuel of old: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (I Samuel 7:12).

Now after I have been at Fort Wayne Bible Institute these few weeks and have sensed its spiritual impact, the Scriptural purity which is its foundation, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, I can just as certainly echo the Psalmist's words of gratitude: "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psalm 126:3).

I praise Jesus for leading me here and pray that by the Spirit's power I may always be "a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, prepared unto every good work" (I Timothy 2:21).
Enrollment—An increase of 26 students is reported from the Registrar’s Office—the total enrollment this fall is 305 as compared to 279 at this same time last year.

Opening Convocation—On the eve of the opening of school, a special convocation service was held in the chapel with the Rev. J. O. Woodward of Orange City, Iowa, bringing the message which set a spiritual keynote for the new school year. Rev. Woodward is the father of Miss Joyce Woodward, class of ’51.

Special Chapel Services—Rev. W. O. Klopfenstein (’22), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Momence, Ill., was the speaker in the chapel services during the first week of school. His messages were very timely and practical and were well received by the student body with spiritual benefit and blessing.

Campus Visitor—Mrs. Esther Campbell, the only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. Y. Schultz, co-founder and first superintendent of the Institute, visited the school on October 1st. She recalled many fond memories but also noticed many physical changes in the “home” where she “grew up.”

Residence Hall—Progress is continuing on the building of the new residence hall on the Institute campus. (See September issue of Bible Vision.) Electricians and plumbers have been busily completing their work; plastering is well under way.

Christ for Fort Wayne Campaign—September 26 to October 17th marks a time of great spiritual refreshing to the people of Fort Wayne and vicinity as the second annual “Christ for Fort Wayne” campaign is conducted in Fort Wayne’s large Quimby Auditorium. Dr. Jesse Hendley of Atlanta, Ga., noted Bible scholar and radio speaker, is the evangelist; the Happy Clarks of Philadelphia, Pa., are the song evangelists.

Your Sunrise Chapel—The Institute’s daily devotional radio program has been receiving good response as it returned to the air the first part of September. The program is now being broadcast over a stronger station than previously. “Your Sunrise Chapel” is heard directly from the Bible Institute campus Monday through Friday, 7:15 a.m., over WKJG (1380 on your dial).
"A SWEET LITTLE STRANGER"
Gilbert Wesley came to bless the home of Mr. Howard & Gabrielle Martig ('39) White on Sept. 12. His mother and father, brother Timothy, and sister Dawn are now living in Wheaton.

AND ANOTHER
Mark Jared came into the home of Bob ('47-'48) & Colleen ('46-'48) Smith on Sept. 20.

"A NEW MISSIONARY"
Daniel Paul arrived at the Evangelical Frontier Mission, Dajabon, Dominican Republic, on August 30, 1948. He is making his home with Rev. & Mrs. Daniel F. Dyck (both '45) and is also warmly welcomed by Donald and David.

PRONOUNCED MAN & WIFE
Lisle Crow ('46-'48) & Jeanne Wedel ('47-'48) on August 1.
Paul Henry ('47-'48) & Shirley Schray ('48) on September 7 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Winfred Amstutz ('43) and Lucille Fisher ('43) on August 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Methodist Church at Holt, Mich. Both are working at Bethany Orphanage, Bethany, Ky.

THESE HAVE MOVED
Rev. C. H. Wiederkehr ('23) with his family from Berne, Ind., to the parsonage of the First Missionary Church, Lima, Ohio.

Rev. Louis ('46) & Betta Lu Cripe ('45) Strahm from Frankfort, Ind., to Peoria Heights, Ill., to pastor the Olivet Missionary Church.

Rev. Leonard Smith ('43) from Bucklin, Kans., to Clare, Mich., to pastor the Loomis Missionary Church.

Charles ('46) & Glenda Greear ('45-'46) McHatton from Lomita, Calif., to Phoenix, Ariz., to assist in an independent work.

Mrs. Phyllis Idle ('39) Johnson with her husband from southern Ohio to Pleasant Mills, Ind., She writes: "After some time, we are glad to be back in the Fort Wayne area where, perhaps, we can keep in closer contact with the Institute."

HAWAI'I BOUND
Don & Faythe Ringenberg Rohrs (both '48) are to sail from San Francisco, October 13, for Koloa, Kauai, where they will take up the pastorate of the Koloa Missionary Church.

CIRCLING THE GLOBE
AFRICA—From Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Brenneman (both '45), Nigeria: "We thank God for His blessings in the work here. We are glad that we have seen some souls lately who have had the courage to step out for God and accept Christ as their Saviour."

Rev. & Mrs. Joe Shisler (both '46) arrived safely in Sierra Leone. Joe and Fran say: "Here we are and happy to be in Africa. We have enjoyed every minute of our time here in one of the most isolated stations in all of West Africa. It has been a joy to work on the language, though it has been w-o-r-k."

Rev. ('23) & Mrs. Clarence I. Birkey arrived safely in the Congo May 28. They do not forget to "thank you for your prayers."
Little Johnny, two-year-old son of Rev. ('37) & Mrs. ('41) Kenneth P. Rupp, Sierra Leone, had a very severe attack of fever, and a cable, urgently requesting prayer, was sent to the States. Now Johnny "seems much better than he was sick. He has lots of life . . . God surely answered prayer."

ALASKA — From Mr. & Mrs. Gleason Ledyard (both '43-'46): "Kathryn is having school each day for two hours and then some project which lasts for several hours. On Sunday we have a service in the morning and one in the afternoon — attendance from 65 to 75 at each service. I have some medical work to do every day here, anything from bandaging cuts, pulling teeth, and the last bad case was TB Meningitis."

SOUTH AMERICA—"We are learning that if we would reach the hearts of these neglected people, we must minister unto their needs. The Lord enables us to look beyond the dirty body and the clothes of the Cayapa Indian, beyond the unpleasant odor, and beyond his crude manners to see a precious soul for whom Christ died."
—Rev. ('42) & Mrs. Chas. Glenn, Ecuador.

Mrs. Silvan Hausser ('23), Ecuador, has recently experienced some severe testings. Some time ago she underwent a serious operation, but now she says: "I have only to praise the Lord for the wonderful way He has undertaken for me. Recovery has been very rapid." She writes about another test in a later letter: "The 30th of August I myself was at death's door. I had a violent form of food poisoning. Praise the Lord that my life was spared, and I am regaining my strength."

Rev. ('43) & Mrs. ('44) Dale Moser, Ecuador, both have been suffering for weeks from some very troublesome tropical skin infections. To add to these afflictions, several days ago their home in Limones burned while they were at Quito seeking medical aid. The fire started in their house and about 40 other houses burned. This is thought to be the work of a criminal.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

"Rev. ('35) & Mrs. Vergil Gerber of Perry, N. Y., were appointed by the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society to missionary work in Quito, Ecuador, South America. They will carry on radio-missionary work in cooperation with radio station HCJB at Quito. It is expected that they will proceed to the foreign field within the next few months.

HAwAIIAN ISLANDS—"Rev. & Mrs. Dwight Niswander (both '34-'37) report the blessings of God upon their new pastorate, the "White Church" at Koloa, Kauai: "We have seen quite a nice number of young people accept their Saviour, and it is a joy to see them develop in Christian grace and maturity."
mandments which are written into the very constitution of the whole universe. We cannot escape him. Just take a few minutes to note the unhallowed and tragic results in the lives of multitudes of people who have tried to break them. They were broken instead! Our only course to a happy and joyous life is to abide by and in God’s will.

Inquirer: Death is not natural. Everybody wants to live. Why is it necessary?

Counsellor: God has the answer again to this mystifying thing. He made us for life and His will. Sin is that thing which is contrary to His will and, consequently, means death. Hence the desire to live, for we were made to live, but because of sin we have brought upon ourselves death. “The wages of sin is death”—death to body, soul and spirit. “Death has passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” Christ is still the Master-Key, for He promises eternal life to the repentant, surrendered heart. “I give unto them eternal life.”

There are many questions in life to which we will not find an answer—then our faith shines forth. Let me close with this bit of verse which you have provoked.

I may not know the answer to each questing of the mind,  
But I do know a faithful God, who’s good to me and kind.  
So if some mysteries remain but very vague and dim  
And though I cannot now explain, I have my faith in Him.

I know wherever man has turned and followed as God led  
That life has gained simplicity—complexities have fled,  
And man has found the very niche that he was meant to fill  
By yielding of himself unto the pleasure of God’s will.  
The wherefore’s and the why’s of all I may not ever know,  
But sense of faith can take us where intellect can’t go.

HOW TO DECIDE UPON A LIFE WORK
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greatest opportunity to love and win the souls of men. Try your inclination by this acid-test, and if it holds up, then launch out upon that life-ministry which will make you a blessing to humanity.

“Let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself, and not in another” (Galatians 6:4). His joy will rest in an approving conscience rather than in an applauding crowd.
"The Church Cannot Blush"

From TIME, June 28, 1948

Is religious tolerance simply a matter of fair play? U. S. Protestants who think so often boil with indignation at the Roman Catholic Church, which accepts the advantages of tolerance in non-Catholic countries but sternly discourages other faiths in areas where Catholics are in the majority.

One of the newest and clearest statements of the Catholic position appeared recently in Rome in the Jesuits' fortnightly LA CIVILTA CATTOLICA. Excerpts are quoted in this week's CHRISTIAN CENTURY:

"The Roman Catholic Church, convinced, through its divine prerogatives, of being the only true church, must demand the right to freedom for herself alone, because such a right can only be possessed by truth, never by error. As to other religions, the church will certainly never draw the sword, but she will require that by legitimate means they shall not be allowed to propagate false doctrines. Consequently, in a state where the majority of the people are Catholic, the church will require that legal existence be denied to error and that if religious minorities actually exist, they shall have only a de facto existence without opportunity to spread their beliefs. If, however, actual circumstances... make the complete application of this principle impossible, then the church will require for herself all possible concessions...

"In some countries, Catholics will be obliged to ask full religious freedom for all, resigned at being forced to cohabitate where they alone should rightfully be allowed to live. But in doing this the church does not renounce her thesis... but merely adapts herself... Hence arises the great scandal among Protestants... We ask Protestants to understand that the Catholic church would betray her trust if she were to proclaim... that error can have the same rights as truth... The church cannot blush for her own want of tolerance, as she asserts it in principle and applies it in practice."

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