

Things to Remember When Trouble Comes.

Scripture Reading - Psalms 46:1-2; 9:9; 91:15
27:5; 37:39; Job 5:19 II Cor. 1:3-4

Intro.

1. Remember when trouble comes, that no matter how things look, no matter how you feel, God loves you.
2. Remember when trouble comes that no trial can come to us except by God's permission, and if God permits it to come it must be for our highest good.
 - a. All things work together for good to us who love God. We live charmed lives.
 - b. No trial can come to us unless God permits it. No sorrow can come unless our heavenly Father permits it.
No perplexing problem can come unless God permits it.
1. Illus. Job.
 - c. If God permits a trial to come, it must be because the trial is the best thing that could happen to us, and we must accept it with thanks from his dear hand.

You can always count on God to make the afterward of difficulties, if rightly overcome, a thousand times richer and fairer than the forward. "No chastening . . . seemeth joyous. . . nevertheless afterward. . . . What a yield!"

3. Remember that you may have the wonderful peace of God which "Passeth understanding".

Allus. John Edwin Davis Missionary to India. Became a leper.

4. Remember not to grow rebellious or bitter. be submissive to God's will.
 - a. Illus Lady who thought God had left her when she was sick.

5. Remember that even though you have suffered much there is still something for which to be thankful.

Illus Man who had met with financial loss

6. Remember that it will not last forever It is only for a season.

Illus Finding the verse. It came to Pass "

7. Remember do not try to understand all of God's dealings with you; be content to wait until later for the clearing up of what appears to be a mystery.

Obeys think of Abraham.

Meeting the Challenge of our Children

Scripture Reading: Mark 10: 13-16

John 21: 15

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Intro. Jesus ministered to all classes of people :
the Rich, the poor, the weak the strong, the young and the
old He was no respecter of persons, but saw the need of all
mankind. We need to be like Him in our work for Him.
This morning I want to point out Jesus work among the Children.

1. He loved and cared for them.

Isaiah 40: 11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd:
he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in
his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Mt 19:13-15 "Then were there brought unto him little children,
that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the
disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, suffer little
children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such
is the kingdom of heaven. And he laid his hands on them and
departed thence. *Illustr. Jesus brought the children in the temple.*

2. Our training of Children is important for future life.
Pr. 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when
he is old, he will not depart from it;
not much can be done in public schools.

3. Jesus warned against despising them . Mt. 18:10 "Take
heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I
say not unto you, That in heaven their angels do always
behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."
Illustrate Ch. waiting to dismiss party because only one boy would.

4. Jesus said a childlike spirit is absolutely essential
to being a Christian

Mt. 18:3,4 "And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be
converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter
into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble
himself as this little, child, the same is greatest in the
kingdom of heaven. v. 5. And whoso shall receive one such
little child in my name receiveth me.
Trusting, loving.

4. Warning against turning a child away from God.

V. 6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones
which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone
were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the
depth of the sea." *Illustr. Sandy Crosby's mother.*
Illustr. Father steps in the snow.

6. Jesus commands that we feed them spiritual food.

John 21:15 Simon, when thou hadst dined, Jesus saith to Simon
lovest thou me more than these?

He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee,
He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. *By a purely wrought*
Sunday School Bible School Youth Conf.

Most people find Christ Early in life.

Let us see the great harvest of Children all around us and
lift up our eyes of compassion unto them while their hearts
are tender and easy won to the Lord.

Funeral Message for Richard Simmons, 6-8-86

2021:3-4

Scripture, 1 Th 1:3-4 through the valley to the Jordan River

"Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort: Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

We are all here today to show our love and respect to one who was a Brother, Father, Grandfather, Neighbor and Friend. It is so right for us to do this, but we will not be able to show all our love and appreciation for him in this brief memorial service.

Richard loved his family, His children and Grandchildren loved him. When he came to the Wesleyan Church where I was pastoring, His Grandchildren always liked to sit near Him. I always found him a good neighbor and friend. I clearly remember him coming to church one day and coming forward to the altar to give his heart to the Lord. Now he has been taken from us because of the all wise providence of God, so we need to turn our thoughts toward the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 61:1 says of Him; "He hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted".

There is one present whom we do not see but is closer to us than life or breath. The Lord Jesus Christ. Let me picture to you a scene near the little town of Bethany, death had come to the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Illust.

"Jesus Wept" Jn. 11:35

Does Jesus Care.

Isaiah 53 says He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with Grief.

Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem. "How oft would I have gathered you as a hen gathers her chicks under her wing."

Jesus saw the multitudes and was moved with compassion as sheep without a shepherd. He said I am the good shepherd the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.

He said. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

He said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Death is something we all must reckon with. It is appointed unto man once to die. Let us look to a place called Calvary.

This life is a preparation for the next

The Bible says we all should prepare for the hour of death and meeting God.

Let us all realize that as we sit here in the presence of death we are all going to come to the place of death ourselves and we will meet God our maker.

We will never meet again just as we are now. Dear friends, I appreciate the confidence and trust you have placed in me. As a minister of Jesus Christ and your friend it is my greatest desire to help you prepare to meet God someday. Time swiftly passes.

I want you to look to Jesus. examine your life and tell Him everything and take Him as your Lord and Saviour

Be Still And Know

Prayer
Like as a
father, patient
his children

Be still, and know that I am God,
Where you now tread, I too have trod -
I know your griefs - I have a part,
I know the anguish of your heart.
Did I not walk the toilsome road,
A wanderer, without abode?
Did I not stand in Pilate's Hall,
Though innocent, hear judgment fall?
Did I not hang on yonder Tree
At Golgotha, to die for thee?
Did I not break the bars away,
On that first Resurrection Day?
Ah, yes, my friend, I've journeyed far,
To break the might of death's cold bar -
'Twas all for you I paid the price,
For you, I made such sacrifice,
In Me, you'll find your source of power,
To gird you in this trying hour -
Let not your heart then troubled be,
Believe in God, and so in Me,
Where you now tread, I too have trod,
Be still, and know that I am God.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Ps. 23:4

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, will we not fear, though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." Ps. 46:1-3

"As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children." Ps. 103:15-17

Obituary

Richard Robert Simmons age 58 of Morgantown, Ky. Passed away Monday June 2, 1986, at the Medical Center in Bowling Green after a brief illness. He was born Dec. 5, 1927 in Todd county, Ky. The son of Wallace R. Simmons and Lela Hightower. Mr. Simmons was a W W II Veteran and was employed as a Boiler maker at Western Ky. University.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Christine Newman Simmons

(3 Daughters)

Mrs. Debbie L. Dockery, Mrs. Janice Turner, and Mrs Susan

Parker.

(2 Sons)

Gary and Jerry Simmons

(1 sister) Mrs. Frances Joiner

(1 brother) Bill Simmons

8 Grandchildren

Many friends

Order of Service

Organ Music

Song

Scripture and prayer, Bro Bean

Song

Obituary

Message

Song

Organ music

I Assisted in Ellen Barrow Funeral June 19, 1986
Bro. Joe Bunch Preached Sandy Creek Church
Butler County, Ky.

Scripture Rev. 14:13 "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Ellen Barrow was a faithful Christian, she loved the Lord she loved her family and she loved the Church. I knew her when she was a faithful member of the Wesleyan church of Morgantown. She was the kind of member every pastor loves. She was a booster not a knocker. During her lifetime she moved a number of places and ~~had~~ attended church wherever she went. She always had good things to say about each church and pastor. She loved to make quilts and about every Christmas she gave my Wife and me a new quilt which she had worked many months to make. I believe today she is safe in the arms of Jesus. Let us pray.

He's Coming again
Calvary Wesleyan
Owensboro, Ky.
Dec 28, 1986

Intro. I trust you all had a blessed Christmas and are ready for the coming new year. What we have done this past year cannot be changed for better or worse but the future is before us a nice clean sheet for us to use for God's glory, and to help others along the pathway of life.

Jesus coming to earth the first time about 1986 years ago was the greatest thing that had happened on earth since its beginning. Many prophets foretold His coming but not many were ready or looking for Him when He came. Like the wise men, Herod, Anna, but He came anyway just as it had been prophesied.

He's coming back according to Heb. 9:28 "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." His first coming was great but his second coming will be great also.

His second coming is mentioned
~~coming is mentioned~~ more times
in the New Testament than there
are chapters, 318 times in 260
chapters, an average of one in
every 25 verses from Matthew to
Rev. . Most old Testament
prophecies predicting Christ's
coming are not his coming
to die but to reign as
king.

God commands us to comfort
one another about his second
coming. Paul wrote "But, we
would not have you ignorant
brethren, concerning them that
fall asleep; that ye sorrow not,
even as the rest who have
no hope. For if we believe that
Jesus died and rose again, even
so them also that are fallen
asleep in Jesus will God bring
with Him. For this we say
unto you by the word of the
Lord, that we that are alive
that are left unto the coming
of the Lord, shall in no wise
precede them that are fallen
asleep. For the Lord himself

shall descend from heaven
with a shout, with the
voice of the archangel, and
with the trump of God;
and the dead in Christ
shall rise first; then ^{we} shall
that are alive, that are
left, shall together with
them be caught up in
the clouds, to meet the
Lord in the air; and so
shall we ever be with
the Lord. Wherefore comfort
one another with these
words. (I Thess. 4:13-18)
There is no other truth
that has such comfort
in it for believers

Calvary Wesleyan M.T. Magazine
7-30-69 ^{forenoon} 12-14/0 - 28-90 ^{any down}
Read Rev. 7:9. ^{list of all} P 128

Heaven, our future home
is such a fabulous place
that no one is able to
adequately describe it.
1 Co: 2:9 says "But it is
written, Eye hath not seen,
nor ear heard, neither have
entered into the heart of
man, the things which
God hath prepared for them
that love Him." II Cor 12:4
Paul caught up to the 3rd heaven.
Steven saw Jesus in heaven. But Robinson
said ~~nothing~~ ^{nothing} I want to
center our attention 7
things Heaven will not
have.

1. No more sin, Satan, or temptation
Paradise was lost in the
area of Garden of Eden, but it will
be regained in heaven
Christ on the cross. Today you will be
2. ~~No more curse~~ ^{with me in Paradise}
Thorns thistles, child birth,
Adam, Eve, Cain & Abel.
Jealousy, hatred, murder
lust greed.

wars, Broken hearts
and homes, Blasted
hopes and dreams, all
because of sin.

The Devil & his angels
and all wicked cast
into the lake of fire
nothing that will hurt
or defile will ever enter
heaven. ^{fifty} miles of elbow
room.

3. No more sorrow
Jesus a man of sorrow and
A heartaches caused by grief
unfaithful companions.
Illust. Tonga & Tommy
Wedding.

4. No more crying, no
more tears, Blasted hopes
Rev. 21: 4. ^{and dreams.}
God shall wipe away all
tears."

mental and emotional
anguish, sorrow and sighing
The world is full of
sad songs. "Sing me one
of those, somebody did
somebody wrong songs"
no sad paintings in heaven. Song

5. No more pain, ^{hunger or} ^{thirst.}
Rev. 21: 4 No need of hospitals,
1 in every 7 ^{Doctors} people in the
U.S. has arthritis. strikes
rich poor, saint & sinner
a disease which causes
almost constant suffering.
Cancer, heart attacks
Thank God, no more
pain.

6. No more Death Rev. 21: 4
^{Jesus wept,} Luke 20: 35
Illust. Baby from Is. 25: 8
mother's arms. Crib death.
Mother or father, Husband or wife.
The parting is so hard
no partings over there
Illust. Mother prays,
an unbroken family around
God's throne

7. No more Fear 2 Co. 5: 1
^{no need of} police jails courts
Paper will be forever soft.
^{eternal in the regions.}
no criminals, Thieves, Matt 16: 20.
murderers, Rapists, Terrorists
fiars etc.

It would work better if there were

all will be peace
and joy and gladness
and sorrow and sighing
shall flee away.

Conclusion: Who is Glorified?

Isaiah 35:10

"The ransomed of the Lord
shall return, and come
to Zion, with songs and
everlasting joy upon
their heads. They shall
obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing
shall flee away.

not everyone that hath Lord Lord
shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven
but he that doeth the will of my Father which
is in Heaven. Have you been ransomed?

Rev. 22:14 "Blessed are they
that do his commandments,
that they may have right
to the tree of life, and may
enter in through the gates
into the city."

are you keeping His Commandments?

Thousands in Space ^{17.1.69}

Intro. according to well-informed sources, preparations are being made to provide space travel for thousands of people who live on this planet. Instead of rocket propulsion which boosted the three men to the moon, a method of magnetism is to be used. Little has been published about this method but it has been employed successfully on three different occasions.

on the first flight, an elderly man - three hundred and sixty - five years of age - made the trip successfully. The official account is brief, "Groch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Gen 5: 24.

4 We are given more details of a second flight, as some facts about the space craft are also included.

Two prophets were walking
Elijah and Elisha when
suddenly "there appeared
a chariot of fire and horses
of fire, and ported them
both a sunder; and Elijah
went up by a whirlwind
into heaven (II Kings 2:11).
It is interesting to note that
after nine hundred years,
Elijah returned and made
a successful landing on
this earth. There was no
elaborate medical check up
He came and talked with
Jesus on the Mount of
Transfiguration.

II The third occasion of
"Emagnetic" travel. Recorded
in the New Testament
concerns says Lord. "When
He had spoken these things
while they beheld, He
was taken up and a cloud
received Him, out of
their sight."

14 The spoe flight of thousands
is to take place when the
Lord makes His return trip!
St. Paul tells what will
happen: For the Lord Himself
shall descend from heaven with
a shout, with the voice of the
archangel, and the trump
of God; and the dead in
Christ shall rise first. Then
we which are alive and remain
shall be caught up together
with them in the clouds,
to meet the Lord in the
air: and so shall we ever
be with the Lord. (1 Thess 4: 16-17)

A. When will this take place?
No one knows (Math 24: 36)

B. as a thief. two in the
field, two sleeping, two
grinding at the mill.

one taken other left
What will cause this separation?
Illust. Mon who refused
to follow Jesus. wife a
Christian. Friend told him
he heard they were going
to separate. Mon burst
into tears and repented.

Sin will keep you from
going up. The soul that
sineth must die.

You want to be ready

Uncle Arthur's Funeral

Long Tommy Fortner Aug. 28, 1983
Scripture John 14-1-3, 27

11 Tim. 4: 6-8

Prayer Bro. Nicholas

Long Tommy Fortner

Message.

I Read poem in his book poems
and prose. P. 18

"Lead us Unafraid."

I think of poems as ~~at~~
windows to the soul
Everyday talk is sometimes
shallow but poems come
from the innermost being
of a man.

Uncle Arthur was a great ^{Best}
writer of poetry on many ^{poems}
subjects. He wrote often ^{and}
for special occasions. and ^{often}
many times when he had ^{P. 37}
a ^{sudden} special inspiration.

He often wrote for special
days at Church. We loved them.

~~I called him Uncle Arthur~~
uncle Arthur lived a long
and careful life, 97 years.
I learned to really know
and love him when I came
to Morgantown 22 years ago.
He was Sunday School
Supt. then and His Bro. Rev.
Dillard F. Porter was pastor.
He was elected by the church
each year to be S. S. Supt. until
about 4 years ago when he was
not well enough to serve.
He loved the church and
gave himself for it.
Gave Bd. meetings etc.
Ran up the steps to the ch.
Worked in the yard.
Lefts heat.
Fell on the ice
He left a good tree nursery
business in St. Louis to come
back to Butler Co. to help in
the Wesleyan church here in W. town

He loved it to the end.

The first time I ever saw him really despondent and about to give up, was in Fairview Nursing Home in Bowling Green.

I tried to encourage him but one day after I had prayed with him he said, "Doesn't the Bible say, 'Without faith it is impossible to please God.' I said, 'Yes,' and he seemed to take new courage and started to get better.

Now in closing this message let me take a few minutes to exhort you dear loved ones and friends of Uncle Arthur to press on to the glory land. Jesus said, "Be thou faithful unto death

and I will give thee
a crown of life"
are you on the ^{morning} way
to heaven or on the broad
way that leads to destruction
Now is the time to
prepare to meet God
tomorrow may be too
late.

May this occasion be
a soul searching time
because time is swiftly
passing ~~and~~. are you ready
to meet God.

Psalm

none but Jesus
by uncle arthur

Scripture at Grove

Rev. 7: 9-17

The ascension : mt. 4-10⁸³

Script. Acts 1:1-11

Intro. Not only did Jesus rise from the dead but remained on Earth for 40 days. He was even seen by 500 at one time. Some important things happened during this time.

1. The disciples faith was strengthened. They could see he had power over death, Hell and the grave.
2. He was able to help them see what His kingdom was like.
3. He told them about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. How He would give them the power they needed to witness.

4. He told them what there mission would be to spread the gospel. Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.
5. He let them see Him ascend into Heaven.
6. Two angels told them He would come back like He went away. through the clouds, visible.
7. His first coming was waited for approximately 4000 years. His second coming we have waited for about 2000 years. The important thing for us to remember is. He keeps His word. Suddenly He shall appear. No one knows when

but His coming is sure.

The Resurrection and the Life. MT. 79

Text: John ^{Jesus said unto him} 11: 25, 26 I am the Resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

2 Cor. 4: 14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

Intro There are many religions in the world today, but only one the Christian religion has a resurrected saviour.

It is a proven historical fact, Jesus died and was resurrected.

I Death is on our trail whether we want to think about it or not. "It is appointed unto man once to die." But Jesus came to break the bonds of death.

^{Germinal disease}
2 The light of the world is Jesus.

Communistic atheism gives no hope beyond the grave.

If in this life only we have hope, we are of all men most miserable.

3 This life has its sorrows, heartaches and tears. The resurrection promised us is so wonderful.

The thief on the cross.

God shall wipe away
all tears from our
eyes.

4. No disappointments in
Heaven.

poverty

unhappy marriages

temptations of the devil

eye hath not seen nor
ear heard the things that
God hath prepared for those
that love Him.