

January 1st

'The Joy of the Lord is my strength' (Nehemiah 8:10)

God's joy is for all His children. All can have it. Who will allow His word to enter their hearts day by day, and receive and obey by faith what He gives from it. In this eighth chapter of Nehemiah we see the children of Israel gathered together with one accord and one mind, to hear that word anew. As God's servants expounded it to them, joy filled their hearts, and we read that "there was very great gladness" (8:17).

Our past may have been barren and full of failure due to our stubbornness and foolishness. But the Lord is willing to forgive all our past, and to restore us to Himself, giving us a new joy – "The joy of the Lord". That joy is to be our strength – a joy which begins the moment we turn to him and then multiplies step by step as we go on with Him.

January 2nd

"Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven". (Luke 10: 17,20)

The Lord Jesus says that the real ground of joy is the fact that our names are written by Him in Heaven. This is the ground of true heavenly joy. This gives joy unspeakable and full of glory – a joy that no man can take from us. For this is the beginning of joy, and tribulation cannot rob us of it.

Is your name written in the book of life by the Lord Jesus – written with His nail-pierced Hand? Repent of your sins. Be washed in His blood. Be clothed in the garment of His righteousness. Then and only then is your name written there. Please make sure without delay that your names are found in the Lamb's book of life.

"He hath clothed me with garments of salvation" Isa.61: 10. There is a fullness of joy when we have those garments. They give us boldness and liberty to call upon the Living God anywhere. They are the righteousness and life of our very Lord Himself. The life of the Lord Jesus Christ clothes our spirits when we receive Him as savior. It is in this that we "greatly rejoice".

January 3rd.

"In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psa.16: 11)

Joy multiplies as we live in the presence of God, and it is only there that full joy is found. Many can testify that their names are written in the Book of Life, but they cannot say that they are living constantly in the presence of the Lord. It is possible to live with the Lord's children, and to worship and work with them, and yet to be out of touch with the Lord. We can even be in a prayer meeting and not feel the Lord's presence – not be in conscious touch with Him.

But if you do not feel His presence, then you do not have full joy. This may be due to various things, but it may be your own fault. As a child of God, provided your heart is pure and your conscience tight before Him, you can and should feel and know His presence. Our prayer is that you may learn this secret of dwelling in the presence of the Living and Loving God, for this is His intention and purpose for His people.

January 4th

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart".
(Psa. 37:4)

The joy, which we receive at new birth. And which multiplies as we live in the Lord's presence. Becomes stronger when we find our delight in the Lord and entirely forget our other desires, whether for eating or drinking, for friends or promotion or name, to even for expert bible-knowledge. If we delight ourselves in the Lord, how much more will be given us in the joy of the Lord than these things can ever bring!

Is not our Lord the chiefest, the fairest among all people? And His glory does not fade. Let us then desire to see His glory more and more. Not what He gives us but what He himself is; not because He heals our bodies or answers our prayers, but because we have glimpsed the glory of His lovely face; that is what fills our hearts with joy.

January 5th

"I delight to do thy will, O my God" (Psa.40:8).

When first we came to know the Lord, we did not know how to find the will of God, how to hear His voice, how to recognize where and how He was working. But, as we begin to walk with Him, and to live with him more and more closely, we discover that we are 'workers together with God' (2 Cor.6: 1). When we hear the Word of God preached and see the name of the Lord Jesus Christ being uplifted and received, and His work being done, then our hearts leap with joy.

When the Lord is our delight, His Name, His goodness and His glory is our exceeding joy, and we begin to long to know and to do His will. When we can say with joy: 'Lord, keep me here, or send me anywhere else'; when we can truly say with all our heart: 'thy will be done', then that joy will be our strength to do His will.

Do you want the joy of the Lord to be your strength? Then learn to take delight in doing God's will. Find time, make time, give time to discover His will, and then make it your delight to do it. To do this, you may have to suffer hardships, and travel a long road, but the fact remains that you will be doing His will, and it will bring you fullest joy and pleasure.

January 6th

"Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24)

Learn what it means to pray in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. "All Power... in heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28.18) was his. There lies the divine secret. And that power, the authority is to be exercised now on this earth through us. Our strength is in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When trouble comes, or the Enemy, what ought we to do? Where lies our strength at such a time? It is certainly not in our words, but in the exercise of the authority of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let the enemy come in like a flood (Isa 59.19); Let him come like a roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8) we shall bind him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. That is our joy and strength. In Christ we are more than conquerors.

January 7th

“These things write we unto you, that your joy may be full” (I John 1:4)

When the hidden mysteries of the word of God are revealed to us, our hearts are filled with a joy that makes us strong. Our strength does not lie in mere Bible knowledge. When the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, by His Spirit, reveals to us the mysteries of His Word, then we are strong.

“I willshow thee great...things “ (Jer 33.3). When our loving Savior opens on to us His living Word that is strength. As God reveals Himself to us in a greater measure day by day while we meditate upon His word, so do we find our joy increasing more and more. Day by day He will give us something fresh as we wait upon Him, and as God’s Word becomes real to us, it becomes our joy and strength.

January 8th

“They departed...rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name” (acts 5:41)

When we are counted worthy to suffer shame for the Lord Jesus Christ, instead of being downcast and discouraged we should rejoice, because thus we see His glory in a new way, and in that joy we find a new and wonderful strength. In suffering shame, for His name we are promoted to a greater responsibility to serve and honor Him. “If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye” (I Pet 4:14).

Rejoice, then, that you are counted fit to be given the divine responsibility of suffering reproach for His name. That is true promotion. As you realize your privilege you will become strong. May we every one of us learn how to enter into the joy of the Lord, which is our strength.

January 9th

“The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost” (Romans 14:17)

Earthly joy arises from possessions. Men think that if they get all they want to have they will be happy, but sooner or later life brings disappointment and hopes are shattered. All that you think will give you joy will prove empty at the last. The Lord Jesus Christ, the living, loving Savior, who dies for sinners, is the only one who can give you joy. But the joy He offers you is not earthly joy. It is His own heavenly joy.

The Holy Ghost, who comes to dwell within us, works in us abundance of righteousness as God’s gift, and that righteousness is the source of our peace and joy. Men struggle hard to become righteous before God and men, but what men call righteousness God calls filthy rags (Isa 64:6). Whether it be Jewish righteousness, or Hindu righteousness, or Buddhist righteousness, or nominal Christian righteousness, God calls it filthy rags. God is ready to give you His righteousness as the free gift of His love. He adds peace to love and multiplies it by eternity. That is His grace!

And to that love and peace He adds joy by the Holy Spirit. But if you let the Holy Spirit of God enter and work in you, you will become righteous with God’s own righteousness, and as a result you will leap with the joy of God, because of the assurance of the Spirit in your heart that you are righteous in God’s sight, and because day by day you will find yourself becoming richer and purer and stronger in Him.

January 10th

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing, the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, the excellency of our God"

(Isa 35: 1-20)

How simply and beautifully the Lord sums up His joy when sin came into the world through one man's disobedience, it brought with it a curse, and because of that curse thorns and thistles, barrenness and disappointment are everywhere. Whatever a man may seek to do through his own advancement and culture, it only ends in thorns and thistles and desert sand. In every home there are thorns and thistles.

Your life is nothing but a desert waste, which cannot be changed or improved by any man. Then see what God's word says: "The desert shall blossom as the rose.... It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing." This is the miracle of the grace of God. He is willing not only to forgive the sin which causes all the barrenness and fruitlessness in our life, but also, by His love, to transform that barren, fruitless life into a garden of roses.

January 11th

"And 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 singing shall flee away." (Isa 35.10)

See the miracle of God's grace. Even though your life has been so ruined and made a desert, yet our Lord says: "I will restore. I will restore. I will restore all that has been taken away". What a wonderful joy it is that He gives! All that has been ruined and spoiled and lost can be restored and made good again. By the miracle of God's grace all the years of sin and defeat can be restored to you. Not only so, but you are given back much more than you have lost.

Receive Him then fully. Receive that joy which He offers to you in fullness, so lovingly and freely. Do not receive in part. He gives us all, and He demands all in return. Let your Lord take all your love completely and absolutely. Then there will be joy, and gladness, and singing in your heart, and the joy of the Lord will be your strength.

January 12th

"In thy presence is fullness of joy". (Psa. 16.11)

Because the joy that we receive at New Birth is not an earthly joy, but the joy of the Lord Himself, it must multiply and become stronger, richer and fuller throughout eternity. Moreover it is not a selfish joy. It is a joy that is shared by many people upon this earth and in heavenly places--- by all those in fact that have come or are now coming into the same experience of New Birth. Earthly joys cannot be shared like this. But this joy is a heavenly joy which it is our privilege to seek to introduce to, and share with, many others on earth.

What was it that enables David to rejoice with great joy, and how was he also able to make others rejoice with him? There were these several occasions in his life, each one of which makes a point of progress in his own knowledge of the joy of the Lord, which was his strength.

January 13th

"Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren; and the spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward" (I Sam.16: 13).

Like David each of us has been born into an earthly family; but have you ever realized that God wants you to be a heavenly King? Did you ever dream that your God and Creator had such a lofty purpose for you?. Just read the word of God, and see how much God loves and has planned for you. Then you will surely have a happy day.

Yet when you become conscious of the Spirit of God being poured upon you as a sign that you are His forever, it is only a beginning. Even though the joy of new birth is so wonderful, it is only a beginning. When you receive the gift of salvation, and the seal of the Holy Spirit, you will begin to know the real purpose of God in calling you and loving you and saving you. This is the beginning of joy – to know that God has called and chosen. The joy of victory over evil is a great joy, but your God has a much greater joy yet for you.

January 14th

" And David recovered all that the amalekites had carried away... And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great... David recovered all" I Sam 30:18-19."

When we fail God, and do things against His will we are bound to suffer. But ... David came back to his senses, and consulted God. As a result, " David recovered all".

Like David we also make many mistakes. Even though we are born again, and have been tasting His love and have learned how to find His will, at sometimes we also fail to seek the will of God, and do things instead in our own wisdom. Those who should be your friends may turn against you when you go wrong. But by coming back to your Lord, and doing His will, you are washed and forgiven and covered. You can rejoice that god has forgiven your folly and that you can again be used by Him; and your heart will be filled with the great joy of restored communion and answered prayer.

January 15th

"Nevertheless David took the Stronghold of Zion: the same is the city of David"
II Sam.5: 7,9a

The day when David conquered Zion was another occasion for rejoicing. Joshua had failed to drive out the Jebusites from Zion. These began to mock at David, but by God's grace and strength he drove them out. Yes, the day when he did so was a happy day for him, because then he began to see something more of the purpose of God in choosing hi. He began to see something of God's heavenly plan for his people, and how it could not be accomplished while the Jebusites remained in Jerusalem.

It was part of the heavenly plan that they should be driven out only by God's people who had come out of Egypt. He had chosen His people to be His co-workers and partners in judgment. God relies upon you, His people, to fulfill His heavenly plan.

January 16th

"So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel"

(II Samuel 24.24b, 25).

There was still another happy day in David's history, when God brought him to the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. He had been tempted to number the people, as though his strength depended on them and on the size of his army. So God had to punish him, and he repented at the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

It had been a very grievous sin, but God had forgiven him, and that is why it was such a happy day in David's life. Is it not a very happy day in your life, when God forgives you some grievous sin done in blind disobedience to His will?

January 17th

"Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it. Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof All this, said David, the Lord made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern"

(1 Chro.28: 10,19).

The very spot where David was punished became the site of God's House. (2 Chro 3:1). From that day David's true joy began. He had happy days, wonderful days, but nothing compared to the joy he found there at the altar, on the site for the temple of God.

God was now able to give to David the pattern for His temple, and the assurance that his son had been chosen of God to build it. The joy that David now experienced was an entirely different kind of joy. It was the joy that comes with revelation of the heavenly plan for the house of God. The king rejoiced and the people rejoiced also. Yet David could not have rejoiced as he did now without going through all those other experiences. Every stage was necessary.

The joy of the Lord is your strength, but the revelation of the heavenly pattern, and of knowing that God has called us to share in it, supersedes all other joys that you may have experienced on the on other occasions. In this joy you enter into the plan and purpose of God regarding His people, both now and in ages to come. Pray then that the Lord will lead you on from joy to joy, till you come to the fullness of the joy of the Lord which is your strength.

January 18th

"As for God His way is perfect"

(Psa. 18:30)

God always looks at the end from the beginning. This is something that we human beings cannot understand, but if we wait patiently, God Himself will teach us.

From the time God called David He had for him a very high and heavenly purpose, though David did not realize this for many years. We also, when we first come to the Lord in repentance, do not know what is in the mind of God for us in saving us, at that time we are only concerned about being forgiven, washed, cleansed, and made righteous before God, and when He does begin to teach us His own way we begin to question Him or even resist Him. But we see from the Word of God that, through difficulties of different kinds, God seeks to reveal His mind clearly and progressively to us. Everything experienced in this begins to have a deeper and a more heavenly and eternal meaning. We find that God is leading us in His own way, according to His own mind, thought and plan, we shall find that we have to wait very patiently to learn the mind of God.

January 19th

"The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing"

(Zeph 3:17).

You have seen human beings looking happy and joyful, but have you ever seen God looking happy? None of us can dream how our creator looks when He is joyful. Yet it is true that our God rejoices. " The Lord thy God ...will rejoice over thee, He will joy over thee with singing. "

Suppose you could hear the Lord Himself singing! How would you feel if you could hear your loving and living Lord singing over you? After He has loved you, saved you and poured His love into your heart. He will begin to sing for joy over you. Watch a mother with a newborn babe. She is so full of Love for the little one, hugging and kissing it all over. Her face lights up with joy, and her song is sweet as she pours her love into her baby's heart. God too will sing over us like this when we are newly born again and ready to receive His Love. Then you will hear Him singing a song far sweeter than any angel's song. Such is the joy of the Lord. Such is the joy that fills us with divine strength.

January 20th

"Then David said, this is the house of the Lord God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel"

(I Chron. 21.28; 22.1)

It was not for a mere earthly kingdom that God was calling David. He had for him a kingdom far higher and greater than that. We have seen the growth of joy in David's life, stage by stage, and we have seen what it was that gave both to God and to David the greatest satisfaction, even the revelation to him of God's plan and pattern for his temple.

Before God could reveal His plan to him, He had, as we have seen, to bring David by a path of sorrow to the threshing-floor of Araunah, the Jebusite. Then David realized that the same plot of ground upon which he built his altar and burnt peace offerings was wanted by the Lord to build His temple. God could have told David from the very beginning to build His house in that place, but David was not ready then to receive such a command or instruction. It is only when we are truly ready and prepared that God can give to us the instructions of His heart.

January 21

Paul say's "In me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing".

(Rom. 7:18).

A threshing-floor is the place where you separate the wheat from the chaff. All were saying what a wise man David was, but throughout his history, there often appeared little else but chaff in his brain. Through his failures God said to him: "Look at the chaff". Only after being brought to many 'threshing-floors', was David's brain delivered from the chaff. Through he was a king, he had to be rebuked by God many times, and had to pay a great price for deliverance.

We have all of us to pay a heavy price to be God's servants. We have to be prepared to be delivered from our chaff, and first of all from the chaff in our brain! What is that chaff? In God's sight it is all that we have secured through our own intellectual ability. In Isaiah 40.6 we read: "All flesh is grass". He is the grain of wheat – He is our true wisdom. All our experiences are designed to teach us to depend on that wisdom alone.

January 22nd

"Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.... So they brought the ark of God and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it; and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God"

(I Chron. 15.28, 16.1)

When the land had been purchased by David, he longed to bring the ark of God there, but once again he failed the Lord. He wanted to do so by a worldly plan, with worldly means, and in a worldly way.

In the book of Numbers, the Lord had given His heavenly pattern for the transport of the ark. No man has any power or authority to change the divine order. God brought David to his senses and in I chronicles 15, he gathered the Levites to carry up the ark of God to that same spot purchased from the Jebusite. What a happy day it was for David.

With great joy and gladness they brought up the ark after many years of wondering – "with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals sounding. By lifting up the voice with joy". It was a time of great joy, --- with singers singing right from the heart on that day of gladness and David himself joining in the celebration. (Verse 27).

January 23rd

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith"

(Heb. 10:22).

When we eventually see the ark of God coming into its place, we shall be filled with great joy. The Ark is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. He must be given His rightful place in your heart, in your home, and in your church order. When that is so, there is great joy. David won many battles but none gave him the same joy of heart as that which he had in seeing the Ark of God coming to rest in this very spot that he had purchased from Araunah. This is our joy and strength. When we see the Lord Jesus Christ enthroned in believer's hearts as king of kings, in their families as Head, and in the Assembly as Lord.

There always are three things to be observed; firstly, the Lord Jesus is to be your personal head, secondly, He is to be the head of your family; thirdly, He is to be the head of the assembly of which you are a member. Only when this is true have you brought the ark of God into its proper resting place. That is our Joy, but again it is only the beginning.

Can you truthfully say that the Joy of Lord is your strength?. Because you are entering more and more fully into the heart of God, Is your joy Increasing?

January 24th

"I delight to do thy will, O my God"

(Psalm 40:8)

The joy of Lord, which is our real strength in all our circumstances and experiences and responsibilities, is the secret of true spiritual growth.

It is quite possible to remain a spiritual babe for many years instead of for only a few months and, sad to say, many do. But God wants every one of His children to come to full growth and responsibility. God's intension is that you should grow daily. As you read and meditate on God's word you get to know Him, and so you have a growing hunger to be in His presence. It is by spending time with God that you grow in the knowledge of Him.

As we begin to delight in the Lord, we begin to have a real pleasure in doing His will. " I delight to do thy will, O my God!" (Psalm 40:8). Sometimes the Lord keeps us waiting months or years to know His will, and as we wait we learn valuable lessons. We learn how to exercise the authority of His name; we learn to understand the hidden mysteries of His word; and from this we pass on to the place where we are willing to suffer shame for him. As we go through all these experiences we grow into spiritual manhood, and that means that we are ready to bear the spiritual responsibility that God has for us and is waiting to share with us.

January 25th

"To the intent that now onto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God"

(Eph. 3.10).

The most wonderful day for David was when God committed to him in detail the whole pattern for the temple (I Chron 28:19). God could not have revealed this to him at the beginning of his life. God had to wait for David to grow spiritually before He could give him this revelation. Many people today speak of 'the church' or 'the Body of Christ' very freely, but very few understand God's true thought for the church. In spite of their 'spiritual' talk many show by the strife and jealousy in their lives that they do not really know that which they profess to know. The purpose of God is to reveal His power and wisdom to principalities and powers in heavenly places as it is expressed in the fellowship of the church.

January 26th

“As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee” (I Chron. 29.17).

Only as you are trained spiritually, and brought through many experiences to spiritual maturity, will you ever know God's full thought for His house, the church. David fought many battles, but it was in these very battles that he gained his spiritual training. In I Chronicles 26.27, we read that it was the spoil of the battles that was dedicated towards the beautifying of the house of God. If you are a child of God and have begun to walk in obedience to Him, then God will never leave you until He has given you the full, clear pattern, even as He gave it to David. In all his many experiences David was gathering material for the temple.

Every dimension, every material, even the windows and doors and colors were to show forth the glory of God by displaying, in type, the Lord Jesus Christ in His church. The church is not an earthly building. It is a spiritual building in which is to be revealed the love of God in Christ for man's salvation.

January 27th

“Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord” (I Chron 29.5)

At last, after many years of experience and training, David had come to a position of spiritual responsibilities for the vision of God's house and could say 'Now I know why God has chosen me.' Having showed the pattern to Solomon, he gave all his mighty men the opportunity and privilege of having a share in this task. The privilege was only for those who were of a "willing" heart.

We may be preaching, or praying, or teaching, or merely doing some menial task in the service of God, but if it is done under man's pressure, then it will not be acceptable to God. If you perform anything for God at any time simply under compulsion, or for what you can get out of it on earth, then there will be no reward for you in heaven. God demands willing service.

January 28th

“Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord: and David the King rejoiced also with great joy” (I Chron. 29.9)

Perhaps we can truly say that this was the happiest day in the life of David, and indeed in that heart of the whole nation. The joy of the Lord was their strength. Who among you are willing now to offer yourselves for the battle and for the service of God? --- Not for an earthly so-called church, but for the Heavenly Church, His body?.

Now please listen to His words as He stands before you holding out His nail-pierced hands and pleading: " And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" (I Chron 29.5). This was what made David truly rejoice if you come and give Him freely and willingly your life, your money, your talents, to be used in this great and heavenly building?

Then only you will know the fullness of the joy of the Lord, which is your strength. This indeed is true joy, and it will bring joy to the whole church too.

January 29th

"As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall they God rejoice over thee"
(Isa. 62.5).

The above verse indicates at once that the object of all His dealing with us is fellowship with Himself. That goal, towards which He is drawing us on step by step, so that we cannot draw back, is the highest joy of perfect oneness and union with our Lord. The bible says: 'the bridegroom rejoices over the bride'. That speaks of the pure that rises only from a fellowship of life, which is the gift of God.

God's purpose in giving Eve to Adam as a companion was for fellowship. God wants us all to have that true fellowship. This word fellowship is a unique word in the bible and no one can truly understand it who is not born again. The fellowship with the father and the son is wholly and solely and entirely for those who have received new life from Him, and who abide with Him and in Him forever and ever. That is how we define the love of God. It is the life of God flowing into us and our life flowing towards God. True fellowship is mutual and will bring into us a real divine likeness and conformity to the image of His Son.

January 30th

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready"
(Rev. 19.7)

In Revelation 21 the Church is compared to a bride adorned for her husband - --- a bride prepared to receive in fullness the love and joy and wisdom of God and the very heart-secrets of her Lord. When you go to heaven the Lord will share everything with you without any compulsion, and yet you will be glad to be in subjection to Him throughout eternity.

Now do you understand why your Lord wants you to be His? Now do you understand why He is calling you, loving you and disciplining you? It is even that He may rejoice over you with heavenly rejoicing, and that you may have intimacy with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost that the angels can never know. It is that you may enjoy the sweetest love through all eternity ---- that you may know the great joy of being loved with a heavenly, everlasting love.

All the heavenly powers are waiting to see God's glory and beauty in you and God wants you to be the object of His delight and affection. Will you not allow Him to bring you into that enjoyment?.

January 31st

"At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore".

(Psalm 16.11).

God will not rest till He has received from us that for which He has been waiting from eternity. The mighty and Holy God offers to you His own righteousness in which there is no flaw or fault. God wants to present us spotless in His own presence before the angels of heaven. The righteousness of God in you is of such a nature that if you possess it, even the angels cannot point a finger at you in condemnation. Have you received such a righteousness or are you still trusting in something else?

"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Rom. 13.14). "And thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name" (Isa.62.2).

God seeks a dwelling place in us - a rest such as He cannot get even from Heaven without us. He is gathering out of this earth a church, a company of chosen people to get Him pleasure and rest and satisfaction. It is this joy which is your strength, and it is this joy and great love which we offer you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.