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The World, And
Preach The Gospel."

"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20)

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Forty Wrestlers For God!

From the musty pages of an old church history some lover of brave deeds has brought to life the story of a Roman legion encamped in the dead of winter on the shores of an Armenian lake.

The sun had gone down and night was falling when the soldiers were drawn up in line to hear the imperial edict ordering all men in every place on pain of death to pour a libation before the image of the Emperor in token that they acknowledge the ancient gods of Rome.

It was a strange scene — the flaring torches, the ranks of men with set, stern faces, the officers standing near the rude altar, the ensigns of Rome fluttering in the bitter wind, and beyond the dark and terrible lake on which, if any refusing to obey, would be sent naked to meet his death in the long winter night.

One by one the soldiers filed past the image of the Caesar and poured out the libation. But now, a soldier, young, stalwart, straight; stepped out of the line and with high, uplifted face said: "I owe no allegiance before that to my Master, Christ," and stood aside. The line filed past and another and another stepped out until there stood together forty soldiers, so strong, so daring in every deed of courage or feat of arms, that they were called by their comrades the "Forty Famous Wrestlers."

The Roman general stood aghast. "What is this?" he cried. "Do you understand what awaits you there?" and he pointed to the lake. "A dreadful death — to wan-

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The Missionary's Needs

A life yielded to God and controlled by His Spirit.

A restful trust in God for the supply of all needs.

A sympathetic spirit and a willingness to take a lowly place.

Tact in dealing with men and adaptability toward circumstances.

Zeal in service and steadfastness in discouragement.

Love for communion with God and for the study of His word.

Some experience and blessing in the Lord's work at home.

A healthy body and a vigorous mind.

—Hudson Taylor (The Evangel)

His Plan For Me

"When I stand at the judgment seat of Christ
And He shows me His plan for me,
The plan of my life as it might have been
Had He had His way, and I see

How I blocked Him here, and I checked Him there,
And I would not yield my will—
Will there be grief in my Saviour's eyes,
Grief, though He loves me still?

He would have me rich, and I stand there poor,
Stripped of all but His grace,
While memory runs like a hunted thing
Down the paths I cannot retrace.

Then my desolate heart will well-nigh break
With the tears that I cannot shed;
I shall cover my face with my empty hands,
I shall bow my uncrowned head.

Lord of the years that are left to me,
I give them to Thy hand;
Take me and break me, mould me to
The pattern Thou hast planned!"

—Martha Snell Nicholson

This is one of 168 poems in "Wings And Sky", which we reviewed last week. These poems were born in affliction, and are the product of 25 years of Pain and Thankfulness. This book sells for \$1.00 and everyone should read it.

How To Study The Bible

In order to understand what the Lord is saying to us in His Word, there are at least four questions we need to ask ourselves as we begin to study any passage of the Scriptures.

1. WHO IS SPEAKING?

That will present no difficulty, for in nearly every passage, the speaker is the Lord. However, in a few places the inspired record gives what someone other than the Lord has said. Examples: Psalm 14:1; John 9:30,31.

2. TO WHOM IS HE SPEAKING?

Here is an important question. Is He talking to saved, or lost people? To Israel or to Gentiles? To a church, or to an individual? Woeful confusion has arisen because of lack of attention given to this question. Scriptures speaking only to the saved are applied to the lost. Church truths are applied to the individual. Read carefully until you are sure you understand to whom the Lord is speaking.

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"No Room For Jesus"

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." (Lk. 2:7)

For four thousand years the world had been waiting for the coming of Jesus. Every true child of God had been listening for the sound of His foot-fall. The first promise as to His coming was given in Gen. 3:15, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel". From the day that God gave this first promise of the Saviour, the world had been watching, waiting, and praying for the coming of the "seed of the

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A Message Of Comfort

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Fathers house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." —John 14:1-3.

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He Leadeth Me

"In pastures green? not always; sometimes He
Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me
In weary ways where heavy shadows be:

"Out of the sunshine, warm and soft and bright;
Out of the sunshine into darkest night.

I oft would faint with sorrow and afright.

"Only for this—I know He holds my hand.
So whether in the green or desert land,
I trust, although I may not understand.

"So, whether on the hilltops high and fair
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys where
The shadows lie—what matter? He is there!

"Where'er He leads me I can safely go;
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The Many-Sided Christ

Our Christ challenges the world by His many-sidedness. He meets the needs of all classes and conditions of men. As deep answers unto the deep, so does He respond to the moving of each soul of mankind. If we were to call the roll of the World's workers today and ask them, "What think ye of Christ?" their answers would be something like these:

To the Artist He is One Altogether Lovely.

To the Architect He is the Chief Corner Stone.

To the Baker He is the Living Bread.

To the Banker He is the Hid-

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