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Our Dear Prayer Supporter,

There is nothing new about the talk of peace in this old world! We hear of “Peace Treaties” and “Peace Proposals” but we remember that, in his day, Jeremiah wrote that people were saying: “*Peace, peace; when there is no peace,*” and “*We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!*” JEREMIAH 6:14; 8:11,15.

The Bible warns us that, such “*trouble*” and aborted hopes for peace will continue under world governance until the Prince of Peace returns to sway the scepter of universal empire. Sadly, this day will not dawn until talk of peace leads to the advent of the Antichrist. It will be a peace-platform upon which he will be heralded to power. Jesus said: “*I am come in My Father’s name, and ye received me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive*” JOHN 5:43. So the advent of the Antichrist will usher in the period described by Jesus as the *great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved* MATTHEW 24:21,22.

The introduction to this hour of universal conflagration is described in Revelation 6:17: *For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?* But for the believer, we read: *Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him* ROMANS 5:9. True believers know that God’s wrath for sin has already been poured upon the Lord Jesus at the cross of Calvary, and He has become our substitute. With such a foreboding future for those who know not Jesus as their Savior, you will understand why there is an urgent need for us all to reach the lost while there is still time!

The God Of Peace

One of the appellations of our Triune God is: The “*God of Peace*.” In His tri-unity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—peace eternally flowed from Member to Member and from office to office. There was never a dissenting voice and no emergency committee meeting. In this awesome and humanly incomparable Godhead, there eternally existed perfect accord; perfect tranquility; perfect harmony; and perfect purpose of intent.

Such intent included, that out of God’s eternal “now” He brought into being a time sequence. In this time capsule, He then undertook the act of Creation, of Incarnation, of Redemption, of Resurrection and of Ascension. So, after Jesus, as perfect Man, had made atonement for sin by the shedding of

His Blood, He became the Forerunner of the true believers leading them the way into His eternal abode of holiness, glory, love and peace. Hallelujah!

Peace with God

Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ROMANS 5:1. The Cross on which Jesus died was the greatest of all Peace Treaties: *And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind . . . and, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Him* COLOSSIANS 1:21,20.

My Peace I Give Unto You

Inward peace is God’s incredible bequest for a true believer. Dorothy and I have been blessed to witness the peace of God prevailing in the lives of born-again believers, in spite of their domestic distress; economic strain; great physical suffering; or, the grievous loss of a loved one. Even in such turbulent and heart-rending circumstances, the reality of our Lord’s promise prevails in the heart of faith: *Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid* JOHN 14:27. *Great peace have they that love my Law, and nothing shall offend them* PSALM 119:L65. Panic-proof!

The Peace of God

Let the peace of God rule in your hearts COLOSSIANS 3:15. We are told that the phrase “*rule in your hearts*” can be likened to that of a umpire or a referee. The referee will blow his whistle when there is foul play in the game. Likewise, the peace of God evaporates from the heart when sin is in the cup, or self-pity takes over, or a self-willed decision is contemplated. Then the Holy Spirit acts as the Heavenly Umpire and blows His whistle! When we respond by confession, repentance and obedience, the peace of God will return and His Word will again be living to our hearts!

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?

The Blood of Jesus whispers, peace within.

Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?

To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?

Jesus I know, and He is on the Throne.

— Edward Henry Bickersteth 1825-1906

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory for ever and ever; Amen HEBREWS 13:20,21.

Dorothy and I cannot adequately express our gratitude for your part in the wide extension of ministry through CCIM. Very many thanks!

In the bonds of His fellowship,



As years come and go, a mosaic of God's purposes of blessing take shape. At the time, each piece of the mosaic did not portray the total picture. However, one great advantage of being in "pre-dawn" years is that the yesterdays beautifully become part of today's blessings.

A few years ago, Dorothy and I returned again to Jamaica to speak at another city-wide Jamaican Keswick Convention. We will always remember the final meeting when the church was packed, the surrounding courtyards were crammed and the approaching roads were blocked by the police to accommodate the overflow crowds. When Dorothy sang: "My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord," a sea of white handkerchiefs joyfully were waved in response to the Lord!

During those glad days, we met precious believers who, in previous years, had heard our radio broadcasts—"The Way of Truth." These were transmitted from TWR in Bonaire. The conferees pleaded with us to reactivate the past broadcasts, we prayed about these requests, and recently renewed opportunities have opened up to activate this further extension of ministry! Accordingly, it was decided to rename the program from "The Way of Truth" to "Quest for God." Now



Caribbean radio listeners.

we are happy to tell you that the new broadcasts reach listeners in the Caribbean and in the northern part of South America. As the Lord provides, programs in Spanish are also being developed. These fifteen-minute programs include reading the books *Your Quest for God* and *Food for Faith*, interspersed with devotional music and the teaching of "Dorothy's Daily Devotional."

But you may ask: "Why add to your already heavy financial obligations." In His day, the Lord Jesus spoke of His own sense of urgency when He said: "*I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is yet day; the night cometh when no man can work*" JOHN 9:4.

As further encouragement to contemplate this expansion, the following communication was received from TWR: "It is our desire to provide a clear in-depth presentation of the Gospel for millions of English-speaking listeners in the Caribbean and the northern part of South America. In the country of Guyana, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity are nationally-recognized religions, with the result that a large number of people need a clear, compassionate presentation of the Gospel. Even those who have studied religious material for years will be blessed to receive the clear presentation of *Your Quest for God* and *Food for Faith*."

A Few Caribbean Radio Responses from our TWR Bonaire broadcasts:

Bonaire: I would like to receive the book *Food for Faith* from Richard Bennett (and Dorothy). I read the first book already (very good!) and passed it on to my mother-in-law. I pray she will receive the Lord soon! – Sharmente

Guyana: I am a friend of Cross Currents "Daily Devotion" in Guyana through TWR English schedule each night and am hearing you loud and clear. Please send me *Your Quest for God*, I am an aged man, and need forgiveness. – Clement

Antigua: Please send me *Your Quest for God*. – Leonard

Guyana: Please contact Dorothy for the books. I enjoy that program a lot. – Simeon

Curaçao: I am a listener to your programs to help me in my Christian walk with God. – Loretta

Guyana: I have been a regular listener. Please send me *Your Quest for God*. – Grace

Guyana: Can you please send me the book *Your Quest for God*. I would like to share it with whomever I can whenever there is a chance. – Catherine