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"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

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My House Is Full

Lanny Wolfe 1970s

There is peace and contentment
In the Father's house today
Lots of food on His table
And no one is turned away
There is singing and laughter
As the hours pass by
But a hush calms the singing
As the Father sadly cries

My house is full
But my field is empty
Who will go and work
For Me today
It seems my children all
Want to stay around my table
But no one wants to work
In my field

Push away from the table
Look out through the windowpane
Just beyond the house of plenty
Lies a field of golden grain
And it's white unto harvest
But the reapers, where are they
In the house, oh, can't the children
Hear the Father sadly say

My house is full
But my field is empty
Who will go and work
For Me today

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Time is a wonderful attribute of the living given opportunity to prepare for eternity. As days pass by death claims its victim and time ceases to exist for those who exit out of this life. Some are old and some are young. How precious to have met the Master and are being led by the Spirit of Truth whom Jesus stated He would send. Given this advantage in life the recipient should invest in the lives of other humans who do not recognize their need to prepare for their end which all living shall experience.

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. ***Then saith he unto his disciples,*** *The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."* (Matthew 9:35-38)

This discourse Jesus made to "His disciples" exposes true success is not in the performance of the miraculous by healing every sickness and every disease among the people which He had just completed. Jesus focused beyond human life experiences whether good or bad and focused on the reality that a harvest is facing all mankind. In that harvest the Lord will separate the goats from the sheep and then each will proceed to their final resting place whether it be in Heaven or in the Lake of Fire. (Matthew 25:31-46) Sheep without the Good Shepard leading them are considered goats and the Good Shepard is not willing that any goat should perish but that ALL should reside with available true repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

Friend this is the immediate need in this walk called life whether in the world or in a religious establishment where miracles and healings are sought! "*....the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."*



The prisoner Bible ministry International Bible Association began in 2006 has diminished because of the change in the prison system mailing policy and the use of electronic media for sending and receiving mail and use in reading material. IBA continues to send a KJV Bible to every request we receive and are allowed by their prison.

Thank you for caring.

Miracles & Missions Digest is printed and mailed to over 21,000 addresses each quarter into homes and prisons.

Thank you for sharing.

IBA's Madagascar Missions has expanded from few locations in 2005 to 300 in 2026. Instead of spending thousands of dollars on travel to Madagascar IBA has sent thousands of dollars each month to help the Malagasy believers purchase the necessary equipment to evangelize and build churches.

Thank you for your support.

Pray that laborers be sent where many unreached souls live without a true Light of the Gospel. It is a difficult and a lonely endeavor and the reason it has been neglected by many is because they instead go to an established field for fellowship with humans leaving laborers few. If I offered opportunity to go to Madagascar where they have established over 300 congregations themselves many would respond BUT who will respond to the Lord of the harvest to go where the need is here in the USA?

This dialogue took place at Jacob's well: *"And he must needs go through Samaria."* (John 4:4) *"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."* (John 4:34-35)

"The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, ***Come, see a man,*** *which told me all things that ever I did:****is not this the Christ?****"* (John 4:28-29)

The works above are <u>inadequate</u> unless focus is directed towards lost souls. Matthew 9:35-38

(Luke 8:22) *"Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the* ***other side*** *of the lake. And they launched forth."*



(Luke 10:3) *"Go your ways: behold, I* ***send you forth*** *as lambs among wolves."*

(Luke 10:33) *"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed,* ***came where he was****:* ***and when he saw him, he had compassion on him****,"*

(John 4:4) *"And he* ***must needs go*** *through Samaria."*

Push away from <u>your</u> table look out through <u>His</u> windowpane!

Instead of rushing to where large gatherings are; pray that laborers are sent where needed!

"And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)

"But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead." (Matthew 8:22)

"Then said Jesus unto his ***disciples****, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."* (Matthew 16:24)

Brother Jack M. Skinner

I’d Rather Have Jesus

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands.
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand

Than to be the king of a vast domain
or be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
this world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than world-wide fame.
I'd rather be true to His holy name

Than to be the king of a vast domain
or be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
this world affords today.

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George Beverly Shea wrote the musical melody for the song in 1932. The words were written as a poem in 1922 by Rhea F. Miller.

Rhea F. Miller was the wife of Dr. H. V. Miller, one of the General Superintendents of the Church Of The Nazarene. After her husband's death Mrs. Miller taught piano and traveled all around the area in her little gray Nash coupe, teaching piano. She had a special mission in life and that was to get into pastors’ homes and teach their kids how to play the piano so they would have something to contribute to the church when they became adults. She would offer to teach these kids for free and hope to make up the difference with her other students. She was a very inspirational woman and made a deep impact upon many lives. She was very positive, always smiling, full of encouragement, and always enthusiastic.

Her father, Martin James Ross, such had been no more than a drunk for some time and would actually steal money from his wife’s purse, just to get enough money to buy another drink. Mrs. Ross was a good, solid, faithful Christian, though. And she just kept living her life for Jesus. She would walk to church in any kind of weather- rain, snow, sleet, mud, whatever it was, just to get there to be with God’s people. Eventually her steadfastness broke through the walls her husband had isolated himself with.

He surrendered to the wooing of God’s Spirit and was wonderfully delivered from the awful bondage of sin. He stood one night in a service in Brooktondale and began his testimony of how much Jesus meant to him… “I’d rather have Jesus than all the gold or silver in the whole world. I’d rather have Him than anything this world has to offer.” Mrs. Miller sat there and heard the words of her father’s testimony and a new song was born- “I’d Rather Have Jesus”.

Bev Shea said he was 23 when he found the song in 1932. Mr. Shea didn’t copyright his version until 1939. Here he describes (from How Sweet the Sound) the impact that this song had on him: “One Sunday morning in the family home by the piano he discovered a poem with the title "I'd Rather Have Jesus." At the age of twenty-three, I was living at home with my parents, continuing to work and studying voice. Going to the piano one Sunday morning, I found a poem waiting for me there. I recognized my mother's handwriting. She had copied the words of a poem by Mrs. Rhea F. Miller, knowing that I would read the beautiful message, which speaks of choice. As I read these precious words: "I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause. I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause." I found myself singing the words in a melody that expressed the feelings of my heart."

Mrs. Miller wrote some other songs, too. One was for a Missionary Convention, a little chorus based on Psalm 126:6. The words went like this: “He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves”- then a repeat of that and close. She also wrote a song called "It Is Worth All It Costs To Be Holy", copyrighted June 15, 1937, Nazarene Publishing House. That was in our hymnals for a while.
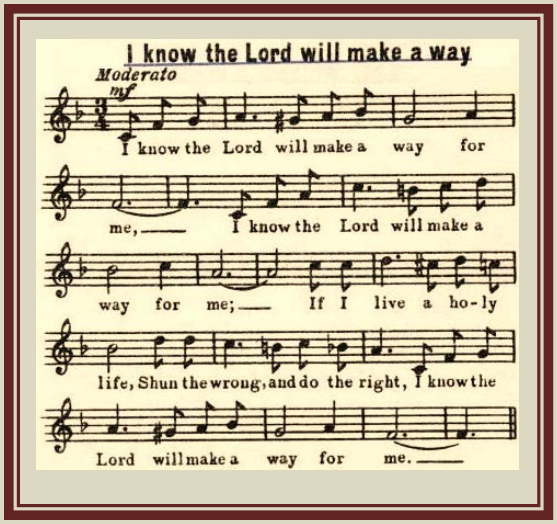
by Ron Kelly
(former student and friend of Rhea F. Miller)

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. (Job 1:1)

And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually. (Job 1:4-5)

And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? (Job 1:8)

And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them: And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly. (Job 1:13-22)



And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. (Job 2:3)

Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips. Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him. (Job 2:9-11)

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. (Job 38:1-3)

Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes. And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath. Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job. So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted Job. And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. (Job 42:4-10)