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AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

"WHOM HAVE I IN HEAVEN BUT THEE"

These are David's words, and also a part of an anthem we sing. They reveal David's heart, as he spoke:

"Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart." Psalm 73:1.

David's heart was a circumcised heart. We read God's words concerning David:

"... I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will." Acts 13:22.

David was determined to glorify God by obedience to His word. However, he found it was a struggle against temptation, as he acknowledged:

"But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked." Psalm 73:2-3.

He felt his feet were almost gone. The word means to come, to yield, to turn aside, to incline or pervert. David did turn aside in the matter of Bath-sheba and in numbering Israel. It is easy to allow one's steps to slip; one's cleanness of heart to be overshadowed by the desires of the flesh. David was quick to realize that he had turned away, and so cried out:

"... I have sinned against the LORD..." II Samuel 12:13.

God forgave his failure.

David's faith is revealed:-

"God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.
He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.
Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great.
Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip."
II Samuel 22:32-33,35-36.

David also expressed his trust in God:

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments."
Psalm 119:105-106.

In response to God's mercy and grace, David prayed:

"Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech. Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them. Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings."
Psalm 17:5-8.

The Almighty, knowing David's heart, saved him by his right hand, bringing him back to the way of righteousness. In gratitude, David replied.

"... I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory."
Psalm 73:23-24.

God did guide David with His counsel, His plan, His purpose, leading him in the way of righteousness. Let us look at David's words as he began the first Psalm:

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."
Psalm 1:1-3,6.

David did meditate in the law of the Lord, which guided him

in the way of righteousness. The Almighty took hold of David's right hand, in response to his prayer:

"Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me:
fight against them that fight against me.
Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.
Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them
that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.
Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after
my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion
that devise my hurt.
Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of
the LORD chase them.
Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the
LORD persecute them." Psalm 35:1-6.

David looked to the Almighty for help to walk in the light of God's strength which was granted so bountifully to him. He responded;

"Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon
earth that I desire beside thee.
My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of
my heart, and my portion for ever.
... it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust
in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works."
Psalm 73:25-26,28.

Indeed, David looked to God for guidance, for help to conquer his fleshly thinking, when at times his heart failed. He drew near to the Almighty, seeking His mercy and grace; he realized that the power of God was at his right hand, helping him to grow in strength and determination to submit to God's counsel.

Brethren and Sisters, our flesh and our hearts do fail at times our steps slip. Indeed, all have failed, with the exception of the Lord Jesus Christ, who never failed. He was able to cry out as He died on the cross:

"... Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having
said thus, he gave up the spirit." Luke 23:46.

Also, in fulfilling God's purpose, he cried out in victory:

"... It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the
spirit" John 19:30.

Jesus now sits at God's right hand as a Mediator, and a means of forgiveness of one's failures.

When we read David's words and sing this anthem: "Whom have I in heaven but thee?" how blessed we are to know the strengthening of heart and the hope of a "portion for ever"! This portion is an inheritance, a part promised to those who are at Jesus' right hand at the time of judgment. David said: "..there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee." What do we have from God through His Son Jesus Christ? God's right hand, God's counsel, God's way, God's strength, God's portion. None on earth can grant such mercy and grace!

David wrote from his heart as he rejoiced at God's mercy:

"As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried (tested): he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God?

It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places.

He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip."
Psalm 18:30-36.

What power, grace, and mercy God does grant to those whose desire is toward Him, the great God who provides the promised inheritance.

Let us lift lip our eyes and our hearts to Him who dwells in heaven. God looks down with His right hand to lead us in His way, as we look toward Jesus' return to grant the hope of eternal life for those who trust in the LORD.

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THE FELLOWSHIP OF LOVE

From Paul's letter to the Philippians we have a better understanding of his fervent desire for his brethren - that they be joined with him in fellowship and love, following after the Lord Jesus' example:

"If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

Philippians 2:1-2.

Those called under his tutelage were his joy and his desire was to nurture them into being joined in love one to another as part of the household of God, spiritually ready to receive the Lord at His return. Paul expresses thanks to God for the addition of these brethren, saying:

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,
Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,
For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;
Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Philippians 1:3-6.

His preaching was an act of love, done without thought for his own comfort or circumstances, for often he was in bonds as a prisoner in Rome while writing these epistles of encouragement to his brethren. His fervent desire was that those who were called to the hope of the gospel and under his care, might be joined in love and perfect fellowship, one with another, by reflecting God's love one to another.

"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

Philippians 1:27.

This word "conversation" as used here, means "citizenship", giving us the thought of being joined together in a common cause as we endeavor to walk together in unity after the precepts of God and His Son. In a similar manner Paul wrote to his brethren at Ephesus, encouraging them in this same endeavor, saying:

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."
Ephesians 4:1.

That "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" is another way to describe "fellowship" - the bond created between those called to that vocation in Christ. The only way to endeavor to walk in worthiness is to reflect that same spirit of love in one's living:

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;
In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:"
Ephesians 2:19-21.

That house - a spiritual temple comprised of God's citizens is where He has promised to dwell. This was Paul's work, to spread the knowledge of the gospel message, that all those called by the Spirit may hear, understand and love His word and be part of His household.

The building of that spiritual house is a fitting analogy to a house made of stone or brick. Solid materials but without mortar to bind each individual piece together as a unit, it can be easily toppled. Love is the mortar that connects God's spiritual house into a cohesive unit. Not only solid and at one with each other, but with God and His Son.

Paul in ignorance tried to tear down that house by seizing and persecuting its members, but when he realized his error and

was converted, he spent the remainder of his life repairing and strengthening God's household out of love for God and his brethren:

"Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved."
Philippians 4:1.

We are privileged in endeavoring to be part of that same household of faith and can share in the same comfort that Paul knew with his brethren in Philippi:

"If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."
Philippians 2:1.

We too can joy that we have been granted the knowledge and hope of the gospel's message - possible through Christ's sacrifice. However, we must endeavor to reflect this same spirit of love in our living if we hope to be part of God's household of faith, for upon this will we be judged at His Son's return.

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THE FEARFUL AND UNBELIEVING

The sombre warning of scripture is that-

"- - - the fearful and unbelieving - - - shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone - - -"
(Revelation 21:8)

These latter times are now times of very great unbelief. The Holy Father in Heaven has clearly witnessed to the wonder of His purpose in the marvellous creation seen all around us. But the world has gone after the teaching of so-called proud intellectuals. The scripture strongly condemns their position, as follows:-

"Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled, AND UNBELIEVING is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.
They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him - - -."
(Titus 1:15-16)

God's witness in His word is:-

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
And the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. - - -
And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb - - - and the fruit tree - - - and God saw that it was good - - -.
And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life - - -
And God created - - - EVERY LIVING CREATURE THAT MOVETH. - - -
And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and IT WAS SO - - -
And God said, Let us make man IN OUR IMAGE - - - and let them have dominion - - -. Male and female created He them - - - And God saw every thing that HE HAD MADE, and, behold, IT WAS VERY GOOD."
(Genesis chapter 1)

So is described that great surge of Heavenly Power that miraculously brought about such a burst of life in a planet hitherto "without form, and void: (with) darkness upon the face of the deep."

Since that time, over the centuries, that wonder of life has continued and testifies to the power, and lovingly looking down TO PROVIDE comes from He who is THE CREATOR.

But in these days what says proud man? They say what we see around us HAS EVOLVED! We will quote from the works of scientists so greatly admired by the world:-

"- - - No species is immutable: all have evolved, and are continuing to evolve, over vast periods of time. This challenged the pervasive creationist view of species as specially and separately created by Divine edict; nature for Darwin was a continuum, which made possible the speculation that 'animals have descended from at most only four or five progenitors, and plants from an equal or lesser number' or even though he hedged his bets here,- that' probably all the organic beings which have ever lived on this earth have descended from some one primordial form into which life was first breathed - - -.

'Natural selection' is defined as 'the preservation of favourable variations and the rejection of injurious variations' where 'preservation' refers to the process by which stronger or 'fitter' organisms, equipped with useful variations however minute in proportion, are more likely to be able to survive and reproduce their kind than their weaker counterparts. Thus, over countless generations, species 'change', in the sense that those fitter entities have gradually displaced - or are continually displacing - those which are less able to generate and which therefore, in the natural course of things, become extinct."

So speaks scientific jargon, and at the same time we have the simplicity, yet power, of the divine testimony that the wonderful world around us HAD A SUPREME CREATOR, it did not make itself by a natural development.

Darwin said:-

"- - - variations and the rejection of injurious variations, I call Natural Selection. Variation neither useful nor injurious would not be affected by natural selection and would be left a fluctuating element as perhaps we see in the species called polymorphic."

In another place Darwin also says:-

"It may be asked how far I extend the doctrine of the modification of species. The question is difficult to answer, because the more distinct the forms are which we may consider, by so much the arguments fall away in force. But some arguments of the greatest weight extend very far, All the members of all classes can be connected together by chains of affinities, and all can be classified on the same principle in groups subordinate to groups. Fossil remains sometimes tend to fill up very wide intervals between existing orders. Organs in a rudimentary condition plainly show that an early progenitor had the organ in a fully developed state, and this in some instances necessarily implies an enormous amount of modification in the descendants - - -"

What then is Truth, we ask? The Apostle Paul wrote of the joy he had in the belief which the faithful ones in Corinth had:-

"- - - our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, THAT IN SIMPLICITY AND GODLY SINCERITY, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward."
(2 Corinthians 1:12)

Jesus completely endorsed the scriptural account of the Creation:-

"From the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female."
(Mark 10:6)

The Apostle Paul exhorted his believing Corinthian Brethren and Sisters to be ware of false doctrine:-

"- - - so your minds should be corrupted from THE SIMPLICITY THAT IS IN CHRIST."
(2 Corinthians 11:3)

In these last times, science has undermined the testimony of simple truth. But as we look at what the so-called wise of this world have declared, and what IS THE TRUTH, what a blessing it is to be able to rejoice in the simple enlightenment which the Holy Word from Heaven brings to us! And to have the warning benefit of God's word which declares that:-

"- - - the fearful, and unbelieving"
are to suffer for their rejecting ignorance.

"THIS IS THE LIVING CREATURE"

Ezekiel 10:20

Ezekiel was a prophet to Israel during the captivity of the ten tribes in Babylon. While there, he saw a vision:

"In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity,
The word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him"
Ezekiel 1:2-3.

The vision was a whirlwind:

"... out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

And they went every one straight forward whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went. As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning."
Ezekiel 1:5,10,12-14.

Further, Ezekiel saw and heard in the vision:

"... when they (the living creatures) went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, and voice of speech, as the voice of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings. And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings."
Ezekiel 1:24-25.

Ezekiel saw in the vision of the Almighty, the living creatures who were showing the power of God to accomplish His purpose. Ezekiel prophesied to his brethren in captivity in Babylon, revealing God's presence with them.

As Ezekiel encouraged the captives, he spoke:

"This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they were the cherubim.

Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.

And the likeness of their faces was the same faces which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves: they went every one straight forward."

Ezekiel 10:20-22.

The purpose of God is accomplished through the living creatures - the cherubim - doing His will. The Almighty at Mount Sinai established the tabernacle where He dwelt in the most holy place, in the ark, the mercy seat, and the two cherubim (living creatures):

"... thou shalt make two cherubim of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. And the cherubim shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be.

And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel."

Exodus 25:18,20,22.

To "commune" is to speak, to appoint, decree, give commandments. God was with His people, showing them the way He would have them go, in subjection to His word.

David was one who gave heed to God's word:

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph

like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubim, shine forth.

Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved." Psalm 80:1,3.

David further spoke:

"The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubim; let the earth be moved. The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy." Psalm 99:1-3.

The Almighty God sent His vision of the living creatures. His cherubim, to encourage Israel in captivity, if they would submit to Ezekiel's prophesying, and so look forward to God's promise to those who strive to give glory to him.

The Apostle John wrote concerning those who take heed to His living creatures:

"... the four and twenty elders and the four beasts (living creatures) fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia (praise ye the Lord). And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluja: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Revelation 19:4-6.

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A BIBLE CLASS

**"If any man come to me, and
hate not his father and mother..."
Luke 14:26**

In the 14th chapter of our consideration in Luke, the Lord Jesus is teaching His followers of the necessity to leave the thinking of the flesh or the letter of the law, if they desired to become one of His disciples. The word "disciple" means a learner and those listening to His teaching, who desired to become His followers, were learning of the individual sacrifice to be paid in this pursuit.

To explain His point, Jesus gave the example of a man who intended to build a tower, but who first sat down to count the costs for fear he could not afford to finish the project and thus become a laughing stock among his friends:

"For which of you intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him. Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish."

Luke 14:28-30.

There is a cost to be paid when one first discovers the joy of the Truth - for the knowledge of His ways demands a circumcising of the flesh and forsaking all that it delights in. It is not a decision to be taken lightly, but rather with careful thought and a sense of deliberation.

He gave another similar example of a king who made war against another. Before going to battle he carefully consulted with advisers to determine whether victory was possible with the army at his disposal? If he realized he may not be successful, he quickly sends envoys to plead for peace and save himself from disaster:

"Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace."

Luke 14:31-32.

Our verse under study is part of this same line of thought:

"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:26.

The Lord Jesus' entire life was focused on teaching love for God and one's fellow man. He was not advocating hate towards one's family, except to make a point in His teaching. Love for God, and the duty to follow after His Son's example should be the first priority in the life of Christ's disciples. Any coming to the Lord Jesus without a love and devotion greater than the natural affection shown for one's family and friends - is not worthy to be known as His disciple.

To further emphasize this point, the scriptures record a circumstance where Jesus' mother and his brethren came to speak to Him while He was preaching to the multitude:

"While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? And who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Matthew 12:46-50.

This was not callousness for His mother or family, but rather to teach His disciples who were standing nearby, the importance of their obedience and devotion to God. They were close to His heart because they desired to walk in His ways. His work to teach them and the multitude took priority and his mother and brethren were required to wait until this more important task was accomplished.

He did not hate His mother, for even in his last agonizing moments on the cross, He thought of her welfare and commended her care to His disciple John, as He faced death and departure from this world.

In John's later vision of the Revelation, the Lord Jesus came to those of Laodicea, rebuking them for their lack of fervor in following after Him and God's precepts:

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.
So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:
As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

Revelation 3:15-17,19.

Those of Laodicea who professed to be part of the Lord's household, had lost the fervor of their first love - their devotion to Him alone. They had become complacent in their spiritual walk and instead of nurturing the spirit man within, they allowed the pleasures of the flesh to creep into their lives, displacing their first love. They had contaminated the spiritual fire and fervor first embraced, with the thinking of the flesh which leads only to death.

We think too of Judas Iscariot - one who was privileged to be one of Christ's chosen twelve. He learned the message of the gospel message personally from the Lord, talking, walking and breaking bread with Him daily, yet betrayed Him and lost the precious hope he had been given, because of his love for thirty pieces of silver! He did not "hate" or forsake the delights of the fleshly world and in the end, proved unworthy of the title of being called His disciple.

Jesus does not teach us to hate our natural family or friends -quite the reverse. Yet once we have committed our lives to endeavoring to become members of His household, our devotion and duty to serve Him must be our first priority, above all others.

How can we who strive to be known as His friends, do any less than show our love and devotion to Him without reservation - He who gave His life that His followers might have the hope of life eternal?

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

John 15:13-14

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SIGNS OF HIS COMING

**"- - - The time of the end; many shall run to and fro - - -."
(Daniel 12:4)**

As this situation is considered on British roads, oh what swift dashing about of vehicles is seen! Daniel prophesied that in the last times "knowledge shall be increased." The power and swiftness of the modern motor vehicle is an aspect of mens' improved technical abilities. Now before, and even before the present impact, motor vehicles are becoming more efficient, and the ability to produce them abundantly brings with it more travelling about. Visiting one another more easily brings benefits, but there are also detrimental results as well, because of the dangers on the roads with accidents with consequent injuries. Some comments in the news media underline a degree of suffering that goes along with the increased swiftness of travel. We will quote herewith some of the comments in the news media. Governments are bringing about legislation in an endeavour to produce effective rules, which have a curbing effect on these times of fast travel, to try to lower average driving speeds. Herewith are culled some of the comments, and concerning the advice from the media about problems and difficulties on the roads:-

"How to make a claim against an uninsured driver. - - - This - - - information - - - could save you thousands of pounds."

"How fast over the speed limit you can go without - - - risking being stopped. - - -"

"Tried and tested letters you can send to police - - - and the courts. - - -"

"How to receive a warning rather than being booked - - - what to say and do. - - -"

"How to combat radar and other speed traps. They are far from infallible. - - -"

One subscriber to the letter column of a newspaper said:-

"- - - As the result of receiving notice that I had been travelling at 40 miles per hour - - -, I followed the advice given - - - and have recently received a letter - - - informing me that no further action will be taken and that notice of prosecution is withdrawn. - - -"

Alas, there are a considerable number of individuals who exceed what is allowed them in road legislation, and some of them when caught do not accept the rebuke of the law, but rather resist the Authorities who take them to task, and in some cases their cases are not proceeded with because of the volume of cases, if the infringement is only moderate.

This then, summarises the present motoring position, as described in the Press of these times. It is a sign for these days when "many shall run to and fro". There is quicker travel, but what problems come, which the prophecy of Daniel gives warning of!

NEWS FROM THE ECCLESIAS FOR NOVEMBER 2009

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Our web site has brought inquiries and requests for literature. The log-on information is printed on the last page of the magazine and we welcome the opportunity to witness to God's word.

As the end of 2009 approaches, the world is still in economic trouble, with a high rate of unemployment adding to the perplexity. The scriptures have an answer:

"When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Luke 21:28

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