

MOVING.....OUT

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We are now standing in the late afternoon of 1941. It matters not how rich your experiences have been or how many have been your troubles during the year...1941 is about to close. Father time is about to ring down the curtain. The CLOSE of the year. Some closings are joyful. When this terrible war closes great joy will spread throughout the world. Many of us get a feverish enjoyment when certain joints are padlocked and closed. Other closings are sad. A man dies and a place of business has to close its doors....Loved ones are taken leaving little helpless children and the home closes. To some the closing of banks was sad.

As <sup>an</sup> the old year comes to a close you are joyful or sad in proportion to your efforts during the year to live a good or a bad life.

There are some things that the closing of the year does not change.....

- a. The revolving of the earth <sup>Since</sup> After New Years Day I have a feeling that the earth will still roll over. If so then we are still to have the blessings of day and night. The earth of the New Year will also keep up its trip around the sun and we will have our winter, spring, summer and fall. Through all of this God in His providence will supply us with food and raiment.
- b. Going from an old year into the new will not change the meaning of friendship. Friendship has its roots back in something more firm than changing years or seasons. Whether one lived in the first century, or lives to day or lives in century fifty, friendship has been, is, and will always be the same. We like to think to day of friendship..when there is so much treachery in the world..We like to sing....

"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and  
griefs to bear

"What a privilege to carry every thing to God in  
prayer."

"HE IS A FRIEND THAT STICKETH CLOSER THAN A BROTHER"

- c...Love...love does not change with the calendar. Love in the true sense is not like the girl who said, "I loved Smiley last year, I have loved Frowney this year, but I do not know who

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it will be next year. "Real love is as eternal as God because it comes from God. If you love some one you can not suddenly hate that person. The world was in sin and rebellion against God but He did not suddenly hate it but loved it to the extent that He gave His only Son to save it. It springs from God who loves us in spite of our sin and mean-ness. It covers a multitude of faults.

d. The dying of 1941 does not mean the dying of the Saviorhood of Jesus. Wars may come and go..years may be born and die but Jesus will be the same loving Christ that He always has been...seeking us when we go astray...forgiving us when we come back to Him. "The same yesterday, today, and forever!"

Yet there are many many things that the closing year will change.....

a. Some people will change jobs...some will get them another box to whittle on. Some will change because their work has been unsatisfactory...others will change because they have been so faithful and efficient that promotion has beckoned to them in larger fields of service.

b. There will be much moving out. I was coming from an engagement at New Hope School when I saw a wagon and team in the road...the waggon was loaded...beds, sarings, mattresses, quilts, cooking stove, children, and dog. On the frame was hanging the zink wash tub. People standing looking at the house and one taking the well buckett and rope indicated that they were moving out. Right there I got the thought for this talk.

I thought of the many times this preacher and family had moved out of one parsonage into another. I thought of Lott back there in Bible times moving out of Sodom. I thought of the hundreds and thousands of people moving out of their homes at the approach of the enemy armies in warring Europe.

Going back to our waggon scene I am sure that the team, wagon, and load represented their earthly possessions. They were soon to be on their way to a new place and carrying their possessions with them. At once you would be impressed that they were leaving nothing behind...and yet they were. WHY WERE THEY looking back?...Memories...of lean days, joyful days maybe, or a day when a simple little casket came in and carried out little "Sambo"...In the house were likely marks they left. In the yard were tracks..

You and I in a very few days will have to move out of 1941 and into 1942. We may be able to bundle up our possessions

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and carry them into the New Year...But some things will remain behind...mistakes we have made...words spoken hastily...pictures we have painted on peoples minds...tracks we have made.

But as we enter 1942 it gives us a good chance to resolve.. It gives a good chnace to sit down and chart our course..... May ever be ready to say.."Chart and compass come from Thee Jesus Savior Pilot me."

The "Moving out" most important is in the spiritual sense. Moving out of low ideals to high. Out of the pessimism of the ungodly to optimism of the Godly. Out of sin to righteousness.. Out of indifference to a lively life in Jesus.

There will be a time when each of us must move out of this earthly life to the eternities...may we so live this year and all the years that when we move from earth we may enter heaven...

"My heavenly home is bright and fair  
Neither sin nor death can enter there  
(no sin or death can enter there)

I am going home I going home I amgoing  
home to die no more.....

