

THE NEW COMPANIONSHIP
MATT.28:20.

If you are like most people you like promises. You like them if the one making them has lived so in your presence that you have faith in his carrying out what he says. However, if the person promising has made you pay a note you were on with him you had just as soon he would not trifle with your feelings. But in the Scripture to day the One making the promise is one "Who has never broken any promise spoken..He will keep HIS promise I know." L-i-s-t-e-n.."Lo I am with you ALWAYS even unto the end of creation." How sweet that sounds to those parents who have any problems in their homes?

THIS SCENE....Yonder on the mountain side near Bethany, just a day's journey from Jerusalem. The hands of Jesus raised over the Apostles in blessing. Off to one side Angels standing by..The Apostles looking up to heaven and those heavens opening to receive HIM. Under those glorious conditions Jesus made a promise.."Lo I am with you always even to the end of creation."

PARENTS MESSAGE MESSAGE..The departing father or mother leaves the the most treasured message.

Preceding this message some strange things had been happening.. Strange kind of atmosphere...Like Christmas to us with Carols every where..Forty days before Jesus had been laid in a tomb.. He came out of it..lies were perpetrated...Will you let the Kingdom suffer if telling the whole truth would get you in trouble?

After many appearances He now stands before them and presented to them the New Companionship. Judas had started out with Jesus but did not continue to walk with HIM. Jesus was promising a different kind of companionship than that..We criticise Judas and he deserves it but many people start out and then leave Him They leave Him for money..position etc. Judas was taking something else than Christ...you do the same thing. Peter and all the rest had been following Jesus for position. Lots of people are in the church for what they can get out of it..that was not the type of going along with people that Jesus promised..it was a new kind of traveling along. Their type could not stand up in the last hours with Jesus on trial. If their type were all that Jesus could offer us now we would be miserable. You parents who have to give up your sons to go out and die to protect coming generations from barbarism...and to save what Christ has built up for your posterity..remember that Jesus said He would be with you always even until the end..He also said that there

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would be wars and rumors of wars but the end is not yet...so you are in the bounds of His promise...so do not get up set too much.

Mrs. J. W. Jones said "I trusted myself to Jesus".

You note that these men got a new vision..death had come but out of it came life. Now they are to go out and preach that there will be life beyond the gates of death..the journey will be dangerous..they would need help...they will have a companion of a sort that will not forsake. A new sort of companionship. Your new companion will not sell you for money..You may go to court...or to death I will not leave thee nor forsake thee." Your boundries will be world boundaries...Go ye...

They were to preach..teach...heal.....

*Go ye...way should be
fruitful - meat may speak
Soul will thank a way
right - may find it not
pleasant. Our road must
be to total good -*

These things were spoken in the presence of angels..Heavenly witnesses...as Apostles stood looking..the angels who had heard Jesus instruct them said why gaze? You should GO. They would have Apostles not give so much time to the departing Jesus as going to do what He said do and there finding the departed Christ back with them.

*Strange idea of X^a way - woman
damned holiness - part has neither and -
claim goodness - then back bite -*

THE YOU. The YOU does not refer altogether to those immediate Apostles..Jesus saw..Livingston..Knox...Baxter..Wesley..Luther..and a billion others....All classes..not only preachers but every body....It means YOU my friend....

*If your plan seems to hurt
the Kingdom change your
plan -*

My plans were made, I thought my path all bright and clear,
My heart with song o'flowed, the world seemed full of cheer,
My Lord I wished to serve, to take him for my guide,
To keep so close that I could feel Him by my side.....

And so I traveled on.

But suddenly in skies so clear and full of light
The cluds fell thick and fast, the days seemed changed to night
Instead of paths so clear and full of things so sweet,
Rough things, thorns and stones seemed all about my feet..

I scarce could travel on.

I bowed my head and wondered why this change should come

And murmured, "Lord is this for ought I have done?"

It not the past been full of pain and care?

Why should my path be changed to dark from fair?

But still I traveled on.

I listened..quiet and still, there came a voice
This path is mine not thine I made the choice
Dear child this service will be best for you and me
If thou wilt trust and leave the end to me.....

And so I traveled on.

