

Introduction

It was soon after my 89th birthday that the idea of writing this, as a testimony of our Father's faithfulness to His Word came to mind with the hope of sharing it with my circle of friends and acquaintances as my 90th birthday gift to them. This is a journey book, with writings that describe just a few workings of God in my heart and ways He led my life. The object of this little book is to glorify God, the only One worthy of glory. He is the One who created and gave physical life and then spiritual. May every page speak of the limitless power, the limitless grace, the limitless mercy of our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of His sheep, the sheep of His pasture. That's me, one of many sheep.

In this book you will find favorite Scriptures, of course, some teachings He gave me, some hymns He planted in my heart over the years, some thoughts that motivated my early walk and some things I grew to understand as I listened to Him and obeyed. Some personal work is described, things I hope will bless you. You have a story of grace too. Life with Him is all of grace. Perhaps you should share your story of His grace in your life. A testimony of what the Lord has done, His mercy and grace...that's what I've tried to put together. As you journey through it with me, keep in mind that it is not my purpose to focus on myself, but on Him, our Lord.

Just this morning, the precious value of His Word for so many years came to me, along with powerful Scriptures, and the idea of sharing these with you, some with comments, some personal reasons why these are dear and precious to me. If you've ever been asked if you have a favorite Bible verse, quite likely it was impossible to name one favorite. I have so many that became part of my heart over the years. One favorite? Not possible! I knew from the beginning that the Word was living and powerful

and sharp, and spoken by the Holy Spirit into our lives just when we need it. He does this for us.

The very day I repented of my sins to God, almost within the same hour, came the desire to read the Bible which I came to understand is His Word. I had trouble finding one in our house, but I kept looking because I knew there was one...somewhere. Then I sat alone and began reading a Psalm...the only book I knew by name. The Holy Spirit immediately placed a hunger and thirst for His Word, yet to be read and understood...which has never left me. It started that awesome day. My walk with God continually connects with the Scriptures. It seems quite appropriate that my gift to you, celebrating 90 years of life would be with Scriptures.

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I was physically born 90 years ago in 1931, but began to live life in 1958.