

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me; Thy rod and
Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Pallbearers

Chris Hoel
Donald Shaw
Bruce Hoel

Mernice Alkire
Gary Nichols
Pat Hoel

In Loving Memory Of

CHESTER W. HOEL

Born
November 10, 1909
Carpenteria, California

Entered Into Rest
Monday, August 15, 1994
Mesa, Arizona

Services
10:00 A.M., Friday, August 19, 1994
Melcher's Chapel of the Roses
Mesa, Arizona

Officiating
Elder Morris Coleman

OPENING PRAYER - Burdell Moody
MUSICAL NUMBER - Phyllis Heywood "In The Garden"
Wanda Palmer
REMARKS - Morris Coleman
MUSICAL NUMBER Russell Bowers "How Great Thou Art"
CLOSING PRAYER - Maurice Jones
DEDICATION OF THE GRAVE Alfred Heywood
Our Organist today: Virginia McLaws
Interment
Mountain View Memorial Gardens
Mesa, Arizona

My brothers and sisters and friends we have gathered here this morning
to pay honor and respect to a man we love, and a man who has been an
institution in our midst, Chester W. Hoel whom God has called from this
mortal life. I AM HIGHLY HONORED TO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE SERVICES

We ask the blessings of the Lord upon Steve and ~~mixes~~ Nancy and all of
Chets family that they may find comfort in the things that they find here.

~~This morning~~
Those participating in these services are:

The opening prayer will be offered by Burdell Moody.

Then we will have a duet with Phyllis Heywood and Wanda Palmer singing ~~the~~ ^{the} hymn
"In the Garden".

Then I will make a few remarks and I note that in the congregation there
are many very close friends of Chet who have spent quite a lot of time
with him and ~~at~~ just a few moments after that ~~first hymn~~, and a few remarks,
I would like to invite them to come forward and express themselves in ~~XX~~
a tribute to Chet if they will.

Then Russell Bowers will sing X the hymn "How Great Thou Art".

~~Thank people~~
The closing prayer will be offered by Maurice X Jones, a close friend.

We will then adjourn to the Cemetary for the conclusion of the services.

Alfred Heywood will dedicate the grave.

Virginia McLaws is the Organist today.

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~~Chet and I never discussed religion but he never seemed displeased with the fact that there were times that some demand was made on my time, I believe that Chet would be the last one to try to make of him something that he was not or to claim any deep religious feeling, that he had. But you know I dont believe there is any of us here qualified nor do we have the right to judge how deep his relationship with Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ, the savior, the redeemer,~~ ^{was} ~~was.~~ ^{to appreciate but trying} ^{with} ^{THE LORD}

~~Certainly they must have had an influence on him because I dont believe that a man could be the goodman that Chet was without such an influence, and I dont believe that his thoughts were devoid of things concerning the next life and what his family would mean to him there.~~ ^{He}

I thought that just for a moment we might review what we have learned in regard to the condition of man when he enters that next glorious sphere of life for this can be a comfort when a loved one leaves us.

God has given us strong assurance of many things. For instance, He teaches us that if mortality were the perfect state, death would be a frustration. The scriptures say, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord", and this indicates to me that death can open the door to new opportunities. ~~Certainly we do not seek after death. We pray for those who are ill. The scriptures tell us that we should live together in faith insomuch that we shall weep for the loss of them that die.~~

~~We know that in reality that death is a part of life and is a sorrow that a strong family shares as it shares its joys. We know that the spirits of all men, immediately upon death, go to the spirit world to await the resurrection. We know that for the righteous, the spirit world is a place of joy and peace. We know that it is also a place of continued progress. We know that the Spirit world is not far removed from the earth but close by - though invisible to our mortal eyes.~~

~~We know that our departed ones know and understand our thoughts and feelings and that they are aware of us and retain their love for us.~~

~~We know that the spirits of all men, whether they be good or evil are taken home to the God who gave them life - the righteous to a state of happiness which is called paradise, a state of rest, a state of peace, where they shall rest from all their troubles and care and sorrow. The Scriptures tell us that the dust shall return unto the earth as it was and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Now we do not return to some place that we have never been before.~~

And so we have evidence of a pre-earth life. You remember that the Scriptures tell us that ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the Lord knew Jeremiah before he came to this earth just as he knew his other spirit children. They tell us that Jeremiah was sanctified and ordained a prophet unto the nations before he was born. Paul taught that man has a spiritual birth when he wrote ~~that~~ to the Hebrews that ~~we~~ have a father of our spirits.

My association with Chet goes back to 1941 when he and his father came to build an ~~extension~~ ^{ADDITION} to a Citrus Packing House, ~~Here IN MESA.~~

Chet was one of the most generous people that I have known and was the possessor of the great Christian Virtues. He was a man of principle and without compromise.

He was born in Carpenterrea, California on November 10, 1909. The family moved to the Glendale/Peopia area when Chet was three or four years old, and this is where he started school.

He graduated from Glendale High School and then attended Northern Arizona State College.

When he was very small he contracted Polio but survived and became a ~~pretty~~ good athlete. He was an excellent swimmer and excelled on a water polo team. He loved golf back then. He was a licensed pilot but gave up flying when a nest of crashes discouraged him.

When the Hoel family moved to Glendale, there was a little girl in the family across the street about his age. They grew up together you might say. She was Grace Ross. ¹⁹³³ On March 22, 1933 He and Grace were married and they lived a happy life ~~for~~ over 50 years. Grace passed away about 7 or 8 years ago and Chet has missed her greatly.

Chet's work has been mostly in the fruit and vegetable business. He was a very talented mechanic and built many fruit and vegetable packing houses and even homes throughout the valley. In 1941 he came to work for the same company that I was working for. We have worked together since that time. He built a ~~pack~~ Citrus packing house for our organization in Tempe. He was Our Packing Hou-e superintendant and even up until his death, he received a lot of joy and satisfaction from the friendship he had with his employees. In these retirement years he spent a lot of time with his roses and his fruit trees/

Chet has had some health problems from time to time but was doing very well ~~and enjoying life~~ until about the first of this year, ~~but~~ and it was only the last two or three months that his health failed so fast.

The people who worked FOR HIM.

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And this earth life itself is a necessary part of our Eternal existence.

The Savior himself was obligated to come to the earth and take upon himself an earthly body. He experienced joy and sorrow and happiness and disappointment just as we do, and Paul told us that "Though He were a son of God - yet learned He obedience by the things that He suffered - and being made perfect - He became the author of Eternal Salvation unto all them that obey Him.

Then after this ~~XXXX~~ earth life, What then? What about that most meaningful question asked by that ancient Patriarch, Job. - "If a man die, shall he live again?"

Christ was the first fruits of them that slept. He was the first to be resurrected. And we read in the new testament - In Matthew - that many of the saints which slept arose and came out of their graves and were seen by many. Their resurrection came in the same ~~XXXXXX~~ manner as did that of the Savior.

The risen Lord appeared to many including Peter - His chief apostle and - as reported by Paul - "He was seen of about five hundred brethren at once, and last of all, said Paul - "He was seen of me also." .

And so the reality of the resurrection was well verified. These are the things that bring us comforting assurance that we need on such an occasion as this. This is the answer to Job's question, "If a man die, shall he live again."

Our Heavenly Father loves Chet. He loves his children. He prepares for them and for their return and I am sure he has a very special place for Chet whom we honor today. We have the assurance of a glorious reunion one day where we can be together again - if we live for it. Where we can have the companionship once more of Chet and others of our family and friends and loved ones who have passed on from this life.

I ask the blessings of the Lord upon Steve and ~~his family~~ all of Chets family and that his good influence ~~XXXXXX~~ in this life will be held in sweet remembrance and extend throughout the eternities to come.

I ask it in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rusty Bowers

(THANK PEOPLE) Close Friends to Steve

Maurice Jones