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*Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet  
and show my people their transgression...*  
Isa. 58:1



*For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound,  
who shall prepare himself to the battle?*  
1 Cor. 14:8

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## *The Pastor's Paragraph*

*Welcome to 2021. We bid a big good riddance to 2020. Between the pandemic, the election, the riots, and the political division, we certainly hope this new year brings better things.*

*This could be the year that Jesus Christ returns to get His children. It could happen anytime. I hope you are ready for that great day. It will either be the best day of our life, or the worst day. Get right with God today!*

—Pastor Cole

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## *Don't Just Stand There!*

*"Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." - Exodus 14:15*

*Yes, go forward because you can't turn back.*

*The year just gone cannot be recalled; its journey cannot be retraced; its mistakes cannot be retraced; its mistakes cannot be undone, but we can go forward. This was the Lord's command to Israel soon after they left Egypt. They were saved, but it was not the end of the journey. Forward, march! That was the order.*

*It took faith. To the right and left lay a howling wilderness; behind them was the host of the Egyptians pressing upon them. What else could they do but go forward? But it must be in faith, because the way ahead was also blocked by the waters of the Red Sea.*

*But orders were orders – and when they obeyed, the Lord divided the sea; and they passed safely through while their pursuers perished in the waters.*

*The new year must be a year of going forward and not just standing still. I would direct my words to new converts to Jesus. For you a new spiritual year has begun; but your conversion was only the beginning, just as the birth of a baby is only the first step to maturity. The order now is "Forward, march."*

*You may be faced with impassable seas and unscalable mountains, but your Captain goes before. Set your aims high – don't be content with average progress. Make the most of your talents!*

*An Arabian prince received a new sword. One of his friends found fault saying, "The sword is too short." But he wisely replied, "To a brave man, no sword is too short. If it be too short, take one step forward and it will be long enough."*

*Forward, march this year. Don't just stand there – do something! Bon voyage!*

—M.R. DeHaan  
1891-1965

# *A Sincere Prayer for the New Year*

## *The Coming Year*

*What shall I ask for the coming year? What shall my watchword be? What would'st Thou do for me, dear Lord? What shall I do for Thee?*

## *A Holy Year*

*Lord, I would ask for a holy year spent in Thy perfect will. Help me to walk in Thy very steps. Help me to please Thee still.*

## *A Trustful Year*

*Lord, I would ask for a trustful year, humble and yet so high. Help me to sink at Thy blessed feet and on Thy bosom lie.*

## *A Year of Faith*

*Lord, I would ask for a year of faith. Give me Thy faith divine, taking my full inheritance, making Thy fullness mine.*

## *A Year of Love*

*Lord, I would ask for a year of love. Oh, let me love Thee best! Give me the love that faileth not under the hardest test.*

## *A Busy Year*

*Lord, I would ask for a busy year filled up with service true, doing with all Thy Spirit's might all that I find to do.*

## *A Year of Prayer*

*Lord, I would ask for a year of prayer. Teach me to walk with Thee. Breathe in my heart Thy Spirit's breath. Pray Thou Thy prayer in me.*

## *A Mission-Minded Year*

*Lord, I would ask for a dying world, stretch forth Thy mighty hand. Scatter Thy Word; Thy power display this year in every land.*

## *A Year of Joy*

*Lord, I would ask for a year of joy, Thy peace, Thy joy divine springing undimmed through all the days whether of shade or shine.*

## *A Year of Hope*

*Lord, I would ask for a year of hope looking for Thee to come and hastening on that year of years that brings us Christ and Home.*

*-A.B. Simpson*

# **TRICKY TRIVIA**

## ***This Month's Question***

*Many people in the Bible have two names. Match the characters in the left column with their other name in the right column.*

<i>Abednego</i>	<i>Hadassah</i>
<i>Daniel</i>	<i>Jedidiah</i>
<i>Jerubbaal</i>	<i>Tabitha</i>
<i>Benoni</i>	<i>Gideon</i>
<i>Solomon</i>	<i>Azariah</i>
<i>Dorcus</i>	<i>Mishael</i>
<i>Esther</i>	<i>Belteshazzar</i>
<i>Hananiah</i>	<i>Shadrach</i>
<i>Meshach</i>	<i>Benjamin</i>

Answer to last month's question.

*In last month's "Tricky Trivia" question we asked:*

*What does the name Emmanuel mean?*

*Answer:  
"God With Us"  
Matthew 1:23*

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"He is no fool who given what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."

Martyred Missionary Jim Elliot 1927-1956

## *On the lighter side...*

To live, in love, with the Saints above, now, that will surely be glory. But, to live below, with the Saints I know, now, that's a different story.

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## Sentence Sermons

- When you are up to your neck in hot water, make like a tea pot ... and sing.
- When we are down to nothing, God is up to something.
- When we realize we can't ... God can.
- We are never closer to defeat than when we are nearest to our victories.
- Each one of us is either a stepping stone or a stumbling block.
- Our schools of higher learning have turned out people of lower living.
- God is too good to do wrong and too wise to make a mistake.

## *I Will Be With Thee*

As the old year now is waning  
And the New Year comes to view,  
Blessed Savior, we acknowledge  
Thou has led us 'hitherto."

"Hitherto" Thy many mercies  
Have encompassed every day  
And we have Thy precious promise  
To be with us all the way:

"Never leave thee nor forsake thee":  
"Surely, I will be with thee" -  
Promise of Thy blessed presence  
Through each New Year still to be.

Oh, what peace and joy in knowing  
Thou art ever by our side  
And Thy loving hand of wisdom  
Will forever be our Guide.

And what blessed reassurance  
That Thy mighty arm of power,  
That same power that made  
the heavens,  
Guards and keeps us every hour.

What a merciful Redeemer;  
What a wondrous Savior too!  
What a gracious, loving Shepherd  
Who has led us "Hitherto"!

Could we ever doubt Thy goodness?  
Could we doubt Thy loving care?  
No! Thy matchless love and mercy  
Will be with us everywhere.

And Thy love and goodness to us  
Are beyond all human thought,  
For Thou lovest without measure  
Thine, with blood so dearly bought.

Entering another New Year,  
Passing, we would contemplate  
All Thy love's accomplished for us,  
All Thy mercies, oh, so great!

As we praise Thee for assurance,  
Who has led us 'hitherto,"  
That Thy presence will go with us  
Every day the New Year through.

-Anon.

# *My Commitment for 2021*

I'm a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His and I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still.

My past is redeemed. My present makes sense. My future is secure. I'm done and finished with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, or popularity. I don't have to be right, or first, or top, or recognized, or praised, or rewarded. I live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, live by prayer, and labor by Holy Spirit power.

My face is set. My goal is heaven. My road may be narrow, my way rough, my companions few, but my guide is reliable and my mission is clear.

I will not be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed.

I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice or hesitate in the presence of the adversary. I will not negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, or let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus. I must give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes. And when He does come for His own, He'll have no problems recognizing me. My colors will be clear!

-Pastor Cole  
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