

Bits of Home Chat: What a blessing we had this week! It was time for Spring Revival. God sent us an evangelist with whom we share some former friends and associates in the ministry. He was here with his daughter since his wife was home in Indiana state caring for her aged parents. His preaching and teaching were just what we needed. God always knows how to help us, and He uses evangelists to help the church. Their preaching is meant to do a cleansing of little things that have crept into lives, little sins (there is no such thing as little and big; sin is sin), and the hidden things of the heart and mind. One of those things is depression. He explained how **the devil uses deception when we are feeling despondent**. He shared that the mind, the inner soul of each person, can be spoken to by the devil. Once a person becomes depressed, then he, or she, can be maneuvered into distorted thinking by the devil, causing delusional reasoning. He gets the mind focused on self, insufficiency, self-pity, self-worthlessness, and finally hopelessness. All of that is prepared by the devil to weaken the individual to the point of destruction, suicide. I will convey this next part in my words since I could not repeat everything Brother Danford said. We must realize that no suffering is beyond God's ability to help His child whom He loves. No circumstance is beyond his **will and ability to get us through**. Mental anguish must not be the power that rules. **God's Word must be the power that rules!**. We must remember His promises during days of terrible mental and even physical anguish. He loved us so much, He gave His only begotten son to die in our place, no person, whether great or small, is excluded; **you are included!** He promised to never leave us nor forsake us. His love for EVERY single child of His is EVERLASTING, including one who fell to illegal, immoral, ungodly acts. His love extends completely to His child who, maybe from childhood up was miserable over being hated by family or fellow humans for any earthly reason. **None of those things separate you from the love of God! None of those things can separate you from God, Himself!** Satan does have power to devour your life and cause you to want to end it. When he gets you so low that you are no longer thinking of the truth, but thinking of the **hopelessness granted by the devil**, he is then able to **jump on you as his victim and get you to destroy yourself**. The remedy is **Jesus, friend of the friendless, Saviour of the world, everlasting God, lover of the soul, giver of life, sustainer of life, eternal, loving Father!** I could go on and on, but know only, that you must turn your eyes upon Jesus. I shall get to the Bible time for this *Chat*, listing scriptures for the things mentioned herein. I will also add a copy of the song, *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*, a truly precious reminder of His love, and His grace that is given to every one of us who know him as our Savior.

Memory or focus verse: **Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.** Isaiah 26:3

Verses to Ponder and to claim for yourself: II Timothy 1:7; Revelation 12:10 (recognize the devil as a **deceiver**); John 8:44 (recognize Satan as a **liar**); Hebrews 2:9-18; Matthew 12:50 (. He **reconciled us to God**; he stands as **our great high-priest for ever and ever and ever!**; Romans 8: 18- **See Jesus, the sufferer, the Saviour, the eternal God who, by grace, has paid it all for us** 39 though we are creatures who suffer and have struggles here, yet **God is able to sustain us**. Though we suffer here, **through him we have hope**. We have His Spirit who carries our deepest woes to the Father **more clearly than we can express**. Be assured that **He knows, he cares, He will carry you through** even unbelievably horrible sufferings and struggles, even struggles of the mind! ; John 8:32 Now, are you going to believe the **devil's lies he is expanding in your head** or will you **let the Word of God take charge?**

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No
 2. Thro' death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He
 3. His word shall not fail you— He prom - ised; Be -

5
 light in the dark-ness you see? There's light for a
 passed, and we fol - low Him there; O - ver us sin no
 lieve Him, and all will be well: Then go to a

10
 look at the Sav - ior, And life more a - bun-dant and free!
 more hath do - min-ion— For more than con-q'rors we are!
 world that is dy - ing, His per-fect sal - va - tion to tell!

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Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

16
 Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, Look full in His

22
 won-der-ful face, And the things of earth will grow

27
 strange-ly dim In the light of His glo-ry and grace.