



The Acmar Soul Miner

*Searching for wisdom
As for hidden treasures...
For the Lord gives wisdom*



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What God Hath Promised

Annie was born on Christmas Eve, 1866. She was welcomed as the greatest earthly Christmas gift to Eldon and Jean Johnson of Vineland, New Jersey. Her father was of English descent and her mother was Scottish.

Three years later, her mother died giving birth to her baby sister. Their father boarded them with a widow; it was not a happy arrangement.

With a seemingly dark outlook, a kindly school teacher neighbor known as Aunt Susie intervened. She spoke of them often to Mr. and Mrs. Flint in whose home she boarded.

As he was dying and knowing that the Flint's were Christians in the Baptist church, Mr. Johnson agreed to let his daughters live with them. Shortly, thereafter, he died. Within two years of their mother's death, the sisters were adopted by the Flint's who loved them dearly.

As a youth, Annie attended a Methodist revival meeting. The Spirit of God brought her to saving faith in Jesus Christ. Annie had an openness to the "household of faith" welcoming a wide fellowship of believers.

In school, she was fond of reading great authors and poets. She met every Saturday afternoon with a girlfriend to read their favorite poets and try their hand at writing verses. The friend described Annie as "a pretty, dark-eyed girl, with a clear olive complexion and long black curls. She was kindhearted, merry and vivacious – a favorite with boys and girls."

Annie became a teacher. She only taught for three years before crippling arthritis drove her home. Shortly, thereafter her adopted parents died within months of each other. She and her sister, who also was of poor health, were once again alone. Annie was dependent upon the assistance of others but she had no way to earn a living.

Aunt Susie convinced Annie to move to the Sanitarium at Clifton Springs for care and to rent the family home for some income.

With a pen pushed through bent fingers and held by swollen joints, Annie's verses provided a solace for her in the long hours of suffering. She wrote initially without any thought that it might be an avenue of ministry, or that it would eventually bring her returns to help in her support allowing her to return home.

She began to make hand-lettered cards and gift books, and decorated some of her poems. Some of her poems became hymns. The one below was written to console a downhearted deaconess who lamented over a hard life.

What God Hath Promised

*God hath not promised skies always blue
Flower-strewn pathways
all our lives through;
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.*

*God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.*

*God hath not promised
smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide
Never a mountain rocky and steep,
Never a river turbid and deep.*

*But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.*

***God will never leave you nor forsake you.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.
Deuteronomy 31:8***

Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles.

Puzzle 4

In each row, draw an ✕ on the objects that don't belong.



The wisdom of God.
We see it in verses but sometimes we have to
dig to uncover the meaning.

Look Here:

**God will never leave you nor forsake you.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.
(Deuteronomy 31:8)**

Digging In:

God is with us at home with our family.
God is with us at school with classmates.
He is with us on the playground with friends.
God is with us at mealtime and with pets.
God is with us at night alone in our bed.
God loves us and never leaves us.

The Acmar Community Quilt

People wonder sometimes about the house behind the church. Was it a parsonage? No, it was the home of the Bosworth family! Two of their grandchildren, Johnny and Terrie, shared some good memories with us.

Granddaddy and Granny Bosworth (Anon and Mary Ann) lived in the house behind the Acmar Church with their eight children. The only access was the driveway on either side of the Church. Granddaddy was a company carpenter. (Rumor has it that he was the one who thought the church needed a vestibule and helped build it.) Like most of the old mine company houses, there was a big yard and a porch all across the front of the house. There was a swing at one end of the porch where we would swing. Granny and Granddaddy often sat on the porch. Granny had many plants and flowers that sat on the banisters of the porch. There were several old buildings behind Granny's that served as smoke house, storage and other functions. (We would often play in and on top of the buildings.) They also had some hogs in pens back past these buildings which they would butcher a hog at times. Our family lived directly across the hollow, and our cousin, Andy Wilson, lived next door. (We were double-first-cousins.) When we were growing up, there were many trails through the woods, and one trail led directly from our house to Granny's. Whenever Mom noticed I was gone, she would often find me at Granny's (usually sitting at the table, where Granny had fixed me something to eat!) When I was young, Granny Bosworth made me a birthday cake every year. When we got older and got bikes, we would often ride over to Granny's. There was not a lot to do in those days, so one favorite pastime was the Sunday drive. Often those drives would end up at one of the kinfolk's. Not everybody had phones, so no one gave advance notice. They would just show up, often at Granny's, which meant great fun for all the cousins to play together in their yard.

Granny and Granddaddy had everyone over for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Granny was a good cook and everyone brought a dish so we had a lot of good food. We always had a wonderful meal! There wasn't much money for gift giving in those days, yet we usually exchanged modest gifts by drawing names at the beginning of the holiday season. I remember one year when my Uncle Charley Bosworth was in the Navy. He periodically sent boxes of gifts to my Grandparent's house during the fall. On Christmas Day there was a gift from him for every member of our very large family. Probably all the boys got a fishing kit in a wooden box. It contained a sectioned fishing pole you could connect together and some tackle to use with it.

I remember several Easter celebrations that were held nearby at Andy's parents'. There was always a huge meal followed by an Easter egg hunt. Aunts and uncles hid the eggs in the Wilson's yard and ours. Those egg hunts were quite competitive and so much fun! Yet we always missed finding a few and, in the following days, it was not unusual to see a dog walking around the yard with a colored egg in its mouth.

One of the last big annual family gatherings was on the 4th of July at the lake. Uncle Buddy (Andy's dad) provided his motorboat for the cousins to water ski and enjoy riding on the lake. Cousins from both sides of the family and friends enjoyed many happy summer days on the lake with that modest little motorboat that Uncle Buddy had purchased from Sears. Even those times when the motor quit running and we had to paddle to shore made for good memories!

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Audio Sermon Podcasts on Acmar Website	<i>Soul Miner</i> on the Acmar Website in the Gallery	 September 14 at 6:30	BIBLE STUDY Mayberry Series Every Wednesday	1	2  Alex Sims	3  Nora Howard
4  CHURCH 9	5  LABOR DAY	6	7 BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am MCA 3-5 p White's Chapel	8  BINGO 10 Senior Center	9  Mike Denny	10
11 CHURCH 9  Paul Goodner	12	13  Kristi Wolfe Belinda Wilson	14 BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am CHURCH SUPPER 6:30	15	16	17  Joshua Byers Gwen Bosworth
18  CHURCH 9 Meeting 10	19	20  Max Lowry	21 BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am MCA 3-5 p White's Chapel	22  Michele Cash	23  Brandon Howard Matthew Wolfe	24  John Bosworth
25 CHURCH 9 am  Stan Siegre	26	27  Mark Williamson	28 BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am Mayberry Series	29		

Soul Food for September

Mon. August 29 **Jeremiah 18:1-11**
 Tue., August 30 **Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18**
 Wed., August 31 **Philemon 1-21**
 Thur., September 1 **Luke 14:25-33**
 Fri., September 2 **Psalms 9:9-20**
 Sat., September 3 **John 14:1-4**

Mon., September 5 **Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28**
 Tue., September 6 **Psalms 14**
 Wed., September 7 **1 Timothy 1:12-17**
 Thur., September 8 **Luke 15:1-10**
 Fri., September 9 **James 4:13-17**
 Sat., September 10 **John 17:20-26**

Mon., September 12 **Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1**
 Tue., September 13 **Psalms 4**
 Wed., September 14 **1 Timothy 2:1-7**
 Thur., September 15 **Luke 16:1-13**
 Fri., September 16 **Psalms 105:1-4**
 Sat., September 17 **Exodus 4:10-17**

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Travel 1 mile; Turn right on Acmar Rd.; travel 2 miles;
Left onto Old Acton Rd., Church is on the left

Mon., September 19 **Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15**
 Tue., September 20 **Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16**
 Wed., September 21 **1 Timothy 6:6-19**
 Thur., September 22 **Luke 16:19-31**
 Fri., September 23 **Isaiah 66:10-13**
 Sat., September 24 **Genesis 1:20-23**

Mon., September 26 **Lamentations 1:1-6**
 Tue., September 27 **Psalms 137**
 Wed., September 28 **2 Timothy 1:1-14**
 Thur., September 29 **Luke 17:5-10**
 Fri., September 30 **Revelation 21:1-5**
 Sat., October 1 **Colossians 3:1-3, 12-17**