

# NEW YEARS EVE MORNING STUDY

**PSALMS 65:11**

DECEMBER 31, 2000

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“Looking Back to Look Ahead”**

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**INTRODUCTION**

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*Psalms 65:11*

## Looking Back to Look Ahead

Can be a very healthy thing to do if you keep in mind the  
“The Hand of God” in your Life.

### **As a Pastor**

I am keenly aware of how dangerous looking back can be. Many people are bound by their past pains and failures. Perhaps relationships that have ended in heartbreak or a business venture that has failed. Maybe it was child this year that drove you to your knees or maybe this past year you suffered a loss of a loved one...

Phil 3:13-14

Brethren... this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind me, I reach forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal - for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

## Looking Back to Look Ahead

Through God's Eyes is a Great Thing to Do.  
And we shall be the Better if We Do It...

**Ps 65:11**

*You crown the year with Your goodness,  
and Your paths drip with abundance.*

**Harvest comes at a specific time of the year.  
*It is physical evidence of what had been sown  
in hope and expectation.***

### **The Harvest**

**is God's Clearest Manifestation of His Blessings to Man**

**Ps 65:11**

**You** crown the year with Your goodness,  
and Your paths drip with abundance.

**You** crown the year...

((You))



**You heb 3068 Yehovah (yeh-ho-vaw');**  
(the) self-Existent or Eternal; Yehovah, Jewish national name  
of God: Yehovah, the Lord

You **crown** the year  
((crown))



**crown** heb 5849 `atar (aw-tar');

to encircle, enclose, surround, to hedge in or to ensconce. To cup or immerse fully.

**The Lord Has "Crowned" You;**

Hour by Hour, Day by Day, Month by Month, Year, by Year  
By Surrounding you with Exactly the things that You needed the Most

**!!! HE KEPT "SURROUNDING" YOU ALL YEAR LONG !!!**

You crown **the year**  
((the year))



**year** heb 8141 shaneh (in plural only), (shaw-neh');

a revolution of time. A year. The four seasons of a year  
the specific seasons making a year (360 days)

**HE HAS GOVERNED THE SUN, MOON AND STARS**

**In Job38  
"Hey Job, can you control Orion?"**

You crown the year **with Your goodness**,  
((with Your goodness))



**goodness** heb 2896 towb (tobe);

all together beautiful, the best, the better, the bountiful,  
the cheerful, at the graciously, the joyful, the kindness,  
the loving, the most, the pleasant, the sweetest, the  
wealth

You crown the year with Your goodness,  
and Your **paths drip** with **abundance**.  
((and Your **paths drip** with **abundance**..))



**path** heb 4570 ma` gal (mah-gawl');

a track or trail marked in the soil. A walk way.

**Ps 23:2-3**

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he **leads** me beside the still  
waters. 3 He restores my soul; he leads me in the **paths** of  
righteousness for His name's sake.

When I Look Back I See

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## **1.) The Hand Of God Has Been On Our Lives**

I pause first to consider my life collectively Over the years  
And He has always been good to me...

# I Must Confess - Life is Hard, But God is Good!

**Jer 1:5**

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
before you were born I called you to Me..."

**Ps 139:14-16**

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret.... 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book all my members were written, and the days were fashioned for me, when as yet, there were none of them!

## As I Consider This Year

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**a.) Our Plans Did Not Come To Pass**

**Prov 16:9**

A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.

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**b.) His Plans Did Come To Pass**

**Gen 18:25**

....Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

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**c.) Some Plans Just Seem To Be On Hold**

**Ecc1 3:11**

He makes everything beautiful in its time...

**Habakuk 2:3**

For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

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**2.) That We Could Have Trusted God More**

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**a.) We Panicked**

We've Acted hastily  
because We choose not to Wait for God

**“ACTION WITHOUT DIRECTION  
IS PANIC”**

Ps 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!

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**b.) We Worried**

Phil 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with  
thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

## **WE WORRIED MORE THAN WE PRAYED**

*How Many Things did You Worried About  
That Never Really Came to Past?*

# **THE WHAT IF'S**

## **WILL ROB YOU OF YOUR JOY AND PEACE**

Matt 6:25-34

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or  
what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life  
more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 "Look at the birds  
of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your  
heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?.....

...27 "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 "and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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### **c.) We Stressed In Every Area Of Our Lives**

## **The Point Is This;**

*That All of God's Dealings With Us Are Good.  
That what he has done, what is doing, and what he shall do,  
will be for Our Total Good*

### **Ps 139:17**

How precious it is, Lord, to realize that you are thinking about me constantly! I can't even count how many times a day your thoughts turn toward me. And when I waken in the morning, you

### **Jer 29:11**

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**Embrace The Year Ahead  
Because His Will Shall Be Done in Our Lives**

# When I Look Back I See

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## **3.) That He Was With Us All The Time**

Heb 13:5

..."I will never leave you nor forsake you."

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## **a.) We Were Never Alone**

I can hear and see better now  
then when I was in the midst of the trial or test  
or difficulty

**Start Looking to Recognizing  
his voice and seeing his finger prints in everything**

Isa 43:1-3

But now, thus says the LORD.... Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...

**b.) He Was Calling Us To Higher Heights**

Luke 22:27

"For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Before you climb any mountain,  
You must first go through the valley's

1. Deeper spiritual experiences
2. Decreasing is the path of Increase
3. Death to self is freedom

There were opportunities that came where  
God instructed me

**c.) He Was Inviting Us To Step Out**

**Like peter from the boat**  
(it made no sense to leave a perfectly good boat)

**Matt 14:25-29**

Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." 28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

**If (if) we are Christians**

One thing will be certain, the lord will challenge us head on!

**He Will Call Out to Us**  
**"Come!"**

**But When I Look Ahead, I See**

**4.) We See The Promises Of God Waiting For Us**

**2 Cor 1:20**

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

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### **a.) The Past - Points To Future Blessings**

Phil 1:6

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

Ps 138:8

The LORD will fulfill [his purpose] for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever-- do not abandon the works of your hands.

What has he done so far  
– is nothing compared to what he is going to do

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### **b.) He Will Bring Meaning Our Way**

John 15:13-15

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends..."

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### **c.) He Desires His Will To Be Done In Our Lives**

# He Delights in Fulfilling His Word (Word of Promise)

*Ps 37:3-5*

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. 4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

*Ezek 36:26-27*

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

## **WHAT IS HIS WILL FOR MY LIFE?**

To Enjoy Him, To Love Him, To Follow Him, To Serve Him

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### **5.) We See The One Who Can See Tomorrow**

God Is Eternal

Even when it comes to our lives – father can see...

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### **a.) He Knows Everything About Tomorrow**

1 Cor 2:16

For "who has known the mind of the Lord

Rom 11:33-34

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

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### **b.) He Knows Exactly What We Need**

Matt 6:7-8

"And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

1 Cor 2:10

His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

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### **c.) He Knows Everything About Us**

Ps 139:3-4

You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

Gen 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Henry Ford Knew More About the Ford  
Then Anyone Else... *God knows more about you, then you do!*

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## **6.) We See The Life That He Has Determined For Us**

2 Cor 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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## **a.) We Willingly Yield Our Lives To Him**

Rom 8:33-39

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**b.) We Gladly Obey His Commands**

John 15:12

"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

**c.) We Boldly Follow Him To The End**

Rom 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Tonight at 9:30