

### ***"If I Should Slip Away"***



John McFerrin, a noted preacher, was seriously ill and would soon go to be with the Lord.

His son, also a minister, stayed with him most of the time. But one Saturday, having a preaching engagement at a distance, he felt it was necessary to go, yet he was reluctant to leave his father.

His father, noticing his hesitancy, encouraged him to go. "Son, you had better get started," he said. "Don't worry about me. I'm feeling some better today. But if I should slip away while you're gone, you'll know where to find me!"

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<sup>13</sup> But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, **that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.**

<sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ...

<sup>18</sup> Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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### **He Is Coming!**

Are you not thrilled each morning  
As you look up in the sky  
To know that our dear Lord's return  
Is surely drawing nigh?  
And we shall see the One we love,  
The Savior we've adored,  
So shall we ever be with Him -  
Our risen, living Lord.

***"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ."  
Titus 2:13***



### **The Tragedy of Refusing Love**



Dr. Keith L. Brooks told a story about a beautiful St. Bernard dog that was trained to trail lost people in the Alps Mountains and save their lives. The dog was trained to scratch the snow off and lie down upon the body. Often the dog's body heat would revive the person and a flask of drink tied around the dog's neck revived him further.

The dog found his sixty-ninth man and after digging off the snow he stretched his body upon him. The man slowly revived and seeing the animal on top of him thought he was attacked by a wolf. He reached for his dagger and quickly plunged it into the animal's side.

Without a sound the dog crept away to his masters cabin and died by the doorstep. When the story was known, the dog's skin was stuffed and the story told to many travelers.

Dear friend, when I first read this story my eyes filled with tears in pity for the dog. And when I thought of God's beloved Son who came to this earth for only one purpose, "to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). We are all lost sinners (Rom. 3:23) and Jesus loved us and suffered, bled and died that all who would believe in Him could have their sins forgiven and could live in heaven with Him forever.

I weep as I tell you that unless you receive the Lord Jesus into your heart and trust Him as your Savior, you will be lost forever.

Trusting in your church membership or your own good life will never save you. Jesus said "I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved" (John 10:9). Oh, beloved, come to Jesus now.

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