

An Afterthought Eulogy for Ann based on the Bible she read, studied, and loved so much, and which determined both her many purposes but beyond the nursing, beyond the "joint heir of the grace of life", beyond the mother of 4 and the grandmother of 6 and blessings of the great grandmother of 4 was her Christian vocation that she always took seriously. She loved God the Father and Jesus to the extent that she could not stand to hear or read the taking of God's name in vain, hence she loved people as the second of the two great commandments, and went about doing good like Jesus.

Of the many Scriptures she loved and memorized, two must be paramount now that she has passed into a much better life: I Corinthians 2:59 and Romans 8. It is hard to select only a few verses from Romans 8 but it must include, which she recognized and acknowledged many ways and many times, "called unto His purpose".

{Ann was also aware that she was in the words of Ephesians "chosen by God from before the foundation of the world." And only "by the grace of God", also in Ephesians. We wrote a commentary on Ephesians. It is easy to say "we" as she edited most of them. As a tribute to her online joint heir work for her Christian vocation with 3 Bible websites for 10 years have gone out to 60 countries and 320 free downloads of mainly Bible books and commentaries each week. And her Christian vocation was much more than that as she cared so much for people and demonstrated that concern; hence in her daily journal during the 2011 and 2012 years while she could still do it, she wrote both "I must distinguish* between Jerry's work and my work"; and on Friday, March 25, 2011 wrote in her day journal: "Jerry's work in writing that's read around world. An awesome responsibility!! Thank you Father!!!"}
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I Corinthians 2:5-9

"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." {And 'are the called unto His purpose' Romans 8}

***NOTE: I think that meant in allowing some of my comments even though they seemed a little harsh to her tender nature.**

She now knows Infinity more than us.

She now knows infinitely more than us even as the God and Jesus in Whose presence she now lives is Infinitely greater than all.

"Now we see through a glass darkly but then face to face, we now know in part but then shall know even as we are also known."

Now she is much better off than we are, she knows much more than us, she sees so much more of the previously unseen, she is like the angels, and the promise of God that she also took seriously was that the "former {sad things} would be remembered no more. She "ran a good race and fought a good race" as I was tearfully forced to tell her a few days before her death because of the extreme pain; and that we both had begun to realize near the end of the 10 months in Hospice that "the time of her departure was at hand".

Although the memories of her, good and bad, must linger even as in her Bible taken seriously that humanities wages of sin demand death unless Christ comes first**, we must let her go in spite of our protests to the loss of control in death, and in spite of the attempts of the intense caregiver efforts of Elizabeth, Nike, and me to extend her life with us.

****Ann had stated many times that she hoped we could go together; however, in the final weeks when I reminded her of that said, "Do you think I can't do it by myself?" You and I know if any person could do it by themselves, it was Emma Ann Steelman Phelps McMichael. If her and her father and mother did not make it in heaven, there is no heaven and no salvation; but with confidence in the unseen but felt things, and based on so many Scriptures Ann taught, edited, and believed in we know there is both; and the longing thoughts of her heart was that all the children and**

others would know and experience the same things she does NOW!

"Not the wisdom of this world"

The world says flippanly "she is in a better place"; they know little or nothing even as Paul also writes in Romans 8--

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Most of the world, even as Jesus taught that only a few would be saved, has no hint of this wisdom of God about the glory God both ordained for her and which she is experiencing now, that which "eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has {befred into the heart of {Ann} that God prepared for her and she experiences right now in a realm we can not possible imagine.

NOTE: Later I must write on both: (1) The Ressurrection bodies that we get at the Second Coming, for we must recognize the change then of the soul and spirit in heaven, although clother in a white robe which Ann has now, and the bodies that are made for living in the forever kingdom of the new earth under the new heaven: and (2) The Forever Kingdom, especially of Isaiah 65, where we will raise families that do not die, build homes made for eternity with gardens like in Eden, go up to the new Jerusalem at least once a year to visit God and Jesus and the Apostles, and tend our animals like the lion that rests with the lamb.

Life on the New Earth after Heaven:

<http://tourofheaven.com/eternal/new-earth.aspx>

Read the excellent description of Life on the New Earth; however a word of caution, please, please substitute "Forever Kingdom" for "Millennium".

