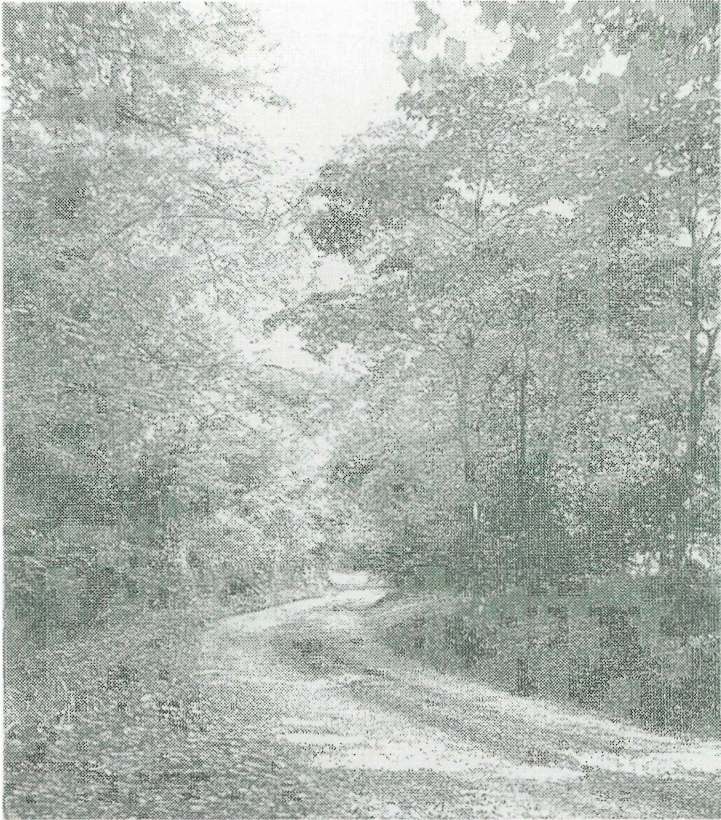


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FROM THE EDITOR'S STUDY



Dear Friends,

Since the written material in this issue of PATHS gathers around the theme of "The Arms Of Jesus," I greet you in the name of Him Who declared, "I will redeem you with a stretched out arm" (Exo. 6:6). Although this promise was given to Moses concerning the children of Israel, we know that, in Christ, God has stretched out that same arm for you and me.

THE DIVINE ARM IS AN ARM OF DELIVERANCE! For four hundred years the Israelites had been subjects of bondage. The arm of man had prevailed in a distant land. But in God's time His "stretched out arm" brought redemption and salvation. Is this not our testimony of deliverance? The "stretched out arm" of God is stronger than the chains of all our captivities.

THE DIVINE ARM IS AN ARM OF DEFENSE! Keeping His promise of deliverance to the children of Israel, the Lord not only sheltered them from the terrible plagues and judgments, and saved them from the awful bondage of Egypt, but through the Red Sea He shielded them from the vengeance of the Egyptian army. There is no defense like the defense of God's "stretched out arm."

THE DIVINE ARM IS AN ARM OF DEDICATION! The word "redeem" is the Hebrew word "goel," meaning "kinsman redeemer." As the "goel" was willingly dedicated to his relatives, the Lord took full responsibility for the existence of the Israelites. Throughout their wilderness journeys, their "Kinsman Redeemer" took care of them. We can trust the Lord's "stretched out arm" in every phase of our journey.

May the Lord help us to look away from the arm of the flesh to the "stretched out arm" of our Kinsman Redeemer!

Trusting His Arm,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evangelist Tom Hayes".

Evangelist Tom Hayes

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The Arms Of Jesus

Sermon #7

by Tom Hayes

A Sunday school teacher wanted to communicate to her students the message of being in the yoke with Jesus. She asked the children if they were familiar with a yoke. One responded, "That is something that the farmer puts on the neck of his animals." Then the teacher asked the class, "So what do we mean when we talk about God's yoke?" One little girl first appeared a bit puzzled; then her face brightened up as she said, "Oh, that is when God puts His arms around our necks!"

Although there is no verse that tells us that God puts His arms around our necks, there are several references in the Bible to the arm of God. Very few references, however, are made to the arms of Jesus. We believe that the exceeding bright One in Daniel's vision, whose arms and legs were "like in color to polished brass" (10:6), was none other than the Lord Jesus.

Our primary text for this study is Mark 10:13-16. There we read, "And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them: and His disciples rebuked those that brought

them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them."

Those who promote infant baptism have interpreted these verses to mean that infants, having committed no sins, are on the level with converted adults and meet the spiritual qualifications for baptism. I wholeheartedly agree with Dr. B. H. Carroll's statement, "What a pity that this impressive, heart moving story was ever wrested from its truly great lessons and marred by being irreverently dragged into the baptismal controversy."

In this study I am particularly interested in the phrase, "And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them," and three practical lessons set forth related to the arms of Jesus. First of all, we are made aware of:



The Long Arms Of Jesus

When speaking of law enforcement and of law enforcement officers, we sometimes refer to “the long arm of the law.” While I have great esteem for this needed branch of government, unfortunately, in many cases in our day in which the officers are restricted by the regulations of the justice system, that arm has not been long enough, strong enough, or manifested enough.

In relationship to the arms of Jesus, however, Whose work is to be esteemed much higher than all others, it could never be suggested that His arms are not long enough, strong enough, or manifested enough!

Figuratively speaking, His arms are so long that they reach from eternity to time; they reach from heaven to earth! And then they reach out of time back into eternity, and from earth back up to heaven.

It cannot be denied that the God of the Bible is a God of law. Yet in sending His Own Son to this world He has especially revealed that He is a God of grace. It must be realized, then, that His arms are more than the long arms of the law; they are the long arms of grace and mercy. His arms are the extensions of His loving kindness, the outreach of His favor.

With this in mind, the long of arms of Jesus, arms of grace, are definitely:

A. Long Enough To Reach Us

Concerning the children, we are told that “He took them up in His arms.” To have them in his arms, Jesus had to reach down to the children.

They couldn’t reach Him, but He could reach them. Of course, in our fallen state, in our condition of utter corruption and depravity, our arms are too short to reach the Lord Jesus. We have plunged to such a low state that we cannot recover ourselves. Christ must reach down to our needy condition.

As a parent, one limitation I have felt on several occasions was my lack of reach. In an hour of need, I was away from home and could not reach out to my family. When our oldest daughter, Alethea, was quite young, my wife called to tell me that she had fallen and cut her chin open. I wanted to reach her and hold her in my arms, but my arms were not long enough to reach from that distant city to home.

*“His arms are the extensions
of His loving kindness,
the outreach of His favor.”*

The Lord Jesus has no limitation in reaching us. Hallelujah, He is able to reach down when we cannot reach up. You may feel that you are too far from God to get any help. Oh, dear friend, the arms of the Lord Jesus can reach you where you are. He can reach that son or daughter, those grandchildren, those loved ones. His arms are longer than our arms and they can reach us.

Not only are Jesus’ arms long enough to reach us, but as implied in the text, His arms are:

B. Long Enough To Retrieve Us

Jesus didn’t just reach out and touch the children, or gently pat them on the head. We are told that “He took them up in His arms.” He literally brought

them from where they were up to where He was. Ah, the Lord Jesus' arms are long enough to reach us, but more than that, His arms are long enough to retrieve us, to bring us back from our lost, wayward condition.

According to the Scriptures, we are "like sheep" who "have gone astray." We have turned "every one to his own way" (Isa. 53:6). But, blessed be God, the Lord Jesus is like a shepherd who gathers his lambs up in his arms (see Isa. 40:11). In His grace, He not only reaches us where we are, but in His grace, He brings us up in His arms. His long arm comes to our low estate and raises us up to His high sphere.

The same tender Shepherd Who has no trouble reaching us has no problem retrieving us. No case is too difficult, no sinner is too dirty, and no heart is too degenerate. Dear friend, have you wandered far away from, and at a great distance from, the Lord Jesus? Oh, the long arm of grace can reach where you are and bring you to where you need to be.

Jesus' arms are long enough to reach us. They are also long enough to retrieve us. Now, notice a third truth. His arms are:

C. Long Enough To Reconcile Us

What happened when Jesus took the children up in His arms? They were brought near to Him, weren't they? With the children in His embrace, we are confronted, then, with the grand doctrine of reconciliation. When Jesus reaches out to us and retrieves us from our lostness, He brings us to Himself. Although we have been distant, we are brought near and close in reconciling love. As the prophet wrote, "His arm

brought salvation" (Isa. 59:16).

In the Scriptures, fallen man is set forth as an enemy of God. He has clenched his fist in the face of his Maker, and gone his own way. Yet, somehow in His gracious economy God has chosen to befriend those who are His enemies. Through Christ and His death on the cross, the enmity has been destroyed. And He mercifully reconciles us to Himself. Truly, we have a great Friend in the Lord Jesus!

*"Although we have been
distant, we are brought
near and close
in reconciling love."*

It has been my privilege to preach a few times in Banbridge Baptist Church in Banbridge, Northern Ireland. The pastor, my friend, Dr. Victor Maxwell, was kind to take me by the house where Joseph Scrivens once lived. We also went to the memorial in the city of Banbridge built in his honor. In one of the darkest hours of his life, Scrivens wrote:

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear.
What a privilege to carry,
Everything to God in prayer.

The text not only confronts us with the long arms of Jesus, but also with:



The Lifting Arms Of Jesus

Look at the phrase again, "He took them up in His arms." Jesus didn't leave the children where they were; He lifted

them. In a sense, when He held them in His arms He exalted them. He did for them what they could not do for themselves and raised them to a realm they could not raise themselves. This reminds us that the Lord Jesus can lift up the fallen and raise them up to a new sphere.

When the Lord answered Hannah's prayer and gave her a son who would be a future leader in Israel, she humbly testified, "He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and He hath set the world upon them" (1 Sam. 2:8).

Because all believers are exalted in the Lord Jesus, we can say with the Psalmist, "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD" (Psa. 40:2, 3).

The fact that Jesus lifted these little ones gives valuable insight into other facets of His Person. For instance, as He took them up in His arms, we are given:

A. An Illustration Of His Mercy

The children in this account were children from the community who had been brought to Jesus to receive His "touch." The Lord Jesus did not owe these children any attention. Neither did He owe their parents or friends any kindness. Yet, by reaching down to where these children were, bringing them up in his arms, and lifting them to a higher plane, He mercifully brought them into the picture.

By the way, like the little ones in this scene, we are all doing our own thing and playing our lives away in this world. The Lord Jesus doesn't owe us the time of day. How blessed, however, that He reveals His mercy to us. The simple truth is that none of us will ever get in the divine picture unless divine mercy lifts us up from our little world to His wonderful world.

*“. . . all in the divine picture
are there because of
the great mercy of God.”*

I was given an old picture of one of my distant cousin's family. I recognized several of the relatives, but one rough looking man in the picture was a mystery. Later, I asked about the man and found out he was a neighbor who, having never had his picture taken, wanted to be in the picture. As the family members were merciful and allowed him to be included, so all in the divine picture are there because of the great mercy of God.

Along with being an illustration of His mercy, the lifting arms of Jesus are:

B. An Illustration Of His Might

Throughout the Old Testament, the arm of God is representative of divine strength and power. Usually, His arm is set forth in saving His people or judging His enemies. When the Lord Jesus picked up the children and took them in His arms, we cannot but think of His might. The arms embracing the little ones are the arms of the omnipotent God. "Thou hast a mighty arm" (Psa. 89:13).

Without question, we all deserve the judgment that His arms can execute. But, blessed be God, He reveals His mighty arms of salvation. Like the little children, we are all very helpless and weak. Salvation does not involve what we can do for God, but what God in Christ can do for us! Jesus is mighty to save! He is the powerful Savior! His arm is powerful to accomplish His saving purposes.

*“His arm is powerful
to accomplish
His saving purposes.”*

I recently heard of a man who was trapped in his upside-down vehicle after a wreck. A woman stopped to help him, but was not strong enough to remove him. By the time trained personnel reached the scene, the man had suffocated. Oh, dear friend, your acquaintances may not be able to help you, but the Lord Jesus is strong enough to deliver those who are trapped in their sins. “Ah Lord GOD! behold, Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee” (Jer. 32:17).

In this scene we also have an:

C. An Illustration Of His Management

When the disciples rebuked the children’s parents and friends for bringing these children to Jesus, the Savior used the little children to teach His disciples a lesson. Tenderly rebuking them, He said, “Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of

such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.”

Although the primary lesson was on humility, Christ’s control of the children projected the truth of divine management. Children need an authoritative figure over them. Of course, adults also need His divine management. As Jesus managed these little ones and used them to teach the disciples, He lifts us up so He can work through us to help others.

Another reason children need management is due to the level of their knowledge and ability. Left to themselves, they will prove inadequate in an adult world. And so are we! Left to ourselves, we will make a mess of things. Even in the spiritual world, we don’t even know how to pray “as we ought” (Rom. 8:26). So, if our lives ever are a means of blessings to others, we must be under to the management of Jesus.

With the children embraced in Christ’s arms, we are confronted with one other lesson:



The Loving Arms Of Jesus

While it is not stated that Jesus embraced or hugged the little ones, we cannot help but associate the phrase, “He took them up in His arms,” with His compassion. The word “arms” is “derived from a noun denoting the bent arm, and itself meaning to encircle or embrace” (J. A. Alexander). The Lord Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, is hugging the children. The long arms of Jesus, and the lifting arms of Jesus, therefore, might

also be referred to as the loving arms of Jesus.

Jesus did not fuss at the children with His mouth. There was no disgust in His eyes. He did not slap at them with His hands. Jesus did not kick at them with His feet. And He did not neglect them by turning His back. Rather, "He took them up in His arms." "It is a beautiful picture," wrote Alexander Maclaren, "the great Messiah with a child in His arms." Lovingly, He reached out to them, lifted them up in His arms, and brought them close to His heart.

Perhaps the arms of Jesus are best seen as extensions of His loving heart as He was raised on the cross. After they had pierced His hands and His feet, He was lifted up to die. He did not die for wrongs that He had done. "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3). With His arms extended wide from one side of the cross to the other, His love for sinners was wonderfully exemplified.

Three applications may be explored from this vantage point. First, we see that:

A. His Loving Arms Embrace Us

Jesus made no distinctions as He reached out for these little ones. He did not take the pretty little girl and leave the rough little boy; He did not pick up the one with the new garment and avoid the one with the tattered one; He did not embrace the child whose parents were well known in the community and refuse the child whose parents were virtually unknown. As one has well said, "What interest did He show in them individually!" (C. E. Stuart).

No matter who we are, no matter where we are, no matter what we have

done, or no matter how long we have been in our needy condition, there is a God in heaven Who is interested in us. Some may only see Him as the great Creator. Others may only think of Him as an angry Despot they cannot please. But, according to this account, He reaches out to embrace us, to hug us in His love.

“. . . the same Lord Jesus that hugged these children physically, wants to hug you and me spiritually.”

Traveling as I do, I meet all kinds of people. Some time ago in one church, I met a man who, after telling me that he had hugged so many people that day, explained that he was in "a hugging ministry." Well, to say the least, I'm not recommending a hugging ministry! But I do believe that the same Lord Jesus who hugged these children physically, wants to hug you and me spiritually.

B. His Loving Arms Encourage Us

In this unbridled society, there is much rejection experienced in the human family. With arms raised, a husband or wife says to the other, "I'm through." With waving arms, an employer takes out his or her rage on an employee. By arm-like bars, a certain teenager is shut out of the little group at school. Jesus does not raise, wave, or fix His arms to reject us. Rather, in an encouraging fashion, He includes us; He takes us in to His arms of love.

One thing I greatly look forward to after a meeting is getting home and receiving hugs from my wife, daugh-

ters, and grandsons. There's special comfort in being with them and feeling their love. If that is true on a human level, how much more is it true on a spiritual level. The Lord Jesus would grant us the comfort of His loving arms, arms that can support us better than any others. Thank God, "underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deut. 33:27).

Perhaps some of us are full of doubt and resentment because of the rejections of life. May we hear the Lord's special words, "Mine arm also shall strengthen him" (Psa. 89:21), and may we feel the personal assurance and capable protection of His love. In the arms of our loving Redeemer, we will be able to say with the Apostle Paul, "The love of Christ constraineth us" (2 Cor. 5:14).

A final thought in this study is that:

C. His Loving Arms Entitle Us


Have you ever felt that you deserved the same privileges that other Christians were enjoying? Have you thought that the Lord owed you the same blessings others were receiving? We must remember that the Lord operates in grace, not according to our works. However, the loving arms of Jesus entitle us to enjoy the privileges of those who live close to Him.


Because a dear pastor's little daughter showed out by walking on her heels, I started calling her "penguin." Later, when I was ready to leave, she wanted to hug me. I asked her, "Is this a penguin hug?" While I briefly talked with the pastor and his wife, she got into her piggy bank and brought me a handful of pennies. The pastor said, "You had better take that because she doesn't give that to anyone." She had allowed me to get close to her and I enjoyed some of

the privileges of being close.

The Lord Jesus took the children up into His arms. Then, we are told that He "put His hands upon them, and blessed them." These are the privileges or entitlements of His loving arms. May we not be satisfied to live below our privileges! May we long for His touch and blessing! And may our hearts enjoy all that is ours in the arms of the Lord Jesus.

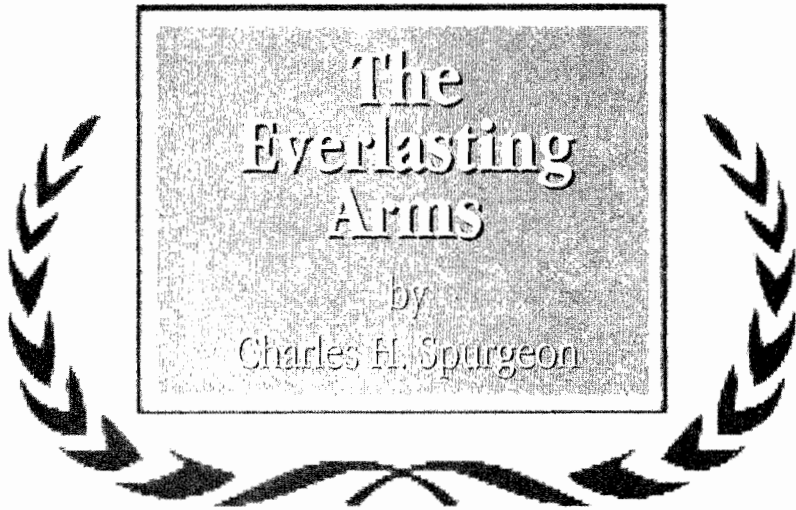
Leaving in a hurry for church, I locked the key in our house. When we returned later that evening, I tried to crawl through the little window in the basement, but I could not get through it. I didn't want to break a window, so I risked lowering Akaisha, our youngest daughter, through the window. I hung as far as I could into the window and sat her down on the floor with my arms. Since we never went in the unfinished basement, she had a good time looking around. But I finally coaxed her to the door, and instructed her to move the knob, until it unlocked.

We would never have been able to get in the basement without my arms. And, beloved, we are locked out of all the wholesome experiences in the Christian life apart from the arms of our Lord Jesus. Oh, may the Spirit of God help us to appreciate His arms afresh, and the extension of His mercy, power, and love in them. And may we lean on His everlasting arms! Amen. 



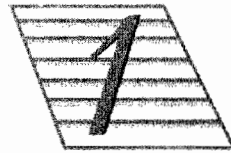
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The everlasting arms are there; and that means, first of all, that God himself is close to us, guaranteeing the eternal safety of all those who trust in him. This is our joy and comfort that God is with us. What strength it gives to faith to believe that God is present! Mr. Wesley said, as he died, "The best of all is, God is with us;" and that is the best of all, is it not? Underneath is God himself.

Blessed are they who trust in Jehovah, for they shall find in the living God help in every time of need, and strength sufficient for every day of trial. So, then, we see that what might appear to us as the dark abyss, the dreary, mysterious underland, is all guarded by Jehovah himself: "Underneath are the everlasting arms."



His Immutable Purpose

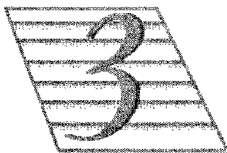
Our text also means that the Lord's immutable purpose is being fulfilled. Where God's arms are, he is at work, and he is at work accomplishing his purposes of grace. Be thou sure of this, God hath a purpose of love to all who believe in him, and that purpose of love shall stand fast to all eternity. Whatever changes there may be in the appearance of this world, and in the great universe of which it forms a part, there shall be no change in the infinite resolve of

God to bless his people, and preserve them even to the end. Wherefore, believer, be of good comfort, and say to yourself, "At the bottom of everything that happens to me, there is the immutable purpose of God, and God himself working it out."



His Infinite Power

The text speaks of everlasting arms: that is a strength that never fails, and never turns aside from the purpose to which it has bound itself. O child of God, down deep where thou canst not see it, the divine power of the Eternal Godhead is always at work for thee! The arms of God are busy on thy behalf; he hath made them bare to show himself strong in thy defense.



His Inexhaustible Patience

Beside the Lord's immutable purpose, and his infinite power by which God is at work for you at all times, our text means that

his inexhaustible patience is waiting its time. "Underneath are the everlasting arms," bearing up thy load, sustaining it with long endurance, while he keeps on working for thee, invisible, yet ever active on thy behalf. Dost thou expect to see thy God on this side heaven? If so, thou wilt be disappointed. Art thou willing to walk by faith, and not by sight? If so, thou shalt have a double blessing; for, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

Oh, that the Holy Spirit of God would bring you to this point! Having trusted God in the person of his dear Son, having laid the whole weight of your eternal interests upon him whom God hath revealed to be your Savior, you may leave them there in perfect safety, without a moment's care or anxiety. God's everlasting arms must carry out God's eternal purposes. Not one of his promises can fall to the ground, for "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" It is God himself who undertakes to bear thee up, and bear thee through; therefore, rest thou assured that he will do it.

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The Strong Arms

Of Our Father

J. R. Miller

The picture suggested is that of a little child, lying in the strong arms of a father who is able to withstand all storms and dangers. God comes to us first in our infancy, in our mothers, who bear us in their arms. Yet they are only dim revealings of God for a time. They leave us after teaching us a little of God's tenderness, but God Himself remains when they are gone, and His arms never unclasp. The thought of the embracing arms is very suggestive. The figure is to be interpreted by what it would mean in human friendship.

1. One meaning of the arms of a father is that of protection.

A father puts his arm about his child when it is in danger. God protects His children. "Thou hast with Thine arm redeemed Thy people." "Be Thou their arm every morning." "His arm brought salvation."

2. Another meaning of the arms of a father is that of affection.

The father's arm drawn about a child is a token of love. The child is held in the father's bosom, near his heart. The shepherd carries the lambs in his bosom. John lay on Jesus' breast. The mother holds the child in her bosom because she loves it. This picture of God embracing His children in His arms tells of His love for them. His love is tender, close, intimate. He holds them in the place of affection.

3. Another thought suggested by the arms of a father is that of strength.

A mother's arm may be frail physically, but love makes it strong.

When it is folded about a feeble child, all the power of the universe cannot tear the child away. We know what it is in human friendship to have one upon whose arm we can lean with confidence. There are some people whose mere presence seems to give us a sense of security. We believe in them. In their quiet peace there is a strength which imparts itself to all who lean upon them. Every true human friend is more or less a strength to us. Yet the surest, strongest human strength is but a fragment of the Divine strength. This is Omnipotence. "In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."

4. Another suggestion by the arms of a father is that of endurance.

The arms of God are "everlasting." Human arms grow weary even in love's embrace; they cannot long press the child to the bosom. Soon they lie folded in death. So pathetic is human life with its broken affections, its little moments of love, its embraces that are tom away in one hour. But these are everlasting arms — these arms of God. They shall never unclasp.

Not only do the arms of God embrace the child, but they are underneath — ever underneath. That means that we can never sink, for these arms will ever be beneath us, wherever we may be cast. We cannot sink below them or out of their clasp. And when death comes, and every earthly thing is gone from beneath us, and we sink away into what seems darkness and the shadow of death — out of all human love, out of warmth and gladness and sweet life, into the gloom and strange mystery of death, still it will be only into the everlasting arms.

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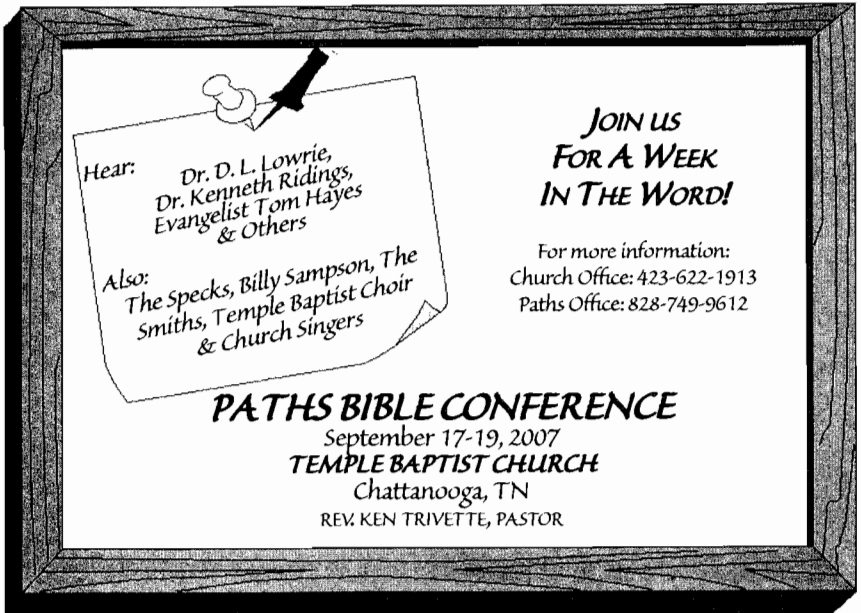
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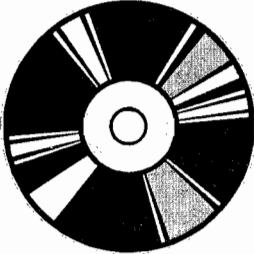
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May 27-28	Burnsville, NC	Double Island Baptist Church	Rev. Rick Woody
May 30-June 3 AM	Lake Park, GA	Calvary Baptist Church	Rev. Carlton Allen
June 4-8	Mt. Airy, NC	Blue Ridge Baptist Campmeeting	Rev. Dean Eaton
June 10	Powder Springs, GA	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	Rev. Lamar Rackley
June 11-15	Marshall, NC	Riverview Baptist Church	Rev. James Briggs
June 17-18	Jacksonville, FL	West Jacksonville Baptist Church	Rev. Rodney Kelley
June 21-24 AM	Temple, GA	Faith Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. Randy Clarke
June 25-29	Taylorsville, NC	Taylorsville Baptist Campmeeting	Rev. Steve Dagenhart
July 1-4	Sylvester, TX	Sylvester Baptist Church	Rev. Larry Archer
July 8	Alvin, TX	Bayou Drive Baptist Church	Rev. Shawn Nichols
July 9-11	Coldsprings, TX	Dyersdale Baptist Campmeeting	Rev. Kenneth Jackson
July 12-15 AM	Rutherfordton, NC	Oak Ridge Baptist Church	Rev. Roy Glaspy