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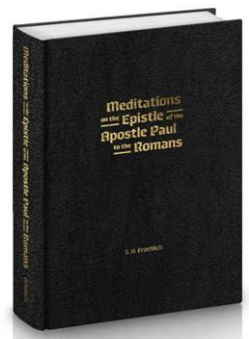
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...This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.
Isaiah 54:17

Froehlich's Meditations on the Epistle of Paul to the Romans

Available June 15



A new, clearer translation of Froehlich's *Meditations on the Epistle of Paul to the Romans* has been completed. Formerly printed only in limited supply in the tan Froehlich books, it is now being published with a black hardback cover. This improved, more readable retranslation will be available June 15, 2017, and can be purchased by contacting Heritage Press, 607 E. Maple Ridge Court, Edelstein, IL 61526, phone 309-249-6281, email heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com, or online at www.melttheheart.com at a price of \$10.00.

Early Translation of the *Zion's Harp*

A book containing translations of *Zion's Harp* songs has been donated to the Heritage Center library. The title page states:

Sacred Songs

Dedicated to the praise and worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Translated from the German

January, 1908

Elgin, Illinois



Interestingly, the words of many of the hymns are slightly different than the ones we know and love. Can you recognize the following hymns?

How will it seem? When after all our trials,
Yea when the final victory is won
And we may then leave our pilgrim's path of toils,
And pass through heaven's gates with joyful song!
When at last all dust has been swept from our feet,
All perspiration been dried from our face,
And before us there, we may behold and greet:
What brightened up with cheer, our pilgrim days.



In concord and harmonies,
Let us walk the path of life;
Hand in hand, O may love bind us,
For each other's welfare strive.

The memory of the just is blessed...Proverbs 10:7

Following a faithful life of serving the Lord with his whole heart, Samuel Froehlich was laid to rest in the St Helena Cemetery in Strasbourg, France, where many believers have visited his gravesite over the years. Alfred Klein from Strasbourg would often meet visitors there and took care of the maintenance of the site. Alfred passed away this past January, and it has come to our attention from his family that the grave concession for Samuel Froehlich's gravesite has now expired. Unless renewed, his body would be removed and the gravesite given to another. The Heritage Center Foundation has accepted the responsibility to make sure that does not happen to our forefather of Faith. The fee to secure his gravesite for the next 50 years is 1600 Euro or approximately \$1750 at today's exchange rate. If you feel it would be a privilege to help in this endeavor, please send your tax deductible contribution to: The Heritage Center Foundation, Attn: Sally Fehr, 605 N Fourth St, Fairbury, Illinois 61739.



Samuel Heinrich Froehlich died January 15, 1857, aged 53 ½ years.

His last words:

"I shall die, Lord my God. Mayest Thou keep Thy holy ones from temptation that is in the world, that they may not perish but abide in Thee, and give them eternal life. For the prince of this world is prepared with his whole power of darkness, and preachers of unrighteousness who seek to destroy Thy work, to mislead Thy elect. Thou knowest that I have not sought glory before men but only to further Thy glory and have declared Thy name before all, and have not been ashamed of Thee and have fought until this hour."

Then after speaking with Brother Weiler, who had watched at his bedside, about experiences of faith and his fears, and about the congregations and his family, he committed himself to the Lord, saying:

"... I do not regret our going out; we would and should let nothing frighten us, and if all unite to honor God, then there is no enmity and no foreign spirit can work among us. My soul is saved and I am comforted in the Lord."

Do you know. . .

Which congregation was originally known as the Streitmatter Prairie church?

Princeville - In 1870 Believers were meeting in homes, and in 1880 a church was built five miles northeast of Princeville.

A Selection from History

The following words were spoken by Bro. Ben Hartzler, a minister in Rittman and Smithville, Ohio, from 1947 - 1989, after reading John 10:

[Peter] still had a lesson, the greatest of all of his lessons to learn, that he himself was nothing, he was dependent upon still a higher and a greater power. And so it is, beloved ones, we might also think we have been converted, we have been baptized, we have believed in Christ. We believe that Christ has redeemed us, and still now why do we have to go through all these heavy and sore trials. Is it in order that we might be more fully converted, more free from the things of the world and more fully led to believe, to know and to understand that only through Christ can we conquer and can we overcome? If we begin to depend upon our own strength and our ourselves - then is when we sometimes have to learn the greatest of all of our lessons. And so let us remember that we are only here as an instrument in God's hand as sheep and as lambs under the guidance of the good Shepherd, and if we stay by Him and follow Him faithfully, then we have the promise that He will stay by us; and He says that no one can pluck us out of His Father's hand because His Father is even yet greater than He, and His Father gave you unto me and no can pluck you out of my Father's hand. And He says, "I and the Father are one."

What a wonderful comfort and a wonderful consolation that we have in the hour of sorrow, in the hour of trial, should we be in our youth, in our middle age, or in our old age, beloved ones. The youths should learn to know the Saviour, the good Shepherd, and should learn to fear God. Those who are in the middle age, who are yet in their strength of life, we should learn that we still depend only upon God, and fully upon God, and upon Christ Jesus. And those who become old in days and in years, who are nearly at the end of their course here upon this earth should also learn that only through their faith in Christ, (not through the many good things that they might have done in life) can they hope to receive everlasting life. Only what Christ has done for them and their obedience to Christ, and what they have also done in the fear of God and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit - that shall then also be a comfort unto them in their last days. We cannot depend on how good we have been, how much we have done for God, only what Christ could do through us and through the inspiration of the Spirit, even as someone has said once, "It isn't only our responsibility, it's our response to God's ability that counts." It's our response and obedience to God's ability, to the Spirit of God that can work in us and through us the will of God. We are only here as a lump of clay and a tool in the hands of our God, and well for us everyone if we give ourselves into God's hands and say, "Lord, here am I; Thou hast called, What wilt Thou have me to do?" And are willing to do whatever He has for us to do, and not go ways of our own; ways that we might think are good....

Heirloom Zion's Harps

The Heritage Center has been contacted with the request of finding anyone interested in receiving old German *Zion's Harps* with specific names inscribed inside. One hymnal has "Mary (Marie) Schlipf, Peoria, 1891," another has the name "Albert Knapp," and a third belonged to "Flora Schmidt." If you are a relative of any of the mentioned individuals and are interested in obtaining your ancestor's *Zion's Harp*, please call (503) 800-1636 or email wlt21@aol.com.

Audio Book of Volume IV, Stories of Faith and Courage Now Available

The new audio book can be purchased from Heritage Press, 607 E. Maple Ridge Court, Edelstein, IL 61526, phone 309-249-6281, email heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com, or online at www.melttheheart.com/stories-of-faith-courage-vol-4-audio-cd-set/ at a price of \$20.00 for a 10 disc audio set with total playing time of 10 hours, 40 minutes. MP3 flash drives are also available at a price of \$12.

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“A Lamb of Jesus”
Zion’s Harp #16, verses 1 and 3

What glorious state, to be a lamb of Jesus,
To feel the faithful Shepherd's loving grace.
In all the earth there is no higher standing
Than this, to follow in the Saviour's ways.
What all the world could never give,
A lamb of Jesus from its Shepherd will
receive.

The lamb abides in this good Shepherd's
keeping;
Though all the depths of hell in anger roar,
No raving wolf shall pluck it from His bosom;
It trusts in Jesus' might forevermore.
It rests in blest security,
And in the vale of death, the Lord its shield
will be.