

The Sower

The Lord's Day

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Welcome to today's Bible Class or Worship assembly! If you are a **VISITOR** we really appreciate your decision to meet with us. It is our hope that you will return at every opportunity.

Have you checked out our website lately? (www.arthurcoc.com)

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Bible Classes -----9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship-----10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study-----1:30 P.M.

UNDER HIS WINGS

The story is told of a preacher who was boarding at a farmhouse. The farmer was not a Christian, but his wife was very devout, and was much in prayer for her husband to become a believer. The preacher was waiting for an opportunity to share with the farmer, in a vivid way, the meaning of the message of Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross.

One morning the farmer beckoned the minister to follow him to the hen house. There, he called attention to a hen in her nest, with a brood of chicks peeping out from under the shelter of her wings. The farmer said, "Touch her." The preacher did so, finding the hen's body to be cold. The farmer explained that during the night a weasel had invaded the hen house and had sucked all the blood from her body. The farmer explained, "She apparently never moved for fear of exposing her brood of chicks to the weasel." This was the opportunity the minister had been looking for. "Oh, that was just like Christ! The people had called for Him to come down from the cross if He was truly the Son of God, and He could thus have spared His own life, but He wouldn't for our sake. We were under His wings."

It was with this realization that William O. Cushing wrote:

*"Under His wings, oh, what precious enjoyment!
There will I hide till life's trials are o'er:
Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me.
Resting in Jesus, I'm safe evermore."*

--Ron

A VOICE FROM THE PAST—

“As nightfall does not come at once, neither does oppression. In both instances, there is twilight when everything remains unchanged. And it is in such twilight that we all must be not unaware of change in the air—however slight—lest we become victims of the darkness.”

--Supreme Court Justice William O Douglas

Pick your friends—but not to pieces.”

A DARK PASSAGE

One of the darkest passages in the New Testament is found in John 6:66—“From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.”

However, it serves as an introduction to one of the most inspiring statements in the Bible. Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” The reply of Simon Peter will live forever: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

In that day, in our day, and in all time to come, Jesus our Savior is the only one who possesses the words of life—not Mohammed, not Joseph Smith, not someone known as “the pope”—but Jesus ONLY!

Are you listening to HIS words? Have you obeyed them? Are you living by them? You WILL be judged by them.

–Johnny Polk