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Dear ^F2^:

> "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is, that I may know how frail I am...Truly, every man in his best state is altogether vanity...And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee." - Psalm 39:1,5,7

Growing up, there were two common statements that I committed to memory by reason of their repeated use. First, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last." Secondly, "Do each day's work for Jesus with eternity's values in view!"

As I see myself in the shadow of this world's dilemmas, I only rise above them by seeing in greater reality the hope of my life and labor as centered "in the secret place of the MOST HIGH...under the shadow of the Almighty...He is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in Him will I trust...those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God." (Psalm 91:1,2; 92:13)

If you would read Psalm 39:1-7, you would observe King David, who came to realize that his best counsel came from the Lord. His heart pained with the pressures of his enemies and he tired of endless conversation concerning his burdens. Finally, after pursuing endless conferences, vain counsel and human solutions, he humbly and wisely sought a higher perspective. "Lord, what wait I for?" The idea of "waiting" meant to imply "the twisting together for strength". He knew that his hope rested only in Him!

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor; for if they fall, the one will lift up his fellows. **But woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him...**and if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:9,10,12)

To you, my much respected leader, know the strength and advantage of a personal fellowship with God and those who love Him.

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, **that ye also** may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, **that your joy may be full.**" (I John 1:3,4)

Respectfully,

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