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“Brotherhood means laying down your life for somebody, really swilling to sacrifice yourself for somebody else.”

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RAC Banquet 2014

by Emanuel Tucker

On 27 September 2014, El Paso Holy Royal Arch held its Third Annual Appreciation Banquet. The original banquet was scheduled for 20 September but due to the untimely passing of the SGIG Hubert Reece the banquet had to be rescheduled. Unfortunately because of this some of you that had purchased tickets were not able to attend. I would like to thank all of those that participated, contributed, purchased ads, and gave encouraging words throughout the process of preparing for the banquet. PHP Franck Bonhomme started this tradition within the city of El Paso and with-

out your assistance we would not be able to pull it off every year. We are in the process of planning for the next year's banquet and we encourage all to attend and participate. Thanks for everything that you all do!!



High Priest Column

by Emanuel Tucker

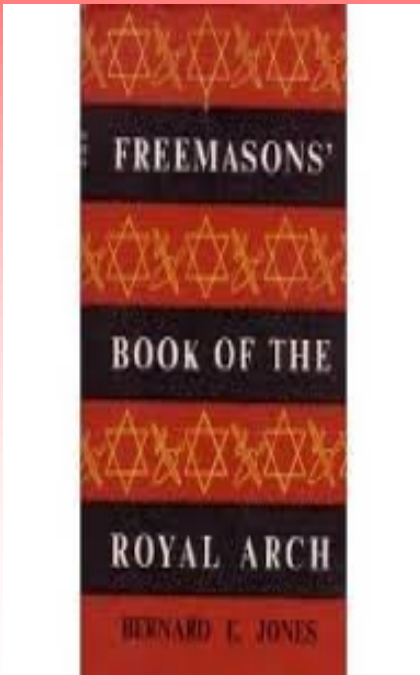
This past quarter has been filled with many great events within the city of El Paso and the Royal Arch Masons will continue to build on its strategy to grow Masonry and build a stronger community. I would like to take the time to thank PHP Mason and Officers

of RAC #90 for continuing to accomplish all task that are listed on the trestle board while adding events in order to build stronger relationships within the community. The Royal Arch symbolizes all power and responsibility given to man by God and I ap-

plaud our members for stepping up to the plate to adhere to that responsibility. We are looking forward to many great things in the future and we hope that more people will join us in our efforts to become closer to God, be better men, make positive impacts within the community, and be better masons.

Book of the Quarter

(Freemasons Book of the Royal Arch) by: Bernard E. Jones



(Taken from the Preface) THIS book, uniform in style and presentation with my earlier Freemasons' Guide and Compendium, which, in the main, dealt with Craft masonry, is an attempt to provide a simple explanation of the origin, rise, and development, and the customs, ritual, and symbolism, of Royal Arch masonry so far as present knowledge and considerations of Masonic propriety permit. I use the word 'attempt' advisedly, for great difficulties are in the way of complete achievement in writing historically of this "elusive degree," although, let me say, in the task of coping with them I have been greatly cheered by recollections of the indulgence given me by readers of my earlier book.

The greatest obstacle in the path of the writer seeking to explain the early history of Royal Arch

masonry is his comparative ignorance of the formative days of the Order - the mid-eighteenth-century period. The facts on record are not enough to preclude different interpretations and conflicting views. Perhaps it is a slight compensation that the traditional history upon which the ceremonial of the Order is founded was clearly anticipated in published writings to an extent considerably greater than in the case of the Craft, for whereas, for example, there is hardly any recorded foreknowledge of the Third Degree Hiram story, the Legend of the Crypt might well have been inspired by one known to have been in written form in the fourth century of the Christian era, while the sword-and-trowel motif, derived from the Old Testament account of the return of the Jews from exile, was the pride and glory of a Crusading Order of the early Middle Ages.

What I have tried to do in writing this book is to make available to Companions who have had little opportunity for specialized study an essentially readable account, as authentic as possible, of the history and lore of the Royal Arch, affording an insight into some matters which in the past have tended to escape the attention of all but the serious student. Not only do I hope that my readers will enjoy reading my book, but that some few of them will be able to use it as a source of material for short, simple addresses designed to arouse and foster the interest of their Companions. And most sincerely, also, do I hope that the serious student will find in it occasion for kindly, constructive criticism; indeed, I am sure he will, for there are wide and unavoidable differences of opinion on some of the subjects discussed by me.

The title of this book may be thought to err by omission. Inasmuch as the Articles

of Union, 1813, use the term 'Holy Royal Arch' and the early Companions knew the Order by that name, it may be thought that the word 'Holy' ought to be included in the title and commonly used in the text. True, there is history in the word. 'Holy' is thought to have been derived more than two centuries ago from the 'Antient' masons' motto, "Holiness to the Lord"; or to have been inspired by the Holy of Holies, the Inner Chamber of the Temple Sanctuary; or, again, to have reflected the religious, and even Christian, character of the primitive Royal Arch ceremonial. But it is to be noted that it is only sparingly used nowadays in the accepted rituals, and - a fact that has mainly influenced me - it does not form part of the titles of the Grand Chapters of England, Ireland, and Scotland.

So great a part of our knowledge of Royal Arch matters having been revealed by modern, and even quite recent, research, it follows that old-time writings on the subject need generally to be read with caution. In no section of Masonic authorship has history been so badly served as in that of the Royal Arch, where the blending of fact and fancy so often causes the reader perplexity. I hope that my readers will do their best to approach this book with minds open and as free as possible of preconceptions.

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PROCLAMATION

To: Excellent High Priests, Past Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes, Grand Chapter Officers, and Companions of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, Jurisdiction of Texas; Greetings!

HOLINESS TO THE LORD

By the authority in me vested, I, Willie J. Tate, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, do with this proclamation call all Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers, Excellent High Priests, Past Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes, Secretaries, Treasurers, Officers and all Companions, to assemble in our Annual Grand Convocation, February 5 – February 8, 2015 at the Wyndham El Paso Airport, 2027 Airway Blvd, El Paso, Texas 79925. Phone: 915-778-4241.

REGISTRATION

The three principle officers, Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe of each subordinate chapter are expected to register and attend the Grand Convocation. The advance registration fee is \$75.00 and covers both the Grand Conclave and the Grand Convocation. On-site registration is \$100.00. Pre-registration forms will be mailed to each chapter. Please make as many copies of this form as needed.

DRESS

Holy Royal Arch Masonic dress will be required of all Companions attending the Annual Convocation: White Coat, White Shirt, White Shoes, Red Bow Tie, Red Pants, Red Socks, Skull Cap or Crown and Royal Arch Apron. Past and present Excellent High Priests will wear White robes with White Skull Caps. Acceptable wear will consist of Black Suit, Black Shoes White Shirt, Red Bow Tie, Red Socks, Skull Cap or Crown and Royal Arch Apron.

ANNUAL REPORT

Each Chapter will submit to the Grand Chapter an annual report, which must identify your principle officers and all members by name. All reports and funds are due not later than January 15, 2015. Mail your report to the Grand Secretary, Jerry Hampton, P.O. Box 6033, Sheppard AFB, TX 76311. Reports must be signed and dated by the Excellent High Priest, Secretary and stamped with your chapter's seal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Any Items for Consideration by committees such as Grievances, Registration, Charters/ Dispensations, and Jurisprudence must be submitted to the Grand Chapter by December 15, 2014. This is in order for the Grand Secretary to forward all submissions to the committee chairman. This will also allow sufficient time for the committee to meet and bring a good report(s) to the Grand Convocation related to the matter.

DEPUTY'S REPORT

Each Deputy will submit a written report of his district for the past year. The report should include his visits to each chapter, election of officers, chapter activities within the local community, and charity donations. Please inform all chapters that the three principle officers are expected to be present. A copy of the Deputy's report form will be sent to each Deputy. All Deputies will present and submit their reports by 31 December 2014.

ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD

All newly elected Excellent High Priests must be present on February 6, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. to be anointed and admitted to the Order of High Priesthood. Your presence is required. The District Deputy and Excellent High Priest will ensure that all newly elected High Priests are present and have submitted the required fees.

LUNCH/BANQUET

On Friday, February 6 at 1:00 PM we will have a joint lunch. Our banquet will be Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Dress for the banquet is red and white (or dark suits) and collars. The banquet fees are included in your registration, but additional tickets for guests will be available at a nominal fee, if ordered before 12 January 2015.

GOSPELFEST

The Gospelfest will be Friday, February 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Desired dress for this event is semi-formal.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

All Grand Chapter officers are expected to be present on Friday, February 6, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. for the executive board meeting. All companions are invited to attend.

This proclamation is to be read in each chapter meeting through the convening of the Annual Grand Convocation. This proclamation having been given, please observe the dates, time and place; take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Fraternally yours,



WILLIE J. TATE
Most Excellent Grand High Priest



JERRY HAMPTON
Right Excellent Grand Secretary

A close-up photograph of a shiny red Christmas ornament hanging from a snow-covered branch. The ornament is oval-shaped and has a silver cap with a wire loop. The background is a soft-focus view of a snow-laden evergreen tree. The entire image is framed by a red border.

*2014 Christmas
Party on December
20th at the North-
gate Optimist Club
4201 Skyline Ave*

Award Presentation by Emanuel Tucker

On 5 October 2014 EHP Emanuel Tucker awarded Brother Charles Kelker Sr. with his Appreciation Certificate. Due to a postponement of the banquet Brother Kelker couldn't attend, so the

EHP took advantage of a weekend session to give him his award. Brother Kelker has gone above and beyond to provide support to RAC 90 even though he doesn't live in the area. His time and ef-

fort never goes unnoticed or underappreciated and we all strive to mold our character into someone like him.





Breast Cancer

Join Us for the 23rd Annual Women El Paso Race for the Cure Locally Presented by Sunday, March 1, 2015 Downtown El Paso & Southwest University Park Registration Coming Soon Exciting Information to Come

Alzheimer's Walk

by: Emanuel Tucker

On 4 October in El Paso Texas the El Paso Holy Royal Arch participated in the Annual Alzheimer's Walk. Unfortunately, the walk was scheduled on the same day as the United Supreme Council so some members that donated could not attend. One of our most faithful participates, Jeanette Bratcher, attended the event on 20 September in San Antonio Texas and made an appearance and donation on our behalf.

Our chapter has personally been affected by the Alzheimer's disease and will continue to support efforts to find a treatment for this illness. The mission of the Alzheimer's Association is "To eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health." Please come and join us next year to participate in an event that affects so many households in America.



Photos of the Quarter



2014 Community Thanksgiving by Duwan Mason

"This event would not have been successful without the assistance of everyone in our community."



Greetings everyone, On Saturday, November 22nd El Paso Holy Royal Arch Mason # 90, Northgate Optimist Club, and members of the El Paso community celebrated our third Annual community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Everyone had a great time along with great food. There were at least 350 people in attendance. We also made to go plates and had them delivered to people of our community who could not attend due to illnesses,

handicaps, etc.

This event would not have been successful without the assistance of everyone in our community. We would like to thank everyone who donated a dish, beverages, monetarily, and their time to this event.

The Mercy Seat Lecture (taken from bible-history)

The Mercy Seat (Ex 25:17-22)

Ps 99:1 The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; let the earth be moved!

Exod 25:17-22 "You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width. And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat. And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel."

The Ark of the Covenant was a small chest made of acacia wood overlaid with gold and open at the top. The Mercy Seat was the lid or cover of solid gold the same size as the top of the Ark (2 1/2 cubits long x 1 1/2 cubits wide). At each end of the Mercy Seat, and of one piece with it, were two hammered gold cherubim facing one another. Their outstretched wings overshadowed the gold lid and their faces constantly looked down upon it. They were symbols of the presence and holiness of the Lord and are His chosen instruments of judgment toward any sinful approach toward the presence of the Lord and as they look upon the blood the wrath of God is appeased and they are at peace.

After the children of Israel had journeyed to Mount Sinai God told Moses on the mountain that He would pitch His tent among them on their journeys:

Exod 25:8-9 "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it."

When God revealed the pattern of the tabernacle and the way to approach Him He also declared exactly where He would meet Moses:

Exod 25:22 "And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel."

So the outstretched wings of the cherubim were to provide a throne for the God where He would mediate His rule on the earth as a representation of the real throne in heaven:

1 Sam 4:4 So the people sent men to Shiloh, and they brought back the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim. (NIV)

When God had spoken to Moses out of the midst of the cloud upon Sinai, He also told him that He would come down to speak with him in the midst of His people. It was from the area above the Mercy Seat that He did:

Num 7:89 Now when Moses went into the tabernacle of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice of One speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; thus He spoke to him.

The Mercy Seat was where the blood was sprinkled.

In the New Testament this Mercy Seat or atonement cover is spoken of twice.

Heb 9:2-5 "For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle, which is, called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail."

Rom 3:23-26 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."

The Greek word for Mercy Seat is 'hilasterion'. It is used here in Romans 3:25 where Paul says (literally) that God presented Christ as a propitiation or 'mercy seat'. This means that Jesus Christ is the mercy seat.

The Mercy Seat did not derive its worth from the purity of its gold but from the fact that it was the place where the blood of sacrifice was sprinkled in the presence of Yahweh.

The word for "mercy seat" is the same root for the word "atonement". It means to cover, cancel, appease, or cleanse.

The Greek equivalent is the word "propitiation".

Lk 18:13 "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

The word "seat" speaks of a resting place so the mercy seat was the "place of mercy or propitiation".

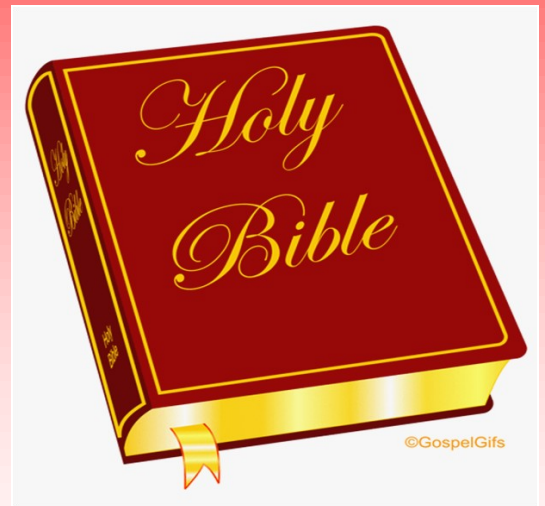
Photos of the Quarter (More)



Question and Answer:

Questions From The Bible

1. How many books are in the bible?
2. Who was the second king of Israel?
3. What type of birds did Noah send out from the Ark?
4. What was Abraham's nephew name
5. Who found baby Moses in the river?
6. What river was Jesus baptized in?



Answers will be discussed at the next Chapter Meeting

El Paso Holy Royal Arch Officers (2015)

Excellent High Priest– Dennis Elder
Excellent King– Dax Thomas
Excellent Scribe– Quentin Hatcher
Secretary– PHP Duwan Mason
Treasurer– Hersey Roberts
Sentinel– Ka'naan Pitts
Captain of the Host– Curtis Smith
Principle Sojourner– Fred Mercherson
Royal Arch Captain– Kevin Wright
Master of the Third Veil– Terence Sanders
Master of the Second Veil– Vacant
Master of the First Veil– Vacant



Denim and Pink by Duwan Mason

Greetings everyone, on Sunday, October 19, 2014, El Paso Holy Royal Arch Masons No. 90 assisted Northgate Optimist Club with their 11th annual Denim and Pink. This is an annual event in which our Chapter has supported for the past four years. Northgate Optimist Club honors



the El Paso cancer survivors with music, door prizes, gifts for everyone, and great food. The Royal Arch

will continue to support this event along with other efforts to combat cancer.

Christmas Tree Donation by Curtis Smith

On December 7, 2014 members of the El Paso Holy Royal Arch Chapter #90 donated a Christmas Tree to a family in need in the El Paso community. Ms. Rosa Torres has a medical condition that prevents her from working and she has three children. She contacted her friend Karla Walden that brought it the attention of Companion Smith and stated, "she did not have a tree for Christmas and wanted to know could the Royal Arch Masons assist her." Companion Smith brought it to the attention of the Chapter

members and without hesitation the money was given. Companion Smith and Scribe Hatcher was sent out to purchase a tree for the family. Ms. Torres was very grateful along with her two sons that was at home when the Companions arrived. We ask that you send her prayers for better health as she prepares for surgery in the near future.



Schedule of Events

- } Jan 23 (Meeting)- Regular
Scheduled meeting for El Paso
H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } Feb 5-8– York Rite weekend
- } Mar 1– Susan Komen Walk
- } Mar 27 (Meeting)- Regular
Scheduled meeting for El Paso
H.R.A.M Ch. 90
- } April 5– Zerubbabel Day
- } April 24 (Meeting)- Regular
Scheduled meeting for El Paso
H.R.A.M Ch. 90

JAN 2015

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Grand Chapter Officers

Most Excellent Grand High Priest: Willie J. Tate

Deputy GHP: George S. Jeffers

RE Grand King: Bernard Samuel

RE Grand Scribe: Michael Berry

RE Grand Secretary: Jerry Hampton

RE Grand Treasurer: Frank B. Glover Sr.

RE Grand Lecturer: Andre McGaughey

RE Grand Chaplain: Michael King

RE Grand Capt. Of the Host: William Johnson

RE Grand Royal Arch Captain: William Paige

RE Grand Master of the Third Veil: Benjamin Burelson

RE Grand Master of the Second Veil: Jimmie Gee

RE Grand Master of the First Veil: Weldon L. Farmer Jr.

RE Grand Ceremonial Master: Jerry Brown

RE Grand Marshall: Duwan M. Mason, Sr.

RE Grand Historian: Stacy Foushee

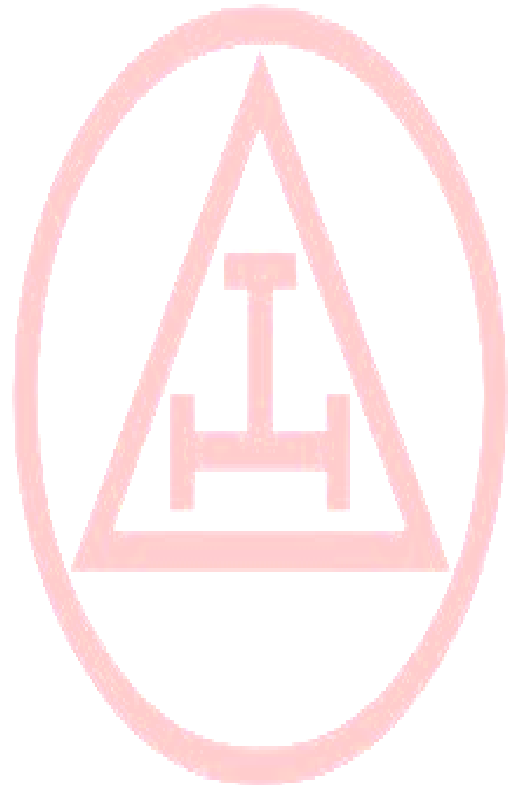
RE Grand Aid-de-camp: Costrama Willis

RE Grand Sentinel: Raymond Keys

RE Assistant Grand Chaplain: John Butler

RE Grand Captain Principle Sojourner: Carl Hilstock

RE Grand Recording Secretary: vacant



Royal Arch Information Sheet

Please fill out the sheet below and mail in when sending your dues. We want to ensure we have the most current information on our members.



El Paso Holy Royal Arch #90
Texas Jurisdiction

PERSONAL DATA SHEET

NAME: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MI)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ RACE: _____

MARITAL STAUS: MARRIED _____ SINGLE _____ SEPARATED _____ DIVORCED _____

SPOUSES NAME: _____ # OF CHILDREN: _____

NEXT OF KIN'S NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE #: (____) _____

Haunted House Fundraiser by Duwan Mason

Greetings everyone, on October 30th - November 1st the Northgate Optimist Club, El Paso Holy Royal Arch Mason #90, and other supporters held its first annual haunted house and carnival. The pur-

pose of this event was to raise money for the baseball youth league of El Paso. There are about 28 teams and all are in need of sponsorship. The funds that were raised will go towards registration fees

and gear. It was such a joyous occasion and I can't wait until next year. I would like to thank the Ledesma Family who furnished all the wonderful and scary props.



Fish Fry by Duwan Mason

The El Paso Holy Royal Arch Chapter #90 along with the Northgate Optimist Club held its joint fish fry on 18 October 2014. The purpose of this event was to generate some revenue coming into the chapter and the Optimist club; also it was to start building a strong business relationship with

some other non-profit organizations in El Paso namely the Northgate Optimist Club. Companions this event

was a complete success. We will continue to do joint functions in able to raise funds.



Important Web pages:

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of
Texas:

<http://www.mwphglotx.org/>

District 25: [http://www.masonicdistrict25.org/
index.html](http://www.masonicdistrict25.org/index.html)

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New
Mexico: <http://www.mwphglnm.org/>

Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of
Texas: <http://www.mephgcoftexas.org/>

Also, please visit *Most Excellent Prince Hall
Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of Texas*
on Face book.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4: 16-18