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**THOSE WHO KNOW
JEHOVAH
Shall Publish His Name with
Thanksgiving
GREAT IS THEIR JOY**

The Scriptures refer to the Lord's anointed as a 'great company of publishers', publishers of the word of Jehovah which he gives to them. This publishing is also referred to as 'singing psalms'. The March 1 *Watchtower* gives us a beautiful and descriptive explanation of this work, taken from the meaning of the word "song" or "psalm": minstrelsy, or strolling from place to place, making music along the way; publishing or singing from house to house the praises of Jehovah's name and kingdom. This picture carries the thought of deliverance, freedom from encumbrances, with only the one work of singing, and beautifully depicts the attitude of Jehovah's witnesses who are wholly devoted to him at this time.

The International Thanksgiving Testimony Period provides a wonderful opportunity for Jehovah's witnesses throughout the earth to publish and sing songs to the praise of Jehovah in this manner. Going amongst all people in every land at the same time, Jehovah's witnesses are found raising the voice and with the voice together singing and publishing the praises of his name and his kingdom. The fact that this period commences with the day on which Memorial is held this year gives an added solemnity and importance to the entire event. It enables us to appreciate more than ever the importance of the fact that the Lord has returned and, in addition to showing forth his death, it is now the privilege of God's anointed to sing to the vindication of Jehovah's name and the establishment of his kingdom. Every one who possibly can, therefore, should see to it that he has some part in this glorious song that will rise from the coasts of the earth at this time, and determine that the song then commenced shall never end until every vestige of the Devil's organization that now beclouds the name and purposes of Jehovah is entirely removed.

We find that there are certain specific requirements for this work laid down by the Lord in his Word which are called to our attention in the same March 1 *Watchtower* and which emphasize the fact that this singing and publishing the praises of Jehovah cannot be done in a strange place. The place of the anointed is on Mount Zion, the hill of Megiddo, with the assembly of the Lord's troops. Those who are not there are in a strange land, and consequently are more or less under or subjected to the influences of the enemy. The kind of singing, the manner of singing and the amount of singing those in that position do are limited and subjected to the desires of the enemy. Such cannot be

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International Thanksgiving Testimony Period The Remnant Going Forth in Unity

"Thanksgiving Day"

As outlined in the February 15 *Watchtower*, the twenty-four hours commencing at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, until the same time the following day, should be celebrated as a thanksgiving day unto Jehovah God. That being true, every one of Jehovah's witnesses throughout the earth will want to use this period to the glory of Jehovah. The Scriptures tell us that faith without works is dead; likewise thanksgiving that is merely a matter of words does not manifest a great deal. Where the heart is truly thankful and grateful to Jehovah, the creature is desirous of manifesting that in real activity; and undoubtedly all of the anointed appreciate Jehovah's goodness as never before, and the privilege that is theirs of having some part in the vindication of his word and name.

Therefore we believe it would be pleasing to Jehovah for every one who can possibly do so to take this day off from his secular employment and use it exclusively in the vindication of Jehovah's name. That will permit Sunday, all day, just prior to the assembling for Memorial, to be used in the Lord's service, and the following day, Monday, to be similarly used. The service committee of each company should make arrangements for extensive service activities during these two days and for a service declaration meeting on Monday evening where the goodness of Jehovah and the blessed privilege that has been the portion of the anointed during the past two days may be considered and discussed and real thanksgiving offered to Jehovah.

International Thanksgiving Testimony Period Reports

All the directors, sharpshooters, pioneers and auxiliaries in the United States should make a special effort to get their reports for the eight days of service in early. Remember that this report includes March 20, Sunday, to March 27, also Sunday. The report for the previous week should be made out ending with Saturday's work.

Not only are the workers in the United States sending in a report to the office, but all the branches throughout the world are making a special effort to gather their reports from all of their workers and they will then send a report covering the entire country to the Brooklyn office so that a tabulation can be made for the entire International Thanksgiving Testimony Period.

This will be a great event, with all of the Lord's anointed everywhere putting forth a special effort to honor his name in the earth. It will truly be a thanksgiving period for the remnant.

Arrange to Have Time, Territory and Literature

The February 15 *Watchtower* contains a very wonderful article on the Memorial and shows the proper date for its observance this year as after 6 p.m. of March 20. The *Watchtower* also appoints that as a day of thanksgiving specially set aside for the Lord's people, to be spent in thanksgiving unto Jehovah God, and as the beginning of a period to be known as International Thanksgiving Testimony Period which will continue until March 27.

Clearly such arrangement for a Thanksgiving Day and period of bearing testimony is from the Lord, and is another manifestation of His loving-kindness toward his people. Everywhere the brethren are rejoicing and considering how they may take the fullest advantage of this gift from the Lord. How different is this Thanksgiving Day from the holidays arranged by the Devil's crowd! The world's holidays are for the purpose of selfish enjoyment and dissipation. The Thanksgiving period arranged by Jehovah is for an utterly unselfish purpose, and manifests his loving-kindness toward his creatures. The Lord's anointed people will spend this period as Jehovah would have them, bearing kingdom fruits to the people, singing forth his praises, and rendering joyful thanksgiving to his great and holy name. Jehovah has prepared a feast for his anointed people, and it is their happy lot to be privileged to carry this food to the distressed, heartsick, oppressed ones of the earth.

The hand of the Lord is manifested also in the arrangement of the time for the observance of the Memorial. It is after 6 p.m. of March 20, on Sunday, when the brethren everywhere have a day free from their usual workday duties, and will be able to turn themselves wholeheartedly into the observance of Jehovah's Thanksgiving Period. Through the columns of *The Watchtower* Jehovah has taught his people that the observance of the Memorial now is not a sorrowful occasion, but that they are partaking of the wine new with the Lord in the kingdom. (Matt. 26:28, 29) It is an occasion for joy and thanksgiving that now they are privileged to have a part with Christ Jesus in the vindication of the great name of Jehovah. How better could the day of March 20, preceding the Memorial ceremony in the evening, be spent than in the service singing the song of praise to Jehovah God, and bearing Kingdom fruits to the people in their homes? There is no more fitting way of using that day than by taking the message which Jehovah has provided and joyfully

obeying his command by declaring it to the people.

The Lord's anointed people will gladly seize the occasion for actually participating in the drinking of the "wine", and, their hearts being made glad, they will share their joy with the meek of the earth. (Matt. 20:22, 23) And, too, the message of warning may be delivered even to the rebellious house of Israel. (Ezek. 2:3-10; 3:17-27) Thus may the obligation laid upon the anointed be discharged and they stand guiltless before the Lord.—Isa. 12:1-6; 43:8-12.

In order that the anointed may lift up their voices in a harmonious song, it is suggested that a combination of four of the clothbound books be used during the International Thanksgiving Testimony Period. Probably *Vindication*, bearing the timely warning of imminent destruction upon so-called "Christendom", along with the two books *Light*, which give so much information concerning the activities of the "beasts", and *Prophecy*, to round out the message, would constitute a very attractive offer. The Lord prepared the message contained in these books, and has placed it in the hands of his anointed; and now he has provided a period of time in which they may joyfully bear this message to the people. Truly the hearts of the anointed indite a song of praise to the great Jehovah God when they consider the graciousness of his ways, and his oft-manifested loving-kindnesses. And now Jehovah has provided a practical outlet that his people may demonstrate their gratitude and prove their obedience during this International Thanksgiving Testimony Period, even as in olden times he provided such occasions for his covenant people. (Nehemiah, 8th chapter)

How then may the anointed prepare for the coming of this joyful occasion? By seeing that they are prepared to go forth unitedly in bearing testimony, that they have a supply of the literature on hand ready to present to the people, that they have an assignment of territory suitable for the occasion and sufficient to last them during the whole period, and that they have the Testimony ready to deliver to the people. Also, they may prepare additionally by discharging in advance all their usual obligations that would ordinarily require attention during that week, and thus leave them as free as possible to devote their time and attention to the real purpose of their existence, the vindication of the name of Jehovah. Above all, after having carefully planned and arranged their efforts in advance, let the anointed unitedly take the matter in prayer to the great Jehovah that his blessing—

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Results of Bound Book Testimony Period - Jan. 30-Feb. 7, 1932

Compared with Midwinter Week—Jan. 31-Feb. 8, 1931, and Prophecy Week—Jan. 25-Feb. 2, 1930

	Work-ers	Testi-monies	Hours	Place-ments	Books	Book-lets	Litera-ture	Average Hours per Worker		
								B. B. Test. Period	Midwinter Week	Prophecy Week
Companies and Sharpshooters	8,827	278,691	54,115	58,482	24,944	66,520	91,464	6.1	7.0	4.8
Auxiliaries	785	58,071	12,162	10,898	5,765	11,768	16,933	15.49	13.7	15.2
Pioneers	1,561	180,541	44,391	41,822	31,160	41,210	75,370	28.43	33.2	30.0
B. B. Test. Period Total	11,173	517,303	110,668	111,202	61,869	121,898	183,767	9.1	10.6	8.4
Midwinter Week Total	9,968	383,347	105,807	87,934	61,976	143,693	205,669			
Prophecy Week Total	7,663	No record	64,400	74,808	72,663	59,845	132,508			

It affords us much joy and considerable food for thought to present at this time the results of the Bound Book Testimony Period compared with the Midwinter Week and Prophecy Week covering the same periods of time for 1931 and 1930 respectively.

Throughout the entire analysis the stately stepping of our God is manifest, marching grandly on to victory, unaffected by earthly conditions.

During the Bound Book Testimony Period there were well over half a million testimonies given in the United States, an increase of almost 134,000 over the similar period of last year. From the standpoint of the magnitude of the witness, this is truly the Lord's doing. Likewise with the placements. Over 111,200 people received the Kingdom message in book form, compared with 87,934 last year and 74,804 the year before. Within a period of two years there has been an increase of 36,398 homes receiving the literature during these special periods. Even in the most prosperous times we never had anything like this in the way of an increase—49 percent.

Consideration of the literature placed is also encouraging. The number of bound books for 1931 and that for 1932 are practically the same, which is another remarkable evidence that the literature can be placed regardless of the depression. There was a drop of almost 22,000 booklets, however, which brings the total literature down by that amount and indicates that the people are not taking the booklets in the larger combinations; but the fact that the total, being 22,000 fewer pieces, was distributed to 23,268 more homes, is eloquent evidence of the ever increasing desire of the people for the Kingdom message. And aside from the command of Jehovah and the vindication of his word and name, this should be one of the greatest impelling forces to draw all of the Lord's people into his service; for only the truth can bring hope, peace and joy to the poor groaning creation.

The increase in the number of workers is another positive evidence of the fact that Jehovah's witnesses are more and more realizing the obligation the Lord has placed upon

them as a part of his servant and are responding to it with joy.

The one point which does not show up well is the time spent in the service. Every branch shows a decided drop in the number of hours per worker. There was a 14-percent drop in the total, without any apparent reason for it. Some idea of what this means in the magnitude of the witness may be obtained when we take 14 percent of the testimonies, hours, placements, books and booklets and consider them. Here is what it would mean: 72,422 more testimonies, 15,494 more hours, 15,568 more placements, 8,662 more books and 17,066 more booklets. Nothing can be done about this now, of course, but these figures emphasize the importance of watching the time. Let each one determine by the Lord's grace not to be similarly overtaken in the Thanksgiving Testimony Period.

No effort has been made here to analyze the different departments, such as pioneers, auxiliaries or companies. We believe each one can do this for himself. We considered here the remnant in the United States as a unit.

(Continued from page 1, column 1) pleasing to Jehovah. The Kingdom is here. We are not advancing to it, but we are actually in the service of the King. We are in the army, charging the enemy, and this is no time for compromise of any sort. Soldiers in the army engaged in actual fighting do not have to stop to figure out whether they are in the army or not. We are either on the hill of Megiddo, the hill of Jehovah's troops, or else we are not there. If on investigation it is found that for any reason one cannot sing and publish the name and kingdom of Jehovah now to the extent of his ability, it is a strong indication that he is in a strange land and that his instruments of praise, instead of being used as the Lord dictates, are hanging uselessly on the willow tree. There is no just reason why anyone who claims to be God's anointed should be in this condition now. The Lord has arranged for the deliverance of his people. He has accomplished it; he has provided them with the necessary ammunition; he has placed his Captain in charge and has commanded his people to go forward. He has guaranteed that his army shall be victorious and that those who will have part in this victory must be called, chosen and faithful. Therefore let each one as he participates in this warfare, and particularly at the beginning of this Thanksgiving Testimony Period and Memorial, examine himself, for this question deserves careful consideration by each one of Jehovah's witnesses; and what more appropriate time for self-examination than at the present? We should examine ourselves to see whether we are partaking of the Memorial worthily and whether we really discern the body. Those who know Jehovah will partake worthily, by properly discerning the Lord's re-

quirements for the body now. They will, in the words of the psalmist, say with enthusiasm, "Come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

(Continued from page 1, column 4) ing may be upon the arrangements and effects, so that it may result in the greatest good toward the vindication of the name of Jehovah!

Thus, being fully prepared for the occasion, when the hour comes, on Sunday, March 20, the anointed will be standing in readiness to go forth to the territory for which they are individually responsible, and participate in the Thanksgiving feast which Jehovah has prepared. Never before has there been such an occasion.

The great period of waiting having ended in 1914, Jehovah set his King upon his throne. (Ps. 110:1, 2; 2:6) He sent forth Michael to lead his forces against the enemy and cast Satan out of heaven. (Revelation, 12th chapter) The time for rejoicing has come. (Rev. 12:12; Isa. 61:10) Jehovah has illuminated the minds of the anointed with the significance of the happenings since 1914, and now he has further blessed his anointed ones with an understanding of the true significance of the observance of the Memorial, and thus they are prepared to properly participate in the celebration of the Memorial on this day of thanksgiving to Jehovah. Never before have the anointed partaken of the Memorial under such joyful, happy conditions. This is the Lord's doing, and so let the anointed show their heartfelt appreciation during this International Thanksgiving Testimony Period by unitedly lifting up their

voices in the great song of praise, rejoicing with Christ Jesus that now the occasion has come for the vindication of the name of Jehovah God.

Kingdom Booklets Can Now Be Had in 23 Languages

Now that the campaign for the Kingdom booklets is in full swing among the foreign-speaking people, every one should be sure to be supplied with what is required. For your information we again list all the languages in which the Kingdom booklet can now be obtained:

Albanian	Japanese
Arabic	Korean
Armenian	Lithuanian
Bohemian	Norwegian
English	Polish
French	Russian
German	Slovak
Greek	South African Dutch
Hollandish	Spanish (magazine)
Hungarian	Swedish
Icelandic	Ukrainian
Italian	

By the first of April we hope to have the Kingdom booklet in Chinese. The others are in stock now.

An Opportunity to Cooperate

Much time is wasted looking up addresses which time could be better spent in the Lord's service. Again it is requested that each one writing a letter or sending an order be SURE that his name and COMPLETE address appear in a prominent place on the letter or order. The name of your city alone is insufficient; so kindly put your street address or post office box number on each communication. If your address is General Delivery, kindly so indicate. Your compliance with this request will be greatly appreciated, since it will expedite the work in the Society's office.

Bethel Family Participation in Thanksgiving Period Service Leaders Will Be Sent Out

The Bethel family, of course, will be privileged to spend the first Sunday in the service with the brethren everywhere, before they partake of the Memorial that evening. In addition to this, it has been arranged for the factory to be closed the Saturday before the last day of this period, March 26, so that they will have an opportunity to spend two full days at the end of this period in the field giving testimony to the Lord's kingdom.

All companies within a radius of 300 miles from Brooklyn who would like to have a service leader serve them on the 26th and 27th should write in early to the Regional Service Department, so that an appointment may be made.

A Suggestion to Consider

In many instances pioneers leave the literature with people in exchange for produce and foodstuffs, such as chickens, eggs, milk, preserved fruits, canned vegetables, etc. To aid the pioneers in turning these into cash with which to pay their necessary expenses, one company has arranged a section in their meeting place where these things taken in exchange are placed by the pioneers, and the members of the company purchase such at reasonable market values. This saves the time of the pioneers, since ordinarily they must take the produce to market and dispose of it. It also works to the advantage of those purchasing, since they get good, fresh country products at proper prices. The brethren everywhere must buy various articles of food, and it is suggested that this arrangement, which is reported as working very satisfactorily, could be undertaken by other companies where there are pioneers working in their vicinity.

Radio Folders and Back Calls

The new radio folder has proved very effective, and many people are listening in because they have received these announcements. It is well to leave these with all the people you meet, so that more will be informed concerning the immense number of radio transcription programs that are put on in the United States.

The back calls on those who write in to the office for literature or further information have proved very successful. Workers tell us that quite often when they have made a back call they have left an entire set of ten books, as well as many booklets. These back calls are very encouraging and should be taken care of as soon as you receive the slip from the office.

We would recommend that, whenever pioneers are in a company territory, the director give these slips to them if they desire to make the back calls. This will aid them somewhat in their expenses, because it may be that they can place a set of books, and this will be of help to them. Instead of giving the back call slips to the company workers or even those who do not go out regularly, it is preferable to give them to the pioneers in your territory if they can conveniently make the calls. Otherwise, active workers should take care of these immediately, so that the witness may be properly presented and literature left with the interested parties.