

Letter 46
Mom At Rest
"A Completed Journey"
2011-12-10

Dear Dan,

The Lord took my Mom home to Heaven on 19 April 2003. My Dad had been out flying one of his many radio controlled model aircraft early in the morning, what he called "Dawn Patrol". When he returned to the house Mom was slumped over on the floor in front of her chair. Mom had heart problems for most of her adult life, and had a pacemaker. It was as though the Lord said; "Time to come Home" and turned off the switch.

The last thing Mom said to me on the earth was:

"ROMANUS, YOU HAVE A SWEET HEART."

Attached are the words I wrote down in the days just after laying my Mom to rest. Of course, I had not the moniker Romanus Theophilus at that time, but I have so signed it that way now.

Blessings...

Romanus Theophilus

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A Completed Journey
By Romanus Theophilus
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Saturday, September 6, 2003 marked the completion of a new weather record in the Seattle area, representing 61 consecutive days at or above 70 DEGF. The next day, Sunday, the high only made it to 68 DEGF.

The previous record was made, coincidentally, the same year I was born, in 1958. There were 49 days of 70+ weather from 9 July through 26 August.

On this particular Saturday I had occasion to spend the greater part of the day boating on Lake Washington. My good friend (CB15) set out from Kenmore and picked me up at Moss Bay in Kirkland, and together we set out on a "3 hour tour" in his 21-foot powerboat.

One could not have asked for a better day for boating, or just about any other Summer time activity. Above

were blue sky, sunshine, and billowing white clouds. To the west a multitude of sunbeams were shining down upon the hills of the Emerald City, refracted into a variety of rays by the suspended droplets of water.

The first time I was ever in a boat of any consequence in Lake Washington was when my Mom's youngest sister and her husband took our family in their boat out for a ride. I think I was about 10 or 11 years old.

After departing Moss Bay, we headed in a southwesterly direction, toward the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge and the deepest part of the lake. I wanted to try to come close to the area where I thought my Mom had been where, as a young woman, she had swam the width of Lake Washington.

Mom was born in Seattle, and grew up in Houghton, a small town on the Eastern Shore of Lake Washington, almost directly across the lake from Husky Stadium.

My mom loved the water, and swimming. And one of her last wishes was for her ashes to be placed close to a body of water.

In keeping with her last wishes on earth, we laid her final earthly composition to rest at the bottom of the deepest part of Lake Washington, where her ashes will rest in peace until Kingdom Come.

As for me, the one that laid the body of his mother (CS4) to rest, being appointed by my father to do so, here is what the Lord says concerning these matters:

Psalm 70

- 1) Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD.
- 2) Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.
- 3) Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.
- 4) Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.
- 5) But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying. (KJV)

Isaiah 49

- 1) Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.
- 2) And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;
- 3) And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.
- 4) Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.
- 5) And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.
- 6) And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to

restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

7)Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

8)Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

9)That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

10)They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

11)And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

12)Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

13)Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

14)But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

15)Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

16)Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

17)Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.

18)Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth.

19)For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

20)The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

21)Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been?

22)Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

23)And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

24)Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

25)But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

26)And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

(KJV)

Isaiah 61

- 1)The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;
 - 2)To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;
 - 3)To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.
 - 4)And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.
 - 5)And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.
 - 6)But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.
 - 7)For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.
 - 8)For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
 - 9)And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.
 - 10)I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.
 - 11)For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.
- (KJV)

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Note: 2011-12-10

When I arrived back at Moss Bay, there was a group of Christians on the lawn proclaiming the Gospel. I sat on a bench for a little while, and I remember another Believer sitting next to me. We talked for a little while. Then I departed for home. It was a fitting "Farewell" to my Mom as she loves Jesus and His Gospel.