Jas. 4:16

September Song

(Ponca City, Okla. Fall Roundup 9/24/61)

Intro. A. Appreciate this invitation to enjoy this hour.

B. Happy to visit with your minister and our new friends, the Epperons. (I'll not mention that you stole him from us)

C. Fall Roundup - Over home it's cotton picking time. all the same; a good time.

D. It's September - a good time.

1. Put on a sweater, pop some corn, build a small fire.

School bell rings.

2. Football kicked into the air a leaf falls too soon, a silent prophet of approaching winter.

3. Soon the flying clouds, frosty night, grass will die in the night.

E. September - a good time in the church.

1. From far + wide, meetings return to work, worship, pray.

2. New ideas, new vigor.

3. Roundup, growth, outreach.

F. Yet deep + other theme comes to mind this time of year (more than any other).

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2. But yesterday, mornings turned somersaults in joy, butterflies everywhere, world a poem of light + color.

3. Now turns brown, soon leaves trees beg for blanket.

4. And we learn again the lesson written on every cloud, in book every tree - God set eternity in heart, still caught on wheels of time.

B. Though

I The Message Written Everywhere - Time Passes.

A. Not only felt in seasons change.

B. See it written on the earth.

1. Here once another culture hunted elk, buffalo.

2. Plowman comes upon cornerstone of house once filled with laughter, &
C. Sense it in own frame. your face, hands, heart, memory say - Time passed.
1. The boy sees quail, hears cricket, bares head to sun, wind.
2. Not so the old man.

II Dr Light. This Truth, Therefore —
A. We must not tarry, waiting for tomorrow.
1. Some feel Tomorrow magic, a treasure chest. Not so.
2. Tomorrow - when I be better, do more, have more.
If I be the devil, say Wait.
3. No "sometime"; only Now.
4. Like wise housewife, prepare.
5. Can tell how far a step will go.
B. Yet must not rush and steal from tomorrow.
1. Have all now. Race not to swift.
2. Steal from tomorrow and life soon empty. 4th grader + hose.
3. Lose all anticipation. Tragedy of prodigal written in 1st line.
C. Nor be morose, despairing of tomorrow.
1. No need to speak of lack of help, encouragement, poor environment, world conditions (Man didn't know yard due to Berlin crisis).
2. Lily on pond. It is possible.
3. Forces at work - resources available.
4. God is still God.
5. Prophet & his servant surrounded by enemy. Look above & beyond - Chariots of God!

May God make each one sensitive to precious value of today, now & feel need to use it. Yet may God free from anxiety about future but give "hope" that sends a shining ray - - - - - -