

January 2, 1968⁴ / Chapel Sermon, by Dr. Allan A. MacRae

In Exodus 12:2 we read the words, This month ~~sh~~ shall be unto you the beginning of months. It ~~has~~ shall be the first month of the year to you. Surely an ~~ap~~ appropriate verse for the day after New Year's Day. As we think of it there is no particular reason to have New ~~y~~ Year now as any ~~k~~ other time. ~~The day after New Year's day~~. The earth goes around the sun and why should we note one ~~particular~~ spot as it is going around. Nobody knows when the earth started to go around. We are certainly not told that any where in the scriptures. Why should we just go ~~on~~ on and on and on. Why ~~ah~~ have ~~n~~ New Years. Many people ~~like~~ like to ~~sa~~ stay up New Year's Eve and see the New Year come in. Well, when it comes in here it has already come in , it has already come in I guess 15-~~x~~16 hours earlier~~x~~ in Korea. It comes in at different times at every section of this earth, but people like to ~~sti~~ sit up in ~~odr~~ order to watch it, they hear the bells ~~rig~~ ring. They feel that there has been a tremendous change . Well, it may seem silly but actually, I think it is a good thing . It is a very good thing to have definite division in our life. It's so easy to go on and on and on and not realize ~~n~~ whether we are making progress ~~or~~ whether whether we are slipping ~~n~~ backward. And so on a New Year , a point where you stop~~and~~-- a point where in a way you are making a clean slate. That year is finished. We can't change it. It is gone. A New Year starts and if you are ~~tie~~ tired and seemingly making no headway. Well, there is a new start. Let's move on. AX I remember back in 1939- 1932, some where along there. We had a year in the midst of the great depression. There didn't seem ~~mus~~ much hope of much change. And I noticed a funny thing happened. On December 31 in the Stock Market prices were on a certain level and January 1 everything was ~~clae~~ closed. January 2 practically everything had ~~jus~~ jumped up to about ten dollars more per share. It was a sudden jump up. ~~Whey~~ Why was it. Well, people said next year can't be as ~~bas~~ bad as ~~the~~ this ~~x~~ year. It has got to be ~~k~~ better, so things ~~jut~~