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## A Word Through Bishop E. N. Webb:

## **A PROVING GROUND**

figures identifying its breaking point. Some pieces had been twisted until they broke and the strength of the torsion was marked. Some had been stretched to the breaking point and their tensile strength indicated. Some had been compressed to the crushing point and it was also noted.

a building, a ship or a bridge. The tests revealed it all. God often follows this

process in dealing with His beloved children. We aren't to be fragile vases, but like toughened pieces of steel, able to bear twisting and crushing without collapse. To accomplish this, God

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The technicians knew just what these pieces of steel would stand under strain and just what they would bear if placed into

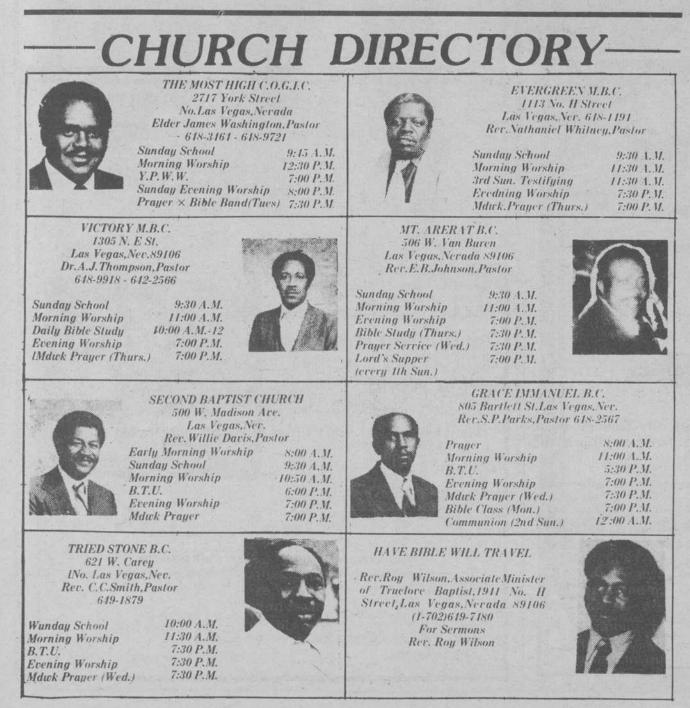
brings us into His testing room of suffering and trials. He "proves" us, always in order to make our weakness known to us so that we may desire strength from Him. The turns, tossing to and fro, brings sorrow to our hearts and tears in our eyes.

God doesn't get joy out of hurting us, but He wants to know if we will stand the test. For if we stand the storm, we will anchor by and by. The storm will be passing over.

Our Master thru trials and tribulations is offering us His gift of forgiveness in Christ. He prepares us for daily challenges.

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## THANKSGIVING

by Rev. Charles Wyatt

Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift — 2nd Cor. 9:15.

The gift of my being.
The gift of our country.

3. The gift of our country.

3. The gift of freedom and democracy.

4. The gift of love. 56. The gift of His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. John 3:16.

Some afterthought and meditation — Best of all is it to preserve everything in a pure, still heart, and let there



be for every pulse and heartbeat a thanksgiving and for every breath a song — then thanksgiving becomes thanksliving. Our pride often stands before us to keep us from thanksgiving, but an humble mind and good heart form the basis for which thanks naturally grows. We give thanks Thanksgiving Day. On this day people give thanks with feasting and prayer for the blessings they may have received during the year. The first Thanksgiving Days were harvest festivals, or days for thanking God for plentiful crops. For this reason the holiday still takes place late in the Fall, after the crops have been gathered. For thousands of years people in many lands have held harvest festivals. The American Thanksgiving Day probably grew out of the harvest-home celebration of England.

In the United States, Thanksgiving is usually a family day, celebrated with big dinners and joyous reunions. The very mention of Thanksgiving often calls up memories of kitchens and pantries crowded with good things to eat. Thanksgiving is also a serious time for thinking, religious church service and prayer.

One of the first thanksgiving observances in America was entirely religious and did not involve feasting. On Dec. 4, 1619, 39 English settlers arrived at Berkeley Plantation

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because God has two places of dwelling. One is in Heaven and the other is in our hearts. In the United States and Canada a day is set aside each year as

on the James River near what is now Charles City, Va. The group's charter required that the day of arrival be observed yearly as a day of Thanksgiving to God.



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There the Lord made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there He proved them. Exodus 15:25.

Some years ago a writer visited a research laboratory of a steel mill. All around were partitions and compartments. In them steel had been tested to the limit and marked with

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