

Letter - to Gerrit Parmele Judd

by Charles Finney

Charles Finney expresses his love and concern for Gerrit Parmele Judd and his family, updates them on the work of God, and encourages them to write and pray for each other.

Scripture: Philippians 1:3

Topics: "The Power of Prayer", "Missionary Work"

Description

Charles Finney expresses deep affection and concern in his letter to Gerrit Parmele Judd and his family, lamenting their separation and the inability to meet before their departure. He shares his joy about the work of the gospel and the involvement of Miss Fanny Thomas in missionary efforts, emphasizing the importance of prayer and support for one another in their spiritual journeys. Finney's heartfelt words reflect a strong bond of love and commitment to the mission of spreading the gospel, urging them to stay connected through prayer and correspondence.

Transcript

To Gerrit Parmele Judd

22 October 1827

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Address: Doct G. P. Judd.

Boston.

Massachusetts.

Letter:

Stephentown Oct. 22nd 1827.

Doct & Mrs Judd. Beloved Brother & Sister.

We have with no ordinary

degree of interest heard from you, once & again,

& regret exceedingly that Providence prevented our seeing you once more before you left these shores of America. But the good work of our God was in such a state, both when we recd your first & last letter, that I deemed it incompatible with duty to leave the ground even for a day. The work is still in as interesting a state, so far as I can understand the state of things, as it has been at any time.

My anxiety to see you is so great, that were it possible for me to leave, I should visit you at Boston before you embarked.

I should have written to you, but have all along until now, indulged the hope of seeing you. When you mentioned that Miss Fanny Thomas was to make one of your number, I could not recollect that I knew any such person.

And never learned until the arrival of Broth Frost on Saturday evening who she was. O, Is it possible that that dear girl is going to carry the blessed gospel to the poor heathen. "Bless the Lord O, my soul". I have desired exceedingly to see her, & really it seems to me that I can hardly deny myself the luxury of seeing you all before you go. But, I must

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be still. Give my dearest love to her & to her husband whom I suppose I have never seen.

O I have ten thousand things to say to you & to her. & O that we could pray together once more While you & we live I trust myself & wife shall not forget to pray for you "exceedingly". You are almost constantly on our minds & we can pray for you with many tears. O may "the arms of your hands be made strong, with the strength of the Mighty God of Jacob."!

And now My dear Garret, & Laura, & Fanny beloved for the Lords sake, blessed servants of Jesus, & Missionaries of his cross, if when you arrive at the place of your destination, you can get time from your other labours to write to your unworthy friends, brother & sister F you confer on us a great favour. Direct your letters to Utica to the care of Thomas Hastings if you get time to write.

My dear Wife mourns sore like a dove, because she cant see Laura once more. She would have visited Troy at the time you was there but for the rain on monday, in which I thought it would not do for her to venture out, in her feeble state of health.

But I must drop my pen.

Yours most affectionately in the bonds of the gospel.

C. G. Finney.

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