

## "Unexpected Springs" c. 15:27

Elim - "12 Springs - To palm trees" -

Marah - dry - hot - "bitter" water -

Refreshed - revived - restored -

Disappointed - discouraged - Ready to go home -

John Mark - Now these Israelites -  
In midst of the worst "God brought them  
to Elim" - Today our "Elims" -

John Bunyan - Journey from "City of Destruction"  
to the City Celestial - Perils -

God always plants some place of rest  
+ refreshing close by the side of  
special trial + difficulty -

Beyond "Slough of Despond" is the  
"Interpreter's House"

Beyond "Hill of Difficulty" is the "House  
Beautiful" -

### Some of God's "ELIMS"

1. The Home - place of refreshing!  
atmosphere of love + welcome + affection!  
World may be a "Marah" - each evening  
an ELIM -

(Christ + Bethany) - "Marah" + "Elim" -

The Spring + the palm were there  
Sympathy + understanding + love -

Martha - + Mary + Lazarus -

[Chas. Kingsley - misunderstood - slandered -  
abused -

Love of wife - caress of children -

Thank God for this healing Elim -

### 2. The Lord's Day + His SANCTUARY

Time of refreshing! Place of refreshing  
Every seven days! - Renewal -

12 Springs - To Palm trees -

"The pace that kills" -

Not complete without the Sanctuary -

a tired heart - a weary soul -

"Settled in the Sanctuary"

"Elim" - "I came tired --- I met my Lord  
there" -

Tired - worn - confused - go away peaceful  
and serene - deliverance - release -

"Come unto me all ye that labor -

This sanctuary will be an ELIM for you

### 3. The Place of Private Prayer -

["Enter into thy closet + shut thy door  
+ pray to thy Father who is in secret"

(Running streams - bubbling springs) -

Jesus went into the mt. to pray -  
mt. top became an "Elim" to Him -  
"angels came & ministered to Him" -  
God will meet with us - speak to us  
soothe us - strengthen us - refresh us  
restore us there -

Do you stumble along day by day when there  
is a divinely-placed "Elim" near?  
Do you find the road dreary & long & hot?  
Step aside - drink deeply - Come back  
with joy & laughter & strength - "Elim"

We must go forth into struggle again -  
We cannot remain at the sanctuary  
Israelites merely camped at "Elim" - They  
moved on to "wilderness of Sin" -  
We move on into hard going again -

In "Elim" at the End of the Journey -

The Elims we enjoy here below give only  
faint hints of the joy & bliss & peace  
that are to be ours in the ELIM that awaits  
us -

There the "water of Life" - crystal clear

" trees - 12 manner of fruits

"They shall hunger no more - neither thirst

no storm - no trouble - no sorrow -

nor crying - nor pain - nor death -

Everlasting music & song -

The Senior Class

Our Everlasting Home -

Have you the Blessed Assurance  
requests the honor of your presence

" " the Glorious Hope -  
during the Exercises of the

Fortieth Commencement

June fourth and fifth

nineteen hundred and fifty-three

Houston, Texas