

Saturday Evening, June 11 – Betty Roe
“TO LOVE OUR GOD “

Wonder why John Parker, the writer of the lyrics of *To Love Our God*, begins this anthem with wind and rain? He then turns to working hard with nothing gained and returning to dust when we die. We understand that weather, working, and dying are a part of the human experience. There is nothing new in this. However, the real message is best said in the last stanza,

Nothing satisfies our soul
Gives life meaning, makes us whole
For this purpose we were made
To love our God.

The human experience has no real meaning except through our relationship with Christ. Maybe these lyrics serve to remind us of this because of the ups and downs of daily living. It is so easy to get trapped in the demands of work, raising children, budgeting money, and even serving in the church that we forget that our Father just desires us. Period. He wants our praise, our prayers, our disappointments, our joys, and our sorrows. Martin Luther said that God created the world out of nothing, and as long as we are nothing, he can make something out of us. How do we give God all of us? This kind of devotion comes only through quiet prayer and staying in God's Word. Do you give God all of you? Do you hold back in some areas? Take a moment and jot down a few thoughts about this. Oh, that we can all proclaim with the psalmist, "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God." (Psalm 42:1)