

*Letter from Axe to Eagle Tail Feather, son of Crow Eagle.*

He says " that he rejoices that he, the Axe, has given his heart to God. Tell him and also Little Ears, and Little Plume, and Crow Eagle, that our former life was bad, there was nothing good in it, and now let the Lord Jesus Christ fully cleanse us from all evil. Let us beyond all else set our hearts upon our Lord's teaching that we may have everlasting life and true happiness. I have not yet heard that there is among the Bloods and Peigans, my relatives, belief in the one true God; this would make me glad. I have proved the pity and the happiness of the Lord and I cannot doubt it, and it gives me joy. Tell Eagle Tail Feathers that I endeavor not to have evil thoughts, but to encourage good ones every day, for I have learned to hate my evil thoughts. Tell him that I heard that on the Peigan Reserve there is the wisdom of evil, (i.e., that the people are wise in all kinds of evil.) I hear that Little Plume and Little Ears are at church every Sunday. Oh that all my relatives would persevere in so doing, every Sunday. Good indeed will it be when all of them truly believe, it will make me very happy. I and the whole of my family now serve the Lord, and we are truly happy. So will my relatives be if they will truly give themselves to God. I try all the time to persuade all my relatives to become Christians, and I rejoice to find one after another turning unto God. Little Ears, persevere in trying to teach the Peigans what you have learnt, and help Mr. Haynes. I have heard of the death of your child; I greatly pity you. If you persevere then real sorrow shall not enter into your life. Faith in God will remove this. I have not learnt to read more than a few pages of God's Word, but I find great joy in them. Tell Eagle Tail Feathers that it seems strange to think that in God's world where He has placed us man lives for evil. Tell him that I ask him to listen to God's teaching, and to very much believe. Our life here on the Blackfoot Reserve, as Christians, is a very happy one, and I am never in doubt about it, God sees us, I am now ploughing a large field in the irrigation fence, 250 x 150 yards. I have lost 4 cattle and one horse and three hens but this does not trouble me, I am very happy. Tell Little Plume I expect to have money by next winter, when I will not forget his request for a tent. At the breaking up of the ice my house was nearly flooded and my mother was quite scared, but I