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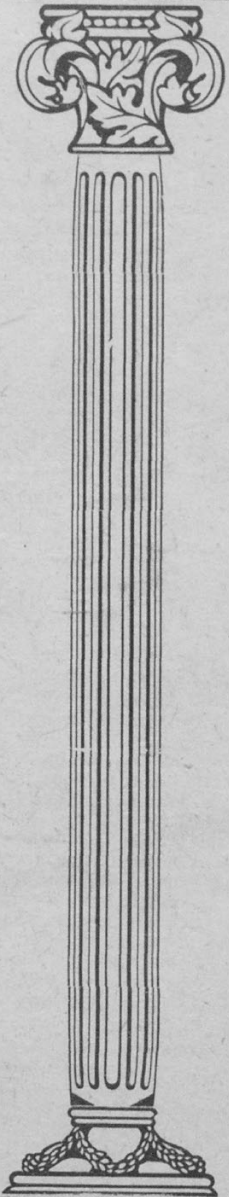
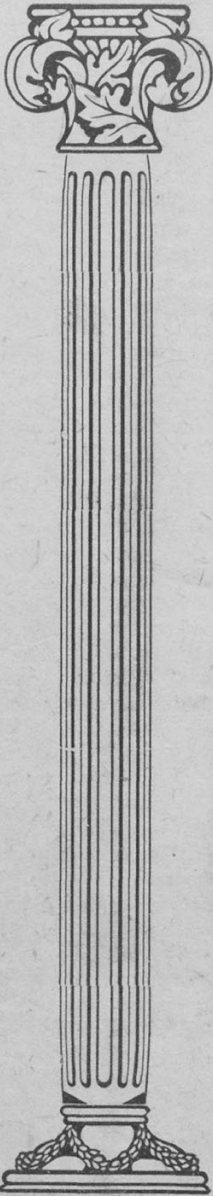
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THE GOSPEL TO EVERY
CREATURE. — Mark 16:15



The Seven Fold Self-Humbling of Christ.

LET this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

1. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
2. But made himself of no reputation,
3. And took upon him the form of a servant,
4. And was made in the likeness of men:
5. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled Himself,
6. And became obedient unto death,
7. Even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:5-11. (See Scofield Bible.)

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LITTLE TALKS WITH THE OFFICE EDITOR

THE COUNCIL IS ON and making good headway by the time this issue of the Evangel falls into the hands of the members

of the Evangel family, but as the material for the paper is prepared from a week to ten days before the date of issue, we cannot report any of the meetings, which must be done in the following issue of the Evangel. Furthermore, in order that there may be no unnecessary work upon us during the meeting of the Council, it has been customary for us to drop one issue of the paper during Council week, therefore there will be

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.

As soon as the Council is over, a full report will be made and published in the Evangel, the members of the Evangel Family getting the first report published of what promises to be the most important Council ever held in the Pentecostal ranks.

This will be the third Council since the great World war broke out, which has devastated homes and taken life in such staggering figures as to be beyond our comprehension. Truly the times foretold for the last days are upon us. And not only are the nations locked in mortal combat, but we never knew of so many labor troubles as are upon us at this time. Strikes everywhere! Not a copy of the daily paper is picked up without seeing report of strikes and more strikes to follow. Where is it going to end? Possibly we shall never see another Council before Jesus comes. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus. But one thing sure, whether the Lord tarries or not, we are in the last days, the days in which it is foretold that without the mark of the beast they can neither buy nor sell. Those days will be fully brought in when the Anti-christ Kingdom is set up and now we only see the foregleams and foreshadowings of the greater fulfillment yet to come. How we need to be girded up and strengthened by the Word of His grace that we be able to stand.

And conditions are not lessening up one bit in their pressure upon us. Only this morning we were visited by a representative of a large paper house in St. Louis who informed us that paper will go higher and higher, there being no relief in sight whatever. This means a further dependence upon God to get us through, and a greater realization in the hearts of the people of the needs of the publishing house which stands uncompromisingly committed to build up the body of Christ in unity and fellowship for the rapture of the saints. One consolation, we know that you are with us, and we are not standing alone in this fight.

Besides every man and woman appointing themselves as a representative to get subscriptions and renewals, and the offerings which are sent in from time to time to make up the deficit occasioned by high prices of printing materials, there is another way you can help. Every book, Bible or other piece of merchandise which is sold, yields a certain profit which is again turned back in to the publishing house to help bear the expense of publishing the paper. If it had not been for the book and Bible business conducted along with the other work during the past year, it is doubtful whether or not we would have been able to continue to this time. And now there are the calendars for 1917. Every member in your assembly should have a Scripture Text Calendar for 1917. Send 25 cts. for a sample and then go around through the members of your assembly and take orders for the calendar. You can easily take orders for a dozen or twenty-five or even 100. Every calendar helps to lift the burden, and remember the prices, one for 25 cts., five for \$1.00, twelve for \$2.25, twenty-five for \$4.30, fifty for \$8.25 and 100 for \$15.00. Cash with order. Send for sample today.

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Editorial

"PRAISE THE LORD."

How much there is in our lives for which we should praise God. "Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge." All creation speaks of God and every day brings new evidences of His loving-kindness toward all men. Not all men acknowledge Him and not all are thankful for benefits received. It is a fact, however, that "every good and perfect gift cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." Men should thank and praise God for every blessing that comes to them. How far short of doing so is the world of men and women about us. Here at once appears a difference between the people who know and love God and those who are yet strangers to His grace. The true people of God, they who know and love Him, delight to praise Him and are not forgetful to thank Him for His favor; but rejoice in recounting before Him the many blessings He so richly bestows. They who are not thus acquainted with God, are indifferent to the fact that all their blessings come from His hand, and that even a continuance of their life depends upon the favor of the Almighty God. All this is the natural consequence of conditions found in the hearts of men. Only the heart that has been touched and warmed into life by the love of God will respond in praise and true worship.

A SOURCE OF SADNESS

is found in the thought that many accept, in a certain way, the grace of God and claim a part in the salvation He has provided, and yet have no special desire to praise Him and know so little of true worship. The difficulty is found in a lack of properly understanding God's plan and man's place in it. An intellectual acceptance of the provision of God is simply an acknowledgment of its reality. To enter in with God into His plan for us is another thing. This makes the truth experimentally true. Matters must reach the experimental stage with us before we get very far into the realities of salvation. The temperature of our spiritual life can be readily taken. The volume of our love for God and a lost world can be measured. The thermometer and the yard-stick are in our own life. Our love for God and a lost world is measured by what that love prompts us to do and give for the interests of God's kingdom and the salvation of the lost. The temperature of our spiritual life is

easily found, indicated by the measure of praise and true worship there is in our life. Prayer does not represent the condition of which I speak. Prayer as an attitude pertains to it, but prayer may be largely a matter of petition, a matter of asking from God rather than offering to God. True worship, true praise, however, is a condition where the satisfied soul pours out its very self unto God as water poured on the ground; not to be gathered up again; given without thought of return. The spiritual temperature of many lives rests at a point where the elements of praise and worship congeal and become dead; and their efforts to serve and worship God have about the same relation to the reality of such, as a block of ice to a bubbling spring. Spirituality may be likened to fire. We need the fire of spiritual life and power in us to raise the volume of energy till praise and testimony shall be the spontaneous result. This fire comes out from the holiest place (the presence of the Lord). When we see our need of it, we may find it there. Happy is the man who knows how to reach the place and touch the divine fire, to come away all ablaze with devotion and praise.

"WHAT MANNER OF LOVE."

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us." (1 Jno. 3:1.)

"Behold what manner of love is required of us." (Eph. 5:1, 2.)

Marvelous is the love of God for men. Wonderful its provision on their behalf. Remarkable is its demonstration toward even the unlovable and unworthy. The measure of it is seen in the unspeakable gift (His Son), "in whom we have redemption, through His blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace." "By whom also we have access into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

On the other hand, God requires of us a certain quality of love. We are to be "followers of God (imitators of God)" and walk in love as Christ also hath loved us and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour." The nature of our love is to be the same as that of God for us. We are to imitate God in our love: that is, we are to give ourselves as an offering and as a sacrifice in showing our love. An offering is something freely given; or given without demand or requirement. A sacrifice on the other hand is something which is demanded or required of us. God puts in both ideas for us, showing that love demands that we give ourselves, and yet that we may respond as though it was not required, but given freely. "BEHOLD WHAT MANNER OF LOVE."

THE WORKS OF GOD

B. F. Lawrence

A DEPARTMENT OF RECORD

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name."
Mal. 3:16.

ARTICLE XX.—The good of Tongues

I want, this week, to give you a little of my own experience in this good way, or rather, how I came into it.

My mother was converted at the age of sixteen and was of a religious disposition, ever seeking to know more of the Lord. He led her on until, some years before my birth, she was healed of chronic troubles which made her for nine years an invalid. At the time of her healing, she was down in bed and the town was waiting to hear of her death. God sent a man to her who prayed the prayer of faith and she was instantly recovered.

Her example and teaching were such that I have never taken medicine of any kind with the exception of a few cough drops. Not only did my mother know God in His power to heal, she was acquainted with Him in deeper spiritual ways also. For some years she was interested in the W. C. T. U., rescue work, jail work, and lastly, in the Christian and Missionary Alliance. To that body she offered herself as a missionary to India. They rejected her on the ground that her first duty was to her child. I mention these things to show that if there is anything in the idea that men and women may, by godly living, earnest praying and intelligent faith obtain a spiritual inheritance for their children, my mother was one of those who might so obtain. In the years of our lives together I never saw or heard that which was improper in a Christian. Her testimony to me was sound, her prayers to God in my behalf were urgent and believing. An answer came, I cannot believe that it was a deceitful, mocking one.

Reared under these conditions, I naturally had large light along many lines. I cannot remember when I first learned that God could save people from their sins; that He could, and would, heal their bodies. These things were with me, always taken as a matter of course.

This blaze of Gospel light accustomed my eyes to itself, and when I grew older, in spite of it, sin drew me to itself. Various kinds of wickedness fastened upon me. I became dishonest and untrustworthy. Resistance to so much light brought deep darkness. I presently, at an early age, left my mother's home and presence and embarked upon my own course. Sin grew stronger, the world grew dearer, my heart more and more determined to taste the fulness of evil.

Providentially, I was led to board and room with a minister of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Indianapolis. In his household and among his acquaintances were two young women several years older than myself who had real experiences with God and who lived godly, devoted lives. They were interested in a holiness mission out on Tenth Street and I was frequently persuaded to visit the services. These holiness people had the presence and power of the Lord, many were saved in

their meetings and they were frequently subjected to persecution of a serious nature.

About a year and a half previous to this time I had made a profession of religion in a little Methodist church. The prayers of my mother were urgent upon me and in the midst of a revival I ran away from home. My heart failed me, I came back and went to the altar, hoping to find something that would save me from my evil nature. I went back to that little church months afterward and still could find the stains of my tears upon the floor where I had wept and called upon God for mercy. I supposed that the Lord had undertaken for me and rose and made a profession. The next few days showed me my mistake and I fell into a curious state of mind. I believed all that my mother had taught me, at the same time I had my doubts as to whether it would work in my case, along with this, I had a tremendous love for the world.

This was my condition when I came to Indianapolis and for some months thereafter. I well remember that when the power of the Lord would fall in that holiness mission, my heart would break and the tears would run down my face. I have walked home with the visiting evangelists and the streets of the city have seen me weep. But down in my heart I felt that the thing was beyond me. I knew persons beside my mother who were living real Christian lives, I believed in them, but felt that they never were so naturally evil as I knew myself to be, therefore could live the thing with less help than I needed. My love of the world brought an argument to me also. I said to myself, "Doubtless, when those people shout and pray in their services, they are happier than I am; but, think of the long night hours after service and the longer day hours before the next service comes. Then they must be pious and well behaved, while I may follow all the unholy desires of my heart to fullest satisfaction." So time went on, prayers were laid up before the God of heaven and I laid awake many a night with the cold sweat upon my forehead, afraid to go to sleep, lest I should die unsaved before morning. All this had for me no real moving power, though it did prepare my heart for a future work of God. Mothers, if you have boys in this condition, take heart, God heard my mother's prayers; He hears yours.

In the winter of 1906-07, I heard that the God of heaven had poured out His mighty Spirit in Los Angeles with the sign of other tongues. I cannot remember that I ever doubted or questioned it; my heart had been prepared to believe in such things as a little child. However, I had a curiosity about the matter and when I heard that one of the people who had received the experience was to come to Indianapolis, I determined to hear and see. Thank God that there was something to hear and to see.

About the time of the holidays he came. The holiness people were afraid of him and would not give a whole service to him, but permitted him to speak a few words after their minister was done.

I sat there in the hall, heard the preacher through and then sat up to look upon a man who solidified all the theories about God which I had been taught and presented himself to me, saying in effect, "Here is the substance, here is God with man; here is the enough God." O, glory to His name, my heart sings within me at the thought of God's gracious goodness to me that night. I do not remember what the man said, except a few words to the effect that the phenomena of speaking in tongues was the operation of the Holy Spirit. As he put it, you just opened your mouth and God filled it. Thereupon, he opened his mouth and God filled it. I heard, for the first time, one speak in another tongue. My heart was

pierced in an instant. I said, "If God can and will indwell man until He gives him to speak a language he never learned, then God is there in sufficient power to save from every brand of sin and wickedness." In that instant of time, God broke down my unbelief as concerned my personal needs, convinced me that I had at last discovered that which would help *me*, where *I* needed help. That the baptism in the Spirit would give me more satisfaction hour by hour around the clock than sin ever had or ever could. Then and there, without any conscious struggle or effort, I laid down my arms of rebellion and determined to have the mighty baptism in the eternal Spirit. That which my mother and many ministers had earnestly striven to do for years God did with one touch of His Spirit. What good are tongues? They called my attention to the *Saviour* of the world. They turned me to God; they were the only thing that made me a believer. They were indeed a blessed sign to this unbelieving heart.

I sat that night in the seat with my room-mate. I was a vile, unclean sinner; he a moral, backslidden, holiness preacher. My heart stirred Godward, he said, "Go slow, it may be a delusion and the work of the devil." We seemed to occupy positions similar to those held by the woman at the well and the rich young ruler. Under my life of open sin I hungered for God; under his morality there was a blindness worse than mine.

A few days after this service, I went to the home of the minister with whom I had roomed and there saw the young ladies in whom I had had so much confidence. One had just received the Spirit, the other received while I was there. The last partical of indifference fled; that was what I wanted.

I sought God with confession and restitution, repentance and forsaking of sin. I found Him and He is precious to my soul. Surely, a thing that came to me in answer to a mother's prayers and covenant, a thing that came to me over the road of confession, restitution, repentance, is not from the hand of hell. I knew the devil and his works; this never knew him nor came from him. Thousands who have come the same road will also bear witness that only after they had escaped from sin did God visit them with the blessed baptism in the Spirit.

The Lord willing, I want to tell you some time of the blessed baptism itself which God gave me, but this is enough for this time. Tongues are for a sign to the unbeliever. Hallelujah!

THE PRESENT NEED OF GOD'S WORK IN PERSIA AND RUSSIA.

When God begins to work He does it always through human instrumentalities, even so for the continuation and prosperity of the work. The first need of the saints in these countries is God's chosen missionaries, evangelists and pastors. The assembly in Petrograd can support one or even two pastors, but there is no one to help them. Oh that God would send them His laborers.

When liberty for the Gospel comes to Persia and Russia, hundreds and thousands of Spirit-filled missionaries will be needed. Oh that many will pray and will put their lives on the altar for God's work in these lands.

In Persia we have a few native brethren preachers, but they are not enough; they are also specially suffering with the saints because of the great poverty. As you have heard, they were all robbed, their homes polluted and three of them killed. After that terrible massacre the famine commenced until the price of wheat was three times higher. Without money, without home comforts, and persecuted also, just think how hard it must be to them!

The little help that the saints have sent to them has spared their lives from starving. They are thanking God, with tears of joy, for that, but that only helped them for a few months. They must be helped again and again until the war is ended.

The Presbyterian Mission has received thousands upon thousands of dollars help there from this country. They are distributing wheat, cloth and blankets to all people except our brethren and sisters. You can see how the devil hates the Pentecostal saints, even in Persia. They will help Catholics, even Mohammedans if necessary, but not Pentecostal saints. They often say, mockingly, "You believe in miracles, believe God to send you bread from heaven," etc., etc.

Now, brethren, shall they be ashamed of their trust in God and their steadfastness in the faith with great suffering? Let us say, "No!" God shall supply their need according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ, through our co-operation.

We are glad to say, as soon as God opens the way, our dear Brother Saul Baddell, the pastor of the Persian Mission in Chicago, will leave for Persia with some other brethren to help in the battle and to help in distribution of help for the orphans of our martyrs and the poor, needy saints. If you have money for the Lord, you can bank it in God's bank for Persia and surely you will get a hundred percentage in this world, and in the world to come you will meet many who were helped and encouraged by your prayers and co-operation. All free-will offerings will be accepted and carefully sent to help the work of God in Persia. Send it to either Pastor Andrew L. Fraser or to us at 707 Wells St., Chicago, Ill. May the Lord bless you beforehand.

The Present Pentecostal Work Among Persians in Chicago, Ill.

I am sure the Spirit-filled saints are not only on fire for foreign fields, but also for foreigners in this country—the Home Mission work. You will be glad to hear of God's work among us in Chicago to this end. I want to briefly present it before you, desiring your very earnest prayers for the same.

Since our departure from this country, during the last three years, the Assyrians of Persia colony has wonderfully grown in Chicago around our mission. Nearly 2,500 young men are seen almost daily in the streets after their daily work. Many of them have come recently from Persia with their families, desiring to make their homes here. The saloons and places of vice are busy swallowing these precious young men. There must be some supernatural work done among them.

We were moved by God to get busy among them. We publish a Gospel message every week in our Assyrian National paper of Chicago, and publish many tracts for distribution. We will soon put in print, D. V., a new hymn book which we have composed by God's help, which will contain over 130 songs. We hold inside meetings in our language and street meetings also. The Lord is moving among them and a great revival is expected.

The conversion of these precious boys means great victory for the old country too, for they will influence their relatives there. We need both spiritual and financial help. Please pray for us and ask the saints to pray for us.

As soon as we get a new revival here, then we will return to Russia and Persia, but we must have a good band of real useful and Spirit-filled missionaries to come with us. Pray the Lord of harvest to send His own laborers to this needy vineyard.

As soon as I get some of the photos of our martyrs

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PUTTING THE ENEMY TO FLIGHT.

I heard a Christian worker say once, "If we really *knew* God we could never doubt Him." How can God be known? The Psalmist says, "In Judah is God known." Judah means praise, and when His children praise Him, they enter into glorious intimacy with their Creator, He who "inhabiteh the praises of Israel."

Should not a life of praise be the normal experience of every believer? Is any prayer complete without praise? Are we not told that our prayers and supplications should be "with thanksgiving?" We heard a woman remark at one time that when she got to heaven she would have plenty of time to praise the Lord, so she did not intend to do that now, but to spend her time "working" for Him. She did not realize that a praiseless soul, with all their works, can never recommend the Gospel of Christ to sinners. For how could one live a life of victory in plain disobedience to the command, "Offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually * * * giving thanks to His name." (Heb. 13:15.) Praise is service in its highest form. Service *for* God is not so great as service *to* Him.

We have an example in Abraham, who was strong in faith, giving glory to God. He did not count on things being impossible on natural grounds; He counted on the faithful One who had given him the promise of an heir, and someone has pictured him going round his barn month after month shouting, "Glory to God for Isaac!" He praised the Lord, and after a test of faith and patience, Sarah bore a son and he had the baby in his arms.

David, the man after God's own heart, was pre-eminently a man of praise. What could be sweeter than the 3rd, the 23rd, the 27th, the 34th and 103rd Psalms? The Psalms deal with experimental religion, and are models of what our utterances to God should be; they contain comparatively few prayers compared with the volumes of praise. Can we not say with the man after God's own heart, "His praise shall continually be in my mouth?" "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men!"

Praise is comely, and praise is practical in its results. When the triumphant shout of praise went up from the hosts of Israel, the walls of Jericho fell down flat and their victory was assured. When Jehoshaphat knew not what to do against his enemies, he was shown to appoint singers to praise the Lord, and when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir which were come against Judah, and they were smitten. When Jonah began to tell the Lord from the belly of the whale, "I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving," the Lord spoke unto the fish and it vomited Jonah upon the dry ground. When Paul and Silas commenced to praise at midnight the revival started in the goal at Phillipi.

We heard of a man going into a deaf and dumb asylum at one time, and writing on a blackboard for all the inmates to see, "Why has God made me to hear and speak, and none of you can do either?" A young deaf and dumb boy, who had learned to love the Lord, took up the chalk and wrote, "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight!" Cannot we who are more fortunate delight equally in all that our loving Father brings into our lives? The redeemed in heaven are pictured by John as saying, "Amen, Alleluia!" If we learn to say Amen to all the will of God, we shall soon learn to shout, "Alleluia." There are two little words that stand out in Psalm 144; they are "No complaining!" This would be a good motto for some, but a better one is found in 1 Thess. 5, "In everything give thanks."

I remember how favorably impressed I was with one

of the first Pentecostal meetings I ever attended. A brother had fallen off a scaffold that day, and in spite of stiffness and pain, he crept along to the meeting to give forth a regular Niagara of praise to God for keeping all his bones, not one of them being broken. There was no thought of complaining for bruises received; only praises for preservation. God will work all things together for good to them that love Him. This week, a little Spanish girl of five was playing at the rear of the house above our mission, and fell through a skylight some ten or twelve feet to the floor below. As her loved ones picked her up, all covered with blood, she said she did not want a doctor, but she would like them to pray to Jesus. They gathered round, and the power of God fell. Not only was the little one healed, her mother received the baptism, her sister was saved, and a brother who had backslidden was restored to the Lord. The whole family came to the meeting the next night, and they did indeed have joy for mourning and a garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Since entering a life of faith, trusting the Lord for all supplies, I have personally learned the immense practicability of praise. I have learned to make my requests unto God and to God alone, not hinting to a soul what I have asked the Lord, and then to praise Him that I have the petition that I desired of Him, and sure enough what I ask for comes along. When rent day is near and there is nothing in hand, we just ask our Father once for the wherewithal, and after that, every time we are on our knees we say, "Thank you, Lord, for the rent," and it never fails to arrive by the time we need it.

Last summer, two evangelists visited us, and one of them noticed I needed a new suit, and as we prayed together, one morning, he asked the Lord to supply me with one. Many times during the next week or two I was reminded to look up and say, "I thank you, Lord, for a new suit." Not long after this a man came to see me, and he told me the Lord had put it on his heart to purchase me a new suit, and so he took me down town and fitted me up with a \$25 suit, made by the best house in Chicago.

Just recently, my wife and I were over 400 miles away from home, and we had promised to get back by a certain day. We asked the Lord to supply us with the fare, and although it was not forthcoming immediately, we kept praising the Lord for it. Two days before we were leaving, we spent our last cent, and then we praised the louder. Just at the time when it was necessary for the baggage to leave, a brother came along and slipped two ten dollar gold pieces in my hand, which more than paid for our fare and sleeping accommodation. Needless to say, there was an additional praise service in our apartments that day.

I needed a bicycle for the work of the Lord in this city, but I did not have the money to buy one. I made my request unto the Lord with thanksgiving. This time He let me wait several months. Every time the need came to my mind, I would praise Him afresh for the assurance that He would meet it. The Lord heard, and on one day He let one party give me one bicycle in the morning, and another party gave me another at night.

One thing that I especially desired to have was a typewriter, but prices, even for second-hand ones, were far beyond my reach. However, when I needed one, some friends told me I could use theirs, so every morning I went round to their house. I had a quantity of manuscript to prepare and wanted to be quiet. One morning, a sister came and sat by my side, and it took her nearly an hour to say what she wanted to tell me. When I got home I told my wife of the incident and said, "The Word of God tells us to give thanks in everything, but I confess it was not the easiest task this morning when I lost such a lot of precious time."

We are often very concerned about our work for the Lord, but I am beginning to learn that He is more concerned with our character training. The next morning, He let me learn the lesson He was endeavoring to teach me more perfectly. The same sister came and sat by my side, again, and she began to recount some more of her experiences, giving the most minute details, and when she had finished it was almost time to leave. But He gave me complete victory in my soul, and I kept silently praising the Lord. If He wanted me to be interrupted, I wanted the interruption. So, in spite of having done no work to speak of, I went home to my wife with the joy of the Lord in my soul, and reported victory. A short while after this, she happened to be staying with some friends, and recounted the incident. Just before she left them, they said, "We have a little traveling typewriter we never have any use for, and if you think your husband would like it, you may as well take it to him." If anyone wants to know now how much my typewriter cost me I tell them, "Ninety minutes praise!"

Trials are the food of faith, so sometimes our loving Father lets us be tested. About a month ago, when we were entertaining three Christian workers, our cupboard went practically bare, and at the same time our purses were empty. We had enjoyed a makeshift dinner mid-day, and my wife reported we needed bread, milk, sugar, salt and tea for the next meal. Paul tells us that experience worketh hope, and hope maketh not ashamed, and having had similar experience before, we were full of hope and praise. Not a living soul knew our needs, but our Father did, and before the next meal time arrived, He supplied us with every one of these items. And two days later, a grocery wagon drove up to the door and the driver brought in two large boxes filled with every conceivable necessity, and there were not a few luxuries thrown in, because our Father wanted to give us a treat. The donor was anonymous, but we did not forget to thank the One who was responsible for our receiving these good things. The driver had hardly left the house before we had a real good Pentecostal meeting round those groceries; we realized they came straight from the heart of God. And we were encouraged to believe that the same loving Father, who supplied us with these material things, would supply us with all the spiritual blessings that our hearts were crying for, not only for ourselves but for others.

I want to pass on a secret of continual victory. It is to make a practice every morning, immediately on rising, to walk up and down your bedroom with arms upraised, praising the Lord. To the soul that commences the day with praise the windows of heaven are opened and the heart of Jesus is unlocked. Praises will bubble up spontaneously from the soul all the day if the will is exerted in a sacrifice of praise early in the morning. Feelings may not suggest praise, but faith always has lots to praise for. I know from personal experience it works wonders in one's life.

The Psalmist said: "Why art thou cast down, oh, my soul? I will yet praise Him!" We may have been a failure in the matter of giving God the praises due to Him in the past, but we too can say, "I will yet praise Him," and we can start to do so now.—Stanley H. Frodsham, late of San Jose, Calif., now at 1243 N. Garrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

God is so true and faithful that He does not have to vindicate Himself. He is not always doing spectacular things just for the sake of vindicating His name. He simply asserts "If we believe Him not yet He abideth faithful. He cannot deny Himself."

DO WAIT UPON GOD.

Learn how to do it. Be still and let Him breathe upon you.

God breathed upon Adam in the beginning, and he became a living soul.

Jesus breathed upon His disciples, saying, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit." Thus their understandings were opened to understand the Scriptures concerning Himself.

Our natural life is sustained by breathing, eating, drinking, resting or sleeping and exercise. These five things are all important in our daily life, if we would be healthy and happy. Our spiritual life is sustained in a similar way. We eat of the living bread and drink of the water of life. "He that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me." "He that drinketh the water that I shall give him shall never thirst."

Then resting in the Lord is most important.

They that wait on the Lord shall renew or change their strength. They shall receive supernatural strength in exchange for their weakness. Spiritual life is maintained by breathing into God, for "in Him we live and move and have our being." Oh learn to live upon His life and learn to breathe His breath and know that He has put away the law of sin and death.

And then the blessed outcome of all this eating, drinking, resting and breathing in God; a victorious life of exercise in service for Him. True exercise of all our gifts in the Spirit, working only as He directs; not in our own self-will efforts of the fleshly mind, but working out what He works into us by the Holy Spirit. Thus becoming channels of much blessing to other heavy burdened souls.

We would recommend to tired mothers and nervous people generally this quiet resting for an hour before the Lord.

The effort will be a great one in many instances, for Satan will hinder in various ways; but persevere, for physical life is in this waiting on God. Healing for the tired body is here to be found. In ordinary households the busy housekeeper could find time for an hour in the afternoon, and also a little time in the evening. It saves time in the end, for God can so oil the wheels of life that work gets lighter under His direct control. Take time to wait and pray and eat and drink and breathe into His divine presence, and you will be strong to exercise the gifts He giveth. Watch and pray, for a blessing is in it, as you wait upon the Lord.—Sel.

"It is hard for a man to pray according to God's will if he does not live according to it."

"You say you are trusting God under all circumstances. But how much and how far can God trust you?"

"Fight it out in prayer. Pray when it looks dark. Pray in the face of defeat; pray until defeat is victory."—Selected.

"The devil and the hosts of hell war against persistent prayer, "but greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." Prayer is a fight and sometimes a long, dark, weary one. The answer may tarry, but it will come. Many a battle has been lost at the very last hour because we gave up. Don't let down, keep at it. Persistent, intelligent prayer will be answered. Make a business of it. Get the Book and study the conditions of prayer, then meditate over the situation. Study the enemy that hinders. Recollect where you formerly failed. Then remember you are a son of God and that He actually is your Father and this is a fight with the hosts of Satan. So don't give up, but keep on praying. Get down before the mighty One, and fight your way through the hosts of demons who strive to hinder your prayers. Pray through to victory. In the mighty name of Jesus, pray through to victory."—Selected.

Questions and Answers

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100. Will it hinder God from working if some of the workers teach sanctification as a second definite work of grace, while others teach the finished work of Calvary, or in other words, lift up Christ as a complete Saviour? That is provided they all love one another?

Ans. God is so anxious to bless, and each of these doctrines has enough truth in it that souls will be saved among Pentecostal people on both sides. The best results in revivals obtain when one teaching wholly prevails, especially from the pulpit. What private individuals hold will not much effect the results provided there is no contention over the different views and all are devout Christians, loving each other and co-operating together.

In the same assembly much care would have to be taken, where active workers see differently in order that contention and conflicts may not arise. If this is done, and both sides will heartily co-operate with the preacher, then God will bless, as many historical cases abundantly prove.

101. Did Paul receive the Holy Spirit when Ananias laid hands on him, Acts 9:17?

Ans. While the Scriptures do not say just when he received it, still the inference is that he did then receive the Holy Ghost baptism, for all agree that Paul got the Spirit, Paul abundantly testifying to this, and no other time or place is hinted at in the Scriptures. This shows that God Himself undertook by the sending of Ananias and the laying on of his hands to restore his sight and to fill him with the Spirit. Certainly it is unreasonable to suppose God chose the wrong man, the wrong time and place or that God failed in what He undertook. I believe when God unmistakably sends a man to lay hands on a man that he may receive his sight and be filled with the Spirit that the man will get both. We know he got the both, and we know he got his sight the same hour, and it is the most tenable position to believe he also then received the Spirit. He began at once, or in a few days, mightily to preach Christ with a power that stirred the devil in Damascus.

102. Had Paul received the baptism in the Spirit before he wrote Romans 7th chapter?

Ans. Most assuredly he had. Paul wrote none of the epistles in our New Testament till many years after his conversion, many years after he was a full apostle, after working many miracles by the power of the Spirit. In Acts 13:

9-12 Paul's fresh filling with the Spirit to work a miracle is mentioned and this was before he wrote his first epistle, the Epistle to the Galatians, for the Galatian churches were not planted till later. The Lord would not have an apostle after Pentecost not filled with the Spirit, for his last command was to "tarry until." In Rom. 5:5 Paul includes himself among those to whom the Spirit was "given," and he wrote this before he did the 7th chapter. How could he be inspired of the Spirit to write for God without the Spirit?

But Romans 7th does not represent Paul's state of grace at the time of writing, as one might think from the present tense in 7:14-25. He uses the past tense up to this point, then he pictures the awful condition he was once in so graphically that it lives before him and he slides into the present tense in describing it; but he falls back into the past and proper tense in 8:2. Remember Paul did not make the chapter divisions. This was done by scholars over 1000 years afterwards. So we have a right to follow the subject right on to 8:2. Then this 7th chapter was a description of a man under the law and not under grace, and while Paul uses his own experience to illustrate the two conditions, one under law and the other in Chapter 8 in Christ under grace, yet it was these truths he desired to bring out rather than his personal experience. Yet, Scofield says, "Just when the apostle passed through the experience of Rom. 7:7-25 we are not told. Perhaps during the days of physical blindness (Acts 9:9); perhaps in Arabia (Gal. 1:17). It is the experience of a renewed man under the law and still ignorant of the delivering power of the Holy Spirit. (See Rom. 8:2.) With the great revelations afterwards embodied in Galatians and Romans the apostle * * * * knew himself to be 'dead to the law by the body of Christ,' and in the power of the indwelling Spirit 'free from the law of sin and death,' while the righteousness of the law was wrought in him (not by him) while he walked after the Spirit. Romans 7 is the record of past conflicts."—Scofield Bible.

THE PRESENT NEED OF GOD'S WORK IN PERSIA AND RUSSIA.

(Continued from page 5.)

from Persia, I shall make a booklet, God willing, of all you have published in the Evangel with my own personal testimony and the photograph of the boys with us now. If any should feel led to help toward this and for literature in the Syriac language, which we are printing for free distribution, and for the work in Persia, we will take it from the Lord and use it in His holy name for His good work.

Subject to your earnest prayers, we are your Pentecostal Persian Brethren with Andrew D. Urshan, evangelist and missionary to Russia, Persia and Asia. I expect to attend your October Council.—Andrew D. Urshan.

The man of God gets his message fresh from God in the closet. "God will be found of us in the day we seek Him with our whole heart." This is as true of the preacher as of the penitent. The preacher is commissioned to pray as well as to preach. The preacher who prays puts God to work. The effective, fervent prayer has been the mightiest weapon of God's mightiest soldiers. Much alone with God is the secret of knowing Him. No man gets God who does not follow hard after Him. Prayer will inflame a desire after God which will keep the devil and the world so far behind that they cannot catch up. The laziness of the present-day ministry after God is a crying sin. The children of this world are wiser than we; they are at it early and late. God is waiting for men to seek Him. He waits and longs to answer prayer.—Selected.

What we are today determines what we shall be through all eternity. "He which is filthy, let him be filthy still; he that is righteous, let him be righteous still."

DAILY PORTION FROM THE
 . . KING'S BOUNTY . .

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

October 7. "Now when the turn of Esther * * * was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai, the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her." Esther 2:15.

I doubt not but what the beautiful submission on Esther's part was responsible for her acceptance in the place of the queen. And is there not a secret in this for those who would aspire to a place amongst Christ's holy bride? Ah, truly it means a like submission to the Holy Spirit's working as He appoints those things that are needful in preparation to meet the Heavenly Bridegroom.

October 8. "They shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." Dan. 4:32.

It is easy for those in high and responsible places to become self-sufficient to the extent that they cease to recognize or depend on God. And like Nebuchadnezzar, God must turn them out to eat grass—bring them to a place of great humility—until they can say with that humbled king of Babylon, "He doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? * * * And those that walk in pride he is able to abase."

October 9. "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his." Heb. 4:10.

How very many people, supposedly deep in God, are depending on their works of righteousness to please God. And in striving to do and accomplish this they have missed altogether that rest that remaineth to the people of God. God is vastly more concerned about our attitude than our activity. We must "be" before we can "do."

October 10. "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Prov. 31:30.

Thank God for every holy handmaiden whose life has declared the reality of the salvation she professed. What unlimited opportunities for service God has granted her; what blessing and joy in the humble, faithful performance thereof. "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

October 11. "Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not." Lam. 3:57.

Nigh unto all that call is He,

Comforting, true, and sure;

And in the hour of deepest need,

His help, He doth assure.

October 12. "They took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13.

You cannot pass through a rose-garden without becoming most conscious of the sweet perfume exhaled by the flowers about you. Nor can you touch a life impregnated with the presence and life of Christ without marking similarly its heavenly sweetness.

October 13. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Isa. 40:31.

Public prayer most certainly has its place in the worship of God. But it does not take the place of individual waiting upon God. Too little do we hear it emphasized. But the dwarfed, sluggish growth of many Christian lives indicates most sadly its lack. See to it that each day you have some time to wait before God in silence. God can only speak to our hearts when we get still enough to hear Him.

October 14. "Not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7.

If you give your offering with any mental reservation or reluctance you might as well keep it to yourself for all the credit God will give you for such generosity. This same principle applies to giving other than money. It is the spirit of loving interest back of the giving that makes it precious both to God and the recipient.

October 15. "And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth." Luke 4:22.

And today, as then, the world should wonder at the gracious words which proceed from our lips, if indeed we bear the name of the Lord Jesus. Even when compelled to speak firmly, to rebuke, or to correct, there should be no sting in our words. "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

October 16. "When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them; I the God of Israel will not forsake." Isa. 41:17.

God remembered Hagar and her fainting son away back there in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. There was a promise concerning that lad and God is never slack concerning His promise. And here is a promise concerning us when poor and needy, when fainting and thirsty. God will not forsake us, but "will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: * * * will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry lands springs of water."

October 17. "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Tim. 4:8.

A crown of righteousness implies the culmination of a righteous life. This is not gained by an attempt on our part to "establish our own righteousness;" but, through our submitting ourselves to the righteousness of God, He brings forth in us fruit unto righteousness—a walk holy and acceptable in His sight. "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

October 18. "Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days so shall thy strength be." Deut. 33:25.

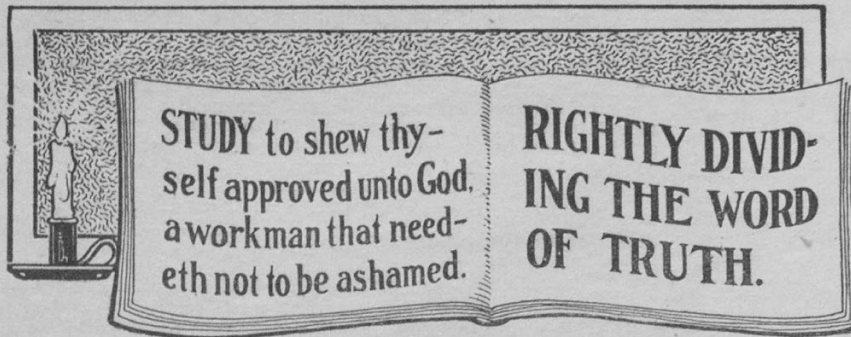
Ask not of God then an easy place, or duties to fit thy conscious strength or grace; but ask and expect to receive strength and grace to fill acceptably that place into which He may thrust you, however weak or unfitted you may feel yourself to be. This is how God develops us, how we grow strong and useful in His service.

October 19. "Ye husbands dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." 1 Pet. 3:7.

There is no stronger factor in God's service today than a husband and wife truly united in heart and purpose. But how often we can see a cog slipped in the united effort of two lives—either one or both may be responsible—but they are hindered thereby of being heirs in the fullest sense of the grace of life and they fail of their privilege. So perfect did Paul consider such a relation of two lives that he even compares it to the union of Christ and His church. Eph. 5:21-33.

October 20. "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase." Prov. 3:4.

The Jews under the old dispensation gave the first fruits of the land, of the trees, of the cattle, of the fleece of the sheep, of the wine, of the oil, of the corn, and finally of their own sons. Do they exceed us in the degree of their consecration? If so, we need not be surprised at a sadly impoverished condition in our lives; for it is only on the condition of our text-verse that God promised "So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

October 15, 1916.

THE APPEAL TO CAESAR.

Lesson Text.—Acts 25.

Golden Text.—"It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord." Matt. 10:25.

Leading Thought.—Suffering with Jesus.

1. **Another Plot to Kill Paul.** Vs. 1-5. The Jewish hatred against Paul was bitter and undying. Two years have passed since that first attack against Paul in the temple at Jerusalem. This time Paul has spent in obscurity and confinement in Caesarea, though it is very probable with the degree of liberty granted him by Felix that he has strengthened the work of God in every possible way. But the Jews had not forgotten him, and seized the first opportunity to reopen the case. Such an opportunity came with the change of governors, Festus being appointed to fill the place of Felix. As soon as Festus arrived at Jerusalem he is besieged by the insistent Jews who welcome the possible chance of disposing of Paul before ever he reaches the governor's presence. It was the same old plot. The enemy of our souls is ever using the same old tactics to undermine the work of God in and through His children. "We are not ignorant of his devices." He is as determined, and as wily as those Jews, for he was really the instigator of their hatred for Paul. And he is still a wily foe, whom we must "resist steadfast in the faith." He well knows his time is short, and this is why such determined war is being made against the saints these last days before our Lord's appearing. How we need to constantly appropriate the precious blood to cleanse and preserve us from all evil. On the other hand, Paul had a great God who was very mindful of him. And so have we. Hallelujah! "The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly." How weak the combined plotting of the whole Sanhedrin against God's faithful servant. God was not through with Paul. "Ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience (endurance) possess ye your souls." Luke 21:17-19. "The high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him (Festus) against Paul." The persecution was coming from God's own people supposedly. Is

there any persecution so keen or bitter? Surely not. And yet in every advance step God's people have taken, professedly Christian people, some even of the previous household of like faith, have most bitterly denounced and persecuted their brethren who have taken the advance ground. Look back over every great moving of God, and you will see numerous examples. But the sweetness with which such persecution is borne proves the reality of the advance step taken with God. And here is applicable the golden text; for it was those whom our Lord came to save that rejected and crucified Him. And of Him was the prophecy, "I was wounded in the house of my friends." Zech. 13:6. Blessed Lord Jesus! Can we ever realize the depth of His suffering for a lost, hopeless, helpless world? And how much have we proven our love in sharing with Him the reproach of the cross?

"We follow in His footsteps—

What if our feet be torn!

Where He has marked the pathway

All hail the briar and thorn!"

Before, God used the young nephew. Now, God moved the governor to act in a way which would thwart the plot of the Jews. God has many ways of accomplishing His will. The powers that be are ordained of God; and "the king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water; he turneth it whosoever he will." So it was that the new Roman governor unwittingly threw his protecting arm around the hunted missionary. And there are many of God's children today who can tell still more remarkable occasions of God's intervening providence in their behalf through most unlikely means.

Festus showed remarkable wisdom in suspending Paul's judgment as he did until fuller knowledge could be ascertained. We are oftentimes too ready to judge another. God's commandment is "Judge not!" Suspended judgment is the safest judgment. "I try more and more every year to hold judgment of others in suspense till I know all the facts at first hand," said one who was accused of being too lenient toward offenders.

2. **Paul Before Festus.** Vs. 6-27. Ten days later Festus went down to Caesarea, and the next day Paul was brought before his judgment seat. Again the Jews brought their grievous charges against him, "which they could not prove." The same old lies brought against Christ, and before Felix, against Paul. And Paul's defense is summed up in V. 8. But Festus, though not as bad a man as Felix, was weak and

sought to favor the Jews. Paul's going to Jerusalem for judgment would most probably have meant his immediate death, since the governor was inclined to gain the good feeling of the Jews. But as a Roman citizen Paul had a voice in the matter, and grasping the situation as it was, responded with an appeal to Caesar. He was conscious of his innocence before God and man, and felt God was pleased that he have justice for the sake of the Gospel he professed, as well as himself. He seemed to feel it was his Master's will for him to remain at his post until God had given a clear note of withdrawal. Paul was implicitly trusting God, yet things seemed to be growing worse instead of better. But God was back of all and in this trying way was working out His purpose of sending Paul to Rome. Is it applicable to your life? Does God seem to hedge your way, and allow you to be surrounded with difficulties when you so desire perfect deliverance? Don't give up or be discouraged and you will find like Paul that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord." "They who wholly trust Him, find Him wholly true."

October 22, 1916.

PAUL'S DEFENSE BEFORE AGRIPPA.

Lesson Text.—Acts 26, Print Vs. 1, 24-32.

Golden Text.—"I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." Acts 26:19.

Leading Thought.—A witness unto God.

1. **Paul's Speech.** Vs. 1-24. King Agrippa and his sister Bernice came to pay their respects to the new governor, Festus. Festus really had no definite charges to send with Paul to Rome, and apparently was anxious to have the opinion of Agrippa concerning the case. Accordingly Paul was summoned before the king, the governor, and the principal men of the city to make a final defense before his departure for Rome. Perhaps there has never been a more wonderful sermon than the one here recorded, for eloquence, for truth, for effectiveness. Whenever, wherever, Paul spoke he arrested attention. Recall his words in the theatre at Ephesus; among the cultured atheists at Athens; at Jerusalem; upon the stairs; before a howling mob; before the worldly idolators or the perjured Jews his words constantly gripped the hearts of his listeners, whether or not they heeded them. Like his Lord Paul spake with authority. And why? Was it not that his soul was filled with the absorbing desire to glorify the Christ who had transformed his life. His life was absolutely devoted to the work of his Master. And back of all preaching that carries fire into the hearts of its listeners there must be consecration and a life of uprightness and obedience to God. It is the lack of these things that renders powerless so much of the preaching today. All of Paul's message centered about Jesus of Nazareth, and most of them contained a good bit of personal testimony. He was bound to declare those things which he had seen and known. It was a testimony that Paul gave to this royal audience. There was little thought of gaining his liberty, but rather, an overwhelming desire to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to these darkened souls. "Thou art permitted to speak for thyself." So the

way was opened. This is all a Christian asks for anyway—opportunity to give a reason for the hope that lieth within his breast. And to the extent that his heart is fired with the love of God, will his listeners feel life and conviction from his message. There are two words in V. 19 which may be said to carry the two secrets of Paul's life. They are pivotal words in his sermon. They are "vision" and "obedience," or duty. The two things are vastly different, yet it takes the two combined to make a life strong and effective in God's service. It was a heavenly vision that brought Paul to his senses, that arrested him in his honest but false effort to please God. It was a "sudden light from heaven" that struck him blind; felled him to the earth; terrified him until he cried out with open heart, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" Ch. 9:6. The world needs a vision today. Souls are perishing for the lack thereof. Prov. 29:18. Jeremiah lamented of Zion in her fallen condition "the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the Lord." It is the heavenly vision that oftentimes brings conviction, repentance, and salvation. It is the heavenly vision that sustains and strengthens the believer in his onward march to glory. How did Moses endure? "As seeing Him who is invisible." Heb. 11:27. Rather somewhat of an heavenly vision I would judge that to be. True enough that such heavenly visitations do not coincide with natural limitations and conceptions. How can they when they are supernatural? And a salvation other than a supernatural one is no salvation at all. Here is the whole crux of disagreement between modern higher critics and us, who take God's Book at its face value. But you who walk with God and know Him in close and vital union understand this matter without further words. God is continually granting to us as we follow on to know Him mountain-tops of transfiguration glory right in the midst of most trying circumstances. And we emerge from the shadow of heavenly glory as did those disciples, to see no man save Jesus only. Now for that other word, "obedience." "I was not disobedient," was how Paul expressed it. He fulfilled the duty for the accomplishing of which the heavenly vision was granted. Here is an example of our being co-laborers with God. He gives the vision; we perform the work thereby made plain. The two cannot be severed without great spiritual loss; but we can all somewhere see men and women under-developed on one of the two sides. "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3:17. It is duty that keeps faith's vision glowing in the heart of man. Jesus said, "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the teaching." Jno. 7:17. R. V. Remember Peter's vision back on a housetop in Joppa, and his obedience thereto and the blessing that came thereby to the whole household of Cornelius. How many today there are to whom God has given just such visions of opportunity in His service, and they have disobeyed and their life has been a failure! Recall that quiet hour when God flashed before you a bright glimpse of possibility, of responsibility, of reward, of faithful consecration. Your heart leaped at the thought, and you said, "Yes, Lord Jesus, I will." But a few days passed and you forgot. All heavenly visions are given to secure hu-

man obedience along some line. "Unless your knowledge of Christ makes you do, or keep from doing, a thousand things, it is only an idle vision, which adds to your guilt."

2. **The Effect of Paul's Speech.** Vs. 25-32. Festus was so moved by Paul's eloquence that some declare he had a nervous fit. At any rate he broke in upon the discourse with a protest. He was plainly agitated. Sometimes it relieves men in a like frame of mind to discountenance the sanity of the preacher who has brought them under conviction. It is a convenient way of evading the truth. In the midst of his earnest intensity Paul did not forget his usual Christlike courtesy. V. 25. Directing his attention to the king, Paul sends an arrow into his heart that brings from Agrippa those well-remembered words, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." If as some suggest they were spoken in ridicule, still they must reveal something of an unsettled state within. "Almost!"—but lost. The record of many souls! Compare the state of such a one with that expressed by the word in Paul's answer, "Altogether." A world of difference between them; and yet but a step from one to the other. God help us to press upon souls the absolute need of being out "altogether" for the Lord. The final effect of Paul's defense on the whole company was the decision, "This man doeth nothing worthy of death or bonds." Would we for a moment almost wish that Paul had not appealed to Caesar. But that would be our human judgment, and God who sees farther than we, was using this natural means of bringing his servant to Rome.

Next Week's Lesson.

October 29, 1916.

THE VOYAGE.

Lesson Text.—Acts 27:1-38.

Golden Text.—Psa. 37:5.

A. R. F.

REPORT FROM MALVERN, ARK.

"To the saints scattered abroad, greeting." The past summer has been a blessed time. More than one hundred souls have found the Lord, and a revival is on at this time in a new place and souls are seeking the Lord and we look for a real break of victory soon. We have been assisted by the following workers during the spring and summer campaign; Bro. M. M. Pinson, and the Misses Roxie and Rensay Hughes. God set His seal on the labors of each of these workers and we praise God that their labor was not in vain. It has been reported that this work has departed from Bible doctrine, but this is not true. With the exception of a very few, the work is standing intact for the old way-marks. The general outlook for the work here is grand. Our Sunday-school is large and growing, and is taking on new life and vigor. Our Bible class has averaged one hundred souls (grown people) for months. We are looking for mighty things from God. We ask all God's children who read these lines to ask God to pour out His Spirit in this place. For some time this summer there were about fifteen filled with the Spirit each week. Pray that we will have a continuous revival right on through the winter months.—Fred Lohmann, Pastor.

I have been getting the Evangel since last January and I am very much taken up with it. I keep each copy on file for

reference, as there are many important subjects discussed in its columns. I would feel lost without the Evangel in spiritual work and would recommend all readers of good literature to take it.—W. J. W., Kisbey, Sask., Canada.

"There is no use in running before you are sent; there is no use in attempting to do God's work without God's power. A man working without this unction, a man working without this anointing, a man working without the Holy Ghost upon him, is losing time after all. We shall not lose anything if we tarry until we get this power."

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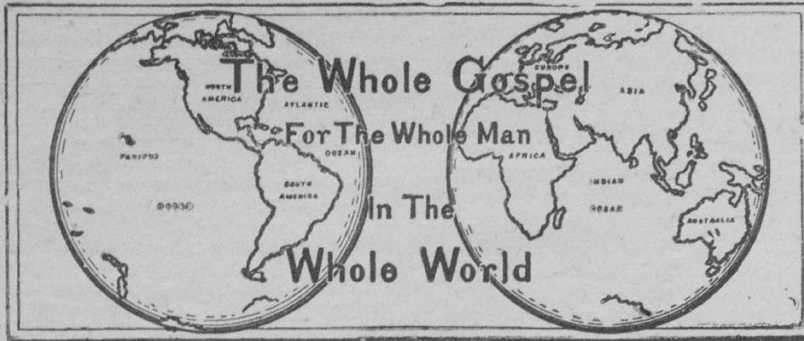
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MISSIONARY

OUR PORTO RICAN MISSIONARY HEARD FROM.

A letter has just been received from John L. Lugo, the young Porto Rican who passed through St. Louis a few weeks ago on his way to Porto Rico to carry the Gospel to his own people. Bro. Lugo has arrived safely and the Lord has opened the way before him. He writes:

"Two souls have been saved since I arrived. One of them fell asleep in the Lord about ten minutes after being saved. A number of English speaking people are seeking their baptism. There is no preaching going on in the streets here, and it is very hard to get a permit. The people are nearly all Roman Catholics, and the Protestant churches are as dry as a piece of wood. If there is a place in the world that needs the Gospel preached in the power of the Spirit, it is Porto Rico. I have been holding cottage meetings in a sister's house and the people are very hungry. I believe I will work for my Master in Porto Rico all the rest of my life. Thank God I am more determined today than what I was when I left California, and, by His grace and strength, I will spread this Gospel all over the Island of Porto Rico."—John L. Lugo.

(Bro. Lugo is the only Pentecostal Missionary in Porto Rico, and he needs our prayers that God will supply his every need and give him a bountiful harvest of souls as hire for his labor.)

LOST \$150 THROUGH FAILURE TO OBEY GOD.

A brother in Arkansas, sending in some money for the missionaries, says: "I believe the Lord has chastened me for not sending this in sooner, and allowed me to lose to the amount of \$125 or \$150. I was so busy and was failing to attend to the Lord's business.

PENTECOSTAL HOME—CHINA.

We have had many precious missionaries in our home and have done what we could for them, as they are the Lord's dear children. Sometimes our best seems so small. But I believe, when done as unto Jesus, He multiplies it. Our hearts, too, have been encouraged by the different ones passing through and we learn better how to pray for one another as we become acquainted. It is precious the way the Lord has supplied all our needs at times. But has he not promised? Surely we have proved Him faithful and one who never fails. Bless His holy name forever more.—Mrs. E. B. Hammond.

The sobbing of a thousand million of poor heathen sounds in my ear, and moves my heart; and I try to measure, as God helps me, something of their darkness, something of their blank misery, something of their despair. Oh, think of these needs! I say again, they are ocean-depths; and, beloved, in my Master's name, I want you to measure them, I want you to think earnestly about them, I want you to look at them, until they appeal you, until you cannot sleep, until you cannot criticize.—Rev. C. Inwood.

MISSIONARY RETURNS FROM EGYPT

Brother Frank L. Boothby and wife announce that they have returned home from Egypt recently. Ill health and lack of sufficient support from America being the principal causes. They left the work reluctantly but in hope of great spiritual help for body and soul among the saints at home. They are now at Glad Tidings Assembly, 454 W. 42nd St., New York, N. Y.

The only American Pentecostal missionary we know of still remaining in Egypt, is Miss Lillian Thrasher, who has an orphanage containing about fifty girls at Assiout, Egypt. She has stood her ground faithfully though all others have left the field. We are informed that Sister Sarah A. Smith of Indianapolis, Ind. is preparing to return to Egypt to stand by and be a help to Sister Thrasher, as she needs this help very much.

PROTECTION IN TROUBLESOME TIMES

We praise God for His protection over us in these troublesome times. As we labor for Him in the place of His appointing, we feel His approval upon us. God is blessing here in Shanghai in the different missions. Praise Him! Please continue to pray for us.

Yours in Christ, laboring for souls in dark China.—(Miss) Flora A. Halland.

LEARNING FROM THE CHINESE.

Sister Drusie Malott, who has labored in China for twelve years, and lately come into the Pentecostal work, writes as follows of the Christian Chinese: Truly they have been a refreshing to my soul, stirring me to press on that I may be used by God to win more souls to Himself. I have learned from one Chinese brother what it means to 'rejoice always,' "in everything give thanks," and pray without ceasing. From dawn until we retired for the night, all the days we were together, I do not think more than five minutes ever went by that he did not "praise Jesus" or thank the Lord for something, whether good or bad. He praised God just the same for the annoyances, interruptions, hindrances, unpleasant things, as for the good ones. And it came from his heart!

I recall how some woman interrupted in meeting by suddenly speaking out aloud something far removed from the Gospel message he was giving, and as I looked up in perplexity, he said: "Praise Jesus," and quietly resumed his interrupted message.

I have gotten a new vision of praise, thanksgiving, gentleness, patience and "keeping ones lips." During all the week I did not hear him speak one word of idle conversation, or even an unnecessary word. His loving patience and tact with people was marvelous. Jesus is truly all in all to him and constantly before him, though he is being sorely persecuted by his parents for Jesus' sake. May Jesus be as real to all of us.

He's the Lily of the Valley,
The bright and Morning Star;
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

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APPRECIATION FROM PUNCH.

"Your draft of \$20.00 to hand. Many thanks for the same. The Lord has permitted me to have the much needed rest though not in the way that I thought of or planned. I'm just recovering from a very severe attack of malignant malaria with heart and bowel complications. It has left me very weak and frail. Thank God though, the awful pain is over and I am just weak now, nothing more. It is just five days since the fever left, but I am obliged to be in bed still and am writing from here. I hope to get away to the pine forests seventeen miles away where there is no malaria, and will write more fully from there. May the Lord bless you for your kindness in administering to the need here. The work is progressing and there are many encouragements, but the devil is busy and we need to be much remembered in prayer. So hold on for us. May the praise and glory all be to the name of Jesus as the Father gives victory and glorifies the Son. Praise Him for the prevailing power in the blood of Jesus.—Edith G. Kirschner.

MISSIONARY AT REST WITH JESUS

Word has just been received that Miss Sarah White, returned missionary from India, formerly associated with Sister Chester at Doddaballapur, passed peacefully away to be with her Lord, Sept. 26th, at her mother's home in Marceline, Mo. Mrs. Sadie Miller has been standing by Miss White for a number of months, but it seemed good to the Lord that she should be taken home to glory. Prayer is asked for her mother that sustaining grace may be granted in this hour of sorrow for the death of her daughter.

A few words from sister Tillie Haebler, of Macau, China, says: "A great and effectual door is open unto us but there are many adversaries, especially here where Romanism rules so much, but the Lord is our stay. Praise His name! He is blessing in our midst, even amidst all tests and trials. We heartily thank Him for all the precious lessons He teaches us day by day. As we hold still, He will be glorified. Dear ones, pray for us and the orphans for whom we labor.

THE BLOOD NEEDED.

The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only remedy for sin in all ages, among all people, in and out of all churches, everywhere and all the time.

The power to flee from sin is not found in the name of a church, nor in the history of a church, nor in the doctrines of a church, nor in the ordinances of a church, nor in the practice of moral reform, no matter how good these things may be; sin will not yield to requirements formulated by man.

There would be no power in a silken pen to change the nature of hogs it might enclose; neither would there be any power in a golden fence, surrounding a pasture, to change goats into sheep. This is no fault of the silk or the gold; they are all right and valuable in their places; so are the names,

histories, doctrines, ordinances, etc., of the churches, but they are powerless before the sin-struck soul crying for pardon, or the hungry soul yearning for purity.

The church, the pastor, the evangelist, or the Christian worker, who exalts a doctrine or an ism, or a personal opinion, or anything else, above the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, is peddling husks instead of giving the meat of the kingdom, for which a strict account will have to be given at the judgment bar in the great day.

Could anything less than the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ atone for the sins of men, there would be no Gethsemane and no Calvary connected with the Bible requirements of salvation.

SATAN'S BLUNDER.

"Science and Health," the text book of that ever-increasing cult, "Christian Science," a kin of Unitarianism, makes much of the parable of the leaven. The text is prominently displayed in that book. "The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened" (Matt. 13:33). Of course everything here is clear to the Christian-Scientist who follows blindly the general interpretation of this parable. The woman is none other than Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of the cult. And the leaven the Christian Science principle, the doctrines of that woman. She has successfully introduced her leaven into religious life, as they say. It is working on and will leaven the whole lump; that is where they see universal acceptance of their cult. Well, it is amusing! The devil surely made a blunder. The parable has no good meaning. Leaven in the Bible is the type of sin, corruption and all that is evil. Nor does leaven in this parable mean anything else but corruption. The father of lies thought he did a very complimentary thing by making his dupes apply the parable to Mary Baker Eddy and to Christian Science. And they think it fits her and the cult all right! And so it does. Well the devil certainly blundered. The parable surely applies to Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, as well as to other women leaders of similar cults, and above all to Jezebel (the Romish system). Mrs. Eddy and her whole system is corruption and a striking fulfillment of our Lord's parable.—Our Hope.

Somebody in Haskell, Texas, recently sent in an order for 30 cents worth of tracts, but failed to sign their letter. If this person will send us their name we will be glad to fill the order when we know to whom the tracts should be sent.

J. F. Plant, Bradford, Ark. requests prayer for the saints at that place. Says, "several believers here but no one has the baptism. We have no preacher. Wish you would remember this place and get some preacher to stop off and preach for us. We are on the main line from St. Louis to Little Rock. We are trying to arrange for a house to worship in."

A NEW CHURCH AT WILKESBARRE.

The work is going on here (Atlantic City, N. J.) beautifully. I returned one week ago. Twenty-nine have received the baptism—three young men have gone to study for the ministry. We are looking forward to a convention at an early date.

The work in Wilkesbarre is also in a very fine condition. I was there four weeks. Several have received the baptism and over \$3000 already in for the church, which was started a week ago. All glory be to His dear name. He continues to give us strength day by day, and by His grace, we go quietly on, going on still. We expect to hold our first convention in Wilkesbarre about the last of November, or as soon as the Church is finished.—Mary R. Rahter.

Conventions and Camp Meetings

INTERSTATE PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION.

Findlay, Ohio, Oct. 10th to 22nd.

Will convene with the Assembly of God at the Gospel School, 404 E. Sandusky St. Special Evangelists called. For information write T. K. Leonard, Findlay, Ohio.

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we unto you, that ye also may have
with us: and truly our Fellowship is with
the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ—1 Jno. 1:3

Fellowship

ZION'S BANK.

I have a never-failing bank—
A more than golden store;
No earthly bank is half so rich:
How can I then be poor?

'Tis when my stock is spent and gone,
And I without a groat,
I am glad to hasten to my bank,
And beg a little note.

I have been a thousand times before,
And never was rejected:
Sometimes I have received more
Than asked for or expected.

Sometimes I've felt a little proud,
I've managed things so clever;
But, ah! before the day was gone,
I've felt as poor as ever.

Sometimes my Banker, smiling, says:
"Why don't you oftener come,
And when you take a little note,
Why not a larger sum?"

"Why live so niggardly and poor?
Your bank contains a plenty;
Why come and take a one-pound note
When you might have a twenty?"

"Yea! twenty thousand ten times told—
Is but a trifling sum
To what your Father has laid up,
Secured in Christ His Son."

Since, then, my Banker is so rich,
I have no cause to borrow.
I live upon my cash to-day,
And draw again to-morrow.

But many a doubting soul will say:
"There are no notes for me."
This bank is full of precious notes,
All signed, and sealed, and free.

Base unbelief will lead the child
To say what is not true.
I tell the soul that feels self-lost:
"These notes belong to you."

We read of one young man, indeed,
Whose riches did abound;
But in the Banker's book of grace
This man was never found.

The leper had a little note;
"Lord, if Thou wilt, thou can."
The Banker cashed that little note,
And healed the sickly man.

But see the wretched, dying thief
Hang by the Banker's side.
He cried, "Dear Lord, remember me."
He got his cash, and died.

His blessed Banker took him in
To everlasting glory,
There to sing his Saviour's love,
And tell the wondrous story.
—Selected.

NORTH McALESTER, OKLA.

We are here in North McAlester, Okla., carrying on a meeting. Found the saints going on with Jesus. We came here three years ago and started up the work. The Lord is still blessing. About one hundred have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—Evang. Chas. Williamson.

VICTORY IN IOWA DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Iowa and Northwest Missouri District Council, Aug. 18th to 28th, was glorious. The blessing of God was upon the meeting from the beginning. Good fellowship and unity all the way through. Brother John Goben was re-elected chairman and all believe in him and will co-operate with him in evangelizing the district. The keynote to the meetings was the Gospel of Christ. Many dear precious workers went afield to conquer or to die, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.—Arch P. Collins.

BLESSED REVIVAL—FT. WORTH, TEXAS.

We are now in a blessed revival. We have erected a new tabernacle and the revival started with the first meeting, and now souls are being saved almost every meeting.

Brother J. Oneal is now with us in the meeting and his heart is on fire for souls—that is our main business and we do not mean to be sidetracked from it.

Every day gives some new token of the near coming of Jesus. Pray for me. The Lord bless all the saints.—A. P. Collins.

A father and mother who were going to send out their son as an apprentice to a place that was right in the midst of temptation, called a few friends together to have prayer-meeting on his behalf. One after another engaged in prayer asking the Lord to bless the boy and keep him in the hour of temptation, and one of them in closing prayed, "O Lord, after having put their son's head in the lion's mouth, we have come to ask Thee not to let him bite it off." How many are there like these foolish parents who go right into sin and ex-

pect the Lord to keep them.—Gospel Banner.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

A sister in Lenoir, N. C., desires prayer as she is walking all-alone, her family not being saved.

A sister in Hartford, Ala. requests prayer for her husband that he might receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit and his head be healed.

A sister in Cainesville, Mo., desires prayer for herself and her son who is a cripple with rheumatism of long standing, and who is worldly inclined.

Brother and Sister Lancaster of High Bridge, Ky., desire prayer that God will send workers to that place. There are no Pentecostal people there, but they are praying mightily for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

A sister in Colorado Springs, Colo., asks prayer that the Lord will strengthen her eyes so she can read His Word more, as the nerves have been strained and cause her eyes and head to ache, making her sick when she reads very much.

Mrs Vivian Dennis, who writes from Gainesville, Ark., R. 1, in care of Baxter Woodard, announces that her husband, A. P. Dennis, fell asleep in Jesus on August 22nd, and desires prayer for herself that God will sustain her in her loneliness. She also has a large Gospel tent which she will be glad to sell to some evangelist at a very reasonable price, as she will no longer need it.

I highly esteem the paper as being the best printed. Thank God for it.—W. R. C., Ozark, Ala.

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Sidney, Iowa.

The Woodworth-Etter revival continues to grow in power and interest at Sidney. There are so many wonderful things God is doing that it is very hard to make a condensed report. We could write many pages, and then the half could not be told. Eternity alone can reveal the work done in this meeting.

Quite a number have been saved and baptized in the Spirit as in Acts 2:4. Many have been marvelously healed. One sister hadn't walked without crutches for three years, was healed while sitting in her chair. She arose, walked out in front of the platform, up and down, then stepped up two steps and came on the platform and walked there with very little assistance. Since then she has attended every service, being made every whit whole.

Yesterday morning the Lord used a little afflicted boy in a wonderful way. The power fell on him, just as the service was dismissed, and he came on the platform. For nearly an hour he preached and prophesied. He told the large crowd to live the Bible, to hide away, that judgment was coming, to get the Holy Ghost, to come to the altar, to pray and to get ready. Scores fell on their knees around the altar. Out in the congregation men and women began to cry out to God. The town was stirred when this was noised abroad and many of the most prominent people came out to the afternoon and evening service.

God is taking the weak things of earth to confound the mighty.

Many that have worked for the Lord, even in foreign fields, say they have learned more of the deep things of God in these two weeks than in all their experience. Brother Hugh Cadwalder, the pastor here, says the remarkable feature of the meeting to him is the way Sister Etter waits for the Lord to come forth. In other words, she wants the Holy Spirit to have the pre-eminence in the meetings.

The Lord continues to warn through the Spirit in visions and messages of fearful calamities coming on this country, also of the soon coming of Jesus, that we must put on the whole armor of God to be able to stand in that day. One message that came out clear and strong was to the effect that as greater power came and the gifts of the spirit were brought forth, the more we would be persecuted, but as He delivered the apostles, so we also would be delivered.

It is estimated that about fifteen hundred attended the evening service last night. People have come many miles and are getting deeper in God. They are here from all the surrounding States and Canada.

Let the saints pray everywhere that many souls will be saved, bodies healed and filled with God, that signs and wonders may be done in the name of the Holy Child Jesus, and that His name may be exalted above every name. (To whom be glory and honor forever more. Amen.)—One of the workers.

I thank you for the continuance of the Weekly, which is more than welcome, is read and passed on to others. May it continue a blessing to many till Jesus comes, and then the back numbers continue to preach during the great tribulation.—Mrs. F. A. P., Seneca Falls, N. Y.

Geo. E. Challacombe, Hereford, Tex., writes that he left Burlingame, Kans., September 15th for Hereford, Tex., at God's command; found the most needy field he has ever seen. Desires prayer for himself and family and for the precious souls in that place.

J. B. Smith of Quinlan, Tex., reports that a meeting was just closed at Union Valley, eight miles west of Quinlan and quite a number were saved, twelve receiving the baptism. Lots of people were convinced that this is the true way, all the glory be to God. "We are now in a meeting at Royce City, Texas. Prospects are fine for a good meeting. Bro. Goodson and wife were with us at Union Valley. R. M. Thomas and wife are with us now."

HOLINESS PREACHER BAPTIZED,
Sedan, New Mexico.

I want to tell my experience. A dear brother from Oklahoma held a three weeks' meeting in which seven souls were saved. This was the first time I heard the Pentecostal people preach. I preached one night and the Spirit was on me so I shouted praises to the Lord. I went home and went to bed, and that same night, as I lay down, the power began to shake me and I was baptized with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues.

I am a preacher of the Holiness class known as the Church of God. Since that time my church has been cold to me and they say that it was of the devil.

On August 6th Mr. Elster Brown and I began meeting in which seven were saved and two dear brothers received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Quite a number of shouts and praises went up to the glory of God.—R. Lobb.

T. A. Snodgrass, Terrell, Tex., reports the blessing of God resting upon the saints there. "Held street meeting in Kaufman—much interest shown. Had extra good attention. Also visited the jail where there were about forty prisoners confined. Many expressed themselves as wanting to know the Lord, asking for prayer. Many tears were shed. There were four of us in the band. The City Marshall gave us permit to come back any time we wanted to and hold our services on the street. We expect, the Lord willing, to visit Forney next Saturday and hold street services to point people to Jesus, telling them of His love and mercy.

"May the blessing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ forever be with the Evangel and all of its corps of workers. Pray for me that I may keep low at Jesus feet."

OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT
AROUND WHITNEY, TEX.

A brief sketch of our summer's work for the glory of our Lord. On June 21st we began a meeting six miles southwest of Whitney. During the three weeks of meetings there were ten baptized in the Holy Ghost. On July 19th, we began three miles southeast of Whitney and held for eleven days and nine received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. On Aug. 10th we began six miles southeast of Whitney and continued nineteen days and thirty-one received the baptism of

the Holy Ghost. In this last community twenty-eight had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in the prayer meetings prior to our meeting, and two have received since the meeting at our regular appointment. I have baptized sixty-two in water. Pray for us.—T. I. Lambert, Evang. and Band.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Elder W. F. Lankston of Perks, Ill., has turned into the missionary treasury the sum of \$17.51, the balance left in his hands of money given by saints of Southern Illinois, toward sending Bro. Robt. Shelton to the mission fields. Bro. Shelton has not gone. Bro. Lankston is disposing of the money left in his hands, in agreement with instructions received from the donors.

Had I the means to do so I would like to put the paper into the home of every Pentecostal person I know, and in the homes of others who are hungry for more of God.—Mrs. L. H. H., Los Angeles, California.

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"DRAWN" OR "DRIVEN."

Driven—far out upon a stormy sea,
Tossed by rough waves beneath a
starless sky;
Drawn—by a voice that whispers,
"Peace, be still,
Be not afraid, poor wanderer, It is
I."
Driven—like leaves before the wintry
wind
That blights and shrivels with its
chilling breath;
Drawn—by the rustling of an angel's
wings,
Wafting a ransomed soul away in
death.
Driven—to trifle on through sinful
years,
Braving the wrath ye would not dare
to meet;
Drawn—By a Saviour's wondrous love
to shed
Tears of contrition at His wounded
feet.
Driven away. The only refuge gone:
Worn out at last, the patience all di-
vine;
Drawn—by the tender accents that pro-
claim,
"Fear not, I have redeemed thee;
thou art Mine."
Oh, solemn words, that speak to every
heart,
The choice is ours, we must be
"drawn" or "driven";
Driven, and doomed to everlasting woe,
Or gently drawn with cords of love
to heaven. —B. M. S.

PRAISE FROM A MEMBER.

I want to praise God with you this morning for His wonderful love, care and protection to His children, and the sweet fellowship with God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. I realize this morning that I have many brothers and sisters, for we are not one member but many, and our Father is rich and we are not neglected. There is plenty for us all. Glory to God in the highest. May God bless all the members of the Evangel Family.—Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster, Kentucky.

It is impossible to tell how much good I have received from the Weekly Evangel. It frees my heart from earthly ambitions and places my thoughts upon Jesus. Please accept my heart's thanks for the paper.—Mrs. E. W. B., Gooding, Idaho.

"Never be discouraged because good things get on slowly here, and never fail to do daily that which lies next to your hand. Do not be in a hurry, but be diligent. Enter into the sublime patience of the Lord."—George Macdonald.

RAISED FROM THE DEAD.

Ernie Patterson of Wilmer, Texas, claims to have been raised to life by faith in God.

I wish to testify to the world what a wonderful Saviour we have, the same yesterday, today and forever. Praise God! I have been dead but live again. I had pneumonia in both lungs. My physician did all he could for me, but I died. My people, who are opposed to my faith in Jesus Christ, refused to let the saints anoint and pray for me as St. James tells us to do. My wife knew that there is nothing impossible with God, and remembering Elisha raising

the widow's son, fell across me and prayed until God gave back my life.

The night before I died, God gave me power to talk in the French language to the French people. I talked all night. He told me I wouldn't understand then, but that I would afterwards. I saw the old country where our Saviour lived and died.

God sent an angel into our home. He unbound us—the chains fell off. My wife put me into the hands of the Lord, and through faith in our dear Saviour, I recovered. May the Lord bless all who read this, especially Sister Julia A. Ross, who led us out of darkness into light.

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I.

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Bite of poisonous reptiles, etc.
Impure water, food or air.
Tuberculosis.
Pneumonia, (unavoidable exposure).
Contagious diseases,
Etc., etc.

Plea for mercy.
Faith. These "shall not hurt them." Mark 16:18; Acts 28:3; Psa. 91:10.

Taking poison into system, (neglectfully).
Malaria, (useless exposure).
Drugs.
Overeating.
Impure water, food or air.
Stimulants.
Pneumonia, (useless exposure).
Tuberculosis, (useless exposure).
Excesses.
Sickness from known causes of neglect, etc etc.

Confession.
Repentance, (including amendment).
Plea for mercy.
Faith.
Anointing with oil, if desired.
Jas. 5:15, 16.

II.

II.

Sickness. Derangement or failure of organs from causes unknown, or if known, then unavoidable.

Anointing with oil.
Laying on of hands.
Plea for mercy.
Faith. Jas. 5:15; Mark 16:18.

III.

III.

Natural Processes. Changes occurring at different periods of life. Child-bearing. Old age. Infirmities.

Care.
Prayer. "The Spirit helpeth our infirmities." Rom. 8:26.
Faith. 1 Tim. 2:15.

IV.

IV.

Violence, accidents, etc.

Repair, cleanse, care.
Plea for mercy. **Faith.**

V.

V.

Afflictions. Deformities, etc.

Patience. Learn the Lesson.
Prayer. **Faith.** Jas. 5:13; Isa. 63:9.

VI.

VI.

Demons. Forms of lunacy, erratic pains, depressions, etc.

Repentance, fasting and prayer.
Casting out in Jesus' name.
Mark 16:17.

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