

GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH

THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. - Mark 16:15

## How Quickly Can The World Be Won For Christ?

TWELVE people could win the world for Jesus Christ in 30 years, if each of them brought one soul to Him yearly, and all the converts did the same. Work this out, and see if it is not true, and then set to work to win souls, stirring each one of them up to go on doing the same, until Jesus comes.

AND if you hasten this process, and win one soul for Him each month, and every convert does the same, the evangelization of the world could be an accomplished fact in two years and a half.

Lord teach us how to win souls for Thee.

## THE WORKS OF GOD



## ANOTHER STORY FROM JAPAN.

"Come at once, Granny is dying." "Granny dying!" Monday, August 9th, $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$ ! Surely it could not be possible; only twenty-two and a half hours previous she was at worship with us, singing her favorite hymn, for was it not the-Lord's Day.
> "Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! Amen;
> Hallelujah! Thine the glory, He's coming again."

However, we went out "post haste" on that sweltering day of 98 degrees in the shade, armed with His armourlike Goliath's sword-"there's none like it": "oil." "They went out and anointed many with oil," Mark 6:12, 13 . There she was in that left-hand corner, stretched out death-like; beside her, her blind son-in-law, fanning her, along with some other neighbors, who had gathered. "She was so happy this morning; ate a hearty breakfast, did the new baby's washing only an hour before, in fact was so happy; mother said she felt that she was going heavenward that day." Such was the daughter's reply to our various questions. We then did what He told us to do:

We anointed, we laid hands on the sick. In that small, small room, with not a breath of air, 98 deg . in the shade outside, we watch.... and. ... pray. Nine has passed, so has ten, but not a move; not a lisp from granny. "Call the doctor," says the blind son-in-law. "Yes," says his wife, "we will get into trouble with the police if she dies; yes, we must call him at once."

He comes, examines "Granny." We tell him who we are, what we believe, what we have done. "On no account speak to her or move her; she has burst a bloodvessel in the head," is his reply. "I cannot touch her now. I will return in an hour." Half-an-hour later Granny moves, begins to slowly rise and sit up, looks around, and her first word is "Hallelujah!" and then begins to laugh heartily. Then, "Why did you call me back? I saw heaven; O such a beautiful place, and I did want to go, but you called me back."

We tell her there is a doctor coming to see her, and at that she laughs heartily, and gets up. Can you imagine the doctor's face-and his silence-when Granny greets him at the door? and when he did "come to himself" do you know what he said? This: "Ten no Chikara""The Power of Heaven."
"And beholding
which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it" (Acts 4:14). From that hour she never had a bit of pain in her head, and was present at nearly all the meetings until the end of September, when we very reluctantly said "Goodbye" as she went back to her native town (North), 600 miles away-"To tell." She is not the first to whom He has said, is she? "Go home and tell." Yours, "pushing heavenward," Wm. J. Taylor.

## TWO ${ }^{-}$REMARKABLE DREAMS.

I had a remarkable dream a short while ago which I feel the Lord would have me pass on. I dreamt that I was sitting at a long table with about a dozen others. We had been speaking about the baptism of the Holy Ghost, when suddenly one of the brethren looked up and said, "I see it, I see it, it means to know Him and the power of His resurrection," At this moment my eldest daughter glided into the room, with a most spiritual expression on her face, and an open Bible in her hand. She stood at the foot of the table, and said with great solemnity, "Yes, but there is something to know first, and she turned to her Bible and read, "I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eyes seeth Thee, wherefore I abhor myself and repent in dust andashes." (Job 42:5-6).

Then turning over the leaves again she read, "Woe is me! for I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts," (Isaiah 6:5). Then turning the leaves once more she read, "When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" Luke $5: 8$ ). Without another word, she turned and departed, and I awoke. But what a wonderful and profitzble lesson was taught in the dream!

So many are seeking further blessing and power; the latter always appeals to the human heart, regenerate or otherwise; but how few are willing to humble themselves before God and man, that He may be exalted in their lives. Many are looking for a perfected self, but they will never find it. Someone has said most truly, "God does not occupy us with a state into which He has brought us." No, no, He is ever leading us to a perfect Saviour. But there is always a lot of digging down and breaking up in all of us before the building up in Christ can begin. May God, by His Holy Spirit, through the power of the blood shed on Calvary, the precious blood of Jesus, show us ourselves, and then reveal Himself to us in all His wondrous power and holiness.
I.dreamt again that I was looking over the shoulder of one who was reading what appeared to be a chart, but everything was blurred to my vision, when suddenly these words stood out in bold relief; "There is a condition of things with the believer when every prayer is cashed on presentation." Immediately I awoke, and felt a strong impression to write down the words. There is a deep lesson in them for us all, and we need to learn it very quickly, for the need is great.-M. Martin.

## WITHOUT SPOT OR WRINKLE.

We often discover things in our lives that are not actually sins, which we are convicted of as a lack of conformity to the Christ image. A sister who was very blunt of speech had unintentionally hurt the feelings of a neighbor, and she was very disgusted with herself and she went to the Lord about it. It happened to be her washing day, and she had just. brought in a basketful of clean linen into her kitchen, and as she wept before the Lord He directed her eyes to the clothes as they lay in the basket. "Are those clothes clean?" He asked her. "Yes, Lord," she replied, "as clean as soap and water can make them." "Are you satisfied with them?" He asked again. "No, Lord, not yet; they have to be damped down, and straightened out, and every crease has to be ironed out of them." Then spoke the still small voice again, "I have washed thee in mine own blood, and cleaner thou canst not be; thou art without spot. But I have much work to perform on thee yet, and when I have finished with thee, thou shalt be without soot or wrinkle or anv such thing." Let us be patient until the wrinkles and the "any such things" are all ironed out of us.

## OUR ONLY HOPE OF ESCAPE.

By Florence L. Burpee.

In the Word of God we are warned to "flee from the wrath to come." Try as hard as one will, the Scriptures are too plain to leave any ground of hope for escape to build upon, except through the blood of Christ. "When I see the blood I will pass over you" is as true today as it was thousands of years ago, when God ordered Moses to declare this message to Israel. Every religion or creed that shuts the blood out will surely be condemned by God at last, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins.

In vain the self-righteous and moral man may seek to enter into the kingdom of heaven through his good deeds. How often one has heard him express his hope in words like these: "I have kept the commandments ; I do not lie, cheat or wrong my neighbor in any way; none of our family ever used liquor or tobacco in any form; I attend church regularly ;" and when he is told that a man who commits sin is a sinner in God's sight, whether he has committed few or many ; that one sin alone shut Adam and Eve out of Paradise ; "that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God;" and therefore all are under condemnation, he wraps his robes of self-righteousness around him and replies he cannot see things in that light.

It is a fact today, drunkards and harlots are entering the kingdom of heaven before many moral and selfrighteous men, for the person who is low down in sin usually realizes his lost condition and feels the need of the help that only Christ can give.

We have our "New Thought" theologies today ; they are many and varied; but the New Thought in all of them shuts Christ out. Some claim there is no personal God; that the heavenly Father we were taught to love is only a power or influence. But we who have felt His touch and heard His voice ("for my sheep know my voice and follow me," says Jesus) know better. • The Word teaches us plainly of a personal God and Saviour, and we have too many evidences of His presence and care in our lives to listen to any "new thought" of man. The "old time religion" is good enough for us.

That punishment will overtake the wicked even in this life, for "the way of the transgressor is hard;" cannot be denied. The Word speaks plainly on this subject. As sure as we have penitentiaries, prisons and jails for lawbreakers, so truly God has prepared a place for those who will not obey His laws. "Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger and ye took me not in; naked and ye clothed me not; sick and in prison and ye visited me not."

And Jesus answering said unto them, "Suppose ye these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell ye nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen upon whom the tower of Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, nay, but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."
"And I say unto you that many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom (or the world) shall be cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth: But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear Him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell ; yes, I say unto you fear him."

These are a few of many passages showing one plainly there is a punishment and it is the duty and privilege of every one to escape from it. "How can we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" The word "reglect" gives the cause in a nutshell why so few will be saved. No one is obliged to commit any great sin to lose their soul, but to simply go on every day committing few or many sins, and continue this way until death overtakes one at last, will surely seal his doom. Unless our sins are blotted out of existence and Christ reigns supremely in the soul of man, he cannot enter the presence of God.

There are but few sinners, if any, who do not intend at some time to seek salvation, but they simply put it off from time to time. Often, when urging a person to accept Christ, the answer is given, "Not tonight." "Simple neglect will shut countless souls out of the kingdom of heaven.
"So great a salvation!" That the salvation God offers is a great one, no one can deny. If a person should come to any one of us and offer to give us a beautiful home, well furnished, land connected with it, money enough to last a lifetime, we would think this a great deed. As long as life lasted we would tell the story of what one person did for us, yet this is nothing compared with what God has done for us. He offers freedom from the burden of $\sin$; grace to carry me through life without sinming ; promises to give us the Holy Ghost to be within us through life: "For, lo I am with you alway."

He promises strength to bear every burden, and freedom from doubts, fears and the cares of this life. "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you." He promises He will be with us in trouble and deliver us. He says He will guide us with His eye. No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." He says He will remove sickness far from us for, "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." He says, "They that dwell in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty;" that He will not only give His children healing, but grant them health. He promises to deliver is from our enemies. That although thousands may fall all around us, "He will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him."

All this our Father says He will do for the honest souls who enter His fold, and when life here is over, He will give to the one who overcometh all things, a robe that will never wear out, a crown that will never fade, a mansion in the Father's house, a seat upon the throne with Christ, and life without end, joy, happiness, peace and rest. All this and much more will be given to the one who makes a wise choice in this life.

Is not this a great salvation? Who can afford to neglect? "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation ?" This salvation is so great it takes in the entire universe, from the king on his throne to the little ragged bootblack in the slums of our large cities. "Whosoever will may come and take of the waters of life."

Ye rich and poor, bond and free, listen! There will never be equal rights to all men, except in this great salvation that so many are neglecting and passing by. The vilest sinner in all the world may, if he will, step into the fountain today and be made whole. This salvation is truly great, for "While the lamp holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return." Man lives but a few years at the most here. A few more days, months, or years, and it will be said of all, "He or she is gone." How foolish the person is who chooses to neglect seeking the safety of his soul, for the sake of pleasures and sins of this short life. "How can we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?"

## WHAT THE SCRIPTURES SAY ABOUT TITHING. <br> A little more thought and prayer on this subject is needed.

"And He called His ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, OCCUPY TILL I COME." Luke 19:13-26.

We must recognize that all teaching in the Word of God is for our edification and special benefit, as well as for the glory of God, for be it understood, that only as we prosper in the Word and grow thereby, are we in any condition to glorify our God. He is glorified in and through us only in proportion to the measure His Word is adhered to.

It is very difficult for humanity to make itself believe that God wants to be glorified in the proper use of our money. In the lesson of the pounds we are well able to understand the initial setting refers to the manner of the Lord's leaving the earth as it were on a journey to heaven, to await the time of His appointment when He shall return in full power as king of the earth, leaving His servants in charge of His ministry during His absence. But I desire to apply this lesson to the thought of the proper use of the Lord's money, since I feel that the thought of occupying until He come is all inclusive of every phase of our ministry and life, and who will say that the color of money does not affect a big place in the lives of humans? I would suggest that it means all those things entrusted to our care, whether gifts, talents, money, spiritual powers, or physical strength, all must be guarded and put to use that it may bring forth interest which we may with pleasure lay at His feet when He comes. Money, therefore, is conceded to be one of the potent agehcies in carrying on God's true work, and to whom may He look but to those, His children, whom He has blessed, and desires to bless, in order that they may be a blessing?

Whatever God has committed unto us, for this shall we give account. If we possess money, shall we not render to God His portion? We think first of all our obligations, and if anything is left we give the Lord a portion. In this we are at fault, and God would correct us in order that He might bless us with increase, and make us channels of blessing in His service financially as well as spiritually. Those of olden time were very solicitous about tribute to Caesar and questioned the Lord to find out if He were loyal to the government, and His reply assures us that He was very loyal not only to Caesar, but first of all to God, the one human beings think of so slightingly. Note the answer: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." Can we not say that Jesus meant here that we are to render credit and service to all whom credit and service is properly due? The metal was God's. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." The image and superscription was Caesar's. He appropriated the metal and stamped it with his image and superscription, but the metal was God's nevertheless. Is Caesar therefore to receive all tribute and the Lord be an atter consideration? This seems to be the case in the lives of many of the Lord's children. A true citizen always pays his taxes as his portion of government expenses, and if this custom were abolished the business of the nation would fail. In like manner the Lord has laws governing the progress of His work in the Church, and if these laws are abolished, the business of the Church fails and the ministry is greatly retarded in effectiveness.

One of these laws therefore is that of TITHING.
Tithing, as we understand it from the Scriptures, is to turn into the treasury of the Lord a fixed amount of all our income. This we do not understand to be giving the Lord something, but merely rendering to the Lord the things in this respect that are God's. This system has been established for the carrying on of the work of the Lord, and is regarded by all those who follow God in this to be nothing under one-tenth of all income or profit.

Tithing, as many affirm, belongs to the dispensation of the law, and is not binding under grace. We are now ruled by the Law of Love. If this were all true I would ask these folk if Love leads them to give less than Law would impose? Yet they answer, "Under grace we give all, all I have belongs to God." But did you ever figure up what you really did give or do give the Lord under this all system. I assure you, that taking it all through, you have fallen away short of the tenth part of all your income.
I. Tithing began under grace. Grace was established under the call of Abraham before the law was instituted, and he paid tithes of all to Melchisedec, who was first king of Salem, and Priest of the Most High God. This man is representative of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our King and Priest after this order. It was carried out in the life of Jacob, who made promise to God that if He prospered him he would give one-tenth of all to the Lord. This seems to be the result of teaching and practice of the Patriarchs, rearing their children to observe these things.
2. Tithing was for the support of the priesthood and caring for the needs of the ministry, and was made a state practice under the law. If this was neglected the ministry suffered, and the blessing of the Lord was withheld. Is the need under grace and love any the less important? It seems to be regarded by many that a man in the Pentecostal ministry can get along alright, and if there seems to be an outward show of prosperity and needs are being met, then there is no concern or inquiry about the matter. This is neglect and disobedience which always results in the blessing of God being withheld or withdrawn. "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or sayeth He it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written : that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal (temporal) things?" I Cor. 9:9-II.

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the Word and doctrine. FOR the SCRIPTURE sayeth, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And the laborer is worthy of his reward. I Tim. 5:17, I8. These Scriptures show us that God has made provision in His work for the needs of the ministry and these needs were to be met by the tithes. A portion for the ox as he treadeth out the corn!
3. Tithes are to be brought into the storehouse, not to be done with as we elect in our own judgment. Tithes do not belong to us, and remember, are not given as we make an offering, but rather obeying the Word of the Lord, and rendering to Him that which He has portioned for the furtherance of His cause. How important this is, and yet how much neglected. Is it because the ministry has failed to properly instruct the saints, or do we live in a lawless and insubordinate age when every
man is a law unto himself? If so, then to this may we attribute the lack of success as a body, and not to the lack of Brother So and So keeping in the Spirit. Insubordination! Every man a law unto himself seems to be the rule in so many places until it would seem many are imbibing the spirit that is abroad in the earth today. Let us come to the Word and measure up. Bring the tithes into the storehouse, where we are commanded to lay them, and prove God if there will not be windows opened in heaven, and a blessing poured out, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Mal. 3:10. -

I have heard of those who saved their tithes to send their children to Bible schools to train for the ministry. Or those who use their tithes to minister to the poor relatives, and in many other ways dispose of it at their own thought. But God says "bring it into the storehouse." Where is your storehouse but the place where you get your spiritual food? Bring your tithes there and leave them, and the disposition of the same is committed to the elders, and the responsibility is theirs, and to them God will look for an accounting. You have done your part and will receive reward from God accordingly, no matter what may have been done with them. If you cannot trust the dispersion of tithes to the elders of the church as God has ordained them, they are poor folks to come to for spiritual food, and you are in danger of being deceived in other things also. I maintain that our responsibility as saints ends when we have delivered the tithes to the storehouse and we will be credited for same and rewarded accordingly by Him who weighs every man's purpose of heart.

Dear saints, if you would be blessed, cease to use your own pleasure about sending your tithes out to most any place you desire. Bring them into the storehouse and prove God, and blessing, thou shalt be blessed.

Your free-will offerings are another matter entirely, and God gives you the privilege of your own choice in the matter of where and to whom you shall send them. Your offerings amount to that which you give over your tithes, and the Lord will see to it that such a giver is in a continual run over blessing, heaped up, pressed down, and shaken together. Hallelujah! "He that giveth let him do it with simplicity." Rom. 12:8. In all our seeking for spiritual gifts and graces let us see to it that we abound in THIS grace also. 2 Cor. 8:7.

The end is very near. The Lord needs faithful stewards, and may we be found at His coming as those who have been faithful over a very little that He may appoint unto us greater things. There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; there is that withholdeth more than is meet and tendeth to poverty. Prov. I I:24. Amen.

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## SPIRITUAL PREPAREDNESS.

Jesus made the declaration, "There be some standing here, which shall not taste death, till they see the kingdom of God." And a few days afterwards, He took them up into a mountain. He knew the time, He knew the place, He knew the purpose. And He knew the place also of the mount of translation. Christ knows the mountains. He knows the mount of transfiguration and the mount of translation, and He knows the mount where His people will stand in these last days. He gave the disciples the promise of seeing the glory of God. He it was who took them up the mountain, not they who took up Christ, and there He was transfigured before them. The natural eye beheld the supernatural. But it was a selected audience in a selected place. He was transfigured before them and His raiment became white and glistening, tran-
scending the whiteness of anything ever seen before. The whiteness, the purity of heaven, cannot be seen by ordinary eyes. You have to be ascended to the mount to see that.

The disciples began to talk among themselves, "It is good for us to be here, let us make three tabernacles where we can abide and dwell." They wist not what they said. It was foolish talk. Jesus was more intent at listening to what the others, Moses and Elias, said. They spoke the true things of God, and Christ conversed with them. And God also joined in the conversation, "This is My beloved Son: hear Him." God gave His message to the three, and in due time these three passed on the message, "Listen to the Son, Him shall ye hear in all things, whatsoever He shall say unto you."

The glory of God was in Christ before He started to go up the mountain. Although the disciples could not see it, it was there. He was the Son of Man, but the glory of God was pent up within Him. He was Son of Man and Son of God. And His desire is that the glory of God should come upon the sons of men. He said to His Father, "The glory which Thou gavest me I have given them." And through His grace and glory they are transformed from sons of men to sons of God, and they can testify, "Now are we the sons of God; and it doeth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is."

The glory of God is within His children even now. "Christ in yout, the hope of glory." "The king's daughter is all glorious within." There is a glory of the sun, and another of the moon, and another glory of the stars, and one star differeth from another star in glory. You can rejoice in the glory of the Sun of righteousness; but there is a glory of the star.

Esther was the, star of the virgins. Everything for her purification was provided for her. And when she was presented to the king she was glorious indeed. And as one star differs from another in glory so God would have each one of His children seek to excel. As the servant of the king prepared Esther for the king, so will the Holy Ghost provide everything for your presentation to your King. All things for purification are provided, and He knows just what you lack; and what you need He takes. He will not take the wrong thing, and He will take just enough. Rest, trust, abandon yourselves to Him to cleanse, to purify, to beautify, and to work that within that will satisfy Himself. Can you make one spot white? Can you make that which is ugly beautiful? Can you make that which is carnal spiritual? Then cease from thine own labors; rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.

He warned the disciples beforehand of the glory they were to see in the mountain, and then He took them up. And so He is warning His people prior to taking them up. into the mount, the cloud receiving them. The mount is prepared, the cloud is prepared, and He seeks to prepare His people.

## THE SECRET OF SERVICE.

To one who asked George Muller the secret of his service, he said: "There was a day when I died, utterly died;" and, as he spoke, he bent lower, until he almost touched the floor, "died to George Muller, his opinions, preferences, tastes and will, died to the world, its approval or censure, died to the approval or blame even of my brethren and friends, and since then I have studied only to show myself approved unto God."

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## MESSAGES OF THE MOMENT. The Need of the Supernatural.

Jesus, when He was on earth said, "I saw Satan falling as lightning from heaven." And do not you think that in heaven, He has still His eye on Satan? If in those days, He gave the command to His disciiples that brought about the downfall of Satan, cannot He give a fresh command today? He gave the command to the twelve and to the seventy, and He can give the commandment to seventy times seven today. When they came back they did not have to record a single failure. He alone could have caused the downfall of Satan, but He chose to do it through men. And He does not change His plans to-day. To the modern disciples, as much as to the disciples of old, He gives authority over all the power of the enemy.

When the pressure gets greater from the enemy, God has fresh plans. If needs be, He gives an earthquake to free Paul and Silas, and not only liberates His servants, but saves the hardened jailer. He can open the Red Sea as easily as He can open a jail. We read in the Revelation of the seven seals, the seven trumpets and the seven vials, but think you not that He can do the supernatural before the end?

Jesus said, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" The disciples could see Peter and his sword; Christ could see the twelve legions of angels. The natural, the human, the puny sword, to fight the battles of the Almighty God! Peter had to be taught the frailty of the human arm. Peter and his sword were going to conquer for Jesus Christ, but he, himself, was conquered by a servant maid. Peter learned his lesson, and the Holy Ghost, flowing' and speaking through him on the day of Pentecost, slew three thousand souls. The natural Peter conquered by a servant maid! The inspired Peter conquering three thousand souls!

Believe you that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever? Has He not more than twelve legions
of angels at His command today? If He said the word "Go" to these legions, there would not be an unconvicted soul on this earth today. He says, "Concerning the work of My hands, command ye Me." The reserve forces of the Son await the disposal of the Son's children. Oh, the condescension of Him who says, "I will allow you to command Me !" Shall the creature say unto the Creator, "Why hást Thou formed me thus?" He questions that. But the redeemed, He allows them to command Him. Why? Because salvation is so dear to Him. In the matter of salvation He allows familiarity. Co-workers together with Him!

Of those early disciples it is written, "They went forth everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following." He joined together the preaching of the Word and the signs, and what God has joined together let no man separate. Man has been separating. He takes the former and leaves the latter. The disciples preached the Word, and the signs followed. They did the first, and God did the second. Man has failed to look for signs, but it was not so at the beginning. Has the Gospel changed? Has the message changed? Why should its method change? It is the work of the enemy to try and stifle the Word by robbing it of its power. Pray for the restoration of the former years that the enemy, the locust and the cankeworm have destroyed. Pray that the Gospel may go forth in its original purity and power. Pray, pray, pray.

## The Revelation of Jesus.

One of the greatest needs of the day is that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. God did not exhaust Himself when He gave the revelation of those things shortly to come to pass to John. He can keep on revealing. The vision of John was glorious, but the glory of the Father was not exhausted. We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. That is where we get the glory and the revelation of Him. To whom is this given? To him that is of a lowly and contrite heart. That is the qualification for revelation. With clear heavens God can do much, and we need the Blood to clear the heavens. Even John, the apostle, had to have a clear heaven. He was right up in the Spirit. If he needed it, how much more do we.

We need much preliminary training before we receive the complete revelation and the full manifestation of the glory of God. If we desire to attain to the full stature of a man in Christ Jesus, we had better go through all the classes in the school of the Holy Ghost. Let us not be too anxious to make sentences until we know the A, B, C. If we know the alphabet, we can learn the sentence. The jots and titles must not be overlooked. To the one who is teachable He will withhold nothing. Jesus is more willing to give than we are to ask. This is a profound truth, and we need to ask the Holy Ghost to show us its meaning. Do not let us be too anxious to hasten beyond the preliminary training, our walk will be all the surer, and faster, and safer later on. It is well to be rooted and grounded, and we shall not be driven about by every wind of doctrine. As we are teachable and keep humble, the Spirit will guide us into all truth, and will continually unfold to us the revelation of Him who is the truth Himself.
"If you want to he more patient, you must be willing to suffer more. Tribulation worketh patience."

## THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION.

Two weeks ago I had an experience that came straight from heaven into my soul. In one of the night services in our mission we went to prayer at the beginning of the meeting and God poured the spirit of prayer mightily upon us for a revival that He would awaken His people to their condition. During this season of prayer for the first time in my life I was prostrated by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost. While I was there before God, the spirit of prayer seemed to lift in a sense, and these words came straight from heaven to my soul, "This is the hour of temptation." Every word was emphasized by the power of the Holy Ghost within my whole being from my head to my feet. I said, "Yes, Lord, I believe it." It is the hour of temptation when every man and every woman are to be tried as by fire. "But," I said, "Lord, what is the temptation to the children of God?", We know the world has no charms for us; the moving picture shows have no charm for the child of God that is baptized in the Holy Ghost. The world and all its pleasures are no attraction to us. God have mercy on us, we are mightily backslidden if we are tempted by these things.

As I asked the Lord what the temptation was to the child of God He brought to my mind the scene in the garden. Who were overtaken in the hour of temptation when our blessed Lord was to be crucified? I know who they were. It was Peter, James and John who were tempted in the darkest hour that came upon this old world of sin. They were failing Him in the hour of prayer; John, who had leaned on His breast, and Peter and James, who had walked with Him, fellowshipped with Him and supped with Him at the table. He had given them power over all the power of the enemy, and at the midnight hour instead of praying, this little company fell asleep. As this all came before me the Spirit of God spoke to my own heart, "That is your temptation! That is the temptation of the children of God." We have had the light of the hour; we have had the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We have leaned upon His breast, we have walked and fellowshipped with Him. This is the hour of temptation that has come upon God's children. Will you be like Peter, James and John and fail in the hour of prayer? I believe that the reason there is not the power in our meetings, the reason there is not the power in our lives and in the lives of the ministry, is because of a lack of prayer.

Sister Piper was telling me of a dream she had in California in which a heavenly messenger came to remind her of the soon coming of Jesus. She had been asking God to make it real to her, and in this dream she saw this messenger point to a large clock and he said to her, "You knew the time was short and that I would come within the half hour." It was then twenty-four minutes after one, and there were left just six minutes in which to work and prepare people for His coming.

I had always longed for the Lord to make real to me His coming but I know it is soon now. I feel it within my very being. I no more say now, "I believe He is coming soon," but "I know He is coming soon." And that soon doesn't mean five or six years. We have only six minutes left before the half hour, when He will come. What are we gonig to do? Take it lightly? No, we must get on our faces from the platform to the door and plead for lost souls. From the oldest to the youngest let us sit in sackeloth and ashes, humbling ourselves before God and crying to Him that He will give us Pentecostal power. Repent, thou sleeper! Repent thou man of God who has walked out from the presence of the Lord! Rouse thyself O sleeper and call upon thy God that He may save the perishing.-Mrs. Marie Burgess Brown in Latter Rain Evangel, Chicago.

## 回 <br> AILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

## MRS, A. R, FLOWER

Sunday: "Unto him that loveth us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood; and he made us to be a kingdom, to be priests unto his God and Father; to him be the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." Rev. I:5. (R. V.)

It is the joyful song of the redeemed-"we love Him, because He first loved us." We are "loosed" and then ennobled. Made to be a "kingdom, priests unto God!" Direct access to God, for "a priest is one who has a well-trodden way to God, and who treads it in the interest of his brother." And all through Jesus Christ, to whom be all the praise forever!

Monday. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23.

Resign and deny thyself wholly; for, though true selfdenial is harsh at the beginning, it is easy in the middle, and becomes most sweet in the end.-Madam Guyon.

Tuesday. "The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob." Psa. 87:2.

The dwellings of Jacob speak of outward blessing and prosperity; the gates of Zion of the inward place of God's rest, the special abiding-place of His holiness. And this is where God would have us to dwell. "Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

Wednesday. "I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence among them, receiveth us not." 3 Jno. 9 .

And I greatly fear Diotrephes has some like-minded followers today. Back of the strife, and division, and tumult that has marked God's perfect thought there was doubtless such spirits as these. This love of pre-eminence on the part of those who should be followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, ensamples to the rest of the flock-how it grieves the heart of Him whose prayer through the Eternal Spirit was that we might be one even as He and the Father are one. God needs bridges across the gulfs, the enemy is seeking to make. Have you the grace to be one?

Thursday. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Heb. 12:21.

God has made it possible for us to triumph over every evil thing. And He intends that we should. However surrounded, whatever our trials or temptations, we may be more than conquerors through Him who loved us. But such a life of victory over suffering, over wrong, over hate comes when the heart is wholly consecrated and filled with the love of God that passeth knowledge.

Friday. "But prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. Acts 12:5.

This then was why the stone walls, and double chains, and iron gate, all backed by the mighty power of the Roman Empire could not hold the apostle Peter. There was too much unceasing prayer. God ever gives Himself and His power unreservedly to the importunate cry of His children. "Ask and ye shall receive." Hallelujah.

Saturday. "Salvation is of the Lord." Jonah $2: 9$.
None have ever known it any better than Jonah. But we may know it as well as he, if we cry out in repentant humility from the depths of our despair over some failure or sin. Then will we say with David, "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles."

# GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD. 

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St. Louis, Mo.
"Where no Counsel is the people fall: but in the multitude of Counsellors there is safety." Prov. 11:14.

## BRO. J. W. WELCH IN CALIFORNIA.

Brother J. W. Welch was unexpectedly called to California to attend the dedication services of the new tabernacle which has been recently completed in Los Angeles, and of which Bro. G. N. Eldridge is pastor. This tabernacle is located in the center of the city and we predict for this work a most blessed ministry in Los Angeles. Bro. Welch expects to return sometime before Christmas.

Should you have written him, and have not received a reply to your letter, you will understand the reason of the delay. All correspondence will receive an answer as fast as it can be gotten to by our brother or his helpers in St. Louis.

## A PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost are eternally three in one. I John $5: 7$.

Far back in the council chambers of eternity were planned the works of Creation and Redemption. God said, "Let us make man in our own image," and on the sixth day of Creation man was made in the likeness of God. God, foreseeing the fall of man, provided for his redemption in Jesus Christ who was as a lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Rev. I3.8. On no other ground could we be chosen in Him before the foundation of the world. Eph. $1: 4$.

The Holy Ghost, the third person in the adorable and eternal Trinity, was the executive giving form to the creative fiat of the Eternal Son, who created all things by the word of His power, Heb. $1: 3$; for the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the deep and accompanied every word of Jehovah in power to give form to the material universe. Gen. Ist chap; Is. 48:15, 16; Prov. 30 : 4; Psa. 110.1; John 1:1-5; Col. I:17.

In redemption how beautiful and how inspiring the plan and work of the Blessed Three in One-" For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. "If I go not away the Comforter will not come." I will not leave you comfortless, but I will send you another Comforter, and when He is come He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment, and He shall receive of mine and shew it unto you. John 16:14.

Again this blessed truth of Christ is translated into the experience of every child of God. Rom. 5:I-5.
I. Justified by Faith in Christ,
2. We have peace with God,
3. And the Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit; and this becomes blessedly real in our lives.

Once more: We are (r) Strengthened by His Spirit in the inner man, (2) Christ dwelling in our hearts by faith, (3) Until we are filled with the fulness of God. Eph. $3: 15-19$, so that we can say, "They who are led by
the Spirit of God are the sons of God," and can joyfully say "Abba Father," for we are "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." Rom. 8:14-17.

So also in our prayer life, we could not do without the Blessed Three in One. We pray to the Father God in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, aided by the Holy Spirit; for Jesus said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name He will give it you," John 16:23, and Paul said, "we know not what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Rom. 8:26.

## Proclamation of the Gospel.

Our message to a lost world is the blessed Three in One. We are commanded to preach the Gospel to every creature. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every believer. Jesus is made unto us the wisdom and the power of God, but we cannot preach this Gospel without the enduement of the Holy Spirit, and while we are to preach repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we must do this with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. No one can preach with power that God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, till the Holy Spirit has filled his heart with the love of God.

Then in Christian baptism the act is to be performed in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, thus directing the mind of the convert to the Father who loved him, and the Son who died for him, and the Holy Spirit who convicted him and regenerated him, so that in his resurrection life he will walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit, reckoning his body to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive to God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Rom. 6:Ir and $8: 1-4$,) for "if the Spirit of Him (God) that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He (God) that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken, your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." Rom. 8:11.

The Blessed Three in One is the mightiest and holiest inspiration to the Christian's faith, the blessed hope of seeing the Great God and our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ (Titus 2:II), for which the Holy Spirit is changing us into His image from glory to glory (2 Cor. $3: 18$ ), and when at last we shall be caught up with the ascent of the Holy Spirit we shall see Him whom our soul loveth, and shall see Him whom no man hath seen or can see, and whom no man can approach unto, the only Potentate and King of kings and Lord of lords, to whom be glory both now and forever.

Finally, to all the saints this loving benediction, "The love of God and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you now, and forever. Amen."

This is the doctrine of Christ, and whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ hath God, he hath both the Father and the Son. 2 John 9-II.-A. P. Collins.

## MORE GOOD THINGS COMING.

At the close of the last General Council, a special request was made that Pastor D. W. Kerr of the Pentecostal Church, Cleveland, Ohio, write a series of comments on the statement of Fundamental Truths approved bv the Council. Bro, Kerr agreed to do this, and his first article will appear in next week's Evangel, D. V. If you have not seen a copy of this statement, better do so at once. You may hear all kinds of things about it, but send and get a copy of the minutes and read for yourself and then you will know the truth. Price Io cents per copy.


Address only personal letters on Biblical questions to Brother Bell. Do not write him about Publishing House business or to him, and be delayed in returning to the Publishing House before they can be answered.
106. Who are the fallen angels spoken of in Jude 6 and 2 Pet. 2:4?

Ans. They are simply angels, once just like all other angels, but who Jude says, "kept not their principality, but left their proper habitation," and of whom Peter says they were "angels who sinned." Their sin seems to have been that of insubordination, disobeying the commands of God, not staying where told to stay and going where they were not told to go. They assumed "independent action" in spite of God's orders to the contrary, and God has "cast them down to hell or Tartarus," the lowest pit in hell, where they are held in chains or pits of darkness away from the joyous light of heaven they once had, awaiting final judgment. They are simply fallen angels in prison.
107. Did Job ever $\sin$ ? If so, why?

Ans. Yes, Job sinned. In his affliction he grew impatient, impugned the righteousness of God for letting him suffer so, and talked to his friends like he knew it all. They could not stop Job's mouth nor convince him. Then Jehovah calls Job to account, setting forth Job's ignorance of the earth's creation and constitution, of light, snow, hail, ice, of beasts and birds and of the heavenly worlds, Job 38 and 39. Then Job answers the Lord, "Behold, I am of small account. I lay my hand upon my mouth." Job 40:4.

Jehovah takes another turn at Job showing him His power in the hippopotamus and in the crocodile or leviathon. Job got a vision of the Lord in His greatness and confessed, saying, "I had heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eyes seeth Thee; wherefore I abhore myself in dust and ashes," Job 42:1-6.

Job sinned primarily because he was a member of the fallen race. He sinned immediately because he was tried by Satan, became impatient at his sufferings and at his tormenting friends. He was really a good and upright mean. His chief trouble was a little self-righteousness, which it took a vision of the Lord to crush. As compared with his pious friends who accused him of sinning against God as the cause of his sickness, he was head and shoulders above them in every good deed and he knew it. But a look at the holiness of God cured him.
108. Where will I find light on what will be done on the day of resurrection? Where do people go who die till then? Can you come and hold us a meeting? (No, I cannot come and hold you a meeting now. Ed.)

Ans. Besides the special resurrection of a few and of Christ, there are two general resurrections. The first resurrection is of the righteous only. The chief events of that day will be the coming of Christ for His own, 1 Cor. $15: 23$; the resurrection of the saints, the changing of the living, 1 Cor. $15: 51,52$, and the meeting of Jesus in the air, 1 Thess. $4: 17$; Rev. 20:4-6. The marriage supper of the Lamb may start on that day, but I have a feeling it will last most of the three and a half years during the Great Tribulation. It will excell all the feasts of the ages.

The wicked dead are not raised until the end of the millennium, a thousand years after the resurrection of the righteous. Until the resurrection, the righteous are said to be asleep in Jesus. This only represents their "rest" from their labors, not unconsciousness. Paul said to be absent from the body was to be present with the Lord, 2 Cor. 5:6-8. This is too long a question to answer here fully. Get a Scofield Bible from the Gespel Publishing House and study the various topics there with references in the Word.
109. Does it take fasting and praying for the healing of our bodies.

Ans. It takes the Lord to heal us, and a living faith that can and will lay hold of Him for it. It is already provided for us in Him by His stripes. If it takes fasting to chasten us and bring us into a living, vital touch with Him, then fastimg and prayer are necessary. Jesus said certain kinds of evil spirits go out only by prayer and fasting, Mark 9:29.
110. Do you really know when you get the baptim with the Holy Ghost?

Ans. Yes, read Acts $10: 44-47$, and Acts $19: 1-6$ and see what sign follows by which we know.

Had I the millions of Rockefeller, the brains of Nasoleon, the faith of Paul, and the love of John, I would still press every power of my being and every minute ot my life into the glad service of reaping sheaves for Jesus. -Paul Bettex.

The branch of the vine that is pruned most is the one that will bring forth the best fruit.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL PREACHERS.

The following resolution was unanimously passed at the last General Council.

RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Secretary of the Executive Presbytery constitute a Credential Committee, and that the Council hereby authorizes them to bring out a NEW FORM OF CREDENTIAL certificate in keeping with the Constitution and fundamental principles of the Council, and also to issue annual CERTIFICATES OF FELLOWSHIP to all in good standing, and that all ministers holding credentials with the General Council be requested to send in their old credentials at once to be exchanged for the new form; and on account of the increased expenditure incurred, and for the upkeep of the General Office, they are requested to send in an offering of one dollar each, and that each year hereatter, an annual fee of fifty cents be asked for to cover the cost of the fellowship certificate.

The Credential Committee respectfully urges all ministers to comply with this resolution as early as possible. Send all Credential matters to J. W. Welch, Chairman, 1243 North Garrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

## ALL BIBLES ADVANCED IN PRICE.

Word has just been received that all Bibles have advanced in price thirty to forty per cent during the last few days. The prices published last week are void, and we cannot fill the orders, with the exception of the Precious Promise and Weymouth Testaments, the Premium Bible and the Evangel A and Evangel B Bibles. We will continue to fill orders for these Bibles at the old price until December 25 th only, as we have a stock of them still on hand. After December 25 th the Bibles will be sold as follows: The Teacher's Premium Oxford Bible $\$ 1.75$, Evangel A Bible $\$ 6.00$, Evangel B Bible $\$ 6.75$. Note the advance in price of the Scofield Bibles in this issue. The Holman Bibles have advanced also, and we can only fill orders at the following rates: No. 91, $\$ \mathbf{1 . 5 0}$; No. 92, \$1.75; No. 47, \$3.20; No. 81 RL. \$3.75, No. 73 x \$6.50; No. 21, \$1.95; No. 22 RL. \$2.50; No. 2014, \$3.45.

# STUDY to shew thyself approved unto God. aworkman that needeth not to be ashamed. 

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## December 17, 1916. <br> THE HOLY CITY.

Lesson Text.-Rev. 21:1-4, 9-14, 2227 ; 22:1-5.
Golden Text.-"Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people." Rev. 21:3.

## Leading Thought.-Our heavenly

 home.What heart that has known the sweetness of following Jesus but is looking forward expectantly to the place of which He spoke when He said, "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am ye may be also." Long years ago Abraham "looked for a city which hath foundations, whose maker and builder is God." Heb. 11:10. And all those who have followed God since have been given to realize that here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come. Heb. $13: 14$. It is as one man of God has expressed it, "the hope supernal, the hope of our Home, Sweet Home." And truly we need such a cheering hope as this, for there is nothing but sorrow and sadness through the world generally today. Some have sought to bring ideal conditions into some corner of the earth. but so far all such attempts to establish earthly bits of paradise have failed. God is not pleased to have all the Christians gathered into one corner, for Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." What beneficial or seasoning effect can salt have when all placed in one location! Only God can bring in the perfect day, and until then we must exercise ourselves in keeping our garments unspotted by the world, and in turning many sinful hearts to righteousness through the gracious provision of our Saviour's shed blood.

1. The Holy City. All through the Scriptures we are given occasional glimpses of this heavenly city. But the best description we have is set forth in these two chapters, Revelations 21 and 22. And while this description is couched in figurative language, we may
rest assured that the realization of all the glories God has prepared for them that love Him will far exceed our most exalted conception. 1 Cor. 2:9. Much that we hear about heaven is largely speculation, and when we consider that we with all our understanding are only finite, we can readily see what abundant room there will be for great and glorious surprise when we enter in to that heavenly city. We are so accustomed to reckoning things in a tangible form. What untold glories, what indescribable beauties, what inexpressible joys await God's trusting ones! All the mysteries will be cleared and our eager faith be lost in blessed sight. It is for this reason that some do not press too closely the literal side of this description of the new Jerusalem, emphasizing rather the joy and satisfaction of endless union with our heavenly Bridegroom. Nevertheless it affords our hearts great joy to contemplate the beauties as they came to John on Patmos Isle. It was a new heaven and earth that John saw; and a new city, Jerusalem. And it is a new people who enter into the enjoyment of this new regime. It is for the new creation, those who are in Christ Jesus, for if any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature. It is the culmination of the redemption wrought on account of the fall back in the garden of Eden. Thank God for the glorious possibility of perfect redemption for this sin-cursed world. It is still groaning under the curse, waiting for the appointed time when the purchased deliverance shall be fully manifested. We are rejoicing now in the first-fruits of this redemption. How wonderful will be the enjoyment of the full measure. As a consequence of this redemption we are told of several things that will be no more-no tears, no death, no sorrow, no crying, no pain. Think of it, beloved. It brings tears of joy-the thought of such a prospect. All those who touch lives of men today hear constantly that awful groaning of sorrow which is caused by sin. But that will be ended forever. There will be no sin in that city; and all its train of resultant woes will be banished. It will be a perfect city indeed. It will have perfect cleansing, for "there shall be no more curse;" it will have perfect government, for "the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it." There will be perfect holiness, for then we shall see Him and be like

Him; and there will be perfect glory, for "the glory of God did lighten it." Finally there will be perfect light, for the "Lamb is the light thereof." Oh hallelujah for such a picture of the perfect inheritance God hath prepared for His own.
"Beyond the smiling and the weeping, I shall be soon;
Beyond the waking and the sleeping, Beyond the sowing and the reaping, I shall be soon!
Love, rest, and home-
Sweet hope. Lord, tarry not, but come!'"

Consider how the Lamb is the sum the center, the glory, the overflow of John's vision. The song is the "song of the Lamb." Praise is constantly being given to the Lamb. In the midst of the throne is the Lamb. The book of life belongs to the Lamb. The seals are opened by the Lamb The whole of the glory depicted herein is based on the sacrifice of the Lamb. "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and the Bride hath made herself ready." God grant us a fresh appreciation of what the atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ really means to us. Not only are we loosed thereby from the awful bondage of $\sin$, but thereby is opened to us the door into eternal glories. Precious Lamb of God, even now do we cry from our hearts, Thou art worthy to receive honour, and glory, and majesty, and power, and dominion." In our Father's house it will not be the pearl gate or the streets of gold that will make us happy. But oh, how transcendently glad shall we be when we see our Lord. Perhaps in that "upper room," also, He may show us His hands and His side, and we may cry out with that happy Thomas, 'My Lord and my God.'"

## Next Week's Lesson.

December 24, 1916.

## CHRISTMAS LESSON-UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

Lesson Text.-Isa. 9:2-7. Comp. Heb. 2:5-18.

Golden Text.-Isa. 9:6.
Alice R. Flower.

## SELF-PRONOUNCING LESSON COMMENTARY



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## ILLUSTRATIONS OF GOSPEL THEMES.

We invite the co-operation of all the Evangel family in sending in fllustrations that will be helpful in setting forth the truths expressed in the Gospel.

> Where Works Come In.
> Someone said to Spurgeon: "I hear you are opposed to works." "No," said he, "I am not, nor to chimney pots; but I would not put them at the foundation."

## Can't Find the Brake.

Gordon, once a celebrated stagedriver on the Pacific Coast, was a fearfully profane man, and his end was dreadful. In the delirium of death he thrust out his feet and clutched at the bed-clothes. When asked the cause of his anguish, he exclaimed: "Oh, I am going down a fearful grade, and can't find the brake.'

## Pierced Hand.

It is said that a man once had a dream in which he thought that he had died and stood before the Judgment seat, and that the books were opened. When he saw beneath his name a long dark list of his sins, he was ready to sink with fear. But Jesus cast upon him a gracious look, and saying, "John!" lifted the pierced hand from which oozed drops of blood, and passed it over the black record, leaving only the marks of the blood.

## ADVERTISING A REVIVAL.

The late Thomas Needham of Philadelphia was at one time (according to the Sunday School Times) holding a revival campaign in West Virginia, and the son of an Episcopal clergyman was converted in the first week of the meeting. The father, instead of being pleased, was disgusted, and as a protest against the kind of preaching that was going on at the revival meetings, held a banquet, at which the guests drank wine and afterwards played cards. The following night the evangelist let his audience know what he thought of that banquet. His protest against the inquity and worldliness of it so angered one of the guests that the following day he attacked the evangelist with a knife, not once but twice, but the second time he was arrested by the police. The whole town was so stirred by these incidents that great crowds came to the meetings, and as a result fifty-nine out of a club of 60 infidels were amongst the many converts that were swept into the Kingdom of God.

## TRANSFORMED BY BEHOLDING.

A business man in New York City obtained from Hoffman the painter the first copy of his picture of Jesus talking with the lawyers. One day a judge of the Supreme Courts came in to talk business, and his eyes were drawn to this picture, which was on an easel.

After the business talk was over, he stood looking at the picture for some while. Later he came into the office and said, "I want to see that boy again." He sat for nearly an hour looking at the picture, and his eyes were filled with tears. Later, he came and said, "I would like to see the picture of that boy again." The owner invited him into his private office and left him alone with the picture on his lap, crying over it. He came out in an hour, and with the tears running down his face, he said, "The boy has conquered me." This judge is still living, and conducts a Bible class, and is helping others to look away to Jesus.

## THE BURDEN OF THE SPANISH WORK.

Bro. H. C. Ball of Kingsville, Texas, writes to us of the burden he has for the work amongst the Spanish-speaking people, especially the Mexicans, and he would much like the readers of the Evangel to share it with him. He is publishing a little monthly Pentecostal paper in Spanish, "La Luz Apostolica," which goes out to many Spanish speaking people who can never get to a Pentecostal service. He sends this paper to every Spanish-speaking country in the world to ministers of every creed and sect, and to every Pentecostal missionary working amongst the Latin people that he knows of. One missionary writes to him, "We have been praying for Pentecost for Ecuador during the past months: the believers in Quito have been enquiring about our faith, and here your paper comes, it appears, as sent of God." They want more papers but cannot afford to send an offering, or subscription. This little four-paged paper costs Bro Ball \$13 per month, but if some of the Evangel readers would help him, he would be able to double its size and double its usefulness.

Bro. Ball writes, "I am, the Lord willing, going into Mevico. just after Christmas, to a little vi lage about 150 miles south of Matamoros. I have had that place on my heart for almost two years. and now in answer to a clear, unmistakable call, I expect to go, trusting in Jesus to guide the way. The priests have been driven out from that section, and no Christian preacher has ever been the"e. I am going with a man that is filled with the Spirit and love of God, who was raised in that city, and well liked and known there. We covet your prayers that God will give us a great harvest of souls, and keep us in the face of the revolutions. Oh, pray, pray, pray for poor, ignorant, helpless, warridden Mexico."

Holiness is not self-improvement: it is se'f-renunciation and the substitution of Christ, Christ's life for ours.-A. B. Simpson.

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## THE OPENING OF A MISSIONARY STATION AT LO PAU, S. CHINA.

Just a little over a year ago, the Lord enabled Miss Blanche Appleby and myself to open up a Gospel hall here, after a mighty battle in prayer with the powers of darkness. For over twenty years several missionary societies labored to open the work here, but were not successful. The people here, being very like the people of Athens, wholly given over to idolatry and superstition, resisted any effort that would bring the Gospel to their city.

There is here in Lo Pau one of the seven famous idol temples of China, and from all over the people come to worship the famous idol, the god of the north, or "Pak Tai." For over two years, Miss Appleby and I tried to get a foothold here, but were disappointed six times. The people would promise to rent or lease to us, then, when they found it was for a mission, they would go back on their promise.

During the time of waiting, we were not idle, but spent our time, money and strength laboring in other stations in Wanchai, Waang Kong and Pak Nau. Our faith was sorely tested, but we could not let go. Many said, "Open up somewhere else," but we both knew that God had Lo Pau upon our hearts, and had said, "Behold, I set before you an open door." In the natural, it seemed there was only a thick massive wall before us, but we felt we could see in the Spirit an open door.

So we prayed and wept and believed, even under what seemed utterly hopeless circumstances we hopefully believed. In Jan., 1915, Mr. James went to Lo Pau, and that very day rented the building we now have. Needless to say our hearts rejoiced, and we were filled with thanksgiving to God, when he handed us the rent book and key. I could not sleep that night, my joy was too full.

Our present mission then was nothing but an old shed, containing several coffins not yet disposed of, and some grass used to burn; such a forlorn look-
ing place it was, but we ded cated it to God and commenced repairs. It took many months to repair, as the walls had to be built several feet higher. Many long tire ome trips did we make up there to look after the work.

On October 10 th of last year, we had an opening service and crowds were present. Our hearts were filled with joy and gladness because of the "open door" set before us. God has blessed us here. There are two new staunch converts, and others who have believed here are working elsewhere. The seed has been sown in many hearts and we look to the Lord for an abundant harvest. We have in our school sixteen little boys, their hearts seem so open to the Gospel, and they do enjoy the study of God's Word. Seed sown in these young hearts will not be lost. We covet them all for God, and also their parents, some even now are becoming interested in the "good news."

Although the war is over, and the new governor is established in Canton, the country is very unsettled. Our village work is at present much hindered on account of the many wicked soldiers who are camped all around us. We cannot make many steps from our door but we hear their insulting language that makes our hearts ache, and our faces flush with shame; then we remember that Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God, became sin for us, and endured the shame of the cross, that we might have life. It comforts our hearts that we can bear the reproach for Him.

In the home-going of my dear brother the field has suffered, but we cannot murmur at what God does. Our need of men, godly, strong, and full of faith, is a great and urgent one. The cause of the King is suffering in South China for want of men. May God stir our hearts to prayer, the time is short, and the harvest is ripe. Pray that our bodies may be strengthened, and our hearts filled with more of His divine love.-Cora E. Hammond.

## THE WORK IN THE HONG KONG DISTRICT.

M'ss Flora A. Holland writes, "At present I am stationed at Shan Ki Wan, a suburb of Hong Kong, a very needy place. Thousands of men work in the dockyards nearby, and a most blessed opportunity is offered to us in working
among them. Miss Anna M. Deane is the founder of this mission, and it has been established for four years. In that time, many have been saved, and some baptized in the Holy Ghost. We have a preacher and a teacher, and God is blessing the work.
"Two weeks ago, six converts were baptized, according to the command of Jesus in Matt. 28:19. A good number of Chinese Chr:stians were present. We had the Lord's supper following the baptismal service. In the meeting for the heathen, God's convicting power was present, insomuch that six new faces were inquiring about the 'Jesus doctrine. Two of the number kneeled down and prayed, perhaps for the first time in their lives, to the only true God. Praise Him.

Miss Deane and Miss Cole are expecting to return to U. S. A. on furlough next spring. Miss Deane has been in China seven years."

## A REFRESHING WORD FROM SOUTH AMERICA.

The object of this letter is to acknowledge that we have just received the gift of $\$ 3000$ which you so kindly sent us. It came, as many of God's gifts have come to us before, a sweet surprise from above, and yet we distinctly felt it was an answer to prayer.

Have just returned from a trip to the Island Sebastiana. We had a most blessed time there, sowing and reaping at the same time. Glory to the Lamb! A sister from this place, who is called to the work accompanied me. We went on horseback on an awful road for about three hours, and then in a little sailing boat for about the same time. Bro. Jakobsen went along too. He and my husband had visited the place before. They were the first missionaries to visit the island.

We stayed there a week and had meetings every night. Several got converted and it was a real inspiration to hear them pray and testify. There have been about twenty converted in the last few months. Bro. Jakobsen baptized sixteen of them in the water, and-there are more to follow. Parents, newly born of the Spirit, brought their children to the meetings to have them dedicated to the Lord. What transforming power in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Sister Maggie and I went from there to another place. We were about five hours on the sailing boat again. We stayed there another week and had meetings every night. S'x got converted and several are near the kingdom. This place has only been visited once before, and there is now an open door for the Gospel, and many are hungry for the bread of life.

Please remember these new converts in your prayers that they all may be filled with the Spirit of God and ready for the coming of Jesus.

Thank you very much for the "Weekly Evangel." We appreciate it very much.-Marie Gunstad.

## A PLEA FOR MORE PRAYER FOR india.

Bro. A. A. Blakeney writes from Orai, U. P. India. "The Lord is with us, praise His name! He has indeed been good, and permitted my family and I to get away to the hills this hot season. While away, here in Orai, they had a plague of cho:era, and many people died, perhaps several hundreds. The thing that saddened my heart was the fact that the leaders among Hindus were able to persuade the masses that the gods were angry, and that they, the people, must give money freely to their idols in order to stop the epidemic. So, poor souls, they gave a great deal.
"Our hearts were grieved to think that after hearing the Gospel ever since we have been here, over two years, and before that. that they could still be so blinded. My conviction is this, that unless we pray down conviction of $\sin$ and of the truth of the Gospel upon the hearts of these poor people, they will never turn. Oh, that someone or many might feel the burden for souls out here and pray through. We need co-workers in prayer, and would be glad to hear from anyone who feels this district of half a million people laid on their hearts for prayer. We will answer any questions and give things to pray for, if they will but write and let us know they are interested. Beloved, we can stand a regiment of praying warriors back of us, laying hold of the horns of the altar."

## NEWS FROM HILO, HAWAII.

Bro. Tommy Anderson writes from Hilo, "You may be interested to know that the first Spanish Mission on this island has been constructed at the cost of $\$ 800$, measuring $26 \times 40$ feet. It will seat 175 persons. This was a gift by a manager of the Hakalan Sugar Co. God put it on the heart of a carpenter to make all the benches.
"Most of our congregation think they must pray to any dead saint or apostle or to Mary, whom they tell us was made Empress of Heaven, and can forgive sins, for their salvation. They say that Mary is not only the mother of Jesus, but also the mother of God the Father, and although we cannot understand it, we must believe it.
"In our mission we have some that have been really born again and that know what it means to have Jesus to heal their bodies through the prayer of faith, but only a few have received the Holy Ghost baptism and spoken in tongues. A few months ago, I baptized twenty-three in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We desire your prayers that we may always be true."

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. These things have not entered into the heart of man, but they are in the heart of God and He can reveal them by His Spirit.

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O LORD, give us Thy thought in this study, in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Bible is from a Greek word "Biblia" and means the Book. It is the Book of books literally because it is composed of many books, sixty-six in number; thirty-five in the O. T., and twenty-seven-in the N. T., written by thirty-six different authors, within sixteen centuries. Of the books in the O. T., five are Law, twelve History, seventeen Prophecy, five Poetry. Name them in their order.

Before entering upon the study of Genesis, let us remember three things:

1. The Bible is God's Book because inspired by Him. 2 Pet. $1: 21,2$ Tim. 3:16.
2. The Bible is an account of God's efforts to save lost man, and of man's efforts to find God.
3. The New Testament lies concealed in the Old, and the O. T. is revealed in the N. T. Therefore we shall constantly look for and find New Testament truth encouched in the Old Testament fact and figure, in types and shadows. For teaching, we shall let the New Testament say what the Old Testament means. For illustration of N. T. truth there is nothing better than O. T. fact.
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Write the answers to the following questions: Name the force in the acts of creation. Tell about the beginnings in the book of Genesis, viz: Creation, Humanity, Human family, Sin, Re-
demption, Judgment, Hebrew nation, other nations. Give the facts about the fall. Name the first prophecy and its meaning. In what way is Adam contrasted with Christ? Who was the first prophet and what did he say? Mention all the leading characters in Genesis referred to in the N. T.

## MESSIANIC LIGHTS.

A conqueror of Satan is promised (3: 15 ) : a substitute for sinful man is typified (22:13) ; a peaceful ruler is promised (49:10).

Notice. All questions concerning the lessons to be sent to me, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for reply. Write out the answers to all the questions and file for future reference. Don't forget to pray for me. Yours to serve in Jesus, Arch P. Collins, 1509 N. Houston St., Fort Worth, Texas.

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## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

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Prayer is requested for the assembly at Vernon, Texas, and for one brother there who is very ill.

A sister in Enterprise, Ala., desires our prayers that she may be healed entirely and become a soul-winner for Christ.

A brother writes from Dexter, Mo., "Please have special prayer for Hattie Allard, who is fatally burned, and will die unless God delivers."

A sister in Kirk, Colo., requests prayers for healing of an internal ailment, and that she may be all that the Lord would have her to be.

A mother requests prayer that she may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit; for the little band in her city, and for her two boys who are drifting away from the Lord. $\qquad$
A brother and sister at Ryegate, Mont., requests prayers that they may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and be able to talk to others about God's great love and salvation.

A sister in New Brockton, Ala., requests prayer that her husband may be restored to good health, and that she herself may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit; also that some Spirit-filled person will go over and help them.

A sister in Bonham, Texas, desires prayer for her husband that he may receive the baptism, for her twelve years old boy that he may be saved, for her own eyes that are weak, that she may have wisdom with her children, also for a mother and three brothers.

## CHUROH DEDICATION AT PARMA, MISSOURI. <br> Pastor W. C. Anderson asks us to

 announce that the Dedication Services of the church house at Parma, Mo., will take place on Sunday, December 31 st . There will be an evangelistic meeting on Saturday, December 30th, at 7:30 p. m . Divine healing service Sunday at 8 a. m., dedication service 3 p. m., evangelistic service $7: 30 \mathrm{p}$. m., watch meeting at 12 p. m. Everyone welcome. Every preacher and worker in southeast Missouri expected. AboutI That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you that ye also may have fellowship with us and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.-1 Jno. 1:3
$\$ 240$ needed to pay for the building; pray this may be lifted by the opening day.

Bro. Thos. J. O'Neal asks us to announce that he has moved from Osborne, Kansas to Grand Prairie, Texas.

## NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

W. W. Hurston writes from Florida, "A meeting has just closed at Paxton in which God wonderfully blessed; twelve or more saved, two baptized in the Holy Ghost, and many were prayed for in the precious name of Jesus and were healed. We give him all the glory for it all. Brethren, pray for us."

Bro. S. A. Stewart writes from Dallas, Texas, "We were so proud of our Tabernacle yesterday. We have been worshipping for four years with shavings for a floor. The place is all floored, all the inside painted white, we all were proud, yet humble. The Lord is saving souls at almost every service."

Bro. J. P. Green writes from Judson, North Carolina, a new field, "Have only been here six weeks, four have already received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues, and several have been healed. One lady was healed of a chronic bladder trouble after being operated on. We are expecting greater things. We desire the prayers of the saints."

Bro. Wm. A. Summers sends a report from Litchfield, Ill., also a new field, "Six received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke with tongues, some have been saved, several restored to victory, and thirteen were baptized in water. We only had a small cottage to meet in. We had day meetings one week which lasted from $2: 30$ or 3 o'clock until 5 and $6: 30$; the seekers did not like to quit until they got through. Bro. E, O. Fry and wife were with me for over a week. Pray for the little faithful band that they fail not."

Bro. J. A. Derry reports a good meeting at Fairview, seven miles north of Princeton, Kansas. "At the first the crowds were large; and continued
through the two weeks meeting. Twen-ty-ttwo were saved, and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:4). The last night at the service the house was packed until there was hardly standing room, and they said 150 or 200 were outside. Truly God was in our midst; there were thirteen at the altar and six were saved."

## SISTER ETTER AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

The Woodworth-Etter meetings have been going on at this place for over two weeks now, and much has been accomplished for God. In a very unusual way God seems to be laying a foundation for a deep work which He is going to carry on till Jesus comes. The saints of various beliefs and missions are being brought together and bound together by the one Spirit.

It is the belief of many of the saints that God wants to start a deep revival here, much like He did at Azuza St., Los Angeles, that will sweep over the whole country, and bring all the saints back into the deeper things of the Spirit. Messages in tongues and interpretations come forth daily to this effect. The glory of God is seen, time and time again in the house. Sinners are getting saved and saints baptized, also wonderful healings take place daily and a deep conviction is over the whole audience.

The pastor, R. J. Craig, and the saints, feel that God does not want us to leave this city for some time to come, so I expect to be here at least all of December. We expect and look for a mighty outpouring during this month, one that will shake the whole city.

Unless God changes us otherwise, in January we will be in San Jose, Cal. Then beginning about February 10th at Los Angeles for six weeks. Beginning about the 1 st of April we expect to be at Omaha, Neb., for a month. Then from June 1st we expect to begin an indefinite campaign at Indianapolis, Ind. Let all the saints pray for the work.-For Mrs. Etter,-August Feick.


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Bro. C. O. Chambler of Mater, Kentucky, writes that they would appreciate the help of any good sound preacher who feels the Lord would have him come that way.

## NOTICES.

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## PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION AT hoUston, texas.

Dec. 27th to Jan. 1st.
Bro. Arch P. Collins desires us to announce the above convention to be held at the Brunner Tabernacle, Houston, Texas. Let each one provide his own railroad fare, both ways. He invites everyone to "Come in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ." For fuller particulars write Pastor Richey, 4402 Eli Ave., Houston, Texas.

Bro. R. E. Taylor asks us to announce a special Tent Meeting that he, with a good band of workers, expects to start on December 23rd, to run for ten days or longer, four miles south of Graceville, Fla. A hearty invitation is given to all who can go.

## ARKANSAS DISTRICT COUNOLL.

The Arkansas District Council of The Assemblies of God is hereby called to meet in Malvern, Arkansas, Jan. 2327 th, 1917, for the purpose of electing a State Presbytery for the Arkansas District, and to transact any business that may be brought before the District Council at that time.
(Signed) E. N. Bell, Chairman.
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## THE LARGEST UNTOUCHED FIELD IN THE UNITED STATES.

Jesus said, "Blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear." Matt. 13:16.

I arrived here at Salt Lake City, Utah, about the 15 th of October. The revival conducted by Sister Etter was in blessed progress. The heavenly chorus was heard nearly each night, and the glory of the Lord filled the place of
meeting. Some real miracles were done in the name of the Lord Jesus. A number of the people are living here, and quite a number who came,-some to be saved, others to be healed and to be filled with the fulness of God-have returned to the different states. They left happy and praising God.

God has been adding souls each week, and hungry souls are being filled. We have blessed unity, and as we worship God with one accord, the sweetness of the Spirit of God fills our hearts, and the songs Spiritual burst forth sometimes for half an hour. Glory to God.

We have secured a vacated Swedish Lutheran church building, and we are much encouraged, trusting the Lord to further work with us.

The largest open door in the United States, where this glorious Gospel has not been preached, is to be found in Utah, Nevada, Wyoming and Arizona. Having lived in Arizona, where my dear people now live, and having labored in the Northwestern States for the Master, I am quite familiar with the need of this locality. Some of the foregoing states have not an established Pentecostal work in them, that I know of, and there are Indian Reservations in this surrounding country, some of which have not a missionary among them to tell them about God.

I request earnest prayer that these states, lying between the Central States and the Pacific Coast, will soon receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit promised to all flesh in the last days, Acts $2: 17-21$. I also request that if there is a Pentecostal Assembly or individual saint, in any of the states mentioned above, that I will be glad to hear from you, stating how many other saints you are acquainted with, that we might cooperate in fervent prayer, that God will pour out His Spirit upon this needy field. There are people here from almost every nation, having come expecting to find rest in the Mormon Church, but who now have found it in Jesus the Saviour.

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