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"GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS WHICH THOU KNEWEST NOT."

"Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbors, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full."

Thus said Elisha to the widow woman who was in debt. "So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed."

She had enough to pay her own debts. But what about the debts of her neighbors? When she only looked after herself the oil stayed, but if she had gotten more vessels she could have poured out sufficient oil to pay all the debts of her neighbors as well. Limiting the Holy One of Israel! Everyone does it. He has so much to give. We take so little. But if the people of God fail Him, He can raise up another. When the tribe of Dan failed him, Ephraim and Manasseh (the children of Joseph the outcast) were there to fill in. God always has His reserves.

Joseph did not limit God. He believed for and expected a great ingathering, and he built accordingly. He had all the resources of the King at his disposal. And all his brethren came and saw the mighty ingathering. Abundance of sheaves! As we pray for "rain in the time of the latter rain" let us believe for and expect a wonderful ingathering for our Joseph. And let us have faith for our brethren, our denominational brethren, to come along too.

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HOW PRAYER CHANGES THINGS ON THE MISSION FIELD.

A Missionary Message Recently Given In Toronto

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It is a wonder to me how so many Spirit-filled people excuse themselves in reference to their responsibilities to the heathen. They say, "I have no call," and they will not recognize that they have any responsibilities in getting the Gospel to those who have not heard it. I see some who have means heaping luxuries upon themselves, and they are so unwilling to spend their wealth in spreading the Gospel. And so many that can intercede spend so much of their time over things that will not tell in the light of eternity.

What shall we answer God in eternity in reference to these souls that are going down to the darkness without Christ? If we were on the edge of a precipice and saw thousands of men, women and children going blindfold over, would we not want to do something to endeavor to stay them? Every minute of the day, sixty-six souls go over the precipice into Christless graves. If we who have received the love of God in our hearts do not rise to do our utmost, who will? The evangelization of the world is entrusted to the church. It is to us that the Master says, "Go ye." This commission is not for the worldling but for us, and how poorly we have fulfilled our mission. There are now still nine hundred millions in heathen darkness.

When I see the tremendous sacrifices being made in the present war, I am amazed at our coldness. I see fond parents giving up their sons to go to the war, young men giving up their life ambitions and laying down their lives for their country, others investing their fortunes in the interests of patriotism. People would call us crazy if we were half as much in earnest. If a notice appears in the papers that some money is required for some patriotic fund how easily they can get hundreds of thousands of dollars. How poor is our response compared with theirs. Are we standing back of our missionaries as the people of the world are looking after the soldier lads? I have seen missionaries in India living not very far from the hill stations, sick in body and badly needing the change, but having to stay on the plains all the hot season when it has been 120 in the shade, because they have not had sufficient funds; and they see their poor children wilting and dying before them, when a few dollars would have provided the railroad fare for the needed rest. The hot season is followed by the fever season, and if the missionaries can get away they are fortified against the fever. I know some missionaries who have returned to India who have been able to do very little in the way of touring, because they have not had the funds to buy a bullock and cart. They have had to walk everywhere, and they have not had the wherewithal to buy even the necessaries of life.

There is a sign down on College St. that always arrests my attention. It reads,

HALT!

Does my conscience rest in peace?

My brother is at war.

ENLIST NOW.

If we are able to go to the forefront of the battle

against sin and darkness in heathendom, will our conscience rest in peace? If I know they are in need and I have means to help, will my conscience rest? If I know they need prayer, and do not pray, will my conscience rest?

Prayer is such a wonderful thing that it should ever be a delight to us. I never knew what travail in soul was until I was baptized in the Holy Ghost. Now it is almost a daily experience. I remember the first time I ever saw anyone under a supernatural burden of prayer, it was a missionary who was in travail under a great burden for a meeting, and I said to the Lord, "Cannot you put some of that on me?" I soon found myself sobbing, and ever since God has given me intercession. If you have not received this ministry, seek it from Him.

What wonderful things we have seen in answer to prayer. I have seen a revival come in direct answer to the prayers of a little girl praying all night. Fifteen years ago there was so much being said about prayer, and so many were crying, "Lord, send a revival, and begin in me." I believe this blessed Pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit is in answer to that prayer. So many have rejected the very thing they had been praying for, but God answered prayer.

I have seen prayer fill up empty bins in an orphanage where there were 500 girls. I have seen prayer fill up a well with water. At one time of great drought we were led to sink a well. Many said it would not be any use. We drilled down forty or fifty feet, but there was no sign of water. One night we cried to the Lord, "Thou knowest that the money we have spent is consecrated, and we don't want it wasted, we want You to work for us, for You know we need this water." The next morning the cry went out, "The water has come." It came so fast that it soon came up over the masonry, and we had to pray the Lord to hold the water back, and to get men to draw water as quickly as possible while the masons built up the rest of the wall.

I have seen prayer bring confession of sin. I remember one girl who was betrayed into sin. She was spoken to, and threatened, but she would not open her mouth. Finally a burden of prayer for her came upon one of the missionaries. For a while her face was as hard as a flint, but as the Spirit began to deal with her in response to prayer, she gradually began to melt, and a sob escaped her lips. In a few minutes she was making more noise than the missionary, and she was gloriously saved. A few months later the news came from the Rescue Home to which she was sent that she had died, but the matron said that in the last few moments of her life she had left such a wonderful testimony for Jesus.

I have seen prayer raise sick ones from their beds of languishing. A few years ago I was taken down with cholera in Bombay, and I was so weak that I could not lift up my head. A nurse was sent for and took care of me. Somehow or other I failed to "call for the elders," and finally one of the missionaries said to me, "I believe we had better call for a doctor. None of us are allowed to sign a burial certificate, and there may be trouble if you die. None of us feel that we can stand with you." This word cut me sore. I said, "Let me alone, and let me think about it." Then came the question, "God or the doctor?"

I said, "Lord, I'll trust You." I sent for the brethren, and they prayed with me and anointed me with oil. I had not a wink of sleep for a week. But after they prayed my bed seemed so soft. My pillow seemed like down; and I put my head on it and slept for hours. The whole room seemed filled with the presence of Jesus. It was an earnest of my baptism.

The nurse was astonished to see the change. God had touched me. The next day I got up and packed my trunk, and I started out on a 300 miles train journey, and after that a long bullock journey. And I had no weariness, yet the day before I had to be turned over in bed.

I have seen prayer open minds that were too dull to comprehend the Gospel. There was a boy of the sweeper class who was our gardener, who attended the services because it was expected of him. Although he heard the story of Jesus week after week, he seemed too dull to comprehend one word that he heard. One time he was driving me from the bungalow, and I asked him what he thought about the teaching of Jesus. He did not seem to know anything whatever. I cried to God, and then I began to tell him the story of Jesus from His birth, and I told him that Jesus could save to the uttermost. Then I said, "If you want to seek this Jesus, you can seek Him right now." I prayed and he prayed, and the next morning he came to me with his face shining, saying, "I'm saved, and I know God has forgiven me my sins. Now, I want you to come and tell my people about Jesus."

I went with him to his people to hold a service amongst them. He said to me "I want to speak first." He told the whole story of Jesus as I had told it to him the night before, and he did not leave out a thing. He finished by saying, "I'm going to serve this Jesus." Persecution followed, and when it came to the matter of water baptism which brands them as wholly separated from the old life, his courage failed him. I said to him, "You need to ask God to give you the Holy Spirit. You feel your lack of courage, then seek Him to come into your life." He got down to prayer and in a few minutes was praying in tongues. When he got up he said, "I am ready now, make arrangements as soon as possible for me to be baptized in water." A few days later he was baptized in the river. This step meant the loss of his family. His wife was given to another man. Even when he saw his little girl and wanted to speak to her, the child said, "I have no papa any longer." So he had to go back to an empty home. But in answer to prayer his wife, and family were restored to him, and his wife is now saved.

I have seen prayer bring about the performance of real miracles of grace. I know of a case of a poor old soul who lived with her son, and they kept her in a room at the back where they kept the family buffalo. Her son had kicked and ill-treated her; she could not walk, she was blind and in altogether a very deplorable condition. A missionary sister wept as she saw her terrible condition and she said to the son, "Let me take her home with me." He said, "No." She appealed to the authorities but they said that nothing could be done. She visited her week by week and bathed her and gave her clean bedding. She told her about Jesus but she seemed too dense to take in the message. Week after week the missionary visited this poor old soul, but she found that she could remember nothing, and seemed utterly devoid of any memory.

The missionary said, "We'll have to pray. She has been in ignorance so long that only the Spirit of God can bring illumination to her understanding. Let us pray." So we prayed, and shortly after that when the missionary visited her, her face was all aglow. She said, "I have had a most wonderful experience. This dark room became all light. You know I have been blind for years, but

I saw a stick standing up and there was a man hanging on that stick. And I saw a river of bright, crystal water. And the man who was hanging on the stick turned to me and said, 'Peace be unto thee,' and I suddenly got so happy. What was that stick, and who was that man?" She was so ignorant that she could not explain it any other way, but she knew that she had peace. A few weeks later, the "Man on the stick" lifted her out of her dungeon into the mansions in glory.

In answer to prayer we saw the majority of the girls saved in the orphanage where we were. We saw three revivals, and wonderful manifestations of the Spirit's presence in conviction of sin, revealing Jesus, and in the spirit of praise and worship. In 1908 the Spirit fell upon the girls and a great many of them received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the sign of tongues.

As we go out again to India we are counting on our supernatural God to do supernatural things. To accept our religion it means that the people have to lose everything they count dear. How can you expect them to do this unless the mighty power of God convicts them of sin. As we go out to sow the seed we count on the Lord being with us confirming the Word with signs following. We covet your prayers. Tests will come, but prayer will alter things in that dark land.

Bro. and Sister Schoonmaker are expecting to be present at the Missionary Conference, St. Louis, Mo., beginning September 13th.

CHANGED BY BEHOLDING.

The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegroom's face;
She does not gaze at glory,
But on her King of Grace.

One continued unbroken gaze on Him, this will *change* us. Enoch so walked that "he was not," we will so "behold" that "we shall be changed," this faith will "please God."

Read the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah for the pattern of the Lamb. Then look for the Lamb's wife. Can you find her in the so-called church of today? Is this the path of "making herself ready?" This way of lowliness and submission that He went through before? Aye, surely it is, and none other. *He* was despised. *He* was oppressed, *He* was afflicted. . . therefore God hath exalted Him; so will it be with His bride, His *other* self. How we need to let this "tender plant" be ever growing up before us, yes, and before Him. For this plant will become the tree of renown in the eternal garden of His love. We behold Him speechless, for His love has taken away all words, and we have only *eyes* left.

When we first look at a beautiful picture we can say "look," "see" this or that, but as we gaze on, we lose the sight of the detail and see the whole, then the wonder of the whole and the truth that it represents come before us and we begin to get the thought of the artist. Presently we cannot say "look and see" this or that, we become riveted on the whole thing, and stand motionless, gazing. So it is with our Eternal One. In earlier days we saw one part and another, now it is the *Whole*, for in Him is all. And as we look and look, the heart of God becomes revealed in Him, and every part then has its relation to the Whole Form. Oh matchless LOVE of God! Can we ever see another?

And then the Holy Spirit throws the wondrous rainbow of His light all round about Him, and shows Him up in *all* His glory. Does not your heart bound to Him? Oh that we might altogether lose ourselves looking at Him.—A Lover of the Lord.

BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM COMES.

Tune: "Battle Hymn of the Republic," or, "Glory,
glory hallelujah."

By faith I see the glory of the coming of the Lord,
My hopes are in the promise of His precious holy Word,
Oh soon the proclamation of His heralds will be heard:
"Behold the Bridegroom comes!"

Chorus:

Glory, glory hallelujah!
Shout ye ransomed of the Lord,
Glory, glory hallelujah!
Behold the Bridegroom comes!

By faith I see the breaking of the day beyond the hills,
And in holy contemplation, now my heart with rapture fills,
And the hope of that glad meeting all my fear and sorrow
stills.
"Behold the Bridegroom comes!"

Put ye on the robes of beauty, and no longer weep and sigh,
See, the signs proclaim His coming!—'tis redemption draw-
ing nigh
On the vibrant air of midnight soon we'll hear the midnight
cry,
"Behold the Bridegroom comes!"

Hark! the voice of our Beloved sounding loud upon the air:
"Lo the winter now is passing, rise my love one pure and
fair,
Soon the crown of life eternal with our Saviour we shall
wear."
"Behold the bridegroom comes!"

—William Burton McCafferty.

"A WORD IN SEASON TO HIM THAT IS WEARY."

"Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall." Isa. 40:30. Here you have a picture of the natural in its perfection failing. The young men and young women may be at the height of their physical perfection, but they "shall utterly fall." The natural man cannot touch God. The natural man cannot go alone or he will fall.

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." They draw strength from Him who is above. Their walk is changed and made lighter, and some even rise on eagle wings. The young men and young women have to forget their self-dependency, and some even have to fail before they come to wait upon God.

In this age a premium is put upon young men. But God says the young men shall utterly fall if they do not wait upon Him. God takes the rejected, the physically unfit, and they beat the physically fit. The weak ones can run and not be weary and walk and not faint. It is necessary for these days, in order to have the right walk, to wait upon God, and if you want to rise and mount up, it is absolutely necessary to wait upon the Lord.

God is waiting and anxious to give the supernatural to those to whom the natural is failing, or to those who recognize the limitations of the natural. God is offering the supernatural these days to counteract that spirit of magnifying and deifying the natural. Man's means of counteracting the failure, the limitations of the natural with his many inventions are only another way of bringing about and emphasizing its failure. In driving the car, the express train or flying, the nerve suffers, though the body may be relieved of the manual work caused by walking or running.

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." "But"—that's the turning point, that's the contrast. Failure, young strength giving way, weakness, all the signs of the fall on the one hand. But God has the

opposite. He has His "but" in between. *But!* Fancy the world without God's alternative, the fall without a remedy. It would not only be the young men would utterly fall, but even the children would fail to reach maturity. *Waiting upon God is the counteraction for the fall.* It brings down that from the heavens which replenishes the earth. The earth would be chaos if there were not some who waited on the Lord and renewed their strength.

"Ye are the salt of the earth." It is necessary even for the salt to be resavored. An electric battery needs to be recharged, and the more work it does the more frequently it needs to be recharged.

Do you want strength? Do you want to run the way of His commandments? Do you want to mount up with wings as eagles? The remedy is "Wait upon the Lord." There is no limit to the height which you can reach by waiting on the Lord.

Christ walked upon the sea after spending a night of prayer with His Father. As He prayed, the fashion of His countenance changed, and He was transformed before them. In Jesus Christ you see the highest form of dependence. He was perfection in His physical form, without a blemish, but as a young man He would utterly fall, but He waited on His Father. He mounted up with wings as an eagle; He ran the way of His commandments. As Son of God He was dependent upon God. If He could not afford to be independent, how much less can we?

So many are living on a low plane these days. So many are grovelling. But God longs for and invites others to come upon the mount of transfiguration, but there is no other way than is set forth in His Word—prayer, waiting, renewing strength. God wants to be touched these days that virtue may flow out of Him. And every saint who touches God receives virtue, not for themselves only, but for those around.

The curious crowd round Christ touched Him, but there was only one touch of faith, and Christ unconsciously responded to the unknown touch. How much more will our heavenly Father respond to the touch of faith of those whose names are written in His register. Some names have to be turned up so often in the register—in the Lamb's book of life for they are so frequently touching Him with the prayer of faith. Some names are very seldom looked at, because the call, the touch of faith, is so seldom.

Christ was always accessible to real faith. The poor, weak woman could touch Him, in spite of the jostling crowd. Even the weak and the faint, if they wait on the Lord, shall renew their strength. God is real, full of strength, full of virtue, and always accessible to the weakest saint so that they may be renewed. *Re-new-ing* is necessary in these days, for the undoing is going on so rapidly. The renewing of the renewed is necessary, for the devil is especially anxious to undo the renewed.

"Set me as a mark." Satan has his marked ones. He hunts out the Jobs, the upright ones. He did not trouble about Job's friends. But when Job was renewed he was a means of blessing to "Job's comforters," and they saw themselves under the dominion and power of the enemy, although they were unconscious of it before. A renewed soul brings conviction to those round about, the unrenewed.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. The Holy Ghost seeks to emphasize the need of renewing in these days.

Do you believe in greater effectiveness on the mission field? then come to the Missionary Conference, September 13th.

THE TIMES OF THE END.

Reference has been made in a recent issue of the Weekly Evangel to "Light for the Last Days," a book issued by that holy man of God and devout student of chronology, Dr. H. Grattan Guinness. There are many today who, like Daniel of old, are making a "study of books" to see what is likely to happen in the days in which we live, and so we make no apology for further reference to this work, which, we understand, is now out of print. But it can be obtained from many libraries in this country.

Dr. Guinness writes: "What is our present chronological position, and our present duty in this matter? It may help us to understand both if we note the parallel between our own position and that of Daniel in the days of Darius the Mede.

"The holy prophet had spent in Babylon the greater part of his life, as he had been there during the whole of Judah's captivity. He had risen to high estate in the land of his exile, was full of years, full of honors, and full of wisdom; but his heart remained true to God and the land of his fathers, true to Jerusalem and the Jewish people; and his mind was consequently full of the—to him—profoundly interesting question, When would their long captivity in Babylon come to an end?"

"He knew it must be nearly over, for though Judah still hanged her harp upon the willows and sat down and wept by the rivers of Babylon, she yet began to wipe away her tears, and to lift up her head, for her redemption was drawing nigh; *she had seen the great city fall*, and the hand of the Persian conqueror was already resting on the pen that was to sign the blessed edict of liberation and return. The day was one of approaching crisis; a great turning point in the history of Israel was at hand, and *Daniel knew it*.

"He had not been assured of it by an angel from heaven; he did not *guess* it was so from political appearances, but he *knew it as a result of study*—a study of "books," as he expressly tells us. Those books included, no doubt, the chronicles of the kings of Israel and Judah. The book that he especially mentions however by name is that of the prophet Jeremiah, and the portions of that book which had principally enlightened his mind and influenced his heart, were the two chronological predictions recorded in chapters 25 and 29. From an earnest study and comparison of these various books the holy prophet gathered that the end of Judah's captivity was close at hand, that the dark week of bondage—a week of decades, seventy years—was well-nigh over, and that already it began to dawn towards the first day of a new "week" in the history of his people. . . .

"He perceived, as he studied the predictions of Jeremiah, and the records of events which had happened when he was a child, that the captivity of his people had not been a sudden catastrophe, but a *gradual process*; that it had been accomplished by stages during a period of twenty years, stages as to the relative importance of which there might be some question.

"As he studied, the thought, proved by the result to be a true one, could scarcely fail to be suggested to his mind, that the restoration might probably be *as gradual and as much by stages as the captivity had been*, and so occupy an *era* rather than a *year*."

And so Dr. Guinness goes on to prove that the ending of the times of the Gentiles and the coming in of the Kingdom of God is being accomplished by stages. Writing in the latter part of the book of the end of the "times"—recognized by practically all prophetic scholars as a period of 2520 years—of the Gentiles, he says:

"The corresponding terminal years after the lapse of

'seven times' in full solar measure, extend from A. D. 1915 to A. D. 1934. During these years we may expect to see the full and final fall of the anti-typical 'Babylon the Great;' and if that event is to answer chronologically to the culminating point of the typical Babylon, it seems probable that it will occur at one of the central dates A. D. 1917 or 1932. This Gentile age closes, as we have seen, with an era, and not with a date.

"It was the year B. C. 606 that Nebuchadnezzar first came against Judah, and carried Daniel and the Hebrew children among others captive. At this time he was acting on behalf of his father, and it was not until nearly two years later, B. C. 604, that he himself acceded to the throne. That year is consequently, properly speaking, the first of Nebuchadnezzar; and it was probably also the year in which he saw the vision of the great image, in connection with which it was said to him, 'Thou art the head of gold.' This year has therefore some special claims to be considered as a *very principal starting-point* of the 'times of the Gentiles.' Measured from it the period runs out in A. D. 1917, and it is a very notable fact that a second most remarkable period also expires then. The 1335 years of Daniel 12:12, the *ne plus ultra* of prophetic chronology, which is evidently eastern in character, and consequently lunar in scale, measured back from this year 1917, lead up to the great Hegira era, the starting point of the Mohammedan calendar, the birthday of the power which has for more than twelve centuries desolated Palestine and trodden down Jerusalem. The two periods lie thus:

B. C. 604	2,520 solar years	A. D. 1917
	A. D. 622	1,335 years
		A. D. 1917

It is a remarkably significant fact that this year the Turks have, of their own free will, closed their old method of reckoning, viz., from A. D. 622, and are now adopting the Christian calendar. They, therefore, automatically have closed the 1335 years. It is also interesting to note that the year A. D. 622 is the first year of the latter "times, time and half a time," or three and a half times, of the "seven times" of the Gentiles.

"The year 1917 is consequently *doubly* indicated as a final crisis date, in which the 'seven times' run out, as measured from two opening events, both of which are clearly most critical in connection with Israel, and whose dates are both absolutely certain and unquestionable.

"Thoughtful readers will weigh the facts and draw their own conclusions, asking themselves, in the light of all the chronological facts mentioned in this work, if the year B. C. 604 witnessed the rise of the typical Babylon, and its supremacy over the typical Israel, what event is the corresponding year in this time of the end *likely* to witness? The fall of the anti-typical Babylon—the extinction of Gentile supremacy on earth, and the restoration of Judah's throne in the person of Christ? The secret things belong to God. It is not for us to say. But there can be no question that those who live to see this year 1917 will have reached one of the most important, perhaps *the* most momentous, of these terminal years of crisis."

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Christ wants not nibblers of the possible, but grabbers of the impossible, by faith in the omnipotence, fidelity and wisdom of the Almighty Saviour who gave us command. He will not fail nor forsake us, and His presence and power are the only things that matter.—Sel.

PICTURES OF PENTECOST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Picture X. Life in the Devouring Fire. Isa. 33:14-24.

"Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?"

More than seven hundred years after this prophecy was written, God the Holy Ghost permitted the apostle Peter to lift the veil of mystery which hung over the ancient prophets, and showed us their perplexity in view of what had been revealed to them. "Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed that not unto themselves but unto us, they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the Gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven: which things the angels desire to look into." (1 Pet. 10-12.)

In the glorious vision of the future which was granted to those ancient seers, they beheld peaks of glory and valleys of humiliation. At one time the Spirit of Christ (the promised Messiah) in them would testify of His majesty, power and glory, and at another time of sufferings and agony greater than those endured by any mortal man. They knew that both were visions granted and prophecies inspired by the same Spirit: but they could not understand the time—how the suffering, crucified Saviour could also be the crowned and conquering King of Israel. And the important point of Peter's revelation to us is that God did *not* give them the understanding they sought for: He merely revealed to them that the fulfilment of their messages was to be not in *their* day but in *ours*, that they must be content (like the angels) not to understand the full import of their prophecies, and that *we*—the sinners saved by grace, living in the dispensation of the Holy Ghost—would be able to understand and to reconcile the revelations which to them were veiled in mystery.

What a childlike, submissive spirit was that of those grand old prophets! Men of gigantic intellect and mental capacity they must some of them have been. Where in any literature can we match the patriotic fervor, the un-studied eloquence, or the lofty style of Isaiah's writings? Yet he, like many another, was content to speak forth the message and *not* understand it, to be merely a mouth-piece, uttering the transcendent WORD. What a lesson for us in these last days who are called to be "voices" for the Lord!

And the passage before us in Isa. 33 is one of those which has been most abundantly fulfilled and explained in Pentecostal days. We have already seen in many cases how fire is used as a type of the presence of God, more especially of God the Holy Ghost in His various offices as cleansing, consuming, empowering and enthusing. And here we have the effect of this holy fire on the life and character of those who dwell in it. We often speak of having the Fire of the Holy Ghost *in us*: here it is the other side, viz., we dwelling *in the Fire*. It is a severe test: well may the sinners be afraid and fearfulness surprise the hypocrites. Tarrying for the baptism of the Holy Ghost is a great testing-time, and many fail to go through with God because they cannot stand the stripping, the humbling, the breaking down, or the burning out of the dross.

But for those who have gone through the cleansing fires, and who are dwelling in the Spirit as the very atmosphere around them, what of their character and life?

Isaiah here gives us a wonderful picture of both, and we shall find it illustrated in actual fact in the early church after the Holy Spirit fell on the day of Pentecost. Owing to lack of space, I cannot here mention the various points of resemblance, but I beg that my readers after finishing this article will read the early chapters of the Book of Acts, and trace each point of the life and character here depicted in those of the early Christians.

Let us notice first the CHARACTER of those in whom the sacred Fire dwells, and who abide in that cleansing Fire continually.

1. *Cleansed and Controlled Feet*. "He that walketh righteously." No going to places where Jesus would not go with you, no turning aside to crooked ways: but a simple, single-eyed following in the footsteps of the Master.

2. *Cleansed and Controlled Lips*—"and speaketh uprightly." Those lips that the Holy Spirit has taken possession of in the baptism, must never again be taken away from His control. Let every word be censored by Him.

3. *A Heart of Unselfishness*—"he that despiseth the gain of oppressions." Instead of thinking how much you can get out of other people, you will always be thinking how much you can do for them and give to them.

4. *Hands of honesty and integrity*—"that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes." Oh how important in these days of loose morality it is that we Pentecostal people should show the strictest integrity in every detail of business. "Having your conversation (i. e., manner of life) honest among the Gentiles (i. e., all outsiders): that whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. (1 Peter 3:12.)

5. *Ears closed to evil*—"that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood." Have you ever thought what a peculiarly susceptible member of your body is the ear? You close your eyes almost involuntarily to keep yourself from seeing a sight of horror: but it is not easy to close the ears—they are like an uncovered vessel—and many an impure tale or insinuation of evil enters through the ear and defiles the mind. Let the Holy Spirit apply the Precious Blood to your *ears*, that they may be kept from hearing evil.

6. *Eyes blind to sin*—"and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil." There must be a resolute fixing of the eye on Jesus, to do His will—a single eye—and that will imply a blindness to the world and its attractions, to all that is outside of His will. "Who is blind, but My servant? Who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant? Seeing many things, but thou observest not: opening the ears, but he heareth not." (Isa. 42:19, 20.)

And what will be the LIFE of this cleansed and controlled one? How will the blessed Spirit work for him, provide for and guard him?

1. *It is a life in the heavenly places*—"He shall dwell on high." "Your life is hid with Christ in God." This is what the world cannot understand. People who live in the world and yet are not of the world, are always a puzzle to those about them: And they are the only people who can move the world.

2. *It is a life of safety and security*—"His place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks." There is no fear to those who are hidden in the clefts of the Rock of Ages. Satan with his hosts of demons may rage and storm, while all the wiles of men may be employed against us: but safe in the Rock, sheltered under the Blood, we need never have a tremor of fear.

3. *It is a life of unfailing provision*—"bread shall be given him, his waters shall be sure." God does not promise us cake and coffee, but He does promise the *necessaries*

of life: and how precious is this promise in these days of scarcity to those who are looking to Him alone for support. Dear ones, let us step out on the promise, and *expect God to fulfil it*: and He will never, never fail us.

4. *It is a life of constant vision*—"thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty." Oh what a blessed privilege! There is no earthly monarch who can be approached at all times by his subjects: but it is the right of every Spirit-baptized child of God to have free access at all times to the King of kings. "For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." Eph. 2:18. David thought this the only thing worth living for. "*One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His temple.*" (Psa. 27:4.)

5. *It is a life of limitless possibilities*—"they shall behold a farstretching land, or the land of far distances." There is absolutely no limit to the potentialities of a life that is hid with Christ in God, because all the power of the Godhead is behind it. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is but our entrance on a vast estate, all purchased for us by the precious Blood, where the Lord says to us, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you." (Josh. 1:3.)

6. *It is a life of vanquished foes*—"thine heart shall meditate terror. Where is the scribe? where is the receiver? Where is he that counted the towers?" The oppressing enemies that formerly robbed and spoiled us are nowhere to be seen. "Thou shalt not see a fierce people." The devouring Fire of the Spirit's presence in and around us, makes it too hot for the old enemies of sloth, self-will, pride and worldliness, as well as for the outside foes arrayed against us.

7. *It is a life of Stability, Pardon and Health*—"a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down: not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity." It is a promise to the overcomer that he shall be a pillar in the Lord's house. And this is because the very fact of his overcoming proves that he is of the material which can make a pillar the Lord is seeking, in these days of shifting, change and instability, so to root and ground His people in Christ and in His Word, that they may be able to withstand in the evil day, and *having overcome all to stand*. See Eph. 6:13; Col. 2:6, 7; 1 Pet. 5:10. We need this steadfastness in resisting the attacks of the enemy along both the lines suggested in the last verse of Isa. 33—viz., his attempting to put sickness on our bodies, and also his bringing up our sins against us. But, glory to God for a complete Atonement! "His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree. . . by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Pet. 2:25.) Yes, here, even in this life—"The inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity."

And what is the ever-present, gracious cause of all this glory, security, provision and blessing? The metaphor is changed in verses 20-23 to express what the surrounding presence of our triune God will mean to us, his unworthy, unprotected little ones. It is a picture of a city surrounded by a wide, full river. The glorious Lord Himself is that river, and His presence it is that keeps us secure. And He will see to it that no enemy ship shall ever float on those broad waters—they will be by day and night a protection from attack on all sides, and a source of refreshment and fertility to the inhabitants of the city.

Glory to God for such a place of safety and blessing! *Beloved, let us enter in and dwell there!*—A. E. L.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

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Sunday. "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God." Isa. 50:10.

"Fearest sometimes that thy Father
Hath forgot?
When the clouds around thee gather,
Doubt him not!
Always hath the daylight broken,
Always hath He comfort spoken;
Better hath He been for years
Than thy fears."

Monday. "And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes." Matt. 14:17.

You have often felt as did those disciples your painful insufficiency in meeting some pressing need. And you have stood there in sad contemplation of your helplessness until He spoke, "Bring them hither to me." How gladly then you placed the responsibility on His shoulders! And what of the blessing in such an hour? Always unlimited, amazing, overwhelming! Wonderful Jesus—is He not?

Tuesday. "Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men." Acts 24:16.

"There is no trial to the believer like guilt upon the conscience; but it is the triumph of faith to see guilt removed by the atoning blood of Christ. A very little stain upon the conscience makes a wide breach in our communion with God. A pure conscience is a conscience so thoroughly purged by the blood of Christ, that it makes the soul, as it were, a mirror wherein is seen the face of our heavenly Father."

Wednesday. "I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice." John 16:22.

"Thou art coming, O my Saviour,
Thou art coming, O my King,
In Thy beauty all-resplendent,
In Thy glory all-transcendent;
Well may we rejoice and sing;
Coming! in the opening east
Herald brightness slowly swells;
Coming! O my glorious Priest,
Hear we not Thy golden bells?"

Thursday. "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Luke 18:1.

Is there not the startling possibility of growing lazy in our prayer-life? The effectual prayer is the prayer that takes effect. And it means continuous, unwavering importunity on our part. Too many rest content without definite, distinct answers to prayer, although they may pray daily and ask many things of God in a general way. Let us not forget He desires to grant us definite answers.

Friday. "With good-will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men." Eph. 6:7.

When all our service is done as unto Him, we shall not be vexed or disappointed by the disapproval or blame of men, nor will we be exalted in spirit by their praise or commendation. They who most diligently seek to please God will perform most acceptable and honest service to men.

Saturday. "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." Hab. 3:18.

"Though vine nor fig-tree neither
Their wonted fruit shall bear,
Though all the field should wither,
Nor flocks nor herds be there;
Yet, God the same abiding,
His praise shall tune my voice;
For while in Him confiding,
I cannot but rejoice."

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"SHEW ME A TOKEN FOR GOOD."

(Psalm 86:17.)

"And the blood shall be to you a token." Ex. 12:13. The blood is God's token and man's passport. Men are eagerly seeking passports these days, but this is a God-ordained one, a passport from the kingdom of Satan to the kingdom of heaven.

Do you understand why the enemy hates the blood? Everyone under the token of the blood means a loss from his kingdom and a gain to the kingdom of heaven. Destroy the token, damage the passport, offer a substitute, anything to get rid of God's token! The ingenuity of hell is brought into play to destroy and to minimize the power of the blood.

You can have any variety of passports, but no matter what variety they are they will not pass you through. There is only one that avails, the God-ordained one, *the Blood of the Lamb*.

What did the blood mean to those people? It meant safety from death, deliverance from the oppressor, and the marching out to the promised land, a three-fold purpose, everyone obnoxious to the enemy.

"Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go?" said Pharaoh. And he defied the nine plagues. *But the blood was one too many for him* "Rise up, and get you forth," cried Pharaoh, and he spued them out as it were. Pharaoh cries out at midnight, "Get you forth," to get rid of them. Where the blood was shed the enemy was powerless to hold.

Even the new firstborn baby that was sheltered under the blood was safe from the destroyer and freed from Pharaoh. "Who is the Lord," said the mighty Pharaoh, "that I should obey Him?" But when God provided the blood, even the innocent baby could not be kept back by Pharaoh. Pharaoh defies God, and the baby defies Pharaoh.

Jesus said, "Have ye never read, out of the mouths of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise?" Christ chooses the babes to sing His praises and thus defeat the

foe, for where praises arise ambushments are set against the enemy. (2 Chron. 20:22.) God delights in using the weak things to bring to nought the things that are. The things that are are very much in evidence these days, boasting great things, but God can bring them to nought by the things that are not.

Even the cattle had to go with the Israelites. When God gives a salvation, He gives a complete salvation. He does not save a part of you and let the enemy retain a part. "Not a hoof left behind!"

The enemy was frustrated, disappointed and foiled: he gained nothing, and lost his army in the pursuit. "Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew My power in thee." Better for Pharaoh that he had never been raised up than to have had such a great fall. And so our God will treat the enemy of our souls.

Moses demanded a complete deliverance out of the hand of Pharaoh, and God saw that the request of Moses was granted. And our Moses demands for us a complete deliverance, and our God will see that He has His request. "I know that thou hearest me always," was the Son's statement to the Father. Yes, and our Moses has sealed His request, and paid the price, by shedding His own blood. "The blood shall be to you a token," not only of the life taken but of complete deliverance.

The fight was a three-cornered one, God, Moses and Pharaoh. And the children of Israel were in the center. They had little or no part in it, but to take the lamb, sprinkle the blood, pack up, stay indoors and march out at the appointed time. Passive, quiet obedience; then activity at the right time. Meantime the fight was raging between Pharaoh and God, Moses and Pharaoh. Do not interfere with the battle. Let God and Christ tackle the enemy. Be quiet, confident, obedient, and active at the right time. And then the exodus will be easy and speedy.

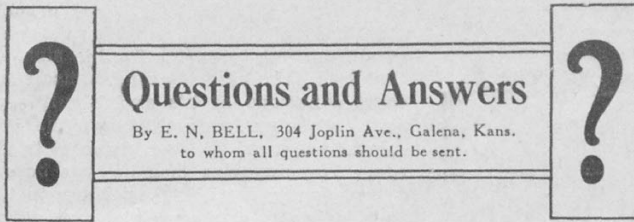
The enemy will pursue, but the cloud of fire will be in between. The enemy will not be able to catch up at any time, and if he is gaining, God will cripple him. He took off the chariot wheels of the Egyptians and the cloud of fire was in between the crippled chariots and the children of Israel.

The children of Israel had to come out because of the foreordained plan of God. He told Abraham about their four hundred years of affliction, darkness and bondage, and Jacob was also told, but they had the promise of deliverance. And we are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world, so the deliverance must take place for all those who are truly obedient, who remain under the blood, within the house.

Those who got through the Red Sea, for the most part turned back in their hearts to Egypt, and they perished. They did not perish at the hand of Pharaoh, but at the hand of God. What is the difference? Leave that to God.

To the fearful ones He says, "He shall gather the lambs in His arms, and carry them in His bosom." If you are fearful, if you doubt whether you will be able to outstrip the enemy, if you are despondent, if you have little faith, then you are a lamb, and that entitles you to be carried in His breast.

If you are strong and self-confident and big and you can walk yourself, you do not need the care of the Shepherd so much, but the Lamb He carries in His bosom. Since He has provided, you have the token, the passport, *the blood*, and the destroyer shall not come nigh thee. The weakest could not be in a safer place, protected by the blood and carried by the Shepherd, and all the Pharaohs of Egypt and all the devils of hell cannot wrest the simple, confiding, trusting lamb from the bosom of the Shepherd. This is the heritage of God's people.



This department is only open for the edification of those in need of such light on the Scriptures as we can give, not for argument or disputing. The editor reserves the right to answer only such questions as will be for the glory of God and to the help of our readers. No questions, under any circumstances, will be answered by letter, so please do not expect this.

235. What do the "New issue" folks believe?

Ans. This is hard to answer, for they do not all believe alike, and it would be unfair to claim all believe what some believe. So our answer only means some believe some of these things, and some others believe others mentioned.

1. Many hold it is absolutely wrong to baptize with the words given in Mt. 28:19 by Jesus; that such a baptism is not Christian baptism at all and must be done over with the words of Acts 2:38.

2. Many hold the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost is the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Many hold Jesus is the only God, that Jesus is the Father and the Father is Jesus.

4. Some hold that the "Son" of God is only human, while the Deity is all of the Father. In this sense Jesus is God and man, all the God part being the Father and all the man part being the Son. These hold the Son never existed as the Son till born of Mary. This denies the eternal Son, and makes no distinction between the Father and the Deity of Christ.

5. Some hold the apostles had no life from God, were not born again until the Holy Ghost fell on the day of Pentecost, and that no one now is born again or begotten of God until baptized with the Holy Ghost and speaks with tongues. This doctrine leaves all that have not spoken in tongues without eternal life.

6. These also hold that to be born of water and of the spirit means to be baptized with water and baptized with the spirit. According to this, no one has the new birth who has not been baptized in water, and no one has it who has not been baptized in the spirit; for these teach these are only the two parts of one birth, one baptism.

7. Others of them hold the above, except as to the tongues. This wing holds you have no life until baptized in the Spirit, that the baptism is the earnest, the first real saving touch from God. To have Christ is to receive the Holy Ghost. But these hold that tongues are not vitally connected with the baptism. You may speak in tongues, they say, but you can have the baptism without speaking. So the "New issue" is divided at this point.

8. There are other minor points and many other minor differences among them, but the above are the main points. I give these points upon special request, merely as information, with no unkindness towards these erring brethren. I am not asked to discuss them, and would not have space here. The mere statement of many of these things should be a sufficient refutation to all those who know the Word.

236. How do you reconcile Mt. 8:28 with Mark 5:2 and 8:27? Matthew says two possessed with devils met Jesus, while the other two record only one. Is this an error?

Ans. No, there is no error here. Matthew merely tells more, namely, about the two maniacs, while one case serves the purpose of Mark and Luke to exalt the power of Jesus over devils. Mark and Luke do not say there was "only"

one. None of the Gospel writers undertake to tell all that Jesus did. See John 21:25.

MAN'S LITTLENESS.

What is man, that Thou art mindful of him?" "Put not your trust in princes nor in the sons of man from whom cometh no help." "Cease from man whose breath is in his nostrils."

If we would see man in God's estimation (and it is possible), or with the eye of faith, we would be much more bold to do and speak those things which please God. Jesus said, "I do always those things which please Him," and by the enabling of the Holy Spirit, we can do the same. He cared not whether He pleased man, except "for his good to edification" (Rom. 15:2).

In the Acts of the apostles, we read: "Then had the churches rest... and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, were multiplied" (ch. 9:31). They did not walk in the fear of man; neither did they find rest or comfort in man, nor were they multiplied by him, by his wisdom or power.

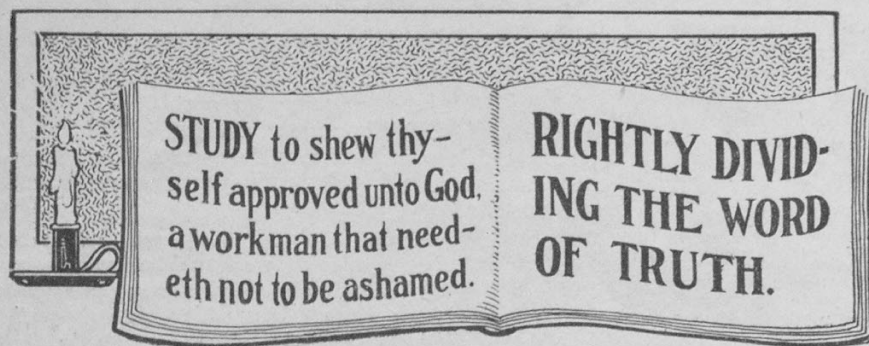
Consider the following seven stereoptic views of man given in the Scriptures. First, when the children of Israel went up to spy out the land of Canaan, they "saw the inhabitants as giants and the cities walled up to heaven." But Joshua, with the eye of faith, "saw the people as grasshoppers." He said "Their strength is departed from them. They are bread for us." Thirdly, Isaiah saw man as grass—"all flesh is grass." Fourthly, God said to Israel, "Thou worm Jacob." What a decline!—from the active nimble hopper to the obnoxious crawler on the ground; truly they are "dwellers on the earth" (Rev. 6:10). Fifthly, Paul by the Spirit, calls man a "thing" and "it." "Who art thou, O man, that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to Him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus?" (Rom. 9:20). Lastly, the Lord Jehovah gives Isaiah a sweeping five-fold summing up photograph of all nations. "Behold, the nations are as a DROP in a bucket and are counted as the SMALL DUST of the balance; behold, He taketh up the isles as a very LITTLE THING. All nations before Him are as NOTHING; and they are counted to Him less than nothing, and VANITY" (Isa. 40:15-17).

Man speaks of himself as "noble," "refined," "educated," "renowed," "mighty," "brilliant," "religious," "rich." As the mother of false religions "hath glorified herself," so has all mankind glorified himself.

But how unsparing and searching and complete is God's description of him. This is what sin has done. God looked upon the work of His hands in the beginning and said, "Very good." But sin having wrecked and ravaged him, God can only declare that man became a mere grasshopper and finally but emptiness. Ungodly philosophers have dared to teach that man began as a monkey and has been developed upward, until Christian Science (falsely so-called) ventures the blasphemous doctrine that all men are gods.

Is there any wonder that our wise God must of necessity dispose of mankind by death? "Can any one bring a clean thing out of an unclean?" Only God, and that by death and resurrection. And O the further marvel of the love of divine wisdom that should sacrifice the holy Son of God in order to prevent sin's havoc from defeating His holy plans.

Reader, it is most becoming for us to agree with God in the Bible estimation of man, including our individual selves, "have no confidence in the flesh," neither in our own nor in any other man's, but fully and forever "cease from man."—C. W. Walkem.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

August 5, 1917.

MANASSEH'S SIN AND REPENTANCE.

Lesson Text: 2 Chron. 33:9-16.

Golden Text: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isa. 55:7.

Practical Truth: There is salvation for the truly penitent.

Topic: Retrogression.

Time: Manasseh began to reign about B. C. 697.

Place: Jerusalem; Babylon.

Manasseh was the son of Hezekiah, a faithful king of Judah. To trace the connection between the reign of Manasseh and his father Hezekiah, let us briefly review the life and character of Hezekiah's reign and see the contrast between father and son, who were kings upon the same throne, one succeeding the other. Hezekiah was a God-fearing man. During his reign he succeeded in utterly destroying idolatry from his dominion. In answer to prayer, the Lord personally favored him in prolonging his life for fifteen years. In sacred history he stands as one of the best kings who ever sat upon the throne of Judah. Manasseh's life and reign differs from that of his father in every respect. In point of fact, every phase of his reign shows the absence of the one supreme truth, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve," Deut. 6:13; Matth. 4:10. This was a gross violation of the Sinaitic Covenant. He ascended the throne at the early age of twelve years, and being unusually young and no doubt influenced by evil counsellors, he became a worse idolator than his grandfather Ahaz. He broke down the altars of God and killed they who rebuked him for his wickedness and unfaithfulness; but in the midst of his career his enemies captured him, he truly repented, turned to the Lord and was released. Then he began to undo the evil he had done and work for God. He reigned for fifty-five years—the longest reign recorded in Jewish history—then died and was buried in his own garden.

1. **Manasseh's Wickedness.** Vs. 1-10. He was the bad son of a good father. What was the cause of his wickedness and sin? It was not ignorance, for he had before him the godly life and holy influence of his father. He sinned against great light and revelation. The answer to the question is this: godliness is not inherited, but evil and sin is. The sin was "conceived" and born in him, Psa. 51:5. This is a result of the fall of Adam and this very fact necessitates the new birth of Jno. 3:3-5. The rebellion, cruelty and brutality of Manasseh was the manifestation of the sin which he had in him. **Made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err.** His large leadership gave him a powerful extensive influence, and he used it against God which made it destructive in its nature. He caused others to err. If we are not wholly out and out for God we are against Him. Jesus said, "He that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad." Men will not only answer for their sins that they personally commit, but the sin and misery that they have brought into other lives through the influence which they had, though they may have been unconscious of having had that influence. We should positively know that every human being has influence. It is inseparable from existence. It is born in us like fire in a flint. It walks with us, flashes from our eyes, and radiates from us like light from the sun. Seeing that everyone has his own influence and each is responsible for the way he uses it, let each of us use every atom in us to lead others to Christ. By the use of Manasseh's influence, he did himself, and caused others to become, worse than the superstitious heathen. Verse 6 tells us how he went so far as to turn to hell and have intercourse with the demon world through witchcraft and wizards, all of which was strictly forbidden by the law. See Isa. 8:19, 20.

2. **Manasseh's Affliction.** V. 11. When God withdrew His protection from Judah, then the king of Assyria was permitted to carry out his purpose. Manasseh was captured, bound and taken away from his kingdom. Note that men bound him. Men oftentimes get us under bondage to sin by their seductive promises, but it is not men who deliver us. Sin is so much a part of the nature of an habitual sinner, that it is beyond all human or angelic power to release him. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from

their sins." Matth. 1:21. God permitted Manasseh to get into this miserable condition, not to suffer for his sins, as that he might by examining himself become conscious of his awful guilt, repent and be made a righteous man. This calamity marked the turning point in his life. The dungeon that he was bound in was better for him than being in his royal palace. Perhaps Paul was referring to this very thing, when he said, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Cor. 4:17.

3. **Manasseh's Repentance.** Vs. 12, 13. His leisure time in prison gave him time to seriously reflect on the true condition of his heart, and it was then that he saw the awfulness of his sin. **He besought the Lord his God.** Like the prodigal son, "he came to himself." He had been as one out of his right mind, for sin is moral insanity. Coming to yourself is the first step of a holy life. **He was intreated.** The long-suffering of God is clearly demonstrated in the case of Manasseh. So long as this story stands on the pages of the Bible, no sinner need give up in despair. God came to the dungeon and heard his supplication and forgave him. He will do as much for anyone. There is sufficient grace and mercy in Jesus Christ to meet the needs of every man. "The blood of Jesus Christ, his son, cleanseth us from all sin." 1 Jno. 1:7. God is ready to show mercy and welcome to returning sinners. God here proves his willingness and ability to save the worst.

4. **Manasseh doing righteously.** Vs. 14-16. After his life had been so marvelously transformed, the next thing he did was something good. This proves the genuineness of his conversion. "A good man, out of the good treasure of his heart, bringeth forth good things," Matth. 12:35. **He took away the strange gods.** In the beginning of his reign, Manasseh undid the good work his father had done in re-establishing the true religion in Judah, so after his conversion and restoration to his throne he undid his own evil work in bringing in that tide of idolatry. He removed the heathen altars which he built. A thorough reform was immediately inaugurated under him. **Commanded Judah to serve the Lord.** He had been a great leader in the things of sin, now he is striving with greater zeal to lead others in the way of righteousness. True conversion brings zeal and such love the heart at once concerns itself in teaching transgressors and converting sinners to God. Psa. 51:13.

Who was Manasseh? Who was his father? Describe his character. How was he punished? When and where did he repent? Show that his repentance was thorough.

Next Week's Lesson.

August 12, 1917.

JOSIAH'S GOOD REIGN.

Reading Lesson: 2 Chron. 34:1-13.

Golden Text: Ecc. 12:1.

—C. M. O'Guin.

GOD MEETS SOULS IN LONELY PLACES.

Far away on the Black Mountains in Afghanistan lived the son of a priest in charge of the Mohammedan mosque, or temple. The boy was hungry for God and studied the Koran (the Mohammedan Sacred Book) with all his heart, seeking the truth, but failed to find any satisfaction.

At last he heard that among the distant mountains of the Indian frontier lived a white woman who taught the Bible; so he journeyed there, obtained a New Testament, and through reading it found peace and rest in Jesus Christ. At once he confessed his newly-found Saviour in his home, but his father tried to kill him. Through the good hand of his God upon him, he escaped across the border into British India, and at Amritsar confessed his faith in Christ by baptism. His father was still bent on murdering him, for he considered it such an awful disgrace for a member of the priestly family of the Mohammedans to join the ranks of the despised Christians, and he went so far as to offer a large reward to anyone who would capture and kill his son. Finally he determined to go himself to Amritsar and kill him.

When he arrived his anger melted away before the loving reception of the missionaries, and the fearless faith of his son, and before he left to go back to Afghanistan they persuaded him to accept a New Testament. Oh, how that Testament was followed by constant, believing prayer!

Nine months later the father returned, saying he and twelve others had read the book through, and now they wanted the Old Testament to read. Meanwhile the son had gone to Kashmir to tell the love of Jesus to the poor people who were dying of cholera, and ere long he gave his life for them, being cut down by that terrible disease.

It was soon after his death that the answer to all his prayers was manifested, when his old father came back saying he too had found life and salvation in Jesus Christ, and boldly confessed Him before men.

When the old man was called home, his last words were, "Why should I fear death when I am in the arms of Jesus?"
A. E. L.

GOOD NEWS FROM PORTO RICO.

Glad to report victory through the Blood. Also to tell that the Lord is blessing the work here, souls are being saved all the time, many have been healed and two more have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Bro. Solomon and I made a missionary trip to Arecibo, a town about 40 miles from here, and on our way here we stopped at Adjuntas, my native town. We held an open air meeting and the Lord gave us eleven souls. We only stayed there one night, and in the morning started out for Arecibo. On our arrival we held a street meeting and over 300 people came to hear the Gospel. We continued these services, and

after five days about a dozen souls were saved, about as many reclaimed, and two missions were given to us with a total membership of about 60 or 70 in the two missions. These two missions, with chairs and one street organ, platform and lamps, were donated to us by the "Porto Rican Evangelical Mission." This mission was founded about two years ago, and in this period of time they have done a blessed work in the island. But the work is going through a great test just now, so they had to ask for help, and after a week's prayer Bro. Solomon and I felt led to go and see what we could do for Jesus there. The Lord blessed our work and the leaders accepted Pentecost and said they wanted the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

We are taking these two missions by faith; it will cost \$13.00 per month for rent. The congregations are all poor, but they promised to help to pay half the rent. Arecibo is a town of about 8000 people, and there is only one M. E. Church, and very little is being done for the salvation of souls. Pray that the Lord will put Arecibo on some one's heart so that this work is self-supporting.

Bro. Solomon Feliciano wants me to write about his going to Santa Domingo. He thought of going in July, but now this new work has opened in the northern part of the island, he believes it is God's will for him to stay a few months longer. He needs about \$105.00 for his fares, as he believes it is right for him to take his family along.

We have decided to take the two missions and we also have opened up another little mission about two miles from Ponce, so there are four Pentecostal missions in Porto Rico. The whole island is crying for the Gospel. Pray that the Lord may send more missionaries. We are praying for a revival for the whole island.—With brotherly love, Frank D. Ortiz.

DOESN'T PRESS DOCTRINAL POINTS ANY MORE.

Dear ones, I find it so much better to not press doctrinal points too hard in new fields where your congregation is made up of other faiths. Let us deal gently with them and ask them to cooperate with us in worshipping our Lord and thereby lead them into the light of Pentecost. This method is far better more Christ like, more in keeping with Paul's teachings. Don't compromise but always try to harmonize. We have a Baptist pastor now attending our meetings who seems to enjoy the services. We hope some day to hear him preach the full Gospel. He is honest in heart and the Lord loves that kind. I have learned so much from the Holy Spirit of late, how to deal with people who are not acquainted with our faith. We must recognize what they have if we ever expect to lead them higher. Let us pray for wisdom.—Pastor T. A. Snodgrass, Terrell, Texas.

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Galveston, Texas. We are now at Galveston, found a few saints here who have stood true to God through every discouragement. They have been without a shepherd for about two years. We are now engaged in a tent meeting here. God is blessing and there is a special interest amongst the Catholic people. One Jewess, who received the baptism, also had faith that God would restore her natural eyesight. After I anointed her, and we had prayed for her, she laid her glasses off, after using them a number of years, expecting to see, and God never disappoints us when we come to Him in faith. She testifies to the wonderful healing power of God, and is being enabled to read the finest print and do all kinds of fancy work without strain on her eyes. Pray for us and the work here.—R. M. and Marguerite Thomas.

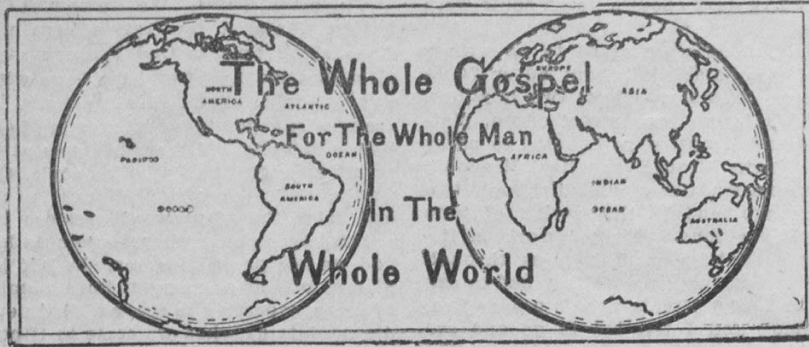
Dyas, Ala. We came here five weeks ago and began meeting. At times it seemed as if there was not going to be anything done, but praise God for the victory at last. Five have been saved and three received the baptism as in Acts 2:4, and the church set in order. I was taken with a severe case of the measles, my fever ran exceedingly high. We trusted God and prayed that no one would take them from me. We sent for the saints to come and pray. They prayed but no relief came, so in an hour they came back and prayed again. The prayer of faith prevailed and I was well from that hour on, could go anywhere, eat anything, and sleep soundly. No one has taken the measles from me, so God answered prayer. Praise God for His great power. Pray for us and the meetings.—Evang. O. O. Hughen.

Shady Grove, via Woodville, Texas. I have just returned home from Shady Grove, Texas, where Bro. A. W. Mangum and a band of workers are holding an old-time camp meeting, and God is wonderfully blessing in every meeting. It is 12 miles one way, and about 35 the other from the railroad, in the pines of Texas, and you would wonder where all the people came from. I was also out at Security, Texas, a week ago with Bro. Ott in a meeting and God is blessing in a marvellous way. At both these places you see dear hungry people coming to meeting in wagons, horseback and walking, bringing their dinners and staying all day. I talked with one man who walked twelve miles to the meeting, and he thought nothing of it so that he could get to the meeting. I praise God that yet there are hungry souls.—Raymond T. Richey.

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FLOODS IN CHINA.

Waang Kong, South China. We have just had an eight days' convention at Sai Nam. Seventeen missionaries were present. God blessed in our midst and five were added to the church. Several were drunk under the power of the Spirit and sang the praises of God. We are believing for yet greater things in China.

China is now in a rebellious state. Soldiers are being mustered out into service. The North is divided against the South. Some want a president and some a king. Some wish to fight Germany and some do not. Just how long peace will reign here we do not know. The other day nine hundred soldiers were shot because they had been thieves. Thousands are falling daily, and how many are prepared to meet God?

We have been hindered by heavy rains that began in February and continue until now (June). The flood waters are a few feet from our back door. The poor people will suffer because of their first rice crops being destroyed.

Later. The water has come up a foot since morning and is now into our buildings. I have no place to move to, so I will stay here and trust God for protection. Went to Sai Nam this morning and found the missionaries living upstairs and four or five feet of water on the lower floor. Pray for us that God will protect us during these floods.—Sarah A. Kugler.

Benares, India. I and my wife are just now at the hills for a short time to escape the extreme heat of the plains. Bro. and Sister Van Valen and many other Pentecostal missionaries are here. Much time is being spent in waiting on God, and so we are being blessed in our souls as well as in our bodies. We expect to soon return to the plains better fitted to serve the Lord.

I believe our greatest need is for more of God's power and more of His Holy Spirit. We missionaries need the prayers of the saints at home. We are

proving God faithful, and we know He will not forsake His own.

Our work at Benares is going on encouragingly. Our young men are going out daily and distribute Gospels and Christian tracts. So the Word of God is falling into the hands of many of the earnest pilgrims. Please ask the Evangelical readers to pray for the earnest but deluded pilgrims who come to Benares by the thousands seeking to wash away their sins in the Ganges river.—Yours in Him, John E. Norton.

Royapetta, Madras, India. This being the extreme hot season, all the missionaries who can are taking a rest and refreshing at the hills. I have been at Katagiri Hill station since May 1st. Am expecting to return to Madras June 15th. The Indian brothers and sisters are going on with the work and report blessing. We are all earnestly praying for a world-wide revival before our Lord's return with great expectancy.—Mary W. Chapman.

A MEXICAN TENT MEETING.

We began the Mexican tent meeting about the middle of last week. We had Bro. Lopez with us a few days. The Mexicans do not like to go in a house, and I thought I would try them in a tent. They come and some stand around and mock, but there are from thirty to fifty or more of the children who come under the tent and some of the older ones are coming. There were some ten or twelve wanting prayer the other night and last night there were some five or more who raised their hands for prayer. It seems now that several are interested. We are looking to God to save them.

We need a good organist but we could not feed her unless things open up better than they are. Living here is very high. The soldiers came here (about 40,000 of them) and the people had only planted for home use, and the soldiers eat up nearly all they can get. It makes the local market much higher.

It looks like money matters are a hard pull for the Mexican work, yet it seems God keeps calling more missionaries. Bro. Floyd Baker and wife are here. They say God called them to the work among the Mexicans. They have no support.—Yours in Christ, M. M. Pinson.

Cape Palmas, Liberia. In spite of all that is being brought to bear upon our little republic through this awful war, there is still a great eagerness for the Gospel and a readiness to accept, manifested on the part of many, and to my mind, this is a time for self-denial for all of God's people as never before. Last year God gave a mighty sweep of His Spirit, which touched every station, and I believe we have a right to expect Him to do greater things this year and to ask you to join us in prayer to that effect. I rejoice to be here and am willing by His grace to go any lengths with God that souls may hear the Gospel and be ready for the coming of Jesus. I have no doubt the perilous last days are upon us, and we all here shall have our share of them, but thank God! "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of their testimony." Anyway it is a real privilege to endure some suffering for Jesus' sake, isn't it?

You will have heard before this of my marriage to Harry E. Bowley. We were married at the Beach home, or receiving station, at Garraway, which is conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, and expected to have gone back to the Bush long ere this, but Mr. Bowley has been suffering for three months with some terrible sores. They are called fever sores by some, kra kra by others, but whatever they are, they are very painful. I have escaped with only one, but both Mr. Perkins and Mr. Bowley have been quite disabled with many of them. Others too have had them before this, so we are concluding they are one of Africa's afflictions, almost as bad as Job's, and indeed much like his.

Mr. Harrow has visited a new tribe, and started a house for a new station, where we shall go D. V., when the house is finished. When a new station is to be opened, the people always give the land or site for a mission, and build the first house. Otherwise much work and heavy expense falls upon the missionary, besides a long wait for the work to be done, for when the missionary is already in the tribe, why should they care or hurry to build his house.

We have recently been informed that the United States of America has taken over Liberia. Whether this is really true or not, she has at any rate demanded Liberia to take in hand the Germans who are living here, and hold them as prisoners of war. We have some very dear friends among them at Cape Palmas, and when I learned this I came as soon as possible to see them before they are taken away. It is sad to us all but they are very brave in spite of everything. These two, Mr. and Mrs. Weber, have been very kind to all of our missionaries and we trust the way shall not be too hard for their feet. These are days full of surprises.—Yours in His glad service, Rhodema Bowley.

(Bro. Bowley requests the saints please not to send money orders to Liberia. All funds should be transmitted by New York draft. The missionary treasurer is pleased to remit money to any missionary by this means.)

A WORD FROM THE BASTI DISTRICT OF INDIA.

Perhaps a few words regarding this work in this corner of the Lord's vineyard may interest you. This work was opened by Miss Minnie Abrams about six years ago, and while the Lord called her home in 1912, He has continued to put His blessing and seal upon the efforts put forth and we are rejoicing in what is being wrought.

Though it means plodding on the foreign field, He does give us visible fruit, and "we thank God and take courage." Many villages are scattered about Uska Bazar, and with our faithful Indian Bible women and colporteurs we go in and out among the people day after day, breaking the bread of life "from house to house" along the roadside, and wherever opportunity is afforded.

In December, 1915, we were lead to open another station at Chupra, a city of 47,000 people, about 140 miles distant from Uska Bazar and oh what opportunities lie before us! Daily as we go up and down the narrow lanes and ill-smelling alleys we are called on every hand to come and tell the glad news, until again and again we are compelled to leave many places untouched because of lack of time and workers. Our great need is more consecrated native helpers. Will you not pray with us to this end?

Many women hidden away in the seclusion of their Zenana walls are believing on the Lord Jesus. Please pray for their liberation from such bondage as cannot be described!

We love the people, are happy—abundantly so—in the work to which He has called and do not pine for the homeland, though many dear ones are there, but are longing, by His grace, to be faithful unto the end.—Yours in His joy, Bernice C. Lee.

Argentina, South America. "I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth." He is always good to us, and doeth all things well. Hallelujah. The clouds hang thick and low some times, but they all have a silver lining. So we will go on trusting Him where we cannot trace Him. "Tomorrow the sun may be shining, although it is cloudy today." "Keep pushing, 'tis wiser than sitting aside, and dreaming, and sighing, and waiting the tide."

You want to know the latest news from here. It is as follows: My Spanish helper married Elisa Seppe last Thursday in Rio Cuarto. They arrived here last Saturday night. Sister Anita may be leaving us before long to go and live for a while with the Sorensens in Bolivar. She is a power in prayer, and has the love of the people here. She has made me a good companion, and I will feel sorry to see her go. Elisa Barrio is only seventeen and a half years, he is twenty-two; they are earnest, Spirit-filled Christians who want to go on with God. I had wanted him to go with me to the United States for his spiritual deepening and mine, but we finally

could not succeed in getting a proper helper to go on with the work here, so have decided it was not the will of the Lord. Since we have a fairly suitable hall for meetings, we do not feel so much the need of buying property as we had thought might be necessary.

I preached the Sunday evening of Bro. Barrio's absence, and, thank God, His Spirit worked mightily. The order was almost perfect, and at least eight held up their hands, and others stood weeping, men and women, saying they then accepted Christ as their Saviour. It was grand! After the service Sister Anita said weeping, "God is too good to us." This week we again hold our monthly meeting for fasting and prayer for a world-wide revival. The Lord always meets with us in a special way.

On Tuesday evening we had a reception for the bride and groom, which closed with singing and prayer by several, after a social time. There were over twenty present, just for believers. Now we are all going to settle down to hard work, visiting, distributing tracts, holding meetings, and doing all the good we can till Jesus comes; pray for us. Thank you for your help in this formerly. God is answering, and widening our field of usefulness continually. Pray God to meet us here, and let us have the gifts of the Spirit in our midst. We are so needy and hungry.

Your hearty co-laborer for the evangelization of the world, Alice C. Wood.

Mount Tabor, Mafeteng, Basutoland, South Africa. We are busy building our mission station, the gift of the Lord to us. We took over the ground here, not knowing of the goodness of the Lord being prepared for us, and in a few weeks after we settled about the land with the chief. Our heavenly Father gave me a thousand pounds (\$5000) to build a station here for Himself. Beloved, to us the way of the Lord has been truly wonderful. Sometimes "in the sea" but more often riding on the clouds, He has carried us through water and through fire. We had many sad days while parting with the old work on the west coast, and none knew but Himself, but "He always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him." He told us through prophecy whilst in Hereford that He was preparing another place for us in Africa, but we could never have imagined, much less chosen, such a place. We are in the Switzerland of Africa, and filled with the loving kindness of the Lord.

Every desire of our heart is anticipated by our precious Lord, and we know it shall be more and more so right through until the fulness of blessing is manifested in His own presence.

Did I tell you that a couple of months ago our dear young chief here yielded his heart to the Lord. Any man is precious to the Lord, but when the leaders of the people yield themselves to the Lord it makes one sing the song of Deborah again. Jeremiah is the new name he took when baptized, and he

asked us to pray that he may be a true prophet of the Lord. He invited the other chiefs and all his friends to his baptism, and as we went on our way to the river, some five miles away, we were delighted to find some 300 or 400 people present.

Pray for Jeremiah and pray that he may be the earnest of hundreds like himself in the land of Basutos.

The day is breaking in this land, and the Son of righteousness has arisen with healing in His wings. Forms must give place to power as God comes into His own. We plead for the prayers of God's children everywhere that we may fulfill our ministry in this land and be able to establish a true building of God amongst the mountains.

Beloved, we will be glad to have the fellowship of the Evangel family. May the Lord increase it with men like a flock for the glory of His great name.—Yours in His life, David Fisher.

Arecibo, P. R. The Lord has been very good to us and has been wonderfully blessing the work. I am alone now working in this city, but Jesus has been with me and everything goes well. Many souls have been saved, some healed and several reclaimed. The Lord has given me grace and with His help I have gained a M. E. minister and professor, and now he is helping me in the work here. I wish you would pray for some M. E. preachers here, men who were once wonderfully used of God, who have gone into sin, drinking and smoking. They all say that they fell because they did not have the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray also for several local preachers. I am claiming every bit of land that I tread upon, and with His help I expect to see thousands of souls saved in Porto Rico. Pray much for Porto Rico.—Frank D. Ortiz, Jr.

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FIELD REPORTS.

Yellville, Ark. Our revival meeting just closed with about thirty-two young converts.—Mrs. Amy Anderson.

Kimball, S. D. We have just closed a revival service in Kimball, S. D.; three received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, and two were baptized in water. Pray for this needy field.—Lottie Peters.

Russellville, Ark. We have just closed eighteen nights' meeting near the mining camp. Fifteen saved, and eighteen received the baptism of the Spirit as in Acts 2:4, twelve baptized in water according to Matt. 28:19.—P. F. Ramsey.

Haskell, Texas. The revival meeting closed here Sunday night. Sixteen saved and eight baptized with the Holy Ghost. The town is stirred. The saints will build a tabernacle soon. There are a good many seeking the baptism.—Oscar Jones and wife.

Woodland, Cal. We had a three weeks' meeting in Woodland,—thirteen saved and four received the baptism. We are now in a new field, Modesto, and we expect a long, tedious struggle, but we know it will be victory for our Lord in the end.—Lillian Wells.

Houston, Texas. We are glad to report we have just closed a successful revival which we held in our beautiful new 40 x70 tent. The evangelist, Miss Mary Roxie Hughes, was wonderfully anointed of God in giving out the Word, proving a blessing to many souls. We will soon pitch our tent in a new part of the city and begin another battle for our coming King. We earnestly desire the prayers of the Evangel readers.—E. N. Richey, pastor.

Toronto, Canada. Praise God for continued and increasing blessing on the work here. Many have been baptized in the Spirit the past week. Last Tuesday afternoon twenty-nine were baptized in water in Lake Ontario according to Matt. 28:19. Praise His holy name.—Evang. W. C. Peirce.

Trossachs, Sask., Canada. The Lord is mightily blessing here. Fifty received the baptism in the Holy Spirit last week, sixteen on one day, and the end is not yet, praise the Lord. **Later.** Over eighty received salvation and the baptism of the Spirit, also many miraculous healings. Praise God.—Andrew D. Urshan.

Hartford, Ark. For some time God's mighty hand has been stretched forth in a real revival way saving and baptizing. Bro. and Sister J. N. Neal were with us for two weeks. God mightily used them, and about seventeen were saved, fifteen received the baptism and fourteen were baptized in water. There is much conviction on the people. We are trusting God for still greater things.—Pastor Fayette Romines.

Shady Grove, Texas. The dear, precious Lord has been giving a real feast to our souls here. Several backsliders brought back to God, and sinners saved and filled with the Spirit. Quite a number were baptized in water. Brother Billie and George Harrison, Raymond Richey, and J. D. Scheumack were with us in the meeting. I praise God for the precious fellowship of the Spirit, the love that was shown amongst the saints, and for the way God blessed in saving and baptizing souls, and also for the way He supplied the means to carry on the work. Pray for us that we may keep humble.—A. W. Mangum.

Alto, Texas. On June 30th, wife and I, Bro. Davis and wife and Bro. Felders struck camp in Adams Chapel, my home community, where I was raised and spent twenty-two years of my life, and began to tell them about the Lord, and we are glad to report victory. The meeting ran two weeks and the crowds were large. Twenty souls wept their way through to the Lord, and seventeen were baptized in the Holy Ghost with signs following. It was the most wonderful meeting of my four years' ministry. The next day after, we began our meeting here at the mission. The meeting has run one day and one has been saved and another baptized with the Holy Ghost. Pray that the Lord will have His way with us.—Fred Gardiner.

Shaft, Md. God is greatly blessing us in these parts. We started a meeting a few weeks ago in the United Brethren Church a few miles from here and the Lord saved some twenty-five, and baptized five in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and we baptized seventeen in water according to Jesus' command in Matt. 28:19. We then bought the church, and raised almost enough money the first time we asked what the people would give. We only lacked about thirty dollars of having enough to finish paying the whole debt, praise the Lord, and that will soon be paid off. We wish all that can possibly come would come to our Maryland and Interstate Camp Meeting. (See full particulars in another column.)—Elder A. B. Cox.

Colorado Springs, Colo. We are at Colorado Springs in the absence of Bro. Draper, and the Lord is with us in a wonderful way. We have started to have street meetings, and it is wonderful how the crowds listen to the Gospel and stand for an hour. We have a good opportunity to reach the hundreds of tourists who never go to church. The crowds are increasing in the little church, for which we praise Jesus. Especially pray for the State of Colorado, there are only four or five places where they have heard the Gospel, and we feel it is God's time to spread this glorious truth.—Thomas Griffen.

(Bro. and Sister Griffin are open for preaching engagements in Colorado. Their address is P. O. Box 1007, Colorado Springs, Colo.)

Wichita Falls, Texas. I am very glad to report victory, not only in our own assembly, but in other parts of the district. I just came in last week from a little tour among the brethren. At Haskell, Bros. Jones and Bowlen are in a very blessed revival. The last night I was there, a man came to the altar for prayer and was soon laid out on the ground perfectly dead to everything around him. His mother seemed to be very uneasy about him, but after we had been there for two hours, or about that time, he jumped to his feet and began to preach to the people. It was a glorious meeting to many.

A good meeting is in progress at Electra where souls are being saved and baptized in the Spirit.

Since we lost our tabernacle by fire, the dear Lord has been saving souls at almost every service; we cannot tell how many during the past two months.

We are happy to report that the case we mentioned some time ago has been reversed in our behalf. I learn that many understood that the child died. This was not so, the brother was fined here, but thank God, the case was reversed. Now we have only the lawyer's fee to pay. We desire the co-operation of the saints.—Pastor W. W. Hall.

General Council meets in St. Louis, Mo. September 9th.. Will meet you there.

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RETURNING TO GIVE THANKS.

I want to give thanks for what the Lord has done for me. After suffering for four months with a sore foot caused by a cut to the bone, the Lord has graciously healed it without it having to be opened and the bone scraped. I sent in a request to the paper and other saints.

This is a needy field and we want to have a meeting this summer, and if anyone feels led to come and pitch a tent and preach the Pentecostal truth, we would be glad to hear from them at once. There are no Pentecostal people in this part of the country for ten or twelve miles.—Mrs. V. L. Hammond, Dixie, Okla.

I praise Jesus for healing my husband of a cancer on his face that has been bothering him twelve or thirteen years. Praise the holy name of the Lord forever! Pray that the Lord will send someone here to help Bro. and Sister Bowley in a meeting this summer. Pray that the lukewarm may be stirred up to their sense of duty, that the searchlight may be turned on the sinners, and that my whole family may be saved.—Nancy V. Taylor, Lubbock, Texas.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Evangelist Summers requests special prayer for revival in Peoria, Ill.

Pastor Chas. Williamson requests prayer for the assembly at Texarkana, Texas.

Pray for a sister in Spangle, Wash., who has been suffering with a tumor on her head.

Pray for a Baptist minister in Afton, N. Y., that he may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Pray for one suffering with catarrh of the head, deafness, and rheumatism, also for the restoration of a son.

Please pray for a sister, Mrs. Effie Robertson, that she may be perfectly healed and delivered from the insane asylum.

CAMPMEETINGS & NOTICES.

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HARTFORD, ARK., CAMP RECALLED.

We have decided not to have the camp meeting and have a revival instead.—Fayette Romines.

CAMP MEETING, TOPEKA, KANS.

Eleventh Annual Camp will convene August 23rd to Sept. 2nd in Jones' Grove, cor. Seward Ave. and Golden Road.—C. E. Foster, 219 Grattan St., Topeka, Kans.

CAMP MEETING, IOLA, KANS.

Seventh Annual Camp will be held at Iola, Kans., August 2nd to 12th, in Electric Park, east of Iola, on electric car line. Inquire of Pastor J. A. Dunham, 415 South 4th St., Iola, Kans.

NO STATE CAMP MEETING IN OKLAHOMA.

For several good reasons the brethren have decided it best not to have a State Camp this year. But instead, we are expecting to have two or three local camp meetings in the different parts of the State. The announcements will be made later. For further information, write Elder S. A. Jamieson, box 1391, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Prayer is requested for a blessed sister in the Lord, Drucilla Kirklín, who is bed-sick, that she may be restored to health.

Pray for me and for my family that we may be all God wants us to be. Pray for our meeting.—W. A. M., Saratoga, Miss.

A request comes from Oklahoma for the healing of a sister out of her mind, also for the healing of the eyes of a sister, and for her little girl's eyes.

"That I may be delivered from all bodily afflictions and my body be greatly strengthened. Also that God will send a revival in Buffalo."—C. H. B., Buffalo, Ark.

"Pray earnestly for my wayward husband, that God will check him in his wild career, and that he may turn to God. Pray for me that I may live a pure and holy life."—A. M.

Pray for a paralyzed daughter that the Lord will heal and save, also for another daughter and a son that they may be saved and healed. Also that the writer may get stronger in the Lord.—J. H. P.

"I am suffering so badly with a paralyzed body (locomotor ataxia). Please especially make my case a special matter of prayer. The cramps are so great, and I need your prayers, saints of God."—E. P. Bellaire, O.

Prayer is requested for an unsaved husband that he may be saved and delivered from tobacco, that he and his wife may have full salvation, that the latter may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.—M. W., Florien, La.

Pray for an eldest daughter suffering with kidney trouble, dizziness and other ailments, for another child with enlarged spleen. Also that they may have a good meeting in Dixie, Okla., this summer and every need will be supplied.—V. L. H.

Pray for a nephew who has conscientious scruples against war that he may not be drafted. Also for God's blessing on a prayer meeting started at a summer resort. Also for one going through a critical experience, and for a minister brother who is in a critical situation.

PORTERVILLE, CAL., CAMP MEETING.

You are invited to the Camp Meeting to be held at Porterville, Cal., commencing September 15th, 1917. For further information address Pastor Church of Christ, P. O. Box 746, Porterville, Cal.

NEW CASTLE, TEX., CAMP MEETING.

We are glad to report victory. Souls are being saved and getting the baptism. Large crowds and prospects are good for our camp which will begin August 3rd. It will be run on the common table plan. Preachers and workers are especially invited.—H. H. Wray, pastor.

CAMP MEETING, HITCHITA, OKLA.

Beginning August 3rd.

We are trusting God to send preachers and workers that He wants to come. Everybody come prepared to camp. Dining tent run on free-will offering plan. For information address W. L. Fortenberry, pastor, Hitchita, Okla.

FIFTH GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

St. Louis, Mo., beginning Sept 9th.

The first day will be devotional. The roster will be made up Monday morning, September 10th, at 9 a. m. Everyone is urged to be present on time preferably for the first service on Sunday, the 9th.

MARYLAND CAMP MEETING.

Shaft, Md., Aug. 5th to 26th. We will try and furnish all that come with free sleeping quarters. Meals at reasonable prices, 20 or 25 cents, lunches 10 or 15 cents. If you cannot afford this, come, and God will provide. Be sure you bring your bedding and toilet articles. All ordained ministers should apply through the general passenger agents for clerical rates to Mt. Lake Park, Md. Those from the east should book their tickets to this point and get off at Cumberland, Md., and take the interurban to Shaft. All cars stop in front of camp. Those from west to take tickets to Mt. Lake Park, then just pay the difference to Piedmont, W. Va., and take train from there, or walk across the river, and take car from Westernport. E. R. Fitzgerald of Russell-

ville, Ark., W. H. Pope of Oklahoma, and Jas. Harvey from India expected. Write for bills to Elder A. B. Cox, Shaft, Md.

FRASER, IOWA, CAMP MEETING.

I wish to announce a camp meeting which will open here Aug. 1st, the Lord willing. We are trusting the Lord to send us a tent and some Spirit-filled workers. We hope to see souls saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence. This is on the Des Moines river, near Boone, on the Des Moines and Ft. Dodge Electric line.—Arthur C. Berry.

OLD TIME CAMP MEETING, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

Will begin July 28th.

We are expecting some of our leading brethren to be with us and also a large number of preachers, workers and friends from far and near. We have secured a nice shady camp ground, with lots of cool water. Will be held at the Tabernacle of the Assembly of God on the corner of Chicon and Gardon Sts. For information address J. D. Sheumack, pastor, Austin, Texas.

SECOND ANNUAL CAMP FOR SOUTHWESTERN MISSOURI

will be held in convention form in Springfield, Mo., August 15-19, 1917. The morning services, August 15-16-17 will be especially for ministers, workers, elders and deacons. Bro. J. W. Welch will have the afternoon services and Bro. A. T. Rape the night services. This is the sole place of ordination in this section this year. Rooms for visitors free, but each is expected to board himself.—B. F. Lawrence, 1001 N. Main St., Springfield, Mo.

New Castle, Pa. Second Annual Pentecostal Campmeeting will be held D. V. at the City Park, or what is known as Cunningham's Woods, from August 3rd to August 19th inclusive. Pastors D. W. Kerr of Cleveland, O., John Cox of Wilmington, Del., Robt. A. Brown and wife of New York City, J. T. Boddy of Youngstown, O., Joseph Tunmore of Pittsburg, Pa., and local workers and a number of returned missionaries expected. For further particulars write Pastor Thos. E. Float, 1700 Maplewood Ave., Wilkingsburg, Pa., or Mrs. E. J. Pearce, 811 Lathrop St., New Castle, Pa.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI DISTRICT CAMP MEETING.

Puxico, Mo., Aug. 24th to Sept. 2nd.

Under the auspices of the Southeast Missouri Council of the Assemblies of God, the camp is to be held in a beautiful grove. Tents and cots will be on the ground for rent. Meals on the free-will offering plan. Bring bedding and toilet articles. We are expecting Evang. A. T. Rape of St. Louis, also J. W. Welch, chairman of the General Council, and many other ministers of the district to be present. For information write Pastor W. J. Higgins, Puxico, Mo.

GREAT REPRESENTATIVE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

St. Louis, Mo., beginning Sept. 13th.

All the leading missionaries in the homeland are expected to be present.

All the leaders of missionary centers are being invited, as well as everyone else who is interested in missionary work.

The time has come for a forward move in the Pentecostal movement, in which every branch of the movement should participate. Pray for this great gathering and don't forget the date.

CAMP MEETING FOR EAST.

The Interstate Camp Meeting for the East will convene at or near Frostburgh, Md., this year. Frostburgh is 2800 feet above the sea level. Our date will be August 5th to August 26th. August being generally a very hot month, we use this date, when people can come and enjoy our delightful climate, and cool breezes, and enjoy a convocation with God's people. Our motto will be others.

For further information concerning this event, write Fred Baltau, Frostburgh, Md. Some of the interested pastors are J. R. Reckley, Cumberland, Md.; Richard Hawkins, Frostburgh, Md.; C. B. Webster, Lonaconing, Md.; Oliver P. Brann, Westernport, Md.; Foster E. Young, Kitmsillier, Md., and R. A. McCauley, Grantsville, Md.—Elder A. B. Cox, Shaft, Md., in charge.

NORTHWEST KANSAS CAMP MEETING.

The fifth annual Pentecostal camp meeting of Northwest Kansas will be held in the Fairbanks Grove about three and one-half miles southwest of Woodston, Kansas, on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, August 16th to 26th, D. V.

Elder A. P. Collins of Ft. Worth, Tex., will be present with us to teach and preach the Word of God.

Those who come to the camp meeting can secure tents, 10x12, for \$3.50, and cots for 50 cents. Please bring your bedding and toilet articles with you. There will be a dining tent on the grounds where meals can be secured at reasonable rates. Ministers and Gospel workers can get tents, cots and meals free of charge.

Everybody is invited and cordially welcome to attend the services of this camp meeting.

Send in your orders for tents and cots by August 1st, and for further information address Elder J. E. Simms, Woodston, Kansas.

NOTICE.

Arkansas State Camp Recalled.

Boonville, Ark., State Camp and Council set for Aug. 2nd has been called in. All moneys sent in for camp will be refunded.—E. R. Fitzgerald.

NOTICES.

A correspondent requests the address of Dr. Carradine. It is Columbia, S. C., "Way of Faith" office.

If there are any saints at Yonkers, Okla., I would like to correspond with them.—T. L. Canley, Clavis, N. M.

I want you to join with me to try and find my son, last heard of at Elm Springs, Ark. Left there in June, 1913. Name, Ben H. Watts, aged 22, about 5 feet 7 inches. Anyone locating him let me know at Hodgen, Okla., box 15—H. Clay Watts.

Any Christian worker that would like a box of Gospel papers and tracts for distribution among the soldiers, or wherever they may be placed to advantage, will please notify me. The transportation on box to be paid by the one receiving it.—Leila M. Conway, Hurlock, Maryland.

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We should be glad to hear from a stenographer who would be willing to come and help us in the publication of the Evangel, correspondence and other work.

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Pastor Thos. J. O'Neal has resigned his pastorate at Pawhuska, Okla., to enter the evangelistic field. He desires especially to work in the South. Anyone desiring his services may address him at Box 733, Pawhuska, Okla.

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REVIVAL IN TORONTO, CANADA.

When Bro. Andrew Urshan was at the point of death in Urmia, Persia, the Lord showed him that he was not going

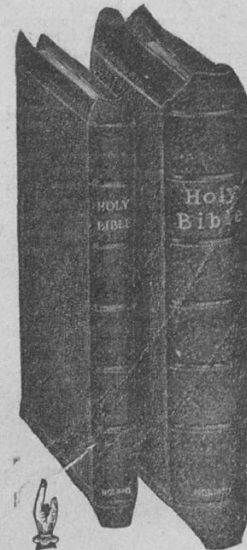
to die, but that He yet had a ministry for him in one or two places. He promised him a revival in Toronto which would be very far reaching in its character.

During the past two months, Heavensent Revival has come to Toronto. What a great delight it was to spend three days recently at a place where God was answering the prayer for "rain in the time of the latter rain." What blessed joyful meetings they were! How happy the new converts and the newly baptized! What crowds thronged the prayer room! How wonderfully present was the Lord to heal! Among the many healings, there have been two cases of cancer healed. How I wished I could get hundreds of Pentecostal saints who are somewhat discouraged in their labors, to come under those refreshing showers and receive a renewing from above.

But may we not expect such showers of refreshing in other places? We believe that such revivals will come to every point where importunate prayers go up to God for rain in the time of the latter rain. Are not all the resources of heaven available for the man or woman or company of saints who pray? And are there any limits to the blessings that will come to those who do not limit the Holy One of Israel in their expectations?—Stanley H. Frodsham.

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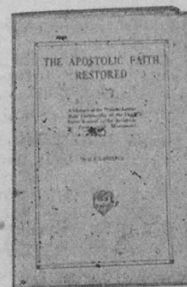
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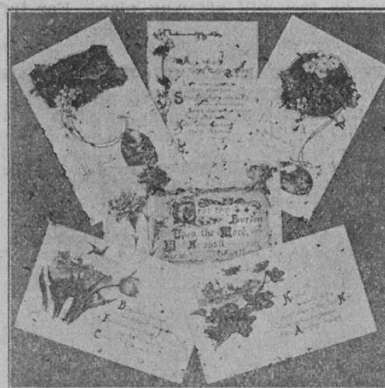
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