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OR THE BRIDEGROOM AND THE BRIDE

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Read the 6th verse of the second chapter—His left hand is under my head and his right hand doth embrace me. It is well to see to it that His hand is under our head and not over it. It is a fearful thing to have the hand of God over our head, for it will descend in judgment some day.

These are the words of the Bride. But I understand in the seventh verse that the Bridegroom is speaking, although it would not seem to be so from the rendering we have here-I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up nor wake my love till he please. The revised version has it "until it please." Another version renders it "until she please," and I am inclined to believe that this is a more correct rendering. There are always plenty of folk, many of them believers, but living on a lower plane of grace, who have but little appreciation for this life which is presented to us in the Song of songs. There are always plenty of believers who are more concerned about doing, about working than they are about waiting; but we will do well if we see to it that God has His time with us before we go out to give our

Now you see the Bridegroom has succeeded in bringing the Bride into a place of rest and quiet, and for fear these busy workers who are not able to appreciate this life of waiting on God, should seek to disturb the Bride and cause her to hurry out of that waiting attitude before the Lord is through with her, He turns and says to them, "Now you please leave my Bride alone, for I get a great deal more satisfaction out of having her wait on me than I do out of all this work you are doing." Some folk charge the Pentecostal people with being such an inactive crowd. Why this waste of time? It is pure selfishness on our part they say, to spend so much time in prayer and waiting and Why aren't we doing some-Why the fact is, beloved, the folk who are doing the most are these very people. There is no doubt about it. The most active people and the people who are bearing the richest harvest for the King are the folk who have received the outpouring of the Spirit and learned the blessedness of waiting on

God. They have discovered that more things are wrought through prayer than by all this fleshly activity on the part of believers on a lower plane of grace. So if you are tempted at times when you are alone waiting on God and you hear a voice urging you to get up and do something, if you are tempted to feel that you ought to be doing what other folk are doing, will you please just remember that your Bridegroom is much more concerned about your waiting upon Him and satisfying His heart than He is about your going around working in your own energy.

The voice of my Beloved. It now appears as if He were on the outside. She hears His voice. You say, "Is there anything deeper than the Banqueting House experience?" Beloved, is there anything deeper in the natural than the honeymoon experience? Of course there is. There is the life of settling down to domestic responsibilities. It need not and ought not to decrease our happiness or our love for one another, but it is an entirely different life from our honeymoon days. And for fear the Bride will become too much taken up with this honeymoon experience, this banqueting house life; for fear the Bride will become too much taken up with experiences rather than with Himself. He calls her to an advance step.

The voice of my Beloved. Have you learned to know His voice? There are so many voices in these days and I fear that a good many folk have been fooled. It is just wonderful with what angelic tones some of Satan's agents can speak. A great many people are being tremendously deceived these days and some good folk too. You say, "Have you anything in Scripture for that?" I would like to call your attention just at this point to something we discovered in our study of the Book of Job some time ago. I cannot take you through the first chapters to bring you to the point which I wish to reach, but you remember the story. First, a scene on earth-Job, prosperous prince, looked up to by all the people around about him. Then, secondly, a scene in heaven -Satan appearing in the presence of God. And when God asked him where he had come from he said, "I have just been moving about the earth. I have been going in a careful, scrutinizing way

to and fro on the earth." And the Lord said, "Did you learn to know Job?" And then He gave His testimony concerning Job. Then Satan threw out a challenge to God and God accepted the challenge.

So He turned Satan loose on Job who knew nothing about it other than that he began to feel these judgments coming upon him. You remember how rapidly things developed until in a short time Job, the once wealthy prince, was sitting out on an ash pile and was so covered with sores he was scraping himself with a potsherd. Then Sister Job came. She had stood the tests well up to this point, a great deal better I venture to say than some Pentecostal folk would have. She had seen her property swept away, every son and daughter swept away, and not a word of murmur or complaint. when she saw the man of her choice sitting on an ash pile, this was too much for her and she said, "Job, you are not going to try to retain your integrity any longer. If I were you I would say something against God and die." It was the devil back of her of course, and it is the devil back of anybody who feels like saying something against God.

But Job said, "I cannot do that. I recognize God to be the great divine Censor who censures everything before it passes on to me, and while I cannot understand these things that are coming, I recognize that God censored them before He allowed them to come, consequently I receive them as from Him and say "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Then of all the friends he had known and who had feasted at his table, there were only three who came to comfort him. Well, they proved to be miserable comforters. They decided because it was according to their belief and their philosophy that these things had come upon Job because of sin, and they began to tell him of this. Eliphaz presented his side of the argument and he noticed it was not appealing to Job because Job knew he was clear with God. And then in order to add weight to his argument he told Job of a vision he had. He said. "One night in the middle of the night, I suddenly realized that I was in the presence of an unseen person. My hair stood up on end; my bones began to

shake and I was all in a tremble. And Job, that spirit I got into communication with, do you know, that spirit told me just exactly the same thing as I believe. What he told me was in full accord and in perfect harmony with my philosophy and I am sure now that it must be right."

But I just want to call your attention to this fact—he went on to relate the communication he had from the spirit, and twice during the few paragraphs which follow, he contradicts the Word. He lets the cat out of the bag and proves he has been in communion with an evil spirit. He was a good man too but somehow failed to discern this spirit. He believed it to be from God when it was not. But thank God! we can learn to know His voice so we will not be deceived. No matter how angelic these voices may appear, there is no need for being deceived. We can know the truth. The voice of my beloved.

Behold he cometh! Now you see we have come to a subject in itself. I must not enter into it very fully but I feel like saying that we are not surprised to discover this wonderful thought of the coming of the Bridegroom in the Song of songs; in this message which is the peculiar property of the Bride. Behold he cometh! De you believe it? Has it become a living experience to you? Are you waiting for Him?

"So I am waiting quietly every day.
When the sun is shining brightly
I rise and say

'Surely it is the bright shining of His face

Beyond the sea;

For I know He cometh shortly

To summon me'

And when a shadow falls across the window

Of my room

Where I work at my appointed task, I lift my head to watch the door, and ask If He has come.

And the angel answers softly

In my home

'Only a few more shadows

And He will come'."

He is coming. The world does not want Him. The apostate church refuses to believe that He will come, but He is coming. He said He would return. You are familiar with those words in John "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. to prepare a place for you—and if I go I will come again." You are familiar with the words of the two who tarried behind, two of that great escort who had come down to accompany the Lord back to glory. They tarried behind to encourage the apostles as they gazed after their ascending Lord. "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go." And then again, "The Lord, himself, shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

(To be continued.)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In The Word

By C. R. Dobson and Kelly Campbell.

Some hold that tithes commenced with the law of Moses and were dis-annulled at the cross, and that therefore Christians are under no obligation now to pay tithes to support the gospel.

But tithes did not begin with Moses, and so do not end at the Cross. The prophet shows both Tithes and Offerings should be given (Mal. 3:8). Tithes were in force with Abram before Moses. Melchizedek met and blessed Abram, and Abram gave him a tenth or tithe of all (Gen. 14:18-20). So God through His High Priest approved of tithes being given to His servants long before Moses. Christ is our Melchizedek, the true King of Righteousness, our High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek (Heb. 3:1; 4:14; all of chapter 5; also 6:20 and 7:1-4. Notice verse 3 with John 8:56 with Gen. 14:18-20). How much more is Christ our High Priest worthy of tithes for the spread of His gospel?

Abram was under Promise (Gen. 13: 14-18), and being under Promise was also under Faith (Heb. 11:8-10), and the Promise which was according to Faith Paul says the law cannot disannul (Gal. 3:17-18), and through faith we

are the children of Abraham (Gal. 3:29; Rom. 4:11-16) by the free woman (Gal. 4:28-31). We belong to Christ, and Christ is the seed of Abraham (Gal. 3:29). We are under the promise (Gal. 4:28), and under Faith (Rom. 4:16). Now Abraham was a Prophet and paid tithes because God revealed to him that it was His will.

Evidently, tithes were taught by Abraham to Isaac, and by Isaac to Jacob, a grandson of Abraham. Jacob knew that he ought to pay tithes, and so when God revealed Himself by the angel ladder to him and he set out in earnest to serve God he said, "Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the Tenth unto Thee" (Gen. 28:30-22). He would not have known anything about it being pleasing to the Lord, had not God taught it thus through his forefathers. This was not under the law of Moses, and Moses never started tithes nor did Christ stop them. The tithe stands in the Word of God until repealed. No man can show where either Christ or the Apostles said tithes were repealed. Even the ceremonial law had to be fulfilled in Christ before it ceased. Christ in no sense has taken away our duty to give to the support of the gospel.

True the tithe was later incorporated in the law at the command of the Lord (Lev. 27:34). Notice that we have here also together both Tithes and Offerings (Lev. 27:26-33). The firstlings (firstborn) of the flocks were an offering to the Lord (v. 26), and besides these offerings a Tithe of the increase from the land (30) and a Tithe of the increase of the flocks belonged to God (32). But the law originated two additional tithes. one for the Annual Feasts (Deut. 14:22-26) and another for the Poor (Deut. 14:28-29).

Here is where a lot of people fall down on the tithe question. They do not note that these last two only originated with the law, and hence these two only would end with the law. It is only the former tithe which began under promise and faith with Abram and which was designated especially for the Levites and Priests (Num. 18:21-24; Neh. 10:37-38; 12:44) who ministered wholly to the Lord, which does not depend on the law of Moses for its existence nor its Continuance. No intelligent advocate of tithes today asks the saints for these two extra tithes which originated with the law and which were not solely for the Priests; but we ask for ministers only that which is solely for ministers and which did not originate with Moses.

The servants of God now, which correspond to the Priests and Levites, are the ministers of Christ who give themselves wholly to the ministry of the Lord as these did. They are called according to His purpose (Rom. 8:28) and give themselves to His service (Eph. 4:11-13). Paul says that just as those who tended a flock partook of the milk of the flock, and as those who ministered at the altar in the temple shared with the altar, that "even so the Lord hath ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14), read 9:7-14. Note that Paul even guotes the Law with approval as the will of God on this matter. Paul says even the law was spiritual, and all right if a man use it lawfully or apply it right.

No one has heard tell of the prophets being yet out of date. God through the prophet Malachi rebukes the people as Robbers of God for not bringing in all their tithes (Mal. 3:7-10), and no doubt many are today "robbing God" of His just dues in tithes and offerings just as they did. Right in this connection (3:7) God says, "For I am the Lord, I change not." Some seem to think God has changed, though He declares He has not. No sir! God noted then that some spoke "stout words" against Him, that they thought there was little profit in serving Him, yet they declare they have mourned before Him. Mourning is not enough, God demands obedience under the gospel as much as under the law. Then those that "feared the Lord," that obeyed Him, cried out to God, and the Lord "hearkened and heard." The Lord declares of them, "They shall be mine in the day when I make up my jewels," and that then people shall see the difference "between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not." This is a prophecy of this age of those who have obeyed God (Acts 5:32), are under the blood and filled with the Spirit and who will be caught up to meet Jesus in the air (1 Thes. 4:16-17). God not only wants the tithes and offerings brought into His storehouse or treasury, but also that our very bodies be given unto the Lord (Rom. 12:1-2). We are bought with a price, and owe all to Him. We only recognize His ownership of all when we give Him ten per cent of the increase He sends us. The ministers should pay tithes as well as others (Neh. 10:38).

In Matt. 23:23 Jesus rebukes the Pharisees not for paying tithes, but for leaving out faith, judgment and mercy while paying tithes. He said, "These ye ought to have done (ought to pay tithes) and not to have left the other (mercy and faith) undone." Without faith it is impossible to please God. It is the great indispensible. If we give all our goods and our body to be burned and have not the love of God in our hearts through faith and grace it will not take us to heaven. But because Christ is the only way of salvation is no reason why a Christian should be stingy, and not love God's cause enough to pay tithes. Paul, teaching on this systematic giving, directs the Corinthians thus: "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him" (1 Cor. 16:2). How can a man give in proportion to his means, to his prosperity as here directed, without taking some per cent as the basis? God has said ten per cent, and no man can show under either law or grace where a less amount has ever been commanded. Tithing will enable any and every saint to obey this injunction, and each to give the same per cent. When you depart from God's rule then every man becomes a law unto himself and there is no agreement, and no equal sharing in the support of the gospel. Every honest man konws this

So tithes began under the Promise and with Abraham of whom Paul says God "preached before the gospel under Abraham" (Gal. 3:8) and he was justified by faith. "Therefore it is of faith that it might be by grace" (Rom. 4:16). This shows that whatever is under Faith is also under Grace. Hence it has come down to our day in the Word, and Tithes and Offerings is the standard of duty today for all of God's saints.

Don't suppose, as some do, that we are making law a condition of salvation. A man is justified from his sins solely upon repentance and faith in Christ. Salvation comes wholly of grace, and not by works, not by any amount of giving. Not even all and our body on top of it can purchase salvation. It is the free gift of God through Christ to lost men. So when we talk of the duty of paying tithes and giving offerings, we are talking to those alone who are already saved, about the duty of the Christians under grace, and we are making no effort to change the way of salvation through Christ only. The fact that Christ is our righteousness, and that we are not under law for salvation has nothing

to do whatever in lowering the Bible standard of Christian giving. Many know it rather heightens it, and so often joyfully give 15 or 20 percent—do this voluntarily, and not because required. A faithful saint loves to do more than required of him as Paul did (1 Cor. 9: 16-18).

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST According To Acts 2:4 Some Objections Answered

First, it is objected that the plainly stated and implied conclusions in the Acts are insufficient. That Paul's question "Do all speak with tongues" (I Cor. 12:30) is conclusive proof that all shall not.

But does he not also ask, "Are all prophets?" Yet he says, "Ye may all prophesy one by one" 1 Cor. 14:31. Assuredly they were not all set in the office of prophet, yet they could all prophesy through the ministry of the Divine Spirit that was upon them all "speaking unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort," 1 Cor. 14:3. Yet all did not have the gift of prophecy, all were not prophets. May we not say as much of the other question? Although not all specially gifted above others, yet may they not all speak in tongues as they did at Jerusalem, Caesarea and Ephesus, without doing violence to Paul's question here? Yea, may they not continue to do so through the operation of the Divine Spirit, for their own edification and under certain conditions for the edification of the church? 1 Cor. 14:4-5. If Paul knew by Divine revelation that God did not want them all to speak in tongues, why did he wish them all to do so? He says, "I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye (all) prophesied." We must interpret the apostles language here so as to make him consistent with himself.

Another common objection is that this teaching hinders faith, and that faith is the evidence. There is a truth here; but it can be carried too far. Let us see. James taught that living faith is distinguished by works from dead faith; or living faith produces certain results and activities. Faith rests on the Word of God. The only way to determine whether or not your faith is up to God's standard, is whether or not it produces Bible results. For example, one may say, I accept Christ by faith as my Saviour. Now that is a proper statement, but unless Bible results follow, your faith is dead. Look around and find what is in the way of active, living faith that brings Bible joy and peace into the soul. Claiming faith and having faith are entirely different. Again I may say I take healing by faith. Well, that is the way to take it, but the genuineness of my faith is attested by whether or not I am healed. We see in the Bible the results of real faith in Christ as healer, and we hold on until those results are manifested. Is it then wrong in this important matter of the Baptism to expect that our faith shall make possible Bible results? They had faith at Jerusalem, but their faith brought about certain tangible results that stirred up those who had no faith. They had faith at Caesarea, but their faith was followed by uniform results; and as we go through the Bible record we find uniform results are plainly stated or clearly implied in all who truly believe.

How then are we to keep our raitn from wavering, unless we can point to Bible precedent, and rest there? That God has given it to me as He did to the Jews or to Gentiles in New Testament days? Is not His Word the standard, rather than the scanty experiences of a half dead, and half backslidden, lukewarm, modern church? Suppose I try to comfort some one "concerning his faith" who says to me "I think I have the Baptism, I had such wonderful joy, such a clear sense of faith for it; don't you think I received it?" "Yes, I hope you did." "But doesn't the Bible say anything about being "sure of. it, because of the great blessing received?" "Well, no." "But is there not some instance where somebody just 'claimed it by faith?'" "I think not." True faith is the main thing after all, but in an effort to establish faith I have knocked out the foundation upon which it rests; and the first time my candidate gets where there is the real, rapturous, breaking through to the Bible results of the Baptism, his supposed faith is all gone, and he cries for God to give it to him "As He did in the beginning." God does it, and then he knows for himself he has it. Hallelujah! There is a definiteness here, there is a glory, a heavenly state of ecstacy, a knowledge that is absolute, that you cannot have otherwise. Unscriptural methods of rushing candidates through is responsible in some instances, for superficial work. But, thank God, there is for us today a full Pentecostal experience, with clear-cut Pentecostal results, one hundred per cent super-natural. Hallelujah! Therefore let us tarry "until we are endued with power from on high," and go forth unto the uttermost parts of the earth with a burning testimony of our living, soon coming Lord. We have no time for dogmatic radicalism on the one hand. nor weak-kneed uncertainty on the other.

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A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE LOOKING UP.

Partakers together with Christ of His glory! You cannot understand that. You can never realize what that means fully down here. But in the meantime you have realized in measure what it means to be partakers of His rejection, of His shame, and of misunderstanding.

Does the world welcome you? We are made as the filth of this world and are counted as the offscouring of all things unto this day. Offscouring! The rejected, the offal of the world! A dumping ground for refuse is not an attractive place. The world does not build its beautiful residences to overlook dumping grounds. The filth of the world and the offscouring!

And those very people who are counted such are to be partakers of the glory of Christ. What is it like? Peter, James and John saw a fraction of His glory. But the major part of the glory of God was hidden by the cloud. A bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud! The cloud had to hide the glory of God and the voice came through it. There is a cloud over the glory now, but the Word speaks from out the cloud. What does it say? "It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him." "The glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them."

God is the source of glory. Christ is the Receiver and Distributer. "The glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them." There was no cloud between Christ and God, and there will be no cloud between Christ and His people one day. Christ is the Daysman between God and yourself for glory as well as for pardon.

"The glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them." The spoken word makes the unseen, the unrealized, an assured fact. "The glory.....I have given them." That was said before the crucifixion. Did Peter look like it when he was denying Christ before a maid? Did it look as if he had the glory then and there?

But listen to Peter later on. "I.....a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed" (1 Peter 5:1). And if you

had seen Peter when he wrote those words, you would not hove recognized it. Yet it actually abode upon him. The same apostle wrote, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you." Every saint has in him and upon him the potentialities of glory.

"The glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them," Christ said. And the inspired word says, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you." But where is this glory? In earthen vessels. A diamond encased with earth looks hardly any different to an ordinary pebble. But oh the difference when tested, when treated, when the outer covering is removed! When the thin covering is removed from the rough diamond, it is then 100 per cent pure diamond. And we know that if our earthly tabernacle is dissolved, the thin covering removed, we will be found to have 100 per cent

The diamond reflects the glory of the sun. The main purpose is to reflect the light of the sun, and a diamond is brilliant in proportion as it reflects the light of the sun. And Christ declares, "The glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them." The brilliance of the Sun of Righteousness will be reflected back as from the diamond, that in the ages to come might be shown the excellencies of His glory shining forth in those who trusted in Christ.

Partakers of His glory! Yes, the saints will be distributers of the glory. It doth not appear what we shall be! This not only refers to our nature but what we shall be for Him. Kings and priests unto God!

The High Priest was a blaze of glory when attending unto the altar, wearing on his breastplate twelve precious stones, all showing the perfection in the different realms of the mineral kingdom. We shall be glorified priests like unto our High Priest, and will have all the glories typified in those twelve stones blazing forth in the sanctuary of God.

The stones on the breastplate of the High Priest were engraved with the names of the people upon them. The priests had to do with the people. And the saints are to judge the world. They are to be priests also for God. The realm, the extent, the nature of this wonderful priesthood is remote from human ken. They are to reign with Him for ever and ever. Ceaseless, brilliant activity.

Solomon and his kindom had a brilliancy to which nothing could be compared. But the lily excelled Solomon, and so the saint in proportion will excel both Solomon and the lily. And how brought about? By the truth, the eternal fact that Christ is in you, the hope of glory. Christ and glory inseparable!

What shall a man give in exchange for his soul? If he gain the whole world, it won't profit, it won't turn the scale. And so the glories of this world don't turn the scale, don't profit, compared with the eternal glory of the eternal God purchased by the eternal Son, conveyed and made nigh by the eternal Spirit.

It doth not appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him. The "shall be" is as certain and as sure as God is.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AND GENERAL COUNCIL.

We are looking forward to meeting you at the Stone Church, Chicago, Sept. 23rd, when the Missionary Conference opens, and hope you will be able to stay right through the Council meeting that will follow. Pray much for God's blessing on these meetings.

ROBED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.

A Christian gentleman was interested in the salvation of the widow of one of his deceased friends. He prayed for her several years and often conversed with her. But she finally refused to allow him to speak to her on the subject. Then she moved away to a distance, and passed quite out of his mind, for awhile. But one night he was so burdened about her that he could not sleep, and rising very early in the morning he hastened to her distant home wondering what it As he entered the house the meant. servant told him she was dying, but wanted greatly to see him. He hastened to her bedside and to his surprise, her face was bright with holy joy, and she told him that she had that very day been strangely converted. The night before she had had a dream that her husband's God and Saviour had suddenly sent for her, and was waiting at the door. The messenger also said that she must hurry, as He had only a moment to wait. She tried to dress herself quickly, but her garment fell at her feet in a little heap of ashes. Again and again she tried to dress, but every dress melted away, and she still stood disrobed and ashamed. Suddenly the messenger came from the waiting chariot saying they could wait no longer, and she heard the door slam and the wheels roll away, and she was left in despair. Then a voice woke her from her dream exclaiming, "The only robe that will cover your soul and prepare you to meet your God is the righteousness of Jesus Christ." Instantly she sought and found the Saviour, and when the chariot did come she was ready .--Told by Dr. A. B. Simpson.

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Questions and Answers

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730. What is meant in the parable of the Laborers going into the Vineyard by the phrase, "They went their way" (Matt. 20:4)? Did they go into sin or into the Vineyard?

They went into the Vineyard as they were hired to do, as is shown by the fact that they were there at night to receive their pay.

731. Will you answer my question in the Evangel?

No, because you did not comply with the rule by giving your name and address. We never publish your name, but we do require all questions to be signed as an evidence of good faith and sincerity. All please take notice and comply with this request, otherwise we do not offer to answer your questions.

732. Will the General Council refuse to give preacher's Credentials to a man filled with the Holy Ghost who understands the Scriptures to teach that there is at present no lake of fire and brimstone and will not be until after the judgment? Do the wicked go at death into the lake of fire?

The General Council position is opposed to ministers splitting hairs and causing friction, confusion and division over such matters. Yours is purely a negative proposition. There is no message in such teaching to help or save anybody. Hence a man whose conduct and teaching tended to turn the minds of people away from the positive message of salvation and other great matters in the message for these last days and to cause people to go to squabbling over any negative or divisive proposition would be regarded as without a real positive call from God to preach the great and burning message for these last days. If these facts were known. the General Council would not likely take him up and approve of his conduct, but simply leave him alone with the Lord and pray for him.

If the man however did not try to make a message out of this negative matter, did not cause confusion over such things, did not hold to soul-sleeping and annihilation in the lake of fire at the judgment, then he would likely be approved, if shown to be a man called and approved of God.

The Council does not fuss over whether the lake of fire now exists or will start up after the final judgment. It does not teach that the wicked at death will be at once cast into the lake of fire. But it does hold they will be cast into such lake of fire at the great White Throne judgment and shall be punished forever and ever—not annihilated. Do you believe the Scripture teaches everlasting punishment to the wicked?

734. Do all saints go at death to their final reward in heaven or do they await the resurrection and the coming of the Lord for this?

They do not go to their final reward until the resurrection. But their spirits are not with their bones, not unconscious in the grave. The Sadducees believed the spirits of the dead are not alive, but were in the grave. Jesus answered them thus: "Ye do err greatly, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God Have ye not read that which God spoke unto you, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living," (Matt. 22:29, 31, 32). Luke adds, "For all live unto Him," (20:38). Jesus said to the thief who repented on the cross, "Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise," (Lu. 23:43). Paradise is not the grave, but a place of joy and comfort. Moses, though he had died, appeared on the Mount of transfiguration and talked with Jesus. Lazarus after death is "now comforted" in Abraham's bosom, Lu. 16:25. All this shows they "all live unto God," that their spirits are conscious. Yet the bodies of all the saints are not yet raised and not yet united to their spirits, and they have not entered upon their final reward of reigning with Jesus. This comes at

Hades in the New Testament and Sheol in the Old are the same, the under world of the dead; not the same as Gehenna or the Lake or fire, the place of final punishment for the wicked Hades is now the abode of all the wicked dead, and Paradise is the abode of the saints. Neither have yet gone to their final reward.

735. Please explain 1 Cor. 15:29. Should we allow a brother to be baptized in behalf of a loved one who is dead? Our brethren said no. What do you say?

There is no such case on record in the Book where Christ or His apostles baptized a living person in the stead of one dead and buried, nor do they teach us anywhere to practice such a custom. The general teaching of the New Testament, which shows each person must repent and believe for himself, is directly against any proxy salvation and against the idea that water baptism without repentance would save a person. Hence I consider the brethren did right in refusing to start up a practice which is not taught in the Scriptures, and which would lead to an adulterated gospel.

All sinners are dead in trespasses and sins. When they accept Christ they agree to be identified with Him as dead and then with Him as alive from the dead. Hence these wing persons are baptized for the dead, their own dead selves, and raised up for themselves, the living.

736. When Jesus said, "Ye must be born of water and of the Spirit" did He

mere literal water?
Scholars are disagreed on this. The early and later church fathers held it referred to water baptism, and this was

the general interpretation until the day of the great theologian John Calvin. He said emphatically no. Since his day the world has been divided on it.

Even if it did refer to water, it would not teach water salvation, because the birth of the Spirit would have to accompany it. No passage says a birth of water alone would give entrance into the kingdom. Then Jesus does say simply "except a man be born again." In John 1:12, 13, it is said that they that "believe on His name were born of God." Again in 1 John 5:1. "Whosoever believeth is born of God." So repentance and faith are the necessary prerequisites to being born of the Spirit.

But in the early apostolic church there is not a single case on record of any person who truly believed and accepted Jesus as Lord that rejected water baptism. I believe if they had, the apostles would have declared they were in rebellion against the Lord and in the bonds of iniquity, and would not have accepted their profession as genuine. Every man who is saved ought to prove it by obedience to His Lord.

* 737. In an assembly that proposes to follow the Lord in every detail what is necessary, besides Acts 15:29, for those giving evidence of the new birth in being admitted? That is, should they be required not to touch wine or beer or to-bacco, etc?

The new birth is the fundamental prerequisite for the Church in recognizing one as a child of God. I believe as soon as they give genuine evidence of this, we should receive such (Rom. 14: But Acts 15:29 is not a complete standard for the church. Jesus told the apostles after making disciples of people to baptize them, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." We should seek to get every convert to go on with God unto perfection, to be separated from the world and worldly practice and be sanctified unto Christ, to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and then to walk on in the Spirit in all the clear and certain teaching of the New Testament. We should take care not to exalt every precept into an external legalistic rule. Let us observe them as a joyful privilege in the freedom and liberty of the Spirit. true convert has the proper teaching and proper Christian atmosphere, he will, as a rule, soon leave off all wine, beer, tobacco, and all such things. If he has the proper teaching, and does not he will backslide into positive sin by refusing to walk in the light.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The fourth Missionary Conference will be held at the Stone Church, Chicago, Sept. 23rd and 24th, 1919. To be followed by the SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING of the GENERAL COUNCIL of the ASSEMBLIES OF GOD commencing Sept. 25th and lasting as long as the Lord leads. We expect some good teaching and some rousing evangelistic meetings. Full announcements later.

God's Message to the Nations

A Prophecy Given to Miss M. McCarty.

PART III.

A vision in trance lasting 26 hours and 20 minutes, from 8:20 p.m. April 7th to 10:40 p.m. April 8th, 1919.

I found myself in the same beautiful garden as before, and saw the beautiful angel, who stood before me and said:—

"Arise, for the Lord, even Jesus, will speak through thee again, and what He sheweth thee and saith unto thee shall be for all people."

The angel lifted me up upon my feet and I went through space at a terrific rate, stood in the heavens and saw the Lord Jesus dressed in the blood-dyed raiment. His face was very stern, and below Him were millions of people who all appeared to be in an attitude of attention, as though they knew that He was there. Then He spoke to me, saying:—

"These are the visions of God, given unto thee from Jesus Christ, His Son, and He will show thee His truth, His love and His justice."

I heard a rushing sound as of a great whirlwind, and felt it envelop me. Then the Lord cried with a loud voice saying unto me:—

"I send thee unto the people of many nations, for they have transgressed against Me; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: Whether they Irear My Word or reject, they shall know that I have sent My Spirit among them to warn them by My prophet, for these are the latter days.

"Thou shalt speak unto them My Words. Man hath hitherto spoken his words, but now I will speak unto these abominable people. Fear not."

I had a book placed in my hands, but did not see who gave it to me. In the book I saw written:—

"Thus saith the Lord God: I have spoken unto thee these many times and ye will not hearken unto Me, for ye are a wayward people full of uncleanness. I am against thee and My fury will I shortly pour out upon thee, for ye have hearts that are full of wickedness and ye pass Me by and heed Me not. Think ye that I will bear thy sinfulness forever?

"Behold I, even I, whom ye reject, will pour out My fury upon thee. Mine eye shall not spare, for in that day ye shall remember that I spake unto thee.

"Ye have set yourselves on high and ye shall be brought low. Yea, ye shall be as ashes under the feet of My Saints; for when I would have poured out My Spirit upon you, ye would not hearken unto Me.

"Ye are blind, ye know not what to do. I will bring destruction upon thee and ye shall seek for peace, but find none.

"Ye shall cry unto the shepherds, but in that day they shall howl for mercy, for they know that they have neither obeyed My voice nor My word. I am against the shepherds, for they say and do not. Wherein have they obeyed My word? Wherewith have they fed My sheep? Not with My words, but with man's words!

"Yea, those who obey My word shall receive their rewards, for it is not hard to obey.

"But ye are a disobedient people, and I must bring My judgments upon thee, for without these ye cannot learn right-eousness.

"The vision which I have given thee is for a sign, a wonder and an as astonishment; for ye shall say among yourselves, Hath God's mercy changed from among us? Have we altogether lost favour with God? Will He not remember us in the day of His wrath? Shall we not continue a liftle longer in our own way? And ye shall remember My words which I spake unto thee.

"Yea, ye have lifted yourselves up against Me. Woe, woe, woe be unto thee, for ye know not what is coming upon thee for ye will not hearken unto Me.

"Come unto Me while I may be found, and ye shall find rest and quietness, for I have loved thee. Yea, I will pour out My Spirit upon thee, and ye shall know of a surety that My word is truth."

The vision changed and I saw a great company of people of all nationalities. The Lord said:—

"Speak unto these people and say: Thus saith the Lord: Repent ye; put away from thee thine idols which thou hast made, for they are not gods. For I am God, and beside Me there is none other.

"Call unto Me with all thine heart, that I may hear thy cry and be merciful unto thee.

"Thou must run the way of My commandments and not man's way. I am very wrathful, for man has changed My word into his word, and hath added unto it comforting words that My people should be deceived.

"Watch ye always and pray, and I will teach thee.

"Many among ye shall say: We must not obey these words, for the Lord hath said them not; for He would not speak thus unto us, for He loves His people and will not deal thus with us.

"Behold, verily I say unto thee that these are My words and that they are truth, for the seal of My blood is put thereon, and no man can escape My fury when My judgments are upon the earth.

"Have I not spoken unto thee by My prophets of old, and was not My word fulfilled? If I speak unto thee through a weaker vessel, shall not My word be true?

"Ye obey men of understanding, and say among yourselves that these are

they who shall rule over us and teach us; but I say unto thee that they of no understanding shall teach thee, that ye may know that I, the Lord, speak unto thee."

Then I heard the sound of a great battle, and looking downwards I could see men and women falling dead, slaying and being slain. I cried unto the Lord, saying:—

"Oh, Lord God, stay Thine hand yet a little longer, for this is a great slaughter;"

but the Lord answered me:-

"Remember My word which I spake unto thee."

Then I saw millions of people living their ordinary lives, but soon I heard a voice saying:—

"The time is come, for these people will not obey My word."

I saw the people looking very troubled, for in the fields there was nothing but barrenness. The cattle and the people were dying for lack of food, and wild beasts were tearing them to pieces and devouring them. The faces of the people were like charred wood, and they cried unto God:—

"Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us for we have sinned."

But I heard a voice saying unto me:—
"Remember My word, for these are
they who have rejected Me, therefore
they must learn righteousness."

Again I saw the multitude of people and great troubles came upon them, including sores, boils and many diseases. I saw wild beasts come upon the people and eat them up. I also saw serpents biting the people and causing them to die, and there was great lamentation. Again they cried unto God:—

"Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, for we have sinned."

I thought my heart would break, but I was powerless to speak. I heard a great thundering, and then a loud voice saving:—

"This is to show thee that My word is true which ye have rejected and which men will not obey. Nevertheless, I the Lord have shown it unto thee.

"Yea, I love thee. Yea, I mourn over thee as a mother over her son. Come ye unto Me, for I will teach thee and ye shall be My people.

"For thou seest that these are the days in which the Son of Man shall come. They shall be as the days of Noah. Were they not drunken with the sins and pleasures of the world as ye see them now?

"Turn unto Me, that ye may be found in My Spirit when I pour out My Father's judgments upon the earth, for ye know not the day nor the hour when the Son of Man shall come.

"Therefore ye must be obedient, else how canst thou be ready at My coming?"

PART IV.

A vision in trance lasting 14 hours 25 minutes, from 12:15 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. April 10th, 1919.

I saw the life of Jesus Christ from His babyhood to His ascension. Then I saw a beautiful white cloud and the Lord Jesus standing upon it with His hands outstretched, saying as in Mark 16:15-18:—

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but He that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: in My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover"

I saw those people, who had been standing under the cloud while the Lord was talking to them, go out into the streets and begin to preach to the people. They told them to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ with all their hearts, to repent and to be baptized; that then they should be saved and receive power from Him to cast out devils, to speak in new tongues, to prophesy, to take up serpents, to lay hands on the sick for their recovery, and that if they drank any deadly thing it should not hurt them.

Then I saw a river with high banks, and many people were baptized in this river, just as they were, in their clothes. Then I saw a room with a company of people in it; some of them I had seen beneath the Lord when He spoke to them from the cloud, while others were their converts whom I had seen baptized. All were praying at once, independently, and calling to the Lord to pour out His Spirit upon them.

Then suddenly I heard and felt a great wind, and immediately I saw a sheet of fire, which divided into tongues of flame, each about a yard long, and lighted upon the head of each person. Immediately the fire fell they began to praise God in different languages (Acts 2:1-4, 15-18), and I with them. Then all appeared to be very happy and excited, and they staggered about the room, filled with the Holy Ghost, praising the Lord, simultaneously, yet independently.

Then I saw the Lord Jesus standing in the heavens and a great multitude of people of all nations appeared on the earth below Him. In a very loud voice, He said:— .

"I have called unto thee and ye would not answer Me. I have poured out-My Spirit upon thee and ye will not receive, therefore I know thee not. Turn unto Me while I may be found, for My coming draweth nigh."

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"I CANNOT GO WITH THESE."

A. W. Orwig.

Defeat, more or less disastrous, usually results from inadequate preparation or wrong equipment in the various vocations of life. The youthful, gallant David realized this when contemplating meeting the giant Goliath in mortal And therefore he wisely rejected the untried and cumbersome armor or equipment offered by King Saul. Concerning the "helmet of brass," "a coat of mail" and a huge "sword" the courageous hero declared, "I cannot go with these." And then, selecting the equipment he had "proved", he fearlessly goes forth to meet the boastful, blasphemous monster, and is gloriously victorious.

But let us not fail to notice another most important part of David's equipment. Indeed it was the chief one. It was faith in God. To the defiant, merely humanly-armed Philistine he said, "I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts." And he also declared, "This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand." And still again he says, "For the battle is the Lord's." And all know how quickly and ignominously the huge idol of the Philistines went down in death.

Dearly beloved, should not we. who profess to be engaged in the Lord's battle, or in His holy service, deeply lay to heart whence comes our true Of course we have read and help? heard about it time and again, and realized it when failure has overtaken us. It seems, however, that some persons will not permanently profit by humiliating defeat. They still measurably trust in their own armor. They rely upon their natural talents, their learning or something merely human. Oh, that they might heartily and in faith declare, "I cannot go with these." That is, not depending upon them apart from God. Of course human qualifications are not to be despised. If truly consecrated to the Lord, they will be all the more effectual. David's sling and the small stones seemed quite insignificant. but they proved to be just the equipment for him, and looking to God for success he got it. Whatever our own abilities, be they great or meager, let us be sure to depend upon God for victory

The sacred Scriptures abound in statements as to our utter helplessness in God's work when our own efforts are not accompanied by His blessing. said, "Without me ye can do nothing." The Psalmist declared, "Through Goo we shall do valiantly." And we have this significant passage, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Verily "our suf-ficiency is of God." But we are sometimes apt to overlook the fact. the sinless and mighty Jesus declared that "the Spirit of the Lord" was "upon" Him as a preacher. And we also read that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power." His humanity needed this, notwithstanding He was divine. The same anointing is for all who would be successful in God's vineyard, whether preachers or others.

Some, having a college and theological equipment, are too prone to conclude, "I can go with these", feeling assured of success. But that armor alone is inadequate. They need "the whole armor of God". Nothing whatever can be substituted for a pure heart and the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Secure the highest order of human equipment possible, but see that it be supplemented, or even preceded, with "power from on high."

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ELOHIM, GOD'S NAME.

("Tell me, I pray Thee, Thy Name," Gen. 32:29.)

Sacred as are the associations of the English name "God" to the believer, when we inquire into its origin, we find it is merely a substitute which the translators have given us for the original Hebrew name, "Elohim" and not a translation of the meaning of Elohim. While the English name, God, has become very precious to us, and we would not rob it of any of the sweetness of its associations, yet we should be willing to go behind it to the sacred, original name, which having been received through Divine inspiration, must be of special importance and worthy of our most reverent consideration.

The term "God" is derived from the Teutonic languages and has been used as the name of the true Deity, only since the conversion of the Teutons, while we know that He, for Whom it stands, announced Himself in Hebrew six thousand years ago.

The name "God" is limited to no one meaning, and signifies to each of us only so much as our personal revelation of the true God embraces. The name "Elohim" contains a revelation in itself. In fact, it is through the Names, announced in an ordered progression in Genesis and restated and emphasized all through the Old ond New Testaments, that the Divine nature or character has been revealed.

Derivation and Meaning.

Elohim is formed from "El," signifying Power and Might, and in this sense is fitly used in the first chapter of Genesis in the account of creation. In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heaven and the earth." It is also formed from "Alah," to swear, to bind oneself by an oath. Omnipotence and the covenant oath are so linked in this name as to give to the trusting heart an unshakable ground of confidence. Therefore the Psalmist says: "They that know Thy Name will put their trust in Thee." How real and precious the significance of this name must have been to Abraham, is expressed in the words. "Being fully persuaded that what He had promised (Alah) He was able (E1) also to perform." Moreover, the name Elohim is a plural noun, used of two or more, proving that it was the Three Persons of the Trinity Who thus announced Themselves in this, the very beginning of Divine revelation to man.

Andrew Jukes says: "This same mystery, though hidden from an English reader, comes out again and again, in many other texts of the Hebrew Scriptures. For, 'Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth,' is literally, 'Remember thy Creators' (Eccl. 12:1). Again, 'None saith, Where is God, my Maker?' is in the Hebrew, 'Elohim, my Makers' (Job 35:10). So again, 'Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him' is in the Hebrew, 'in his Makers' (Psa. 149:2). So again, where the prophet says 'thy Maker is thy husband and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,'

the Hebrew has 'Makers,' 'Husbands,' 'Redeemers' and the 'Holy Ones.'"

These plural forms, together with Gen. 1:26, "And Elohim said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness," prove the co-operation of the Three Persons of the Trinity in the work of creation and also of redemption. Many other passages in the English translation, disclose the relation and the operation of each of the Three.

Creation, the Work of Three Divine Persons.

Heb. 1:2, 10 shows the Son as the Executive in the work of creation, the Word speaking the Father's omnipotent commands: God (the Father) hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by Whom also He made the worlds. Unto the Son He saith, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Thine hands."

Here are both the Father and the Son, working together.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not," John 1:1-3, 10. Here is the Son.

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created," Rev. 4:11.

"His dear Son....Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature; for by Him were all things created, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him," Col. 1:15, 16. Here the Creator is called "His dear Son."

That the agency of the Spirit was employed by the Son in creating is directly asserted: "The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters," Gen. 1:2. "By His Spirit He hath garnished the heavens," Job 26:13.

Redemption, the Work of Three Divine Persons.

The co-operation of the Three Persons of the Trinity in the work of grace is clearly revealed in Scripture:

"There is one Spirit....; one Lord, one God and Father of all, Who is above all and through all, and in you all," Eph. 4:5.6.

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ," 1 Pet. 1:2.

"Through Him (the Son) we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. In Whom (Christ) ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit," Eph. 2:18, 22.

"Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit," I Pet. 3:18.

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him," Eph. 1:17

"If the Spirit of Him (the Father) that raised up Christ from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you," Rom. 8:11.

"The Lord (Spirit) direct your heart into the love of God (Father) and into the patient waiting for Christ (Son)" 2 Thess, 3:5.

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Heb. 9:14.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all," 2 Cor. 13:14.

Andrew Murray in his book, "Holy in Christ," makes this clear distinction in the relations and operations of the Three Persons:

"We have God as the Unseen One, the Fountain of life; the Son as the Form or Image of God, the manifestation of the Unseen Life; and the Holy Spirit as the Power of that life proceeding from the Father and the Son, and working out the purpose of God's will in the church."

"The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the mystery of the Christian life. The Three are One and we need to enter ever more deeply into the truth that no one of the Three ever works separately or independently of the others. We have ever to bow our knees to the Father for Him to reveal Christ in us, from Him to establish us in Christ. And the Father does not this without the Spirit: so that we have to ask to be strengthened mightily by the Spirit that Christ may dwell in us. Christ gives the Spirit to them that believe and love and obey; the Spirit again gives Christ, formed within and dwelling in the heart. And so in each act of worship, and each step of growth and each blessed experience of grace, all the Three Persons are actively engaged."

Three in One and One in Three.

Another significant fact in regard to the name Elohim is, that though plural in form it is invariably connected with a singular verb, and when modified by an adjective, as "the living," "the righteous" or "the Most High God," the adjective also is singular, clearly indicating both the unity and the distinctness of the Three Persons of the Godhead.

All through the Scriptures, the two sides of this truth are brought out in marvelous harmony. "The One is ever Three and the Three are ever One." Isa. 6 with John 12:41 and Acts 28:25-27 present the Trinity in both aspects of the distinctness of Their personalities and the unity of Their being.

In Mark 12:29 we hear the Lord Jesus Himself witnessing to the one God as He quotes from the Law: "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel; The LORD our God (Elohim), the LORD is one!" (R. V.) And on the same occasion (v. 36) He witnesses also to the Three with the words: "David himself said by the Holy Ghost, 'The LORD (the Father) said to my Lord (the Son), Sit Thou on My right hand, till I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.' "

In these last days, when the Deity of Jesus, on the one hand, and the doctrine of the Holy Trinity on the other, are being assailed, we should meet the enemy with the Name, the mighty, Deitygiven Name "Elohim," and all others in the Word, by which He has revealed Himself as the Three-One, "God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!" God has many names, and none of these are obsolete. It takes them all to reveal Him, and no single name can alone ever do Him justice.

Hope G. Tiffany,

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MINISTERS.

For several years the annual minutes of the General Council have been delayed for several months, waiting for the annual ministerial list to be completed. To prevent this great delay, Chairman J. W. Welch was requested last year during the Council meeting to have his ministerial list ready this year to go in the Minutes before the next Council meet-

In order for him to do this, all ministers of the General Council were requested to renew their fellowship certificate this year on or before September the 1st. Please attend to this matter at once, or it will not be possible to print your name in the Annual Minutes to come out in the early part of October. You are requested, when asking for your new fellowship certificate, to send fifty cents to help in defraying the expenses of the General Council office. Address J. W. Welch, Chairman, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

WONDROUS LIFE IN HIM

I praise God for the freedom we have in the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the finished work on the cross of Calvary. Thanks to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost for the pure Word of God. We need not live poor weak lives under the power of Satan. By union with Jesus Christ we may drink in His health and resurrection power through the Holy Spirit. We can shout the victory over every demon and disease.

On October 14, 1917 the power of God struck me to the floor and for hours I was in the presence of the Lamb of God, the King of Kings and Lord of Blessing, honor and glory be Lords. unto Him who sitteth upon the Throne, who liveth forever and ever, revealed unto me by the baptism of the Holy Ghost with speaking in other languages according to God's word. After eight years of sickness in which many doctors failed, Jesus became my Healer. Today I am rejoicing in Him as my All in All. -Ida May Smith, Portland, Ore.

THE EFFECT OF THE SUN'S ECLIPSE ON THE HEATHEN.

Last Thursday, May 29th, was a great day with us here, in Liberia. Two astronomers had been at Cape Palmas for a month or so taking observations, and preparing for the total eclipse of the sun, which they said would take place about 1 P. M., May 29th. It was certainly an intensely interesting and a most glorious It made one think of Psa, 19:1-6, "The Heavens declare the Glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork.

Upon the natives, who knew nothing about the coming eclipse, it had a very different effect. Everywhere they were in great alarm and terror. And although the darkness lasted only six or seven minutes, they fell prostrate on their faces, and began calling on God for mercy.

Some thought that the Lord was coming for His people. One woman ran to the Mission house asking in great excitement if the missionaries were still there.

One of our missionaries writes us that their day school was quickly turned into a revival meeting, and that two of their boys became prostrate under the mighty Power of God. I have no doubt that many souls will be saved as a direct result of those few minutes of darkness.

Mrs. Perkins was having school when the eclipse came, but had to stop on account of the darkness. Then with smoked glasses we watched the glorious sight until it passed off and beautiful daylight came again.

Our chickens were taken by surprise too. Not having time to go to roost, they becrying and flying into the nearest trees.

What a day it will be for the saints, and for all creation, when our blessed Lord really does come. And according to events which are happening all over the world, it will surely not be long. Our hearts say "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."-John Perkins.

TAIANFU, SHANTUNG, CHINA.

We are now in the midst of pilgrim season and hundreds of poor lost souls are coming here to worship on the mountain. How I long to see a work established here that will show forth to these people the Lord Jesus as Saviour of the world.

One of our native christians is selling quite a number of Scripture portions, over 2,000 already this year. But what is this among so many? We praise God for what He has done and is doing here but He wants us to do more.

One day the Spirit's prayer through me was, "Send us five missionaries, five thousand dollars and one thousand children for the Home." I wonder if there are not some of God's children who are willing to help answer this prayer by giving some of their means to help carry on the work here? At the present rate of exchange \$3.00 a month will support a child in the Home. Just think what it will mean in eternity. child saved from sin and made a living stone in the temple of our God. If you could have seen some of the bright faces turned toward me as I preached some of the deeper truths to them yesterday in church surely you would be anxious to have part in this work. You can not all come and be missionaries but there are very few of you who cannot support a child and earnestly pray for the salvation of its soul.

How precious it was where we saw little John filled with the Spirit and praising God in English. He came to us a little fellow off of the street. He was almost naked and

sick. It was so cold and the poor little fellow's feet were swollen and cracked open. We anointed him and prayed for him, God healed him. Last year he was the only one in school who was perfect in all of his examinations. There are others just as precious in the sight of God but as yet they have not come in contact with Jesus. They are yet lost in darkness. God has opened the "Home of Onesiphorus" to be a lighthouse to just such as these who are lost in dark China. Will you help us to bring them in?-L. M. Anglin.

PANAMA, R. P.,

I have a good report to make of the growth of seed planted last winter in this city. At that time I preached on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit three times in one of the West Indian churches, and also had some afternoon tarrying meetings. Two or three received the Baptism at that time. But persecution soon broke out against the work and I turned to the field where I have ever since been working. But the Word was not sown in vain, praise the Lord, for the church in which I gave messages is now seeking the Baptism dead in earnest, and their good pastor has asked me to come to the new building they are soon to occupy and hold some more tarrying meetings. I will ask you to have special prayers for this pastor and his people .- J. R. Hurlburt.

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MISSIONARY NOTES.

From all parts of the earth we are hearing that our missionaries diligently observed June 13th as a day of prayer, and many of them had prayer conferences from June 10th to 13th. Bro. Gerard Bailly writes from Caracas, Venezuela, "June 13 was observed in several stations of our missions with much blessing. There was a special season during the day around the hour of fasting when Heaven and Throne glories were brought gloriously near, and the Spirit witnessed to our unity in the great realm of prayer with the great company of intercessors. It has further resulted in a spontaneous request on the part of the most zealous and spiritually minded of our native church in Caracas to establish such a day of fasting and united prayer monthlyin our Hebron Home Institute it has started a chain of prayer daily-a prayer room or watch tower has been set apart, and from six in the morning until about nine P. M. a succession of watchers and intercessors made up of students, workers and Hebron family sustain the hour watch. Prayer prevails.

Sister Violetta Schoonmaker writes from Navapur, India, "The famine relief work is going on nicely. The Lord has sent us beautiful cold water in our well. It is some forty-five feet deep in solid rock. It will be a great boon to the mission as heretofore all the water has had to be drawn a long distance. Have been helping the poor people with rice and am planning now to buy them some clothing. Yesterday afternoon we had a service in a near-by village which has suffered sorely during the past few months from influenza and cholera. At one time the dead were lying in the streets with no one to bury them. Now they say their village has "gone bad" and many are mov-They believe that some woman ing away. has invited the evil spirits to come and eat their flesh. If they can find the woman they will torture her to death. I told them the village had not "gone bad" but they themselves had "gone bad," and God was punishing them for their sins in turning away from Him and worshipping idols. We have a school in the same village but the children have not been coming lately because of the famine. The children had no clothes and no food. We promised to buy each child a garment and give them rice until harvest time. We have seven such schools among the villages. Pray for the children and for their teachers."

Bro. Frank Ortiz writes from Arecibo, Porto Rico, "We had a big fire here in Arecibo. About 600 houses were burned to ashes. I never saw a greater fire in my life. It seemed as if the whole city was going to be burned like Sodom. Several of the brethren lost their homes. On account of the poverty among the brethren we will have to close our mission hall and hold meetings in my small army tent, New doors are being opened up for the gospel and many souls have accepted the Lord of late."

Sister Bernice C. Lee writes from Chapra. 'The children He is sending from time to time are a real inspiration to us as we see what God can do in transforming their lives. To some it may not seem an important matter to see the children saved. but when one realizes what they are saved from in this heathen land, we know that it counts tremendously with God. We praise Him too for the older ones who, here and there, are being gathered in,—precious 'hand-picked' fruit. Will you please unite specially in prayer with us for a real outpouring of the Spirit upon the villages surrounding Uska Bazaar, as well as that place itself, where the seed has been so faithfully sown for a number of years. Precious results have been realized but our hearts burn and yearn to see 'much fruit' for Him."

Sister Willa Lowther writes from Sainam. S. China. "Up until high water came up a week ago we were having good times mong the women in Sainam. Recently when out with the Bible woman a very pretty young woman overtook us and asked us to visit their home and preach. They have a beautiful big home and we have been there several times since and preached to large crowds of the most refined women. Pray for them. It would be well for you dear ones to make Bro. Kelley a subject of prayer. The responsibility of the building, to-gether with a multitude of other responsibilities, is telling on him greatly. I wonder how he keeps going but God gives him just enough strength from day to day."

Mrs. H. L. Lawler reports from Shanghai, China, "In the last six weeks about fifteen young men have been blessedly saved and several of them are on fire for God." She writes of a season of blessing from June 10 to 13, when they united with other Pentecostal saints all over the world in special days of prayer. Concerning the meetings on those days, Sister Lawler says, "It would have done your heart good to have seen these dear Chinese gathering each day at the Mission for prayer and to have heard them as they filled the altar all crying to God out of hungry hearts. And how the dear Lord is blessing the girls' school which numbers 42 children. Some of these dear litle girls are very near the baptism."

Bro. A. H. Post writes from Alexandria, Egypt that the spiritual condition of the work in Egypt is good and they are following the World-wide Prayer Conference of June with further waiting fervently on God. He mentions that there is great need of a good Mission House at Alexandria costing from five to six thousand dollars, and there is also a need of a further house and mission station in the upper country of Egypt.

Bro. Lloyd G. Creamer of Tientsin, N. China writes, "Our hall is crowded and the best of interest is manifested. Most all the people who come to the meeting never listened to the gospel before. Last evening four men and five boys requested prayer. Pray for a real break in these meetings.

Mrs. Nettie Nichols of Ningpo, China writes that they have now a happy family of about sixty Chinese in their care. She reports that their family has quite outgrown their present quarters and they are asking the Lord for a better and more sanitary home.

Sister Pannie M. Van Dyke has arrived at Caracas, Venezuela, and writes enthusiastically of what she has already seen of the work there. "I do praise the Lord for sending me to this work, a real apostolic work founded by the Lord Himself. It is a privilege to be with veteran missionaries who have gone through and proved the Lord. It is a real inspiration to a new missionary to hear the story how the Lord nas provided step by step for this work, It is a monument to Him."

Sister Blanche Appleby of Lo Pau, S. China, writes concerning Bro. Kelley's home in Sainam, "Praise God for this miracle that has been wrought in the erection of this new Home. There are some payments to be met yet, and then the house will need some furnishings, but I believe God will supply. I wish that those who have more bedding and table linen than they can use before Jesus comes could donate them to this home, also rugs and other things."

Bro. G. Anderson sends a good report from Shanghai, China, "The dear Lord is blessing and saving souls. On May 31st nine were baptized in water, among them an old lady of 68 years old. Last week I was at our inland mission. The Lord is working up there and eight were baptized in water this time. To Jesus be all the glory."

sister Ada Buchwalter writes that she has arrived at Yunnan-Fu in S. W. China and is staying at the P. M. U. home where they are having some very precious meetings, conducted by Mr. Cecil Polhill of London. She has a further journey of 36 days over robber infested mountains before she arrives at Adentsi, her destination.

We know that all our friends will be glad to learn that sufficient funds have come in to enable us to purchase the saw mill for West Africa. Any further offerings for this work will be devoted to shipping the mill to Liberia.

DHOND, INDIA.

India did not suffer so badly from the war as did some other countries. But the mortality from the influenza was awful, some six million people having died from it in a few weeks. And now famine is pressing sore. More than half the cattle in this part of India have recently died from starvation and famine, and many more will follow. The people also are dying from starvation. And we are taking some of the Native Christian children, whose parents are not able to keep them from starving. It is a serious question for us, as the price of all the ordinary food grains is three or four times as high as it has been in all previous famines.

The outlook for continuation of famine is dark, as the rains are being withheld. The trouble now is the same as in the days of Hosea, Joel and Amos. If they would repent and forsake their idolatry and sins, God would show mercy and send rain.

But we can do nothing else but reach forth a helping hand to our starving brothers and sisters, as long as God gives us anything to help with. And we still feel that the path of greatest safety, in this time of death's harvest, is in the 58th chapter of Isaiah, "to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house, and when thou seest the naked that thou cover him, and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh."

Let us do what we can to rescue the perishing, in these dark and awful days, and before long we shall shout victory in the presence of the King.—Albert Norton.



Widows at Nawabganj, India, the Evangel Family are Helping to Support. They are Standing on the Veranda of the New Church.

PAMINE RELIEF AT NAWABGANJ. INDIA.

The relief work is going on. People have got to hear about us for miles around and are coming to us for help. Many of these people who are coming are widows, several are lame, some are sick, a few are lepers, and all are very poor. I bought 605 pounds of rice and 200 pounds of pulse yesterday. I bought over 800 pounds of country sugar a short time ago.

We give work to all the people that are able to work, building, or leveling the grounds. or making roads. They all hear the Gospel once a day. We have had results, some have given their hearts to the Lord and many have been healed. It was surprising last Friday, the International Day of Prayer, that all the people came to the meetings all day. A year or so ago the people were afraid to come into the meetings. Several of the widows called on the Lord to save them.

Rain has not fallen here vet so it will be another two or three months before there is hope of distress being less, but rather it will become more severe. We wonder sometimes what would become of these people, more and more of them gathering each day, if we had to turn them down now. But God will supply. We have preached Him to them for weeks as the God of Elijah, hence the God of famine. Not only deliverance from sin and sickness, but a step further, deliverance from famine. Can we dare to preach such a gospel? Will our faith allow us not only to say "My God shall supply all my need" but "my God shall supply all your need." We have preached this, and since we started preaching it, have never turned one away and we commenced preaching it before we received any money for famine relief. God must meet the demands made on Him. Our family, consisting of preachers, workmen, widows, orphans, sick, lame etc., is now about 280, including children.-James Harvey.

ORAI, INDIA.

Here in India we are just now supposed to be at the end of our hot season and in the early part of the rainy season. am sorry to say no rains are in sight, at least here in Orai, and I suppose in many parts, and the weather is hotter than ever. The cattle are dving by the thousands all around us and the distress among the famine sufferers is growing worse. The outlook for the coming monsoon, or rainy season is very dark. The weather forecaster prophesies a failure, at least in places. So I am afraid we may have to give famine relief for many months to come. We now have a great many people on our compound whom we are helping by giving work. They are on the verge of starvation or they would not work in the blistering sun all day for five cents a day. Most of them are women and children. What we give just barely keeps them alive. But we praise God for the privilege of helping them this much.

I had the great privilege of meeting with other Pentecostal missionaries, to wait on God from the 10th to 13th of this month, and I want to report blessed times. I believe Holy Ghost fires were kindled in those meetings that will spread over this land. We praise God that we were called on to get together for prayer at that time.-John

MINCHOW, KANSU, CHINA.

Began a Convention May 18. The Lord has had a chance to do some good work, confirming His precious Gospel with signs and gifts of the Spirit. Ten have received full baptism in the Spirit after the original pattern, which is the only one div-inely given, hallelujah! Many of the saints have received instruction in the which is sure to bear fruit in the future. Also much petty jealousy and schism have been revealed and rebuked, and, I believe, put away. Several are to be baptized tomorrow.

Because of the nature and growth of the work here it is inconvenient, perhaps impossible, to continue in rented buildings. We have therefore purchased a lot with some buildings on it at a reasonable price, and will begin building operations soon. The property cost us in U. S. money, \$670. To put up an Assembly Hall to seat our congregation of about 300 people will cost about \$500. The saints here will help some with labor and grain, flour, etc., so between us we shall have a place for worship of our own, praise the Lord Also I shall put up a small cottage to accommodate my family and any other missionaries the Lord may send along. This will cost some \$330.00, or \$1500 for the entire property. We shall have altogether 5,500 sq. ft. of floor space, enough to accommodate the Assembly, Day School, Bible School, a Chinese preacher's family, three or four helpers, and a Street chapel, besides six or eight missionaries. This is certainly cheap! The Lord has certainly helped us in this matter. Praise Him!

But such a tremendous amount of work needs to be done and that soon! Pray the Lord to raise up more Chinese preachers. Pray for wisdom to be given us to solve the many problems facing us. The Lord be with you all .- W. W. Simpson.

WAITSAP, KWANGSI PROV., CHINA.

At nearly every service the mission is well filled and the people listen at times as if spell bound under the mighty influence of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes when the services are over the people will still sit and listen and ask questions about the gospel till a late hour. God is working in many hearts and there is a rich harvest to be reaped if we faint not. Last week an old man came up to the front at the close of the evening service. He said with marked emphasis before the people, "I want to follow your Jesus." He is the keeper of one of the large idol temples. He asked us if it would be necessary for him to give up his work. We replied that he certainly would have to, as it was the devil's plan to deceive the people. He said if that was the case then he wouldn't have any work to do or any rice to eat. We told him that if he had a true heart to serve the Lord that God would provide honest work for him to do. He went away evidently determining in his mind to serve the Lord. We passed his home the next day. He was so absorbed in reading one of the books that we had given him that he didn't notice us pass, which is a rare thing in the heart of China where foreigners are scarcely seen. He has been to the mission again since then asking for light on the God is working in his heart and Bible we believe he is not far from the Kingdom. Pray that he might be saved:

Sometime ago, I wrote you about a vegetarian that came to the mission seeking for the Light. At that time we gave him a Testament and some tracts to take back to his village and read. He came to see us yesterday. You would hardly recognize him as his face seemed so bright and he was changed from the first night that he came at ten P.M. when the meeting was over to ask about Jesus. He told us that after returning home he read his Bible and the tracts we had given him. It was so good that he made preparations to return here but we were not here on his arrival. However he left word that he wanted to be baptized as soon as an opportunity presented itself. Last night he was willing to come up to the front and identify himself on the gospel's side even though many of his friends were in the meeting. God has brought peace to his heart and he finds in Jesus all his need. Hallelujah!-W. R.

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Sunday School Lesson

FROM A PENTECOSTAL VIEWPOINT.

TEMPERANCE.

Aug. 31 Lesson: Dan. 1:8-20; Rom. 14:21; 1 Cor. 9:24-27. G. T. 1 Cor. 9:25.

Seek first the Kingdom. Always put first things first. Jesus did not tell Nicodemus. You must sign the pledge," but declared, "Ye must be born again." He believed in laying the axe to the root of the corrupt tree of the old Adam life. First be born from Above and then it will not be difficult to be temperate in all things as you let your blessed Lord live out His life from within you. But we must ever bear in mind our Lord's warning to His disciples, "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day-the day of the Lord-come upon you unawares."

Eating and drinking to the glory of God. Danfel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank. The young Hebrew captive lad knew that in idolatrous Babylon, a portion of the meat and wine would first be offered to some heathen idol. He was doubtless familiar with the words of the Psalmist, "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord," and the purpose of his heart was to keep himself pure and unspotted from he world, so that he might ever be living under this gracious benediction of Jehovah. This compromising world is very fond of the proverb, "When you are in Rome, do as the Romans do." Daniel lived in corrupt Babylon, but he had no part nor lot with the vanities or abominable idolatries of that wicked city, and he was willing to forego the dainty dishes prepared by clever cooks of the ruler of all the earth, lest by any chance he become defiled by being a partaker of meat offered to idols.

The Idolatry of this Age. In the New Testament Scriptures we are warned to keep ourselves from idols, and we are expressly cautioned against "covetousness which is idolatry." Covetousness is the dominant sin of today, and that is the spirit back of all profiteering that makes the cost of living so high. On every hand we see an inordinate love of money, which, the Holy Ghost tells us is the root of all evil. Like Daniel, we need to have a strong purpose of heart to keep free from this terrible spirit of the age. It may mean that we will have to forego a few dainty morsels down here and that we will come to a diet of herbs or vegetables like those Hebrew captives in Babylon, but better a dinner of herbs in the fear and love of God than stalled ox obtained through covetous illgotten gains. Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble herewith. And trouble is surely coming to the rich in these last days.

We desire to make it clear however that we do not advocate the dangerous doctrine of vegetarianism, for every creature of God is good and nothing is to be refused if it be received with thanksgiving.

A diet that suited. The prince of the eunuchs was fearful lest abstinence from the king's dainties should affect the health of the young Hebrews, but Daniel asked in faith for a ten days' trial on a diet of pulse—herbs and vegetables—and God met his faith by letting the faces of the Hebrews be fatter than those who ate their portion of the king's meat. Those Hebrew captives

could probably have testified like Jesus at a later date, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." His meat was to do the will of Him that sent him.

We are reminded of an incident that came to our notice in the early days of this Pentecostal revival. A Baptist minister received the Pentecostal baptism and was consequently thrust out of his church. was a thrust into the luxury of a life of faith, a life of proving the faithfulness of our ever thoughtful Father from day to Every need was met up to one neverto-be-forgotten day when dinner time arrived and there was nothing on hand. brother had a wife and a little child of two years of age, who, quite unconscious of any change in the order of things, sat on the floor playing with his toys. Dinner time arrived and the little one climbed up into his chair for his usual meal. He put his little hands together to say his grace and, to the tremendous astonishment of his father and mother, he began to speak in tongues. Immediately he had finished, he climbed down from his chair as if he was completely satisfied with a big dinner, and went on playing with his toys. Funds and supplies came in after that, but those parents got more blessing out of that miracle than if they had been made a present of a billion dollars.

The King's Favor. When the young Hebrews went before the king he found them ten times better in wisdom and understanding than all the magicians and astrologers of Babylon. The Holy Ghost has declared, "He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend" (Prov. 22:11), and it is not only true for Daniel, but it is true for us, only with us we can have the friendship of a greater king than Nebuchadnezzar. Ours the friendship of the King of kings. We have sometimes cried to God. "Oh, for a heart 100 per cent pure, so that every motive may be prompted by nothing less than Thy perfect will"

Daniel's Continuance. Daniel not only attained the premier position of the land, but he retained his position until the first year of Cyrus, the Persian monarch that God raised up to continue to do His will. And to us comes the promise, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His Throne." And there will be no more going out.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Sept. 7. Matt. 6:10; 13:31-33, 44-50; 18:2, 3; Luke 17:20, 21; 2 Cor. 10:3-5. Golden Text: Matt. 6:33.

Preaching the Kingdom. Philip Mauro, in his recent book, "The kingdom of Heaven," points out that practically every commentator has confused the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven with the restoration of the Davidic kingdom to Israel, and in consequence there has been the most lamentable confusion and the children of God have been robbed of much precious truth.

John the Baptist, filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb, came preaching. "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." "Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:

15). Luke 9:2 tells us that Jesus sent out His disciples "to preach the kingdom of God." Jesus explained to Nicodemus right at the beginning of His ministry that a man had to be born again before he could see this kingdom, and that except a man was born of water and of the Spirit he could not enter into it. It was a heavenly kingdom for heavenly people, and it was necessary to have a righteousness that exceeded the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees in order to enter it. "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven."

A Common Mistake. The current teaching is that Jesus came and offered the kingdom (and by this is meant the restoration of the Davidic earthly kingdom to the Jews), but because they refused, the offer was withdrawn. But those who hold such views cannot give you a single verse from the four gospel narratives to show that Jesus ever made the Jews such an offer. The Jews were actually looking for an earthly kingdom, and if such an offer had been made they would have accepted Jesus as a great leader. But he did not come to set up the throne of David at His first advent, but He came to save His people from their sins. When Pilate asked Him "Art thou a king then?" Jesus admitted He was, but declared, "My kingdom is not of this world." His is a heavenly kingdom which flesh and blood cannot inherit, and only those who have been delivered from the power of darkness (and deliverance came thru the Atoning Blood alone), will the Father translate into the kingdom of His dear Son (Col. 1:

In Their Midst Unrecognized. When the Pharisees questioned when the kingdom of God should come Jesus told them, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation, neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there, for behold the kingdom of God is within you," or as the margin reads "in the midst of you." Another time he told the Pharisees, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." When Jesus exhorted "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," and later commissioned the eleven to go and make disciples of all nations, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," he was not telling the people to seek for something the offer of which was about to be withdrawn, nor did his apostles when they continued to preach the kingdom of God (Acts 14:22; 28:23; Rom. 14:17; 1 Cor. 6:10), ever tell us that the offer of entrance into the kingdom of God was withdrawn. No, praise God, anyone who is truly converted and becomes as a little child can right now enter into the kingdom of heaven and become a heavenly citizen of this heavenly kingdom.

The Parables of the Kingdom. "The word of the Kingdom" is still being sown, but the wicked one cometh and catcheth it away from those who do not understand, but where it is received into good ground, it will bear fruit, thirty, sixty and a hundred fold. What is good ground? Jesus tells us in the very first words of the sermon on the mount, in which He sets forth the byelaws of His kingdom, "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of Some reject the sermon on the heaven." mount as law to be observed only in the millenium but this is utterly wrong. law came by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. It was grace that was poured into His lips and grace that ever came from them.

Jesus tells us that the world is a field and into this field He has sown His wheat (the children of the kingdom), but the enemy has sown tares which may look like wheat, but the Master of the harvest knows the difference, for these are really the children of the wicked one, and in the end the angels will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend and them which do iniquity and shall cast them into a furnace of

The Hid Treasure. The kingdom of heaven is likened to treasure in a field. The field Jesus told us is the world. It cost Jesus everything to purchase this field, but praise God He was willing to taste death for every man in order to redeem the whole world to Himself. The treasure was the little flock to whom it was the Father's good pleasure to give the kingdom. He was the merchantman who saw the pearl of great price, His own spotless bride, whom He was willing to purchase with His own precious blood. How wonderful it is to be His jewel, yea, His pearl, hidden in the field, and hidden in such a way that the wicked one cannot touch you, Hidden beneath the blood!

The heavenly net is being put down and catching multitudes of every kinds of fish, and at the end of the world the angels shall come and sever the wicked from the just. The apostle tells us "Know ye not that the unrighteousness shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortionshall inherit the kingdom of God." Who then inherit this kingdom? Those alone who are washed, those who are sanctified, those who are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.-S. H. F.

REPORT FROM OKLAHOMA.

Just closed a meeting at Hitchita, Okla., with seven saved and three baptized in water. The altar was full when the meeting closed. People were hungry for God, and this was a new field. I went from here to Ham Springs six miles from McCurtain, Was there a week with six saved and three baptized with the Spirit. The country is stirred. Many are hungry for the Lord. Pray that I may stay in the will of God and do His bidding .- J. D. McConell, McCurtain, Okla.

LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS.

We have no pastor here and have had no special meetings for some time. We ask the saints to pray with us that God will send us a pastor filled with the Spirit and en fire for souls.—Omer Brown.

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CAMP MEETINGS AND CONVENTION

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PHILADELPHIA PENTECOSTAL CAMP MEETING.

Pentecostal camp meeting will be held at 34th and Midvale Ave., Philadelphia, Pa, July 20th to Sept. 2nd, 1919. Sister Sarah Coxe who is a returned missionary from India will be with us throughout the camp meeting, D. V. Dormitories, tents, cots, and meals will be furnished at a very reasonable rate. Bring bed clothing. Forward all communications to Herbert Dingee, 1811 Ontario St., Philadelphia, Pa

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We are sorry to give the sad news to our readers of the passing away of Pastor David Hoffman Rohrer who was pastor of the Pentecostal Assemblies at Canton, Ohio. Our brother has lead a long and faithful ministry to our Lord Jesus Christ for a third of a century. He has led many souls to Christ, been a consolation to many and the Lord only knows how many have been healed through his faithful prayers. His constant testimony was "Not I but Christ liveth in me." He was a friend also to the missionaries, a minister to those in jail and to the outcast to whom he carried the glad tidings on the streets of salvation in Christ. We cannot attempt in this short note to describe the many ways in which God used our brother. He departed praising the Lord.

He leaves behind his faithful companion and ten children. God bless the bereaved

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Brother J. R. Evans now at 5913 White Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, has resigned his last pastorate for a short period of rest. But he is now available for evangelistic meetings and he is also open in the will of the Lord for another pastorate wherever God may direct. Brother Evans has only himself and wife and they are given up entirely to God's work. The editor of the Evangel can heartily recommend Brother Evans to any Pentecostal assembly which is looking for a good pastor.—E. N. B.

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The campmeeting which was to be held here September 14 to 29th is called off on account of Sister McPherson being unable to give us these dates. When dates were afranged she thought she could be able to shorten up some of her appointments and be here. This she afterward found she could not do.—T. W. Reckley Secy., 206 Elder St.

CAMPMEETING CALLED OFF.

The camp which was to be held at Washington, Pa., from the 17th to 31st of August has been called off for this season.—Joseph Tunmore.

NOTICE.

Pastor A. H. Jamieson has resigned from the Full Gospel Church at Youngstown, Ohio, and is open for calls as the Lord leads.—Address A. H. Jamieson, 109 1-2 Chicago Ave.

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Reports From the Field

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

We had a gracious service Sunday night, two sinners were saved, one a blind man. Please pray for several seekers for the Promise of the Father (baptism of the Spirit) in our mission.—H. C. Ball.

VERSAILLES, KY.

Have only been here a week, and four souls saved and one baptized in the Holy Ghost. The country is stirred and things looking good. I ask the prayers of the Evangel family to pray for this new and needy field.—Jacob Miller.

FORRESTER, OKLA.

Praise God for what He has done. Since I became a member of the Assemblies of God the Lord is wonderfully confirming His Word with signs following. Five received the baptism with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4; six saved, and some wonderful cases of healing, for which we give Him all praise.—R. K. Parker.

BIG CREEK, ARK.

There have been nine received the baptism in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Praise the Lord! We have just closed a week's revival from which the saints seemed to be built up and encouraged. Sunday July the 20th, there were four burled with Christ in baptism, according to Matt. 28:19.—Marvin E. Holst & Wife.

TACOMA, WASH.

We are praising God for victory through Jesus' blood. We are having blessed meetings at the tent. Bro. and Sister Thomas Griffin are with us and the Lord is blessing their ministry. Several have been saved and restored to God. We have baptized eight at the lake and the Lord is still working. We took our missionary offering last Sunday and were surprised ourse'ves to know that there was \$180.00.—Frank Gray.

WINTON, CALIF.

A year ago two Pentecostal families moved here, being the only ones here who ever heard of Pentecost. This last winter God has answered our intercessory prayer, and since April five have been saved, and three baptized with the Holy Ghost, two being the ex-pastor of the Presbyterian Church and his wife, and the other one an elder's wife. Five more are seeking their baptism. Praise the Lord! As a result three of the Sunday School teachers and one elder have been put out of the church. Pentecostal meetings are held every Wednesday evening in a home. Sunday School was organized last Sunday. Pray for us.—Mrs. Clara M. Pitt

OVERTON, TEXAS.

Our campmeeting from July 12-25 has just closed and although it rained us out both Sundays, we praise God for the results of the meeting. Three were saved and one reclaimed and two baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Lord used Brother Jamieson to give us some blessed teaching which was joyfully received by all. Several ministers were present among whom were Brother and Sister Barker, missionaries to S. America, also Brother R. F. Baker, Mexican missionary. We had a special missionary service in which we took a missionary offering. God put His seal on the service. Saints from other places were also present. We never saw a sweeter unity prevail. To God be all the glory .- T. D. Thompson, Pastor.

FOREST GROVE, OREGON.

We enjoyed a three days meeting in the convention held on the camp ground at Seattle and conducted by Chairman J. W. Welch, (an apostle of unity of the saints). The messages given byBrother Welch and the many encouraging words of counsel and teaching were very much appreciated by us all and gave us new courage and confidence. We are desirous to be fitted and prepared for the place God wants us to fill in the coming revival.—F. G. Jones.

GOD BLESSING AT SEATTLE.

In our last paper we gave a report of the convention at Seattle written by Brother Secrist. The campmeeting still goes on under the leadership of Pastor Offiler. In a private letter from Brother A. H. Argue we learned that God is still blessing. He says, "Seventeen, I believe, have been baptized in the Spirit during the last few days, and a number have come out for salvation." Bro. Argue states that he is there helping Bro. Offiler in his campmeeting.

BUFFALO, ARK.

We started the arbor meeting June the 28th, at the Cedar Creek School house, the Lord putting His seal on the meetings from start to close, Brother W. F. Higgins of Yellville, Ark., was with us a few days. The 4th of July was a blessed day. We had all day services with dinner on the ground. In the afternoon two followed the Lord in baptism as in Matt. 28:19. One woman walked 20 miles to be baptized. Three saved and six received the baptism as in Acts 2:4. The meeting closed the 14th with every body in unity and praising God for His way. The last night of the meeting the saints called me for their Pastor. I also am looking after the work at Rush, Ark. We are looking for another revival soon. All the saints join us in prayer for this place.—Harry B. Martin. Pastor.

TENT MEETING HAGERSTOWN, MD.

The meeting opened Friday evening July 11 in a large tent pitched in the residential section of the City, the workers being Evangelist C. A. McKinney of Akron, Ohio, assisted by Brother and Sister R. M. Jeffrey of Philadelphia, Pa., and Stanley Cook of Baltimore, Md., our leader in Song.

We were made to rejoice to see how the Pastors of the surrounding Pentecostal Assemblies came in with their people and helped push the Battle.

The meetings were greatly blessed of the Lord from the very beginning. The little persecution received from the outside on account of the loud praises was but a means of bringing greater attention to the services, helping to swell the audiences and getting the Word forth to the people. We have much to praise Him for the souls saved, reclaimed and baptized in the Spirit during this meeting, and for the kind hospitality of Brother and Sister Anderson who so freely provided for all.

Sunday afternoon a liberal Missionary Offering was given to Brother Harry Wright and wife who are going forth to their distant station in Sierra Leone, West Africa.—C. A. McKinney Evangelist.

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HINTON, OKLA.

We are glad to report that God is working in this part of Oklahoma. We expect to begin a meeting Aug. 17th with Bro. J. H. James in charge and we desire the prayers of the Evangel family.—Pastor Paul H. Ralstin.

SOUR LAKE, TEXAS.

Campmeeting just closed. Preachers and workers from other places all filled with the Spirit and happy in the Lord and ready to do what they could to help along the work, and we believe there was such good done. Not so many saved as we would like to have, but people came in large crowds notwithstanding the rains. Good order and very much interest as the messages went forth. We are sure the Pentecostal work is in a better condition than ever before. The saints called Brother G. W. May as their pastor. He is a young man filled with the Spirit and we believe the Lord will mightily use him.—Wm. Morwood, Houston, Tex.

REPORT OF SCRANTON, PA., CAMP-MEETING.

Sister McPherson was able to be present at the Scranton Campmeeting from July 29 to Aug. 3rd. This campmeeting, arranged by Bros. McDowell, Tunmore and Brown, had some trouble at the start. A great storm swept down on the camp on Sat. July 26th, and tore the big tent to shreds. The poles were flying in all directions, and the grounds were drenched. Fortunately there were none hurt in any way. It seemed the enemy had a spite against the camp like he had against Job and his family, Job 1, 19. However God was blessing in saving and baptizing souls right along from the commencement. Sister McPherson spoke Tuesday evening, At the altar a remarkable scene was witnessed, as so many lay prostrate under the power of the Spirit. One of the most remarkable sights I ever saw was the following: a little girl-aged eight, was under the power of the Spirit, and danced till she fell prostrate under the power of the Spirit. Then she was free in tongues and had interpretation. She was near the aisle and a crowd of onlookers were present. The child spoke in tongues and interpreted-"Jesus is coming soon." she said this, I noticed one of the onlookers, a woman, stagger and go down under the Spirit, in the wet aisle. Further behind, her father-in-law came under the power of the Spirit in a marvelous manner. Then further down the aisle, his son went down, and in another part of the tent, the man saunt was prostrate. The whole four in one family were baptized in the Spirit. The old man had lent his farm for the campmeeting and you see how wonderfully God repaid him. Their faces shone for God the

following days.
Sister McPherson seemed to speak under the unction of the Spirit the whole time, and many were blest in various ways. great crowd gathered together on Sunday. One family came 125 miles in their car and returned the same day. God has indeed raised up our Sister, and I know she will value the prayers of the Evangel family— (she is a member of the Assemblies of God) as she goes forth for the Lord. God has given her a vision of a larger work for Him in big cities where there are no witnesses for Pentecostal truth. Her book, just issued, "This is That," is greatly appreciated by those who have seen it. Our sister will be holding meetings in Los Angeles from Aug. 15th to Sept. 15. Pray God may mightily use her .- Arthur W. Frodsham, Fredonia, N. Y.

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A TRIUMPHANT DEATH.

The Apostle Paul says, "Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: Whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living." Rom. 14:8, 9.
One of God's saints, John Littooy, recent-

ly passed away to be with Jesus. by his bed just a few hours before his departure. He expressed his unshaken faith in God, and as I was departing, he exclaimed, "Praise the Lord!" They were among the last words that fell from his lips.

I was with him one day just after the death of his daughter, Clara. He told me that Clara had died, and he said, "She was a Christian; she loved Jesus." I said, "I am glad to hear that. If she was a Christian she has gone to be with Jesus, and her body which has been laid away in the grave will be called forth from its resting place at the sound of the last trump." He said. "Yes, she will have part in the first resurrection." And then after a moment's hesitation he asked, "If I live until Jesus comes—I am looking for His coming—will Clara be raised before I am caught up to meet my Lord?" I said, "Yes, if Jesus comes one of these days before death overtakes you, the sound of the trumpet and the voice of God will be heard by all the sainted dead, and Clara with all the other aints who have died will be raised from the dead, and then your body will be transformed, and together"—and he took the words out of my mouth and said, "And together we shall be caught away to meet Jesus in the air." I said, "Yes," Presently he said, "But I am getting old. I may not live until Jesus comes. I may have to die." I said, "Yes, you may have to go the way of all the earth. You may be called upon to close your eyes in death, and your body may be laid away to rest in the same cemetery in which the body of Clara has been laid away. But that need not disturb you. If you die before Jesus comes as Clara has died, your body and hers will both be raised together when the sound of the last trumpet and the voice of God shall be heard; she will have no advantage over you and you will have none over her; you will both be raised together and given glorwill both be raised together and given glorified bodies, and together you will rise
heavenward to meet Jesus, and to be forever with him." He said, "Praise the Lord!
That will be blessed!"
The Scripture says, "The righteous hath
hope in his death." Who are the righteous?

They who have been clothed with the righteousness of Jesus Christ; they to whom the Christ of God has been made "wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption."

"The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:56-58.-J. Narver Gortner, Cucamonga,

New fields have opened up in the past few months here in Southern Missouri, ready for harvest, We will begin a series of meetings July the 20th. A deep travail for souls has been on the saints for sometime. We are trusting the Lord to mightily visit us with old Pentecostal power.—Jackson Vanover and wife.

I have come here to Monette, Ark., to pastor this work. I ask the prayers of the saints.—Chas. Williamson.

PRAYER REQUESTS.

Pray for Brother Offiler's campmeeting in Seattle.—W. M. C.
Remember two homes in Tennessee in prayer.—Mrs. S. D. M., Nashville, Tenn.
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for myself and family, as I feel I need lifting up.—Mrs, M. M. M., Sherman, Texas.

We ask the prayers for the meeting that is to start here, and pray that I may receive my Pentecost.—R. E. R., Gore, Okla. Kindly pray that I may get closer to God and be strengthened by His power. I'm in very poor health.—Mrs. J. C. M., Erie, Pa. We ask the prayers that God will save and baptize souls in our prayer meeting.—J. P. H., Tulip, Ark.

I ask the prayers for a friend who has many trials, a wicked husband and who has grown cold.—Mrs. E. S., Teague, Texas.

Pray that God will save my husband, baptize my three children, and I may go deeper in His will.—Mrs, M. L. C., Prescott. Ark.

Pray for me that I may receive a refreshing and refilling of the blessed Holy Ghost and that I may know and do the will of the Lord.—Reader.

Please pray earnestly for my sister's healing of heart trouble. She is a widow with four small children and her trust is in the Lord.—Mrs. F. F. M., Ashtabula, O. I ask the prayers for my daughter's healing of Ashtma and that I may receive my baptism and that God will save our family.—Mrs. S. V. R., Hamlin, Tex.

Pray for my wife who is suffering with weak eyes caused by weak nerves and Asthma and Hay Fever, and that she will receive the Spirit in His fulness.—Wm. J. W., Keeline, Wyo.

I request earnest prayers for myself: once had a blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost and called into God's service, but have lost out and backslidden thru disobedience. Pray God will have mercy and deliver me.—Mrs. L. M. O.

Will all the readers of the Evangel please pray that God at once heal me of ulcerated stomach, I am a Pentecostal minister, only 28 years old, and fell in the pulpit six months ago while in the service of Jesus. If I can be healed, as I earnestly desire, I shall have many years yet of service to the Master.—R. H. Davis, 128 S. Weber St., Colorado Spgs., Colo.

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Pray for my wife's healing and the strength of my little son 3 years old.—E. S. W.. Biddle, Mont.

Kindly pray for me. I am suffering terribly with my head, caused from a bad cold.—O. S., 'Mer Rouge, La.

I ask the saints to pray for my healing. My blood is bad and have six painful blood sores now of about two weeks standing.—J. B., Meridian, Miss.

I request the saints to pray for the healing of my eyes,—Mrs. L. T., Pleasanton, Iowa.

Please unitedly pray for the sanctification of my mind. spirit and body.—A reader.

I ask the prayers of the saints that God will send some one to Mc Phearson to hold a meeting. Also that I may be healed and that God will save my six boys.—G. A. C., McPhearson, Ark.

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