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## Have Ye Received the Holy Ghost Since Ye Believed?



AND it came to pass, that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said

unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost" (Acts 19:1, 2).

These were disciples and believers, but badly instructed, insufficiently taught, and their experience was in default. The Word says they were disciples and believers, but without the Holy Spirit.

Ignorant teachers have ignorant scholars. Defective electric wiring gives defective light. Unilluminated pastors have unilluminated people. Blind leaders of the blind!

These disciples were honest. They did not turn around and try to teach Paul. They did not argue that they had received the Baptism. They did not try to convince Paul that what he had was from the devil. They were convinced that they had not received the Holy Ghost. When Paul asked them, "Unto what then were ye baptized?" they said, "Unto John's baptism." Then said Paul, "John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." He did not belittle their first experience. He showed them that it was preparatory, pointing to the goal. Sanctification is not the goal, but preparatory for it.

They were teachable people. They never argued, they never disputed, and were willing to submit to immersion in the name of the Lord Jesus. Would that every disciple, every believer, would be as ready to submit to the teachings of Paul, who was instructed by the Holy Spirit.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

It was not taking it by faith. The Holy Ghost was anxious, willing to communicate Himself, to fill those hungry hearts, but He could not come when He was not

known about, to those who had never been instructed about Him, to those who had not as much as heard His name. There had to be a channel. Paul was a channel. God has His channels today. Sometimes it is a group of people, an assembly, or a camp meeting. Sometimes the Spirit is imparted by the laying on of hands of elders or pastors or Spirit-filled saints. After the Day of Pentecost God always used a channel.

The Holy Ghost was no "influence," intermittently permeating the air, but a distinct Person coming through a person on to persons. A channel may be unconscious that he or she is a channel, but the receiver always is conscious. The faith by which they sought brought an experience that was very real to the senses. The Holy Ghost manifested His presence in

a very realistic manner. Paul laid his hands upon them, and the Holy Ghost came on them, and "they spake with tongues and prophesied."

The Dove had found a willing home and the cooing of the Dove was heard. The Holy Ghost spoke through the newly filled temples, and these twelve disciples spoke in tongues and prophesied. Paul, in definite act, expected a definite result, and was not disappointed. Neither were the recipients. Twelve men received. A new church was formed then and there.

"Oh," but you say, "there is no word in the epistle to the Ephesians about being baptized in the Holy Ghost and speaking with tongues." They did not want a letter explaining or expounding it. They had the living letter. They had twelve living epistles who carried the truth to the Ephesians. All that Paul had to do in the epistle was to tell them to be continually filled with the Spirit, to have an overflowing experience, to follow the experience of heavy drinkers of wine, and be heavy drinkers of the Spirit (Eph. 5:18). He had no need to teach them about the Baptism in the Spirit. All he had to teach them was to go on seeking for more of the Spirit.

Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? "I have joined such and such a church. I have been baptized in the church-ordained manner, and we very seldom hear there is such a thing as the Holy Ghost. And when we do, it is sometimes a tirade against those who say they are filled with the Spirit. It is not encouragement to seek, it is discouragement, and a warning to shun."

If you want to be warmed, go in the sun. Don't stay in the shade. Don't stay in the cellar. If you want to be filled with the Spirit, go where the Spirit is honored, spoken about, and has the opportunity of coming into and upon those who are waiting to give Him a welcome. "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39).

If the Lord has called you, listen to His call. Amen.

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## The Bible Evidence of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost

Elder D. W. Kerr

As a Pentecostal people, we hold that the Bible evidence of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, which is promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to His disciples, and to all them that are afar off, and as many as the Lord our God shall call, is speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. We have found that whenever we, as a people, begin to let down on this particular point, the fire dies out, the ardor and fervor begin to wane, the glory departs. We have found where this position is held and wherever it is proclaimed, the Lord is working.

Luke gives us an account of some of the facts which took place in connection with the ministry of our Lord, in his gospel. In that first letter which he wrote to his friend, Theophilus—that is, "the gospel of Luke"—he records some of the facts connected with the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the earth, but later on, he wrote a second letter to his friend called "the Acts of the Apostles," in which he records some of the things which took place after our Lord ascended to heaven—that is, he records some of the things which Jesus did after He went to heaven, just as he records some things which Jesus did while on earth. There is no difference at all as to the manifestations of His power during His earthly ministry and His heavenly ministry in casting out devils, healing the sick, raising the dead, cleansing the leper, causing the lame to walk, the blind to see, the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak. When Jesus Christ was upon the earth, He wrought miracles by the power of the Spirit, when He returned to heaven He continued to work by the same power. He is still in the same business as He was when He began. He has not changed His plan nor His program. He is doing the same things today as He did when He was upon this earth. He is doing the same thing today as He began to do on the day of Pentecost. Jesus Christ is responsible for all the supernatural manifestations that occurred as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. We read in the second chapter of Acts, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come the disciples were all together with one accord in one place, and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Jesus Christ was responsible for what occurred here. And when in the 8th chapter of Acts, we read that Peter and John went down to Samaria and laid their hands upon believers, the Holy Ghost came upon them. Jesus Christ is responsible for what took place that time.

Later on, about eight years from the Pentecostal outpouring in the upper room, Peter went to Caesarea and preached the

gospel to Cornelius and his friends, and while he was yet speaking, the Holy Ghost fell on all of them that heard, and they began to speak in tongues and magnify God. Jesus Christ is responsible for what occurred, for it was He that did it.

Paul went to Ephesus and found certain disciples, and after questioning them a little, he laid hands upon them and they received the Holy Ghost and began to speak in tongues and prophecy. Jesus Christ is responsible for what occurred there. For Luke tells us that in his former treatise he made a record of all that Jesus began both to do and to teach until He was taken up; and, after He was taken up, He continued to do and to teach, and He is still doing and teaching tonight. We do most steadfastly believe this. God raised His Son Jesus Christ from the dead, and, having exalted Him by His right hand, and having given to Him the promise of the Spirit, He sheds forth this which we now see and hear. He is still pouring out the Holy Ghost, and when the Holy Ghost comes, the Baptism can be seen and heard and we, as Pentecostal people, hold that a Baptism which cannot be seen and heard is not according to the pattern Baptism on the day of Pentecost, at Caesarea, at Ephesus and at Damascus—for there is where Paul undoubtedly received his Baptism, with the sign of tongues following. For, Paul says, "I give thanks to God, speaking in tongues more than you all."

When the Lord Jesus has performed His office work in baptizing those that obey God according to the Scriptures, the finished product can be seen and heard. We read in John 20:30, "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through his name." In John 21:15, we read, "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." The outstanding point here is this, that John in writing his gospel made a selection from the great mass of material that was so voluminous that had everything been written that Jesus did, the world itself could not contain the books. This is the principle we want to lay down, that John made a SELECTION of just such materials as served his purpose, and that is, to confirm believers in the faith concerning Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles about 65 A. D., thirty years after Jesus ascended to the Father. Do you suppose that Luke put on record everything that Jesus did during that period. I think not. I believe that Luke held to the same principle of selection as John. For those disciples had a wider ministry than the Lord Jesus had when on earth, for Jesus was

sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. But He said, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." "And ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." At that time Luke was Paul's traveling companion. Paul had already gone as far as Corinth, Ephesus, Thessalonica and Philippi; he had already completed his third missionary journey, and, wherever they went, they preached the gospel, "the Lord working with them confirming the word with signs following." And what are the signs? In Mark 16:17, we read, "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." We have here five signs that are mentioned. These signs are what I call physical signs, signs that take place on the physical side, and every one of them can be seen.

Mark tells us explicitly that the disciples went forth everywhere preaching the word, the Lord working with them, confirming the word with signs following.

The word "follow" is a peculiar word in the Greek and means to follow so closely as never to be absent. The five signs followed the disciples in their ministry of the Word so closely that THEY WERE NEVER ABSENT. They were always present when they preached the gospel with the power of the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven.

Jesus Christ prophesied that they which believed on Him should "speak in new tongues." This prophecy was literally fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, for "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." But were there not other of the five signs that occurred just then? No. Were there not some devils to be cast out? I think not. If those disciples needed anything done in that line I believe that Jesus would have done that before they went into the upper room. They were all blood-washed men, all justified and sanctified, and they were all waiting for one thing and that was the fulfillment of the promise of the Father which Jesus had given unto them: "And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." We have the five physical signs, and Luke uniformly selects the one of speaking in tongues, in connection with the Baptism with His Spirit. Is it not marvelous? Is this not an altogether striking characteristic of the book of Acts?

When he speaks of the Baptism which came upon Cornelius and his friends, he says, "While he was yet speaking these

words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard, and they began to speak in tongues, and magnify God." When we come to Ephesus, we find the same thing again. We ask the question, Why does Luke select the sign of tongues, when there was such a great mass of material from which he could have selected? There were other signs, and later on still others. Why did Luke select this one sign and make it so prominent? Some say you make this sign too prominent. Speaking by comparison, or comparing this one sign that was singled out from all the other signs, there is no question that it was intended to stand with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Take Paul's experience, which is recorded in the Book of Acts and in the 14th chapter of 1 Corinthians; take every experience with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the speaking in tongues is clearly the accompanying sign. Although not actually mentioned in Acts 8, it is plainly inferred. Speaking in tongues is the work of the Holy Ghost by Jesus Christ. It is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, performing this miracle by the Holy Ghost. Or, to make the statement complete, it is God the Father on the throne through Jesus Christ the Lord, by the Holy Ghost, with whom He fills the believers, causing them to speak in other tongues.

Some one may say, "I believe you are right, but I do not believe in railroading folks into this experience." We do not, either. We believe that God the Son, or the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ, by the Holy Ghost, can do that business Himself. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Baptizer with the Holy Ghost.

Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, about 65 A. D., thirty-one years after Jesus had ascended, selects from a voluminous mass of material just such facts and just such manifestations of the power of God as served his purpose. What is his purpose? No doubt, his purpose is to show that what Jesus promised He hath so fulfilled. He says, "they that believe shall speak in other tongues." The 120 believed and, therefore, they spake in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. We also believe, and we speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

In the 10th chapter of the Book of the Acts, we read, "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision were astonished, as many as came with Peter because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God."

We read in the 11th chapter these words, "And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, AS ON US AT THE BEGINNING. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. For as much then as God gave them LIKE GIFT AS HE DID UNTO US, who believed on the

Lord Jesus Christ; what was I that I could withstand God?"

Here we meet with that fixed law in the universe so manifest everywhere, and that is the law of the relation of CAUSE and EFFECT. Like causes produce like effects. Peter does not say this in so many words, but it is included in the expression, "AS ON US AT THE BEGINNING." We see the cause of them speaking in tongues, "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." What was the cause of them speaking in tongues at Caesarea? In the beginning, the Holy Ghost was the cause; eight years later, the Holy Ghost was the cause. In the beginning, the effect was speaking in tongues; eight years later, the effect was speaking in tongues. Like causes produce like effects. But that is not all that Peter said. Listen: "Forasmuch as God gave them the like gift"—like means equal—so like or equal causes produce equal effects.

Like causes produce like effects. Equal causes produce equal effects. You can not escape the force of this argument. You cannot get around it. It is written

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everywhere and illustrated by the universe.

"And they of the circumcision were astonished because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost." How did they know? Was it a signless Baptism? Would a signless Baptism have convinced those Jews? It took a sign Baptism to convince them beyond the shadow of a doubt that God had filled those Gentiles. And Peter said, "What was I that I could withstand God?" How did they know? "They heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Why were they astonished? They were not astonished to hear them speak in tongues, for they were perfectly familiar with that manifestation of the Spirit. What were they astonished at? "They of the circumcision were astonished BECAUSE THAT ON THE GENTILES ALSO WAS POURED OUT THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST. FOR THEY HEARD THEM SPEAK WITH TONGUES AND MAGNIFY GOD."

"That statement says to me that the SIGN OF TONGUES WAS THE ACCEPTED EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM, among all the disciples and apostles up to that time; that they were ENTIRELY FAMILIAR WITH THAT SIGN; that it was always present; that they were not astonished when they heard anybody speaking in tongues, but they were astonished that God had poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost on the Gentiles. And they knew that, because they heard them speak in tongues. This Caesarean case is an outstanding witness that the Bible evidence of the Scriptural Baptism; the apostolic Baptism; the Baptism which Jesus Christ gives when He has a chance, is speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. We therefore take Acts 2:4 as the sample, or pattern Baptism.

Let us move up to God who is calling us to wait on Him until He baptizes with the Holy Ghost. God is still saying "by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed upon us richly" with the sign of tongues following the Baptism with the Spirit.

When you are baptized in the Holy Ghost you **know it**, and need no one to acquaint you with the fact; bless God, you will soon be acquainting them. When you are baptized in the Holy Ghost, **God touches you**, and forever after in your life you know God touched you, and that He lives. In the final analysis, the Baptism in the Spirit is not a doctrine, but an experience, and the test of whether I have received is not a cleverly woven doctrine that will include me within its borders, but whether I know the experience in burning **fact** in heart and life.—Donald Gee.

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## --: FROM PRIZE RING TO PULPIT --:

By Evangelist Eddie Young

God first spoke to my heart when I was yet a seven-year-old child. At that time my people were living in Santa Rosa, Calif. I had just started to school, and coming home one day, I said to my dear mother, "Mother, when I become a man I am going to be preacher."

Mother's heart was made glad at that time, though for years afterwards it was broken and sad because of the awful sins of her wayward boy, who had been called of God to tell the old, old story, but would not yield.

Soon after this first experience with God, some sporting men who were interested in prize fighting got hold of me, for already I had quite a reputation as a boy fighter, having whipped every boy anywhere near my size in my school and neighborhood.

They matched me with another boy, offering the winner five dollars. We met in an old barn one afternoon after school, and fought for one hour and fifteen minutes, at which time I knocked the other lad out, and out to stay. The men gave me the five dollars, patting me on the shoulders and telling me that some day I would be a great fighter, thus sowing the seed in my young heart that in after years did bring forth fruit unto sin in the prize ring.

This afternoon I returned home to my dear, precious mother and said, "Oh, Mother, I have changed my mind. I don't think I want to preach, but I have decided to be a prize fighter when I grow up."

Needless to say, Mother was shocked and heart-broken, and did all in her power to change my mind and my way of living. But the devil had entered in, the seed was sown, and I went forth to sow my wild oats.

I continued fighting around my home town, and when only twelve years of age I left home to roam and tramp as a hobo over the Pacific northwest. Finally I tired of this life and came home to mother and father, and was fairly well satisfied for a season. But finally the old spirit returned, and I began to drink and fight.

At this time father was working in a rough, wild mining camp, and the life there appealed to my wild, adventurous nature. I went the limit drinking, gambling, and fighting with the miners and others.

Finally I drifted to the city and into the prize ring, beginning as a Bantam Weight at 115 pounds. I was very successful here and so was encouraged by my friends to go on. I became heavier and so entered the Featherweight class, 122 pounds ring side.

I became popular in my home town of San Jose, and was called "The Pride of San Jose." But my dear mother was anything but proud of me. I well remember one night when I fought Willie Conroy, a Lightweight from San Francisco. This fight was in San Jose.

I was badly battered as he outweighed me 18 pounds, but I succeeded in holding him to a draw. But on returning home at midnight my mother called me to her room, and when she saw my blackened eyes, my torn lips and bruised face, she began to weep as only a broken-hearted mother can.

She said to me, "Oh, Eddie, my boy, my boy! Don't you know you are killing your mother. My boy a prize fighter! You said you would be a preacher and here you are a fighter, broken and blinded by sin. Oh, my boy! I remember when you were an innocent little baby in your cradle, and we were all so happy then. But I would have gladly followed you to your grave and buried your dead body rather than to have had you spared to me to become a prize fighter. I am ashamed to go out on the street because I hear people say, 'There goes Mrs. Young, the mother of Eddie Young, the fighter!'"

So, praise God, He was speaking to me through my dear mother. I remember another night when I was leaving home for a fight, she kissed me and with tears in her eyes she said, "My boy, you are breaking my heart. I have lost all faith in you, but I haven't lost faith in God."

And, oh! today as a minister of the Gospel of Grace, I do thank God for such a wonderful, true mother. Surely I can sing with all my heart, "Mother's Prayers Have Followed Me."

I continued fighting for some time after this, but mother was praying for me, and would often speak to me about the dear Lord Jesus. Finally, conviction set in, and though I was winning fight after fight, and fast climbing to the top, I became very miserable. Sometimes in the midst of a fight the Spirit would speak to me and remind me that mother was praying for me, and that He, God, had called me to preach the Gospel.

At this time I began to steal away from the bunch on a Sunday, and would go to some church to see if I couldn't learn the way of life. Sometimes I would stagger in drunk, but in spite of this, the Spirit would strive with my soul, and I would long to do better. But very seldom, if ever, did I hear a plain, simple Gospel sermon, and I would go away empty and hungry, and back to the saloon or dance hall.

But praise the Lord, mother and others kept praying for me, and in July, 1911, while sitting at the dinner table with mother, father and one brother, the Spirit of God knocked me over, a good deal as He did Saul on the Damascus road. I felt a heavy blow on my breast, and almost knocked the dinner table over as the Spirit came on me so heavily.

Then there was a wonderful change, and oh, I seemed to actually be in the glory world and could hear wonderful music. Mother was watching me; and finally I spoke and asked her what had happened, and told her how I felt. She

screamed out, and with tears running down her face, said that God had answered her prayers and I was converted.

And then she told me how that she had prayed that if I would not yield up to God that He would force me and knock me over. And praise the Lord, He did that very thing. For from that minute at the dinner table I have had a new heart, and have been looking to Jesus and going on with Him. And though as a babe I often stumbled and fell, and was ignorant of the deep things of God and the teaching of the Word, I was His child and He has been so loving and patient with me and led me on from victory to victory.

My people, for generations back, have been members of the Christian, or Disciple Church. So naturally I joined with them, and my name was put on the church roll of said church. But I could find no reality there, nothing but husks, a Christ that had been dead for nigh on to 2,000 years, no thrill of the Holy Spirit in His power, no healing for the body.

So after two years, I left this church and joined with the Baptist. I found more life and Spirit there, but still was hungry for a real, living reality, a Christ that was the same as the Christ of the Gospels, one that could fill your very being with His presence, heal your body and work signs and wonders.

For years I went to minister after minister and asked where the promise of the Father was, as recorded in Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; John 7:37-39; Acts 1:4, 5. And man after man discouraged me by stating that this was only for the apostles and the early church age.

Often I felt like giving up the ministry—for I had started to preach the Gospel—as I was so empty and hungry, my heart panting after a living Christ instead of a dead one, a present Saviour from sin, sickness and defeat. But all I could find was "A Great I Was" instead of "THE GREAT I AM."

I heard of "Pentecost" and from time to time would investigate, but somehow I was blinded and could not see God in it. Then the dear Lord took a hand and permitted sickness of the worst kind to come on me. In 1918 I developed a bad cough. I went to doctors, took lots of dope, but the cough grew worse. Then I noticed a pain in my lungs, and my heart grew sick as I thought of the possibility of my having TB.

I tried not to listen to the suggestion, but the cough continued with me. The pains in my lungs increased, and finally I began to lose weight and to run a temperature. Then I grew so weak I had to give up preaching, and finally was driven to acknowledge that I did have consumption.

When I went to one of the finest lung specialists in Los Angeles, he took six plates of my lungs, also a blood test and other tests. And after a week turned in the report which said I was a consumptive. He stated that there was nothing for me to do but quit work, take a serum treatment that he was giving, and trust to luck. He encouraged me by stating that at least there was a fighting chance.

Also at this time I was a slave to glasses, wearing them constantly. So I was broken in body and spirit, and about ready to quit when I heard of a wonderful Pentecostal Revival at San Jose, my old home town. Mother encouraged me, and though I was under the constant care of three physicians, I left them all and went to San Jose.

As I entered the large tent I could feel a peculiar thrill and power, and I knew it was of God. As I listened to the gifted evangelist, Aimee Semple McPherson, tell the wonderful story of Jesus and His love; not only for the sinner but for the sick in body as well, I began to take hope.

Then I heard for the first time about the wonderful Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I listened for several services, read my Bible, prayed over the matter, and was soon convinced that "Pentecost" was of God, and so I plunged right into the meetings, taking my place on the platform, helping to pray for the sick even though I was a TB. myself and in a bad way.

Well, praise God, one night in my hotel I was talking to God in prayer, when like a voice the Spirit spoke to the "man inside," the inner man, saying, "Take off your glasses and throw them away." I reached up, took them off, breaking them across my hands. And oh, glory to God! I felt a thrill run through my body and I was wonderfully healed, not only of my eye trouble, but best of all, the TB., the lungs cleared up instantly. On returning to the tent next morning my dear mother said to me, "Why, Eddie, what has happened? You look so different!" And I told her how the blessed Lord had visited me during the night, praise His holy, blessed Name.

Then I became more interested in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I was just a little afraid of tongues at first, and rather hoped that maybe the Lord Jesus would give me the Baptism without tongues and all the noise that goes with it. But no answer came from the glory world until one night I said, "Praise the Lord, I am going to have it all. Whatever the Lord has is good for me, and He won't put anything on me that is of the devil."

Before this, friends and ministers had been coming to me, telling me that this was of the devil, that I would lose my mind, etc. Well, thank God, that night I did lose my own mind, and the mind of the Lord came in. Oh glory! I tarried until, and with me it was 2:15 in the morning of Sept. 6, 1921, when it seemed to me as though an awful electric storm had broken loose and I was hit by all God's lightning, for when the fire fell I saw it, and it hit me and knocked me over on my back and I burst out speaking in tongues, praise the Lord, as He gave utterance. For two hours I was under the power, praising the Lord in a new tongue.

After this I went into the wilderness, hardly knowing what to do with the wonderful gift and power the Lord had given me. I thought at first that maybe I could stay right on in the church and sort of be conservative and please both them and the Lord. But I soon lost my experience and was so sad and sick of heart. This went on for some months until at last I said, "I am going to preach 'Pentecost!'"

The devil told me I would lose all my old friends if I did, that the church would close to me, and that I would go into fanaticism and ruin my usefulness. But the Lord told me otherwise, and at last I decided to follow HIM and preach the "FULL" Gospel at any cost.

But, praise the Lord, there has been no cost but rather gain. I have gone all the way in this matter, taking out papers with the General Council, Assemblies of God, and the Lord is wonderfully blessing my soul. Instead of losing work I now have more calls for meetings than I can fill, and the dear, blessed Lord is wonderfully blessing my ministry.

At the present time I am in the third week of a revival campaign at Glad Tidings Tabernacle in San Francisco. The Lord is doing a great work here through Brother Robert J. Craig and wife, and

they have been a help and blessing to my soul.

It is my intention, the Lord willing, to make this Assembly and Bible Institute my permanent headquarters, working out of San Francisco, my address being 1536 Ellis St.

I do want to praise the dear Lord again for all the ways He has led me, and especially for leading me into the Full Pentecostal blessing and experience. Also that He has spared my blessed mother, whose heart I made sad for so long that she could hear and see me preach. She used to see me a prize fighter, broken, bleeding and bruised, but now she often sits in the audience praising the Lord for saving her boy. And I am so glad that I don't have to say, "Oh, angels, tell my mother I'll be there." Praise the Lord!

## An Answer to the Critics of the Latter Rain

When Christ healed the man that was born blind the Pharisees complained, "This man is not of God, because He keepeth not the Sabbath day." This is man's wisdom, man's summing up of God's Son. In the eyes of the Pharisees, Christ went about in an unorthodox way to do an act of mercy. They magnified the letter at the expense of the spirit.

An act of blessing, an act of mercy, was made a stone of stumbling, and that which was to bring glory to Christ and establish His Messiahship they tried to minimize. In fact they practically called Christ a sinner. The whole thing was perverted. Why? Because perverted men were dealing with the situation.

Religious men discounted and minimized the work of grace performed by Him who was full of grace, and they even tried to persuade the man who was born blind and saw, that he had not been born blind; and the man gave a terse reply, "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."

The natural man hates the supernatural. He will either try to explain it away or speak evil against it. Exactly the same thing is happening today. God is pouring out His Spirit and men are trying to explain away the phenomenon, the supernaturalness of the Spirit in the unknown tongue.

The Pharisees called the parents of the blind man. If these parents had been living today they probably would have said, "Let him speak for himself. Our standing in church is such that we cannot afford to offend the minister. If he speaks against this thing, we cannot afford to speak in favor." And so the Pharisees came to the man who had been blessed. If he were here today and witnessing to the supernatural he would say, "One thing I do know, that, whereas I was down, now I am up. Whereas I was natural, now I am spiritual." Modern critics would say to him, "Now then, denounce the whole thing. We know this thing is of sin. It was spiritual in the early

days, but today this thing is of the devil."

You can't persuade a Spirit-filled individual, one who has been baptized in the Holy Spirit and fire, that God has put the wrong spirit within him. The devil, backed up by his human agents in clerical garb, may try to persuade him that this is the case, but the reply will always be, "Whereas I was blind, now I see."

Of course excommunication will follow the bold declaration, but it will be followed by a divine ministration. Jesus said, "For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not may see; and that they which see might be made blind." Every Spirit-baptized soul is given sight, but to those who think and boast that they see there will come blindness.

The Pharisees were lifted out. They had no revelation from Christ of His divine Sonship. But the blind man had double sight. He saw Jesus of Nazareth, he saw the Son of God.

Excommunication brings a revelation. They put him out of the synagogue, and Christ took him into His heart.

The Pharisees were left out. They had a synagogue; the blind man worshipped a living Christ. God is doing the same today. You may argue, reason explain away, vilify, and do anything else in order to undo the supernatural, detract from Christ's Godhead and underestimate what He does—the same thing identically as was done by these Pharisees of old is being done today. They had a fine review, doubtless, of the whole situation in the synagogue—parents cautioned, and the blind man's name removed from the rolls. The same day his name was transferred to the Lamb's book of life. The Pharisees were satisfied with their action, and the blind man was satisfied with Christ's action. The same Pharisees who could see became blind, and the blind man had double sight. Their arguing only solidified him in his opinion.

Would that all God's people were as firm, as solid, as sure in their standing for the Latter Rain as this man was for the heavenly visitation.

## What Is the Use of Speaking in Tongues?

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Some years ago I was living in Transvaal, and there was quite a sensation through the discovery of the famous Cullinan diamond. I was staying in the house of a friend who was acquainted with the manager of the Premier mine from which this diamond came. They had been sinking a shaft and going deeper and deeper after diamonds. They cut the shaft through clay and the manager saw what he thought was a stone embedded in the side of the shaft. The experienced miners had passed it by and never thought for one moment that it was a diamond; it was so large and so rough. The manager looked at it, and began to pick at it with his penknife; and he could hardly believe his eyes when he discovered that it was a jewel of fabulous value. That diamond was purchased by the people of South Africa and presented to King Edward. Part of it has been set in the crown worn by King George of England, and the other part is in a pedant worn by Queen Mary.

The 14th chapter of 1 Cor. is a wonderful diamond that has been overlooked by a great many in the church. People have thought that it was a valueless stone, but it has turned out to be a precious diamond. There are many people who would rather this important chapter of forty verses was not in the Bible. They say they do not understand it, and they do not want to. We read in the 37th verse, "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge the things I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord." So this is not Paul's opinion, it is not something that he has written by permission but something that he wrote at the direct commandment of the Lord.

Some ask, "Does not the Bible state that tongues shall cease?" Suppose you have a son in the foreign land and get letters from him. How you value those letters. You read them over and over again. But by and by the son comes home and you do not read the letters. Why? Because your son has come and he speaks face to face with you. We speak in another tongue now to our Father; we have wonderful communication with Him, but the time is coming when we shall speak face to face with Him, and then tongues will vanish away. And knowledge shall vanish away also. Why? Because we shall have such wonderful supernatural knowledge we will not need earthly knowledge.

There are three statements of Paul's in this chapter that I would like to emphasize. (1) "I would that ye all spake with tongues." (2) "I thank my God I speak in tongues more than ye all." (3) "Wherefore brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues."

This chapter was written with two objects in view, the first to regulate the gifts of speaking in tongues and prophesying; and the second, to teach them

unselfishness, not to have a good time themselves at the expense of other people in the church.

(1) Paul expresses a distinct wish, "I would that ye all spake with tongues." He knew the value of such speaking.

(2) He further says, "I thank my God I speak in tongues more than you all." Paul knew what he was saying. He was not given to extravagance. He says in another place, "I glory in the cross" (Gal. 6:14). What was the cross? In some parts of this country felons are executed in the electric chair. In other parts they use the hangman's rope. If any friend of ours is put in the electric chair or goes to the hangman's rope we are not inclined to boast about it. We feel it is a disgrace. Felons were crucified in the days of Paul. It was the lowest, the meanest form of death. Christ suffered a felon's death. When Paul said, "I glory in the cross," he took upon himself the shame of the cross in a measure. He knew that the preaching of the cross to many was just foolishness; but he says "To us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18). And so he gloried in that which was a great reproach.

Now he goes a step further. He thanks God he speaks in tongues more than them all. He glories in the stigma of speaking in an unknown tongue. A preacher told me that when he first went to a Pentecostal meeting he would look up and down the road to see if there was anyone watching him. He felt ashamed of associating with such despised people. But I do not see any need of apologizing when we are in the same order as people like Paul, and Peter, and John, and Mary the mother of Jesus. There were some Roman Catholic Sisters attending a meeting that I was in sometime ago, and I told them that every Roman Catholic should seek and receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit; that Mary was in the upper room tarrying for this experience and they should do likewise. I noticed that they were tarrying at the aftermeeting.

When Paul says that he thanks God that he speaks in tongues more than all, I do not think that we should be ashamed if we are doing the same thing he did.

(3) "Forbid not to speak in tongues." We Pentecostal people are the only body that forbid not to speak with tongues in our assemblies. In every other place they will turn you out if you start to speak in tongues.

What are the advantages of speaking in tongues?

(1) "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries." If you were invited to go to Washington to confer with Mr. Harding, you would consider it a great honor to have an interview with the President of the greatest republic in the world. You

may not be invited to Washington. But it is your privilege to have an interview with and speak unto God. What are we to talk about? We have it here, "In the Spirit he speaketh mysteries," or, as Rotherham translates this, "he is speaking sacred secrets." In Hebrews 10:19 we read, "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus," or, as Rotherham translates it, "Having boldness of speech in the holiest place by the blood of Jesus." We have here two ideas, knit them together, and you will see it is our privilege to speak sacred mysteries, with freedom of speech to utter them, in the holiest place. We speak not unto men but unto God. What are we speaking? We are speaking sacred secrets with an absent Lover that our natural mind or understanding is not allowed to enter into or grasp.

The idea conveyed here is that it is a language used in initiation into a secret society, a spiritual language for a spiritual purpose. I belonged to the Free Masons at one time; but I wrote a letter and gave up all connection with them, and the Lord filled me with the Holy Ghost in the evening of that same day. I am not telling you any secrets of Masonry, but I will tell you this: In the lodge there is a language used called religious language that a man may not tell outside the lodge, not even to his wife. It is a language used and preserved entirely for the lodge, for the service connected with Free Masonry. It is a secret sacred to them. The same thought is conveyed here, that when God gives a man a new tongue He gives him something that the natural man cannot fathom. It is just wonderful. Have you experienced it? Do you know what it means to speak to God of the things of God? God has put His Spirit within, and the Spirit is craving and longing to answer back to God in a language fit for God and fit for heaven, and God in His wonderful condescension comes upon one by the Holy Spirit and takes out that which He puts in.

(2) "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself," or builds up himself. He gets a spiritual tonic. Certain folks go to a doctor and pay him \$3.00 and get a bottle of tonic, and after they have drunk it they are frequently rather worse than better. I know a real tonic for the body. It is to take the life of the Lord for your body. We need a spiritual tonic and the Lord has provided this means, that as we speak in the unknown tongue to God we are built up in our spiritual life. This is a means of making us strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

(3) When interpretation accompanies the speaking in tongues it edifies the church. It provides building material, the gold and silver and precious stones referred to in 1 Cor. 3:12.

(4) "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not" (V. 22). Tongues are a sign to the unbeliever. There are many unbelievers about; you have seen them, I dare say. Time and again when God by His mighty Spirit comes upon an individual in an assembly, perhaps speaking

in tones of pathos, or anguish, or of sympathy, or it may be, in the voice of the thunderings of Sinai, the unsaved man trembles. Men have been brought to repentance through a message in a tongue which they have been able to recognize.

I was at a convention not long ago and a Baptist minister said to me, "I had a wonderful Baptism down in Chicago, but I did not speak in tongues." I said to him, "Praise God for what you have, but you will find the Lord has more for you." I was speaking at that convention and used an illustration. I said that water boils at a temperature of 212 degrees Fahrenheit. You may put a kettle on to boil. The temperature may go up to 210 and the kettle is singing, but the water is not boiling. You may get the temperature to 211 $\frac{3}{4}$  and the water is still not boiling. The kettle is singing away all right, but you have to wait till the water gets to 212 and then it is boiling. Then there is a mighty movement and the lid begins to lift. I told the folks it was like that with the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. As we wait before God we become warmed by the fire within. As the power becomes stronger, we feel that pressure must go off in steam, and we have the speaking to the Lord in another tongue.

This simple illustration seemed to go home to our Baptist friend and he went home and locked himself in his room. He tarried before the Lord. As he tarried before God the temperature went up to 212. We were tarrying with some of the folks at the convention when at 2 o'clock he joined us and said, "I have the Baptism now." The power of the Spirit of God had become so great upon him that his only vent was in speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. If you are seeking the fulness of the Spirit, if you are up to 211 $\frac{3}{4}$ , don't stop, but tarry till you get to 212. Open your whole being to the Lord and He will flood you with His power.

The Lord showed me a little while ago a simple illustration about pop-corn. You have all seen it put on the fire and subjected to heat. The heat penetrates right to the heart of the pop-corn and as it becomes hotter and hotter a change takes place within which causes it to burst and go up, and what happens? On its way up it is turned inside out; it is transformed into a beautiful, glorious whiteness. The fire of the Holy Ghost is intended to work a great change in you and me (2 Cor. 3:18), and by and by, when the change is perfected, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, we shall burst forth, the glory will be manifested, and we shall be caught up, clothed with a robe of glistening whiteness. But as in the case of the pop-corn, some do not respond to the fire and rise, but remain below brown and scorched. So there are those who will not be caught up but remain on the earth when the Lord comes.

When I received the Baptism I wondered that I so often said, "Glory!" We say glory because He is in glory, and the "Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon us." Have you the Spirit of glory? Be filled with the Spirit and you will be changed and surcharged with the power of glory.

## Are You a Temple or Upper-Room Christian?

The disciples returned to Jerusalem with great joy: and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God (Luke 24:52, 53). The point of contact between the branches and the Vine was completed at the resurrection. With great joy! Continually in the temple praising and blessing God! What a wonderful advance on their previous experience. They all forsook Him and fled a few days before. And, after His crucifixion, darkness, despondency and despair was upon them. "We trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel!" But after the resurrection and ascension the whole thing was changed. Great joy! Praising and blessing God! After knowing that He was risen, after seeing Him ascend, after receiving His benediction, they were filled with rejoicing.

What need have we of anything more? We really have the joy of the Lord now. Peter, are you fully satisfied? You heard the angels speak. You have had a vision of them. Surely this is sufficient. "No," says Peter. What was the difference?

The disciples were conscious that they were part of the Vine. "I in them and Thou in Me," "that they also may be one in us" (John 17:23, 21). The branches were pruned. What was lacking? Surely, everything was complete. He said, "I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to My God and your God." "My Father is the Husbandman." They knew that. What was lacking? To the outside appearance there was nothing lacking. Nothing that could be seen was lacking.

Yet there was a great lack. **The inward sap had not begun to flow.** The point of contact, the union was complete, but the vine had not begun to give sap.

They were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. They continued in that attitude and they received more. They continued in expectation of getting more. Many Christians today have great joy, are worshipping and praising God in the temple; the point of contact is complete, they realize that their Father is the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. They are satisfied with their experience in the temple, and they won't change the temple for the upper room.

Many preferred the temple with a patched rent veil to a despised upper room. The sap flowed to the upper room but not to the temple. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

This outpouring was hidden and unseen from the outside. No astronomer's telescope could detect it. It passed by the temple. It did not visit the high priest's home. The Holy Spirit knew where to descend. The Lord had been there before in His resurrection body. He now comes in the person of His Spirit. The temple was to be destroyed—not one stone was to be left upon another—but He was starting to build another temple, and in a few hours three thousand new stones were added to it.

Praises precede building. They were the first fruits of salvation. The praises in the upper room were the first fruits from the flow of the sap of the vine. They were the grapes of Eschol in the new Canaan. Magnifying God! Laud-ing God! The sap materialized. The tongues of fire were seen upon their heads and also the fruits of their lips were forthcoming as they gave praise unto God.

The stupendous work of salvation, its magnificent, its glorious consummation was being celebrated in heaven, and it had to be celebrated on earth, and only in the heavenly way could it be adequately celebrated on earth. Therefore the Holy Spirit was given.

The residue of the overflow from the hundred and twenty was understood by a small percentage represented by people of about sixteen different languages who heard it. And then when the praises subsided, when the earth had finished uniting with heaven in its artillery of praise, then the inspired disciples interpreted the Spirit-inspired prophecies concerning the long-promised Messiah. And then the stones which had been hewn had to be dressed and dealt with (baptized in water) and put into place, and three thousand souls were added to the church.

The joy, the praising and blessing God in the temple after the ascension was blessed as far as it went, but by grace the hundred and twenty went further. Five hundred saw the Lord at one time. Some of them may have been in the temple praising God at the time that the Spirit fell in the upper room. One was a natural praise out of a full heart, the other was a supernatural praise, out of hearts supernaturally filled by a supernatural power, by the Spirit of the glorified Jesus.

Many Christians are living today in the temple experience and they won't give up that experience by humbling themselves, leaving the temple for the upper room. Go where the Spirit falls, and never mind the place where He falls. If you want God's best, you must go in God's appointed way to God's appointed place in God's appointed time.

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## SPEAKING UNTO GOD

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"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God" (1 Cor. 14:2). That is the inspired word of God, and he who says contrary denies God's word.

"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God." Then do you mean to say that no one is able to speak to God unless he speaks in tongues? We say nothing. The Word says there is praying in the understanding, and praying in the Spirit. Paul says, "I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also." There is also a communion of the Holy Spirit. But here it clearly states in the Word that he who speaks in an unknown tongue, his conversation is not earthward but heavenward, not to men but to God.

You say, "I don't understand it." You are not meant to. **But you are meant to experience it.** People cannot understand salvation. They can experience it, and they won't fully know what salvation means until they hear that song. "Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God."

Speaks unto God! Converses! Not in thought, not in mind, but in actual voice. The God-given language. The God-inspired tongue speaks to God Himself and He listens.

What about all the saints who have gone before who have not had this gift, mighty saints, mighty men of God? If they were mighty saints, mighty men of God, God made them mighty, and they knew God who made them mighty. That in itself was their reward. Your question in no wise nullifies the statement that he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaks to God. "But," you say, "I don't like to hear it. It is a jabber, it is a babbling. I don't understand it."

Nor do the matter-of-fact, old-fashioned, stereotyped bachelors understand the prattling of the babe. Ask the father what he thinks of his first born's prattle. He will close the Victrola door and open the nursery door in preference. Caruso takes a back seat, and the baby takes the front seat.

By and by the baby grows older and can converse with its father. There are babes in the spiritual, yes, and in their experience of the Baptism in the Spirit, and there are those who by exercise have become strong.

Speaks unto God! Argue against it, under-rate it, explain it away, villify it, say it is from below, criticize the class who have the experience, and empty the dictionary of abusive adjectives, and yet the inspired Word of God still holds good: "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God." Sin broke the converse between God and Adam. God came down in the cool of the evening to speak with Adam. Adam had hid. But the last Adam restored the communication, the conversa-

tion. He said, "I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me, and I knew that Thou hearest Me always;" and He it was who also said that believers should speak in new tongues. The new creation entitles you to the new tongue. And the Holy Spirit supplies the need.

Speak to God! Converses! What on? Mysteries. Sacred secrets. He takes the man, the child of God, into the holy of holies. "And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat" (Exodus 25:22). Sacred secrets, mysterious things, concerning the kingdom.

This gift brings the soul so near to God that he is made a confidant of, though the natural of the man may not understand. A spiritual language to the Father of spirits, inspired by the Spirit, pertaining to things in the spirit world. No wonder the apostle was inspired to write the words, "Forbid not to speak with tongues" (1 Cor. 14:39).

Every soul that forbids another speaking in tongues is going contrary to the Word of God and will suffer accordingly for breaking God's command. These who knew the Lord's will and did it not will be beaten with many stripes, and those who knew it not and did it not will be beaten with few stripes.

Don't be a candidate for the many stripes by forbidding to speak with tongues, but rather drop the fighting and seek to be brought by the Spirit into that secret place where you can SPEAK to God of mysteries, of sacred secrets. Amen.

## A MARVELOUS HEALING

Dear Christian friends, I have a testimony for everyone who is suffering. It is this—**Jesus is the great Physician.** Bless His name. I have been a sufferer for many years from tubercular kidneys, and have been given up to die several times. Sometimes I would have convulsions for a period of two weeks, the doctor visiting me every day and sometimes twice a day.

They took X-ray pictures of my kidneys, and these pictures showed the kidneys to be full of pus, also that the intestines had fallen and the bladder was in an awful condition. Dr. Clay, our family physician, told me that he had done all he could do for me. Twelve other doctors examined me and said that the removal of the worst kidney was the only relief, also saying frankly that I might live after the operation a few months, but would never rise from my bed again.

I was turned over to a specialist then, who gave me irrigations for the kidneys and bladder. It seemed as if I would die from these treatments, the pain being almost unbearable.

I was in the hospital from May 10 to July 9, and had to be taken back seven times afterwards, staying from four days to two weeks at a time.

I was so sick and suffered so much that I decided to take my life. I was not saved, but **Jesus**, bless His name, spoke so sweetly to me and said, "Life IS worth while. Don't do it." Little simple words; but ah, His voice! "Sweet as rushing waters!" Its music filled my soul.

On the 15th of April, 1921, I heard of a revival meeting being held in the Pentecostal Gospel Tabernacle, Fourth and Grand Avenue, Dallas, Texas. My kidneys were almost killing me at this time. A great ridge as large as my arm was swollen across my back and side. I couldn't breathe without pain, sharp and keen as a thrust of a knife, but I got to the meetings. Praise God! I listened to the preaching, but was in such agony, that I thought several times I must ask my husband to take me home; but he said to me, "Don't you believe the Lord can heal you? You know the doctors have failed." I said, "Yes, I do believe Jesus can heal me." After the service was over we fairly ran to the platform where Sister Alford was standing. She had been preaching that day and had said many wonderful things about Jesus. I said to her, "Oh, Sister Alford, please pray for me, that Jesus may heal me now." She placed her hands over my kidneys, and asked God to heal me for Jesus' sake. Immediately all pain left, and I haven't had any pain since. The swelling disappeared. Glory to Jesus! At that time I weighed only ninety pounds. In three months I weighed one hundred thirty-two. This healing has stood the test two years. I'm well and strong today. I do all my housework and very often have walked to church at night. Jesus has freed me from my bondage. All glory to His name.—Mrs. L. B. Ferguson, 2015 Southland St., Dallas, Tex.

Be filled with the Spirit. When? Now. God's time is always now.

How did the church begin? "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4).

Has God another pattern for His church in the end? If so, where in the Scripture do we find that other pattern?

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## Blossoms from the King's Garden

Mrs. A. R. Flower

**Monday**—"Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?" (Num. 32:6).

You cannot be content when you think of the precious young lives already laid down in the lands beyond the sea that the gospel might be declared to those in darkness. The battle presses sore and the front lines need replenishing and God is calling to you. Can you sit longer with the cry of dying souls piercing your heart?

**Tuesday**—"The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season" (Psa. 145:15).

This bit from Andrew Murray is a message to our hearts this day: "God provides in nature for the creatures He has made: how much more will He provide in Grace for those He has redeemed? Learn to say of every want, and every failure and every lack of needful grace: I have waited too little on God, or He would have given me in due season all I needed. And say then too—"My soul wait thou only upon God."

**Wednesday**—"Being now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ" (Philemon 9).

"Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free;

Force me to render up my sword and I shall conqueror be;

I sink in life's alarms when by myself I stand;

Imprison me within Thine arms and strong shall be my hand."

**Thursday**—"I am but a little child; I know not how to go out or come in. . . . Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:7-11).

Can you not see that young king praying? He asked God for the thing which he needed—wisdom to do properly the work God had called him to do. And God was so pleased with Solomon's request, He thrice multiplied the answer, giving the young king exceeding abundantly above all he asked or thought. "Before honor is humility." You are young, you feel your lack of wisdom in filling God's place—come, then in all the consciousness of your need, confess your lack, then ask largely for His wisdom, and you will not be disappointed, for He giveth liberally. Hallelujah!

**Friday**—"Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from Him cometh my salvation" (Psa. 62:1).

"First we wait upon God for salvation. Then we learn that salvation is only to bring us to God, and teach us to wait on Him. Then we find what is better still, that waiting on God is itself the highest salvation. It is ascribing to Him the glory of being All; it is the experiencing that He is All to us. May God teach us the blessedness of waiting on Him."

**Saturday**—"Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold" (Psa. 68:13).

### GOD'S RAINBOW

There must be light beyond this darkness,

God's sun has never failed to rise,  
The blackest night has had its ending  
When morning brought its glad surprise;

The tears that fell those hours of waiting

Are changed to sparkling gems of dew,

All dazzling in the sun's bright shining—  
God's rainbow in its richest hue.

**Sunday**—"Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God" (Heb. 11:25).

"Measure thy life by loss instead of gain,  
Not by wine drunk but by wine poured forth;

For love's strength standeth in life's sacrifice;

And whoso suffers most has most to give."

### ECCE VENIT!

(Behold, He Cometh!)

By Amy Yeomans

We are looking for the Dawn.

In the east a streak of red  
Calls to mind the Precious Blood,

Which to bring this Dawn was shed.  
Dark the night, and long and drear;

Dark the night and full of fear;

Dark the night, but Dawn is here;

"Behold, He cometh!"

We have watched the whole night through,

Looking with the eye of faith,

Looking, longing, for the Dawn;

Knowing Life must swallow Death;

Long the night, but look! behold!

See those rays of shining gold,

Gleams a radiance untold!

"Behold, He cometh!"

### THE SPIRIT OF GOD

**1. The Spirit of God is needed for life and quickening.**

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus 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).

**2. The Spirit of God is needed for power for service.**

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8).

"They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31).

"With great power gave the apostles witness" (Acts 4:33).

"All these (the various gifts) worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:11).

**3. The Spirit of God is needed for holiness of life.**

"Such were some of you, . . . but ye are sanctified . . . by the Spirit of God" (1 Cor. 6:11).

"Through sanctification of the Spirit" (1 Peter 1:2).

**4. The Spirit of God is needed for guidance.**

"As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:14).

"The Spirit suffered them not" (Acts 16:6,7).

**5. The Spirit of God is needed for knowledge.**

"He shall teach you all things" (John 14:26).

"God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Cor. 2:10).

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly" (1 Tim. 4:1).

We need to give heed to the express message of the Spirit.

"He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" (Rev. 3:22).

**6. The Spirit is needed for prayer.**

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" (Eph. 6:18).

"Praying in the Holy Ghost" (Jude 20).

**7. What should our attitude be toward the Spirit of God?**

"Be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18).  
Anything less than this is less than the will of God.

"Walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5:16).

This is the one means by which the lusts of the flesh can be overcome.

"Grieve not the Spirit" (Eph. 4:30).

This is spoken in connection with corrupt communications proceeding out of our mouths, bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and evil speaking.

"Quench not the Spirit" (1 Thess. 5:19).  
The context here is giving thanks for all things and prophesying.

Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?

### AFFAIRS IN PALESTINE

At the present time the population of Palestine consist of "590,000 Arabs, 75,000 Christians, and 84,000 Jews." All Europeans and Americans are put down as Christians. An election was recently held to form a legislative council, but the Arabs did not vote. It was clear that a government from which the Arabs were absent would represent less than one-fourth of the people and would not be workable. The British acting under the power given them by a mandate, have set aside the election and have chosen for immediate purposes, an advisory council, whose members will be nominated by the High Commissioner in Palestine. This council will consist of 12 members, 7 chosen from the chief Mohammedan families, 1 of the Bedouin chiefs, 2 "Christians," and 2 Jews. In that way all sections of the population will be represented, but not by election. The Arabs, who are very much opposed to the plans of the Zionist Jews, do not seem to be inclined to cooperate even in this.

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

**KENT, TEXAS**—There is a little band here who are trying to get close to the Lord, and the enemy is doing everything he can to overthrow us. Pray for us, and for me and my family.—J. H. Hawkins, Turkey, Texas.

**HEWITT, OKLA.**—At this place I found some Spirit-filled saints and preached for them 18 nights. God wonderfully blessed; 26 were saved and 16 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, speak in tongues.—S. J. Berryhill, pastor, West Tulsa, Okla.

**EUSTACE, TEXAS**—We have just closed our summer meeting at the North Twin assembly of God, with very good success. Six were baptized in water, and 6 received the Holy Spirit and spake with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. We have baptized 20 in all, and 15 or 16 have received the Holy Spirit. We are looking to the Lord for greater things. Please pray for us.—N. R. Lewis, pastor.

**WHITE OAK, W. VA.**—A blessed time was experienced by many during the 11-day meeting here. We were assisted throughout by Misses Ida George and Clara Lape, missionary girls. Brother Fred L. A. Newark helped in 2 services. Six were buried with Christ in baptism, and many are at the altar, tarrying for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.—A. J. Berry and H. L. Shumway, evangelists.

**ATHENS, ALA.**—We have just taken a trip from Richton, Miss., to Athens, Ala. We have a Ford truck with a house on it, in which we travel. We were three months on the way, staying from one to two weeks in every town, preaching on the streets. The Lord surely did bless in preaching the Word. We preached to men who had not heard a sermon in 10 to 15 years. We had large crowds in town almost everywhere. People were stirred and said it was the true gospel. The people of Vernon, Ala., want me to come back and hold a meeting for them. We found many places where the truth never had been preached. We are at Athens to stay for awhile. We have a work here. We came here about two years ago and God established a good work. A good many have the Baptism. We want to build a mission here soon. Pray for this work and that we may get the money with which to build. We also are carrying on an open air meeting under a large oak grove about 1½ miles out from Athens. We are having large crowds. Pray for this work and that the Lord will lead us in His own way and use us in winning souls. We need a good worker to help us, some one who is willing to suffer for the gospel's sake.—Chas. Williamson, evangelist, Athens, Ala.

**LITTLE ROCK, ARK.**—We are still pushing determinedly forward in our effort to establish here a sane, strong, living assembly, with relays of visiting evangelists. We are in our sixth week and Sister Norah Jurney is now doing the preaching. We are extremely short in the way of people to pray and testify, and shall be so glad to have consecrated, steady saints from anywhere come to our aid. About 22 have professed salvation, and many have been healed. The power of God is present at the altar to save and heal in almost every case immediately. We expect to persist as long as we can survive financially, and look for the God who wrote the 18th Psalm to come to our help. Please pray.—Chas. E. Robinson, 812 Rock St., Little Rock, Ark.

**QUINLAN, TEXAS**—Just closed a few-nights meeting at Whites Prairie, 5 miles from Quinlan. About 30 were saved, and 4 received the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4. I held a meeting here last September, and the interest never has died. The people came for several miles. Sometimes they would gather before sundown. Some really old people were saved. One old lady, who had belonged to a church ever since the civil war, came to the altar and prayed through to victory. They are making plans for a church here. Please pray that the plans may be carried out and the work established. From here we go to Floyd Co. for a meeting. Pray that God may be glorified through our efforts.—Jas. Medley and wife.

**DES ARC, MO.**—I feel to give a full report of the revival here, which we closed a few days ago. After a long hard battle, God made Himself known in our midst in a wonderful way, as a result of which 25 were saved and 39 received the Baptism as in Acts 2:4, and 25 were baptized in water according to Matthew 28:19. When we came here we could get no building except a little store, which a merchant very kindly offered us. After the revival broke through, God helped us to buy another and larger building, which made us a nice roomy church. At the close of the revival, our district chairman, Brother J. E. Spence, came and set the new assembly in order, with 48 charter members. Since then five more names have been added. For all this we give praise to God. The assembly has called me to be their pastor. I will make my home here and do evangelistic work in this new field. We were very glad to have our dear Brother Spence with us. God gave him some wonderful messages for the saints, which will never be forgotten. We ask the Evangelic family to pray for this young assembly.—Evangelists W. G. Workman, with Homer G. Wilson.

**SUMRALL, MISS.**—The Lord is with us here, and is blessing us in a very precious way. When I came here a little more than eighteen months ago this was a new field with only one Pentecostal person in the town and surrounding country; but now we have a nice church house finished and painted throughout (and we do not owe one penny on it), and a nice band of sweet, clean, Spirit-filled saints, free from every form and trace of fanaticism. Others are finding the Lord in His fulness all along. Some have received their Baptism in their homes, and for it all we do praise His wonderful name. I am glad to say that many of the leading business and professional men of the town are standing with us for the full gospel. Below I quote in part a news item which appeared in the "Daily Stew" of June 14, 1923.

"Last night at the Pentecostal church, when pastor J. M. Graham was about to take his text about 60 representative citizens, composed of Baptists, Methodists, Catholics, etc. marched up the aisle two abreast and halted the service with a few well chosen remarks by a prominent lawyer of this town, who stated that the purpose of this unexpected interruption was to show an appreciation of the pastor in his efforts to do good, and to stand up for the principles which he considered to be right in advocating the freedom of all mankind, especially the inherent right to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience, and as a token of that appreciation to make him a small contribution of about \$150.00 and to wish him God-speed.

"Rev. Graham responded with emotion and gratitude and speaking to a crowd which filled the house to overflowing, eloquently portrayed the intentions and purposes of the founders of this great republic in dedicating the constitution to posterity as a monument to freedom to worship the Master according to the dictates of one's own conscience.

"The crowd was gotten up on short notice and only a few knew that such a move was on foot. Hundreds who knew nothing of it until it was over expressed regret that they were not permitted to participate in the procession, which was composed of doctors, lawyers, merchants and laborers of nearly all walks of life."

I think now that I shall give up the work here in the near future and again enter the evangelistic work. Those desiring my service may write me.—J. M. Graham, Box 400, Sumrall, Miss.

Praise the Lord for His goodness to us. Last Sunday night while at church, my sister Mamie, age 14 was taken suddenly very sick. We thought that she was dying. But we prayed with thanksgiving to the Lord, and in less than an hour she was healed. Next morning she went to work chopping cotton as usual. Glory be to Jesus. Pray for a revival here.—Tony Pigg, Smith Center, Tilton, Ark.

**MALVERN, ARK.**—We want again to praise our precious Lord and Master for what he is doing in this part of His great harvest field. We just closed a two-weeks revival meeting. The power of God was present to save, restore and baptize. About 16 were saved and reclaimed and some received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. We were privileged to have Brother and Sister C. T. Radley, outgoing missionaries to the West Indies, with us for a week and God wonderfully blessed their ministry in giving forth His Word and in song. There is a good work here, everybody praying and working hard. Pray for us and the work.—Richard A. Babcock, pastor.

The Midsummer Convention of the Illinois State Council, which has just closed, was a very blessed success in that definite results were accomplished. Many of the ministers who hold pastorates over the State of Illinois attended. The splendid Bible lessons given by Brother S. A. Jamieson of Chicago were a feature of great interest and blessing to the ministers and to the congregation. His fruitful ministry will long be remembered by us. The strong evangelistic sermons delivered by Evangelist Wm. Lambert Brant of Chicago caused the crowds to increase in such great numbers that, in spite of the extreme heat that was on at that time, the tabernacle, which seats about 700 people, was too small to accommodate them. Brother Brant has a real ministry from God, and any congregation is fortunate in having him in their midst. Both he and Brother Jamieson greatly endeared themselves to our people. Souls were saved every night, some healed, and others baptized in the Spirit. A water baptismal service was held at which time 29 were buried with Christ in baptism. A revival spirit has been upon our Assembly almost constantly for over 2 years. Praise the Lord for victory on old-time Pentecostal lines.

—C. M. O'Guin, Chairman, A. W. Kortkamp, Sec-Treas.

**CULDESAC, IDAHO**—Jesus is Victor. On the Fourth His children here celebrated. We buried nine in the waters of Lapwai creek, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, their Lord Jesus, and of the Holy Spirit; which formula meets all requirements, for since the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit reveals that Jesus is the Son. Hallelujah for this truth! It is wonderful to know HIM as Lord. The week-meetings are held by different leaders and are proving profitable, the cry is for more love and compassion to come in. God's Spirit-baptized children live in Canaan land and the Holy Spirit brings them unto the seven nations living there, which are the seven avenues of temptations through which the enemy tries to draw them back into the flesh life, for it's only by resisting them with the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony and by the Sword of the Spirit, that they can be overthrown, and their images broken down. There can be no victory

without a battle, no crown without a cross, no overcoming life without the temptations, but, being faithful in carrying out the admonitions, the Lord will drive them out, not within a year, but little by little, until we be increased and inherit the land, which is—dead to self. Beauty can only come out of ashes; the resurrection Christ life can only come out of death of the former life, and one great office work of the Holy Spirit is to point us to Christ, lead us into the truth about ourself, prepare the temple for the incoming of the "Refiner," who will refine and purify our nature and purge our spirit, that our life may be in righteousness, holy. Compare 1x: 23:20-33 with Mal. 3:1-3; John 14:18, 20, 23; 16:13, and remember that Jesus baptizes with fire also, Luke 3:16, 17. Pray for us.—A. A. Hansen.

#### A WORD TO THOSE IN CHARGE OF CAMP MEETINGS

We will very much appreciate if ministers in charge of camp meetings will set one day in the camp meeting as Pentecostal Evangel day.

Someone enthusiastic about the Evangel should take direct charge of the campaign. Ask the young people to help. They will gladly do it. Ask for two captains and enough to make two subscription teams. On Pentecostal Evangel day start them out to get the subscription of everybody who is not already a subscriber. The Evangel at \$1.00 per year is published at less than cost and everybody should take the paper.

Drop us a card and we will send you as many Evangelicals as you can conscientiously use in a campaign for new subscriptions. Please give the exact number that you can use. Also tell us how many subscription blanks you think you can use. Please be careful to get all names and addresses correctly, and send in promptly. If possible, keep a copy of names sent in.

We thank you in advance for your help in this matter. Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

#### HEALED OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS, BAD EYES AND THROAT TROUBLE

I praise God for salvation and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and also for healing my throat. It was so bad that sometimes I could not speak. I was told that I had bronchitis and weak eyes. Ever since I was five years old I have had infantile paralysis. I have been treated by doctor after doctor; but, thank God Doctor Jesus is the best. I came from Eureka to San Leandro with my mother, then came to San Jose. June 4, 1923 I went to the Upper Room Mission in San Jose and was prayed for, and, glory to God, I know that He is real. Yours in His name, Virginia M. Peacock (14 years old).

#### HEALED OF CANCER

I am sending this not so much for publication as to tell you how I used the dear Evangel for the glory of God, and to let you know the wonderful healing I received.

Something that looked like a mole came on my face near my eye. It grew so rapidly and began to trouble me. My mother died of cancer that began in just that way. I was alarmed. As I had been healed several times by the touch of Jesus, praise His Name, I thought I would just claim the promise of faith. So I took the Evangel and placed it on my face, praying that if cancer were there or anything that would cause trouble, that He would blast the roots. Praise His name! in three days it was turning brown, withered away just like the fig tree. In eleven days it was entirely gone.

Praise the name of the Lord who healeth all our diseases. I just want to tell you that I knew the Evangel was prayed over and sent out for the glory of God.—Mrs. Chas. E. Morgan, East St. Louis, Ill., Edgemont Sta. R. R. 5, Box 74.

#### BABY HEALED OF TUBERCULAR GLANDS

Some time ago I wrote asking for prayer for my sister and her baby. I have just returned from there. They all are giving God praise for most remarkable healing. The baby had tubercular glands and blood poisoning. There is not a sign of the disease left. Praise God. I now ask prayer for my sister's father-in-law. His hands and feet are apparently dead and badly swollen. He asked me to request prayer. Also my father. He has enlarged heart, corrosive liver, high blood pressure, and is very nervous. He is in a bad shape. Both men claim to be Christians.—Sister Cook, Valier, Ill.

#### HE FOUND THAT THERE WAS MORE

I have recently received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire. I had heard of it, but had doubts about it. I thought that all was done when I was converted. But my wife and I went to a meeting to have her eyes anointed and prayed for; and while there she consented to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I watched the whole way through, and when it came, and she began to praise the Lord and speak the new tongue I was convinced that she had received what I had not. The following Sunday night I went and bowed at the altar and cried to Him with my hands stretched toward heaven. I cried with all my heart and in less than twenty-five minutes the fire of the power of the Holy Spirit fell upon me and I too began to praise the Lord and speak the new tongue. Hallelujah! The minister, Mr. Howard, gave me a copy of the Pentecostal Evangel. I have fallen in love with it. It will take the place of much newspaper reading, for it is food to my soul. My heart is full of joy.—(Rev.) J. W. Cornwell, 11 Orange Ave., Irvington, N. J.

## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

All offerings for Foreign Missions and for expense of conducting the Missionary Department, should be sent by Check, Draft, Express or Postal Money Order, made payable to J. Roswell Flower, Treasurer, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo., U. S. A.

### A HEARTBREAKING SITUATION

When missionaries have the work of the Lord on their hearts, and they are laboring and sacrificing to the limit and then find that the needs of the work are not being met, we can hardly blame them if they should feel a little discouraged, sometimes.

Recently we saw a letter from one of our missionaries that was written to a personal friend. Such a letter would never have been written to the Evangel nor to the Missionary Treasurer. But sometimes one will open their heart to a friend and let them know just how they feel about things. This letter fell into the hands of the Missionary Treasurer who feels that he must use it for the glory of God. The name of the missionary and her location will be withheld for a reason. Here is the letter:

"We say that we haven't the funds to support the missionaries properly, which is true. Other missionaries think we are crazy to try to get along on the little we get. I confess that sometimes the tears flow thick and fast when some of us have tried to do our best and we get so little that we run into debt. Such was the case this month, when I received a notice from the bank that \$12.50 had been deposited to my credit. I was already overdrawn at the bank and had not had any mail for more than a week, and bills were overdue. I was just home from a village. The Oriental sun was intensely hot and we sat down to a plain meal of potatoes, Chinese greens, a few tomatoes grown by a co-worker and some bread and water. This was our evening meal, which is the principal one of the day. I managed to keep back the tears until after service when the light was extinguished, then rolled into the camp cot and had a good cry. I prayed God not to let me murmur. I know that you have gone through trying experiences, far more bravely than I; but just pray for me, do. My heart is too full to write more, but for Jesus' sake and the work's sake don't let things of this nature hinder the sending forth of laborers this year; oh! so sorely needed."

And others would tell the same tale also, if we could but get them to open their hearts. How they have battled, and sacrificed and suffered that the banner of King Jesus might be placed in hostile soil. How they have ever managed to do what they have done is a mystery that cannot be solved. Surely God has watered the land with tears and is bringing forth a harvest out of the very life of his precious missionaries.

Only a few months ago we had a distribution of funds amounting to an average of \$18.00 for a month. A few received more than this, especially those who have assemblies standing back of them

with pledged support. But there are a large number who do not receive any other offerings except those which come through the hands of the Missionary Treasurer. Last month we were enabled to raise the allowance to \$25.00 for the month. This is just half the amount considered to be a fair allowance for our missionaries. May the Lord help us to get this burden on our hearts and may the missionary spirit so grip us that we shall strive together until we are able to send to our precious missionaries sufficient help to equip them for the work they are trying to do. You and I can lift the burden and save our missionaries some of the heartbreak at least.

Sister A. Ziese, Tai yuan fu, China writes: "We just had a little convention here which lasted eight days. Many of the Christians from the different stations gathered together and also some foreigners. At first there seemed great pressure as the enemy was raging, but then as we held on in faith, the Lord came forth in victory and all our hearts were blessed and refreshed. Toward the close of the meetings there were nine souls who followed the Lord in water baptism. Then one man and one woman received the Baptism in the Spirit, and others were wonderfully blessed nearly coming through speaking in tongues. Oh, how we did rejoice and praise God for His wonderful love and works toward the children of men."

### BLESSINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Miss Emma L. Wick, of the Apostolic Faith Mission of Johannesburg, sends a very good report of the native conference. "We have just had our annual native conference and the spirit pervading is so earnest that our European friends get richly blest in attending. We have some faithful preachers and overseers who have been with us from the beginning of this work. A white brother, 68 years old, gave a report of a total number of candidates, 591, baptized last year in his district and all of these are baptized in the Holy Spirit with the exception of about 15. For seven years this brother had been walking about this large district of the Zoutpansberg and still is not weary. He says he has kept the faith and a crown was laid up for him, but he has not finished his course!

"Brother Letwaba is a native overseer who has also been with us from the beginning of this work. He has built a large school and has certificated teachers. This insures well laid foundation for the native children and the Government helps with a certain amount.

He has also been appointed marriage officer. He has a brother who is one of our old preachers. This brother was dying but the believers there held on in prayer persistently and he was raised up and was instantly healed and made well and strong.

"A born cripple was healed and the devil cast out of a woman who since she was a child was driven far away by him. Now she is in her right mind. In one place where they baptize there are many crocodiles, but they never molest those who come there for that purpose. In one church the power fell when it was dedicated and all present were baptized in the Spirit.

"Pray for me for strength. Have been here thirteen years."

### UNITY IN SOUTH AFRICA

Brother Ernest Hooper, the superintendent of the native work in South Africa, writes, "We have just closed our missionary conference held here in Benoni and God came into our midst in much power. His blessed presence was manifest from the beginning to the end. Unity among the workers was precious, bringing into the gatherings a real taste of heaven. We were sorry when it came time to part for our various fields. But through the conference our hearts were encouraged to believe God as never before for great things for His work in this corner of the vineyard. A fresh vision of the need was given as we prayed and then faith to trust our Great Glorious Lord for the exceeding abundantly. Hallelujah!"

### THE LORD ANSWERING PRAYER

Miss Bella Militscher writes from China, "God is so good to us here—just a little handful of missionaries compared to the great multitudes of heathen surrounding us. We are so thankful for the love and prayers of Gods little ones in the homeland who make it possible for us to live here and minister for Jesus.

"It seems as though the many years of hard labor of our senior missionaries are being reaped now. Surely prayers, tears and groans have gone up for the South China work and God is letting us hear and see the revival fires spreading. We are believing for a deluge of the Latter Rain. Good reports come from Canton, Lo Pau and Pak Nai and other stations.

"Last week Miss Finch and I had the privilege of going up country to visit one of our dear missionaries who labors alone at Sz ooi. We arrived just as they were concluding a series of revival meetings. Eighteen followed the Lord in water baptism within the past two weeks.

"I earnestly covet the prayers of all the dear ones at home that I may get this language more perfectly. I praise God for what He has done for me and gradually I am able to make known God's word to this people. A week ago Wednesday night I led the meeting and gave my first message from the Word in our regular Wednesday night prayer meeting. I am believing God for victory over every difficulty. Phil. 4:13."

**THE MEXICAN BORDER**

Brother H. C. Ball writes of further blessing on the Mexican Border, "I am back from the conference in Brownsville which was one nice place to be. Five workers attended from the Mexican side and five from the American. Our work in Tamaulipas is going ahead in a blessed way, and on the American side wonderful progress has also been made. In San Juan the assembly bought one of the soldier barracks and they have done the same in Mercedes. These two assemblies are without pastors so it is all the more marvelous. Brother Angel Montes, the director of the Brownsville District has bought a new Ford car and the entire district is helping him to pay for it, in order that he may visit them the more often. In Rio Hondo the brethren have started a tabernacle. They have built the roof and they hope to finish it as they are able. We also have about ten brethren in San Benito, and the work in Los Indios is growing."

**A BAPTISM IN LIBERIA**

Miss Catherine M. Kirsch writes from Cape Palmas, "Just a few lines from Liberia to let you know that the Lord is working in our midst. One of our boys received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and saw a vision of Jesus carrying a cross and saying to him, 'Follow me and do not have sin hidden in your heart.' Two other boys are near their baptism. Surely God wants to come forth in this dark benighted land. Please pray with us for a great outpouring of the Spirit in Liberia."

**PRAY FOR MISS HARRIS**

Miss Frances Harris, of Basti, India, has been having quite a battle in her body. Continue to pray that the Lord will stretch forth His hand and completely deliver for His own name's sake.

**A PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS**

Miss Hannah A. James writes from South Africa, "Since I wrote last we have been visited by locusts. The swarm did not sleep on the mission station but in the morning the fore-runners devoured our little wheat crop. Fortunately it was only a few inches high and will therefore sprout again. Here they did comparatively small damage as the Kaffir-corn and mealie crops were harvested in many cases, or too hard to attract the insects. The natives simply shouted for joy when they heard them coming, for they form a much esteemed article of food. They were out all night scooping them into large sacks, yet in the morning the remnant took two hours to fly past our house. The locusts are scalded and afterwards dried in the sun. This process enables them to be kept for months. When required as food they are fried in fat or butter. There are immense swarms of locusts all over Africa this year. The work here among the young people is encouraging so far as numbers go but the longed for break has not yet come. By ones and twos they enter into the Kingdom but we long for a mighty revival which will bring deep conviction of sin upon them."



The Little Sunday School at Don Alonzo, Porto Rico. Only a part were present on account of the rain. The man on the extreme right is the pastor. Brother Frank Finkenbinder is standing beside him.

**THE LORD BLESSING IN PORTO RICO**

Brother Frank Finkenbinder writes from Porto Rico, "How encouraged I am with the work in Santurce. We have a young pastor there who is really one of little experience, but he is alive in the Spirit. They had a fine congregation out to the Sunday night service, and the Lord blessed. As the service was held in just a little hall, 8x10 ft., I felt it of the Lord to take an offering for a larger hall. The people were so blessed and so pleased with their young pastor that an offering of \$20.00 was given to rent a larger hall. An offering of this size in one service here on the Island is a marvel. Thank God, He is marching on. I just received word from another brother, not a minister, that he has a congregation of more than thirty-five saved people in Vega Baja, and desires that we send a pastor there. I am very anxious to go out among the assemblies again, and if I can I want to visit this little new work."

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS**

- From July 20 to July 26, Inclusive  
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- \$856.56: Pent'l Church, Cleveland, O.
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  - 15.00: J. E. C., Lynchburg, Mo.; Central Park Pent'l Assembly, Farmingdale, N. Y.; Assembly, Witherbee, N. Y.; M. H., Boone, Ia.
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  - 12.00: Friends, Woodland, Calif.

- 11.05: Bethel Pent'l Assembly, Cortland, N. Y.
  - 11.00: C. S. B., Onalaska, Wash.; A friend, Alberta.
  - 10.00: B. A. W., Toronto, Ont.; Assembly, Muscatine, Ia.; Mrs. J. H., San Francisco, Calif.; G. A. D., Norwood, O.; J. H. S., Turlock, Calif.; Mrs. W. O. F., E. Palestine, O.; P. N., Clayton, Wash.; R. C. O., Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. L. S., Boone, Ia.; Mrs. C. A., Bridgeport, Conn.; F. C., Chicago, Ill.; H. C. & R. E. J., Central Park, N. Y.; Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Jr., Buffalo, N. Y.
  - 9.50: S. S., Huttig, Ark.
  - 9.00: Mrs. A. E. P., San Francisco, Calif.; Mr. & Mrs. W. F. R., Goose Creek, Texas; R. A. D., Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. M. U. M., Beaconsfield, Ia.
  - 8.00: Mrs. M. P., San Francisco, Calif.
  - 7.55: S. S., Harrington, Wash.
  - 7.50: P. Y. P. Band, Gracemont, Okla.
  - 7.00: Assembly, Pattonsburg, Mo.
  - 6.12: E. J. B., Elmout, Mo.
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**IOWA AND NORTH MISSOURI CAMP.** This camp will be held at Mercer, Mo., August 9 to 19. Elder D. W. Kerr and Mrs. Kerr, of the Central Bible Institute, will be with us.—Roy E. Scott, Mercer, Mo.

**CAMP MEETING IN MILAN, TENN.,** at the Pentecostal Church, 3 miles southwest of Milan, conducted by Brother Geo. W. Lawson, of Woodriver, Ill., beginning August 17 and continuing until September 2.—Walter A. Spain, pastor.

**VAN BUREN, ARK., ARBOR MEETING.**—An old-time Pentecostal revival at the Assembly of God Church, under a nice arbor, August 11 to September 1. P. F. Ramsey, of Russellville, Ark., will do the evangelistic preaching. Rev. Ramsey is a fine preacher and singer. Come hear the gospel in word and song. Everybody is invited.—C. A. Lasater, Pastor, 1900 S. R St., Fort Smith, Ark.

**CAMP MEETING AT EIGHT MILE CREEK, MOBILE, ALA.,** Sept. 1 to 15 inc. Evangelist J. L. Slay to be in charge. Table supplied by free-will-offerings. Place of camp is eight miles from Mobile Court House on St. Stephens road. From Mobile catch Whistler car, go to end of line, and you will be met by automobiles. Further particulars from W. L. Gibson, Prichard, Ala., H. C. Everette, Whistler, Ala., or F. Esquire, Crichton, Ala.

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**NEBRASKA STATE CAMP MEETING**  
The fifth annual State Camp Meeting will be held at Franklin, Nebr., August 19 to September 2. Evangelist Watt Walker will have charge. Pray for the camp and prepare to attend, expecting God to meet with us. Tents will be furnished at cost. Tents free to ministers. Meals will be served on the free-will-offering plan. Bring bedding and toilet articles. For further information write to John Crouch, Sec., Box 13, Franklin, Nebr.

**SECOND CAMP FOR 1923 AT STORM LAKE, IOWA,** of the Iowa and North Missouri District will be held, the Lord willing, August 24 to September 1, Evang. Earl W. Clark and wife in charge. Brother K. A. Timrud and wife, missionaries from India, will be present and assist in the meetings. Meals on the free-will-offering plan. Tents 10x12 at \$5.00 for the camp. Order should be sent to J. Christ, Jensen, R. D. 2, Alta, Iowa, not later than August 15. Send all offerings also to Brother Jensen.—Isaac M. Glanville, presbyter.

**TEXAS CAMP MEETING**  
Second Annual Camp Meeting, Whitt, Parker Co., Texas, beginning August 18, 1923, and continuing until September 9 inclusive. Come prepared to camp in the open or bring your own toilet articles and camp with the workers at a place prepared especially for them; or you may get a home assigned with the people if you notify us in time. For further information write or call Lonnie Whitworth, Pastor, or either of the following:  
J. H. Baldwin, Secretary,  
J. L. Martin, Trustee.

**THE SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT CAMP MEETING,** at Dothan, Ala., will begin, the Lord willing, the first Sunday in October, with Brother J. L. Slay in charge. All are cordially invited. Come prepared to take care of yourselves. There will be a lunch stand on the camp grounds, to serve all at fair prices. You can bring your produce and sell to help to defray your expenses. The District Council will convene in connection with the camp meeting, from October 16 to 20. Churches are asked to provide pastors and delegates to the Council with proper funds to defray their expenses while there. Let us cooperate this time, brethren.—O. J. Steverson, R. E. Taylor, K. D. Johns, G. C. Courtney, W. O. Weeks, Committee.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF., TENT CAMPAIGN**  
Brother and Sister A. A. Nankivell, of Chicago, will begin a tent meeting August 5 for the summer, running into the fall, in Long Beach and at Torrance. Plan to spend your vacation here in this delightful climate. Attend the meeting and help and get helped.—W. R. Potter, Pastor, Assembly Hall, 338 E 3d St.

**REVIVAL CAMPAIGN AT KANSAS CITY**  
The Lord willing, a revival campaign will begin August 5, lasting four weeks or more as the Lord will lead. The sick and those who desire the deep things of God are especially invited to set this season apart and attend the meeting. God is giving us faith for a powerful meeting. For information concerning this meeting write Pastor Henry Hoar, 258 Early St., Kansas City, Kansas.—John Goblen, John Olsen.

**REVIVAL CAMPAIGN, MORO, ARK.,** will begin, the Lord willing, August 18, and continue 2 weeks or longer. Any of the brethren who are in fellowship with the General Council and who are passing this way, are invited to stay over with us on faith lines. Come and help us to give Moro an old-time meeting. Anyone desiring to attend come by rail to Brinkley, Ark. For information write Isaac Fulks, R. F. D., 1, Box 79.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD CAMP MEETING, SAVANNAH, OKLA.,** August 17-30.—Everybody is invited. On the Jefferson Highway and the Katy Railroad. The evening service will be conducted by Charles Peppers, of Rosebud, Mo., an able evangelist. Bring your camp tent, if you have one, and bedding and toilet articles. If possible we will get some tents which can be rented at reasonable rates. For information write S. N. Jordan, Savannah, Okla.—J. W. Hudson, pastor.

**BYESVILLE, OHIO, CAMPMEETING**  
The Third Annual Camp Meeting of the Byesville Assembly will commence August 17 and continue over three Sundays. We have secured the same beautiful grounds this year. The evangelistic services and music will be in charge of the Canadian Evangelistic Trio, A. H. Argue, son Watson, and daughter Zelma. Brother and Sister Wilbert R. Williamson, returned missionaries from South China, will bring news from that field. Three services daily. We will have about seventy-five tents on the grounds, besides the big top. For information address the pastor, J. Clark Soules, 101 S. Seventh St., Byesville, Ohio.

**SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT CAMP MEETING.**—This camp will be held at Kennett, Mo., beginning August 15. We ask that all the assemblies and ministers of the district pray for this camp meeting, that many will be saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The Presbytery of the District will be at this camp meeting to do Council work. Anyone who wishes to come in with us at this camp meeting, write me for an Application Blank, fill it out, and return to me. Do this before camp meeting. There will be camp tents on the ground to rent at \$2.50 for the entire camp meeting. Be sure to bring your own bedding and toilet articles. Meals will be served on the grounds on the free-will-offering plan. The night preaching will be done by Sister Dollie Simms, of Dexter, Mo. The choir will be led by Elder A. A. Wilson, pastor at Puxico, Mo.—J. E. Spence, Chairman.

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September 1 to 21, 1923, for an old-time Pentecostal revival. Those coming from a distance bring bedding. Tents will be needed. Bring them too. Restaurants and lunch counters will be convenient. Be prepared to pay your own expenses, but the services, prayer and healing are free to all. Good song service. Bring the sick and afflicted to be healed without money or price, in the name of Jesus. Address all inquiries to P. O. Box 9, Wynnburg, Tenn.

**CAMP MEETING AT BUNKER, MISSOURI,** August 17-26 inclusive. Clyde Bailey, of Marion, Ill., will deliver the evangelistic message each night during the campaign beginning August 8 and continuing throughout the camp meeting. Pastor C. M. O'Guin, of Granite City, Ill., will have charge of the daily teaching services. Brother Roy Cochran, a chorister of Granite City, Ill., will conduct the musical part of the meetings. Bring your bedding and toilet articles and stay throughout the camp meeting. Meals served on free-will-offering plan. A number of vacant houses have been donated for campers. For further information write O. L. Allsman, Chairman, or S. K. Biffle, Pastor.

### IDAHO STATE CAMP MEETING

The first annual state camp of the Assemblies of God will be held at Nampa, Idaho, August 24 to September 3, Evangelist Kelley Campbell in charge. Pray for camp and prepare to attend expecting God to meet with us. Every minister and assembly cooperate with us in this camp that God may bless, save and baptize the hungry souls, and stir the work of the Lord in Idaho. We are expecting Brother Frank Gray, of Tacoma, Wash., Chairman of Northwestern District. Bring toilet articles and bedding. Small tents at cost. All assemblies interested please take offering and send in for expense of camp. Meals on free-will-offering plan.—Evang. Kelley Campbell, Box 213, Nampa, Idaho.

### LANCASTER CAMPMEETING

The Eastern District Camp Meeting for the eastern end of the district will be held in the beautiful "WILLIAMSON CITY PARK," Lancaster, Pa., from August 10 to 26, inclusive. Those coming from a distance on either the Pennsylvania or Philadelphia & Reading Railroads, will take street car at the city square and transfer to the Rocky Springs Park street car and get off at "WILLIAMSON CITY PARK." Special workers—R. A. Brown, Bert Williams, Joseph Tunmore, Ernest S. Williams. For further information as to meals, etc., write L. A. Hill, 809 East Orange St., Lancaster, Pa. (Bell Phone 2526-M), or E. C. Sikes, 5 Madison St., Paterson, N. J.

### KANSAS STATE CAMP MEETINGS

**NORTHWEST.**—The Eleventh Annual Northwest Kansas Pentecostal Camp Meeting will be held at WEBSTER, Kansas, August 9-19. Brother S. A. Jamison, of Chicago, will be in charge of the day service, giving two Bible lessons daily. These studies will be a great blessing to all attending ministers, workers and saints. Brother A. B. Ellsworth, of Galena, Kansas, with all other ministers present, will conduct evangelistic services each evening. Living tents on the ground at very reasonable rentals. If you have a tent bring it with you. Meals served at cost. All ministers and workers freely cared for at camp. Write S. H. Patterson, Osborne, Kansas.

**WEST CENTRAL.**—The First West Central Pentecostal camp meeting will be held at McCracken, Kansas, August 23 to September 2, Brother Hardy W. Mitchell, of Denver, in charge. Meals served in the dining-tent at cost. Tents at very reasonable rent. Ministers and workers entertained free. Musicians bring your instruments. The Webster Pentecostal Orchestra is expected to give us special music. For further information write Pastor A. Roy Farley, McCracken, Kansas.—S. H. Patterson, Chairman, Osborne, Kansas.

**NOTICE TO THE OKLAHOMA BRETHERN.** Remember that the General Council is to meet at St. Louis, September 13 to 20, and that our chairman of this district needs to go. So let us all make him an offering by the fifth of September, so he can go.—Evang. Joe H. Miller.

**CAMP MEETING AT SENECA, MO.** We will begin a camp meeting at No. 8 schoolhouse, seven miles southwest of Seneca, Mo., August 18 to last until August 31. Evangelist J. A. McPhail, of Oswego, Kans., will be in charge. Meals on free-will-offering plan. Further information from J. W. Leader, Jr., R. 4, Box 19, Seneca, Mo.

### GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Make arrangements ahead to be with us at Council. Note date, Sept. 13 to 20, and place, St. Louis Mo. Full announcements later.

**A WORD FROM SISTER SISSON**

Miss Sisson has received one hundred and forty wonderful letters of love and prayer and congratulations upon her eightieth birthday. With all her public work and prayer life it is impossible to reply personally to them all, so will the dear friends kindly accept this way of thanking each for all their loving words, and deeds and prayers.

God certainly will pour it back upon every one. "Inasmuch." Overwhelmed with gratitude, Your octogenarian, Elizabeth Sisson, 17 Jay Street, New London, Conn.

**A GOOD TESTIMONY**

About seven years ago the Lord spoke to my heart, and I knew that although a member of the Church of England, and one who loved her church and worked hard for it, I was unsaved. Before that, although a worldly woman, I thought that I had a fair chance of heaven. The things I did, our ministers did. In fact, I played cards, tennis, and other games with our ministers. They also went to the theater, dance, and the opera that I used to love so well. When the Lord got my heart, these things all fell off like dead leaves from a tree. They meant nothing to me. I did not have to give these things up. My precious Saviour had taken the desire out of my heart.

Shortly after that the Holy Spirit came into this temple of clay. The Lord healed my body. I had not asked for it, nor looked for it. I was too concerned about Jesus in those days, just to know Him better, to understand His Word, to love Him more and more. In these years I have never had a doctor or any medicine. I have been healed of threatened blindness (The sight of one eye was gone); also of ptomaine poisoning; and three weeks ago of a broken blood vessel in my leg. In His strength I cooked dinner for my family with this leaking going on. I praised the Lord for healing, but I continued to suffer. I was unable to rest, as I had an invalid in the home and a little grandchild visiting me. After two days the bleeding ceased; but a terrible pain in my foot was the next thing. The devil told me that a clot had formed there and that I would lose my foot. My father and elder brother had both died of apoplexy, and of course the subtle voice reminded me of this.

But I continued to praise Him, and one morning in church He healed me instantly. I am sorry to say that the next day I never rested one moment from 8 a. m. until night. The result was that all the symptoms came back, and I felt almost ashamed to ask God again, for I felt that I had grieved Him. The praise, too, was hard for me to give. But I took a day to rest in His presence, and in the evening went to the mission. After the service the minister anointed and prayed for me. I felt nothing at the time, not even any joy, but that night the Lord healed me while I slept. "He giveth His beloved in sleep." About fourteen years ago while I was playing in a tennis tournament, I broke a blood vessel in the same leg. I was having a small dinner party that night, and managed with help

to get to the table; but the doctor carried me from my table to my bed, and there I lay, with my leg raised on a pillow, for seven weeks. At that time I had three maids; now I have none. For the glory of God I tell this. Not for one moment have I ever seen anything to turn back to, but an earnest pressing forward to the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.—Mrs. W. J. Christie, Ottawa, Ontario, Can.

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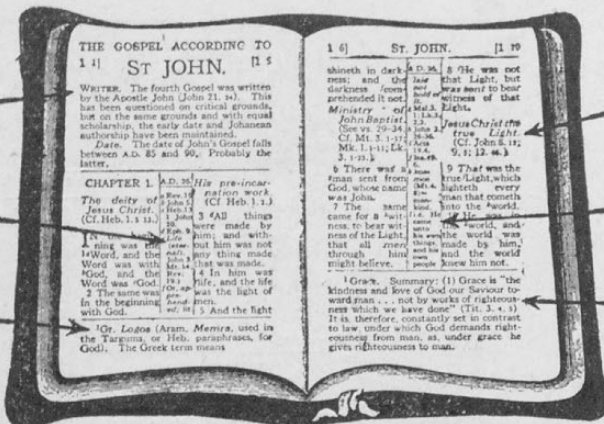
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