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...The Overcoming Blood...

"For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and upon the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you" (Ex. 12:23).

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony" (Rev. 12:11).

Defense and offense! The blood on the lintel was defense from the enemy, the destroyer. For offense—"They overcame him (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb."

The passover lamb gave protection. The Lamb of God gives victory. There is a negative Christianity and there is a positive. There is a Christianity of quietness, of seeming defeat. People are saved by the blood, but those saved have little idea of the value of that blood. It was wonderful to be protected, to be delivered from the destroyer, who was not suffered to come into the house. A glorious deliverance through no act of the firstborn. It might have been a babe born since the lamb that was slain was born. The child might have been born a few hours before the lamb was slain. It had no part in preparing the lamb, slaying it or applying the blood.

"The Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you." The protecting God was greater than the destroying enemy. The blood was the token. Death had been there before. There could not be two deaths. If there was death outside there could be no death inside. In the case of the Egyptian houses there was no death outside, so there was death inside. Death meets the author of death, and the author had to pass on unto other fields.

The Jews still keep up the passover in an abridged form; but the Lord is pleased with the ordinance. It still reminds Israel of Himself, of the ordinance of the sacrifice that was and will be, the sacrifice that will be continually recognized by the Jew.

But the Christian, the redeemed one, not only has protection, but he has a weapon. Is it possible to overcome so powerful an enemy, he who

is so much greater than all men, with his centuries of experience, with his might by creation, he who has marshalled kings, ruled empires and is the god of this world? Is it possible for a frail human being to overcome him? Yes. How and by what means? By means of the blood of Him who defeated him in the wilderness. Not only defeated him in the wilderness, but he, the enemy, was commanded to depart. "Get thee hence, Satan." He even commanded him to worship Him whom he would destroy, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb;" by the blood of the Son of God, who was God's Lamb tabernacled in a human frame.

Who are the overcomers then? Those who are sheltered under the blood and those who obtain victory over him who would overthrow them. So instead of being overthrown, they are overcomers.

Here is the secret why the blood is left out of modern isms. That is why they prosper and thrive, because Satan himself approves of and delights in a religion of which the sting, as far as he is concerned, is taken out.

"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb." This is a weapon in the hands of God's people, not only for themselves, but for those who are overcome by Satan.

"Unto him that loved us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood . . . to him be the glory and the dominion for ever and ever" (Rev. 1:5, 6, A. R. V.). Have you taken the loosing to others? "Whose soever sins ye remit (or loose), they are remitted (loosened) unto them" (John 20:23). How is this done? Is this possible? Don't question. You have been loosened from your sins through the blood. If you have, others can be also. Do not be fearful or unbelieving. Believe that the blood has been so powerful in your case that it can be equally as powerful in the case of others you have loved and prayed for.

The children of Israel honored the blood; and the father put the blood on high, over the head, on behalf of himself and family. You have the privilege of putting the blood over yourself and family.

-:- PAUL'S CONVERSION AND HIS BAPTISM -:-

By Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth

Read Acts 9:1-22.

Saul was probably the greatest persecutor that the early Christians had. We read that he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women, committed them to prison. At this time we find him breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord. He was on his way to Damascus for the purpose of destroying the church there. How did God deal with such an one? We should have dealt with him in judgment. God dealt with him in mercy. Oh, the wondrous love of God! He loved the saints at Damascus and the way He preserved them was through the salvation of the man who purposed to scatter and destroy them. Our God delights to be merciful and His grace is vouchsafed daily to both sinner and saint. He shows mercy to all. If we would but realize it, we are only alive today through the grace of our God.

More and more I see that it is through the grace of God that I am preserved every day. It is when we realize the goodness of God that we are brought to repentance. Here was Saul, with letters from the high priest, hastening to Damascus. He was struck down and there came to his vision a light, a light that was brighter than the sun. As he fell speechless to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" He answered, "Who art thou, Lord?" And the answer came back, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." And he cried, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

I do not want to bring any word of condemnation to anyone, but I know that there are many who have felt very much as Saul felt against the children of God, especially those who have received the Pentecostal Baptism. I know that many people tell us, "You are mad," but the truth is that the children of God are the only people who are really glad. We are glad inside and we are glad outside. Our gladness flows from the inside. God has filled us with joy unspeakable and full of glory. We are so happy about what we have received that if it were not for the desire to keep a little decent, we might be doing awful things. This is probably how Paul himself felt when he refers to being "beside ourselves" in the Lord. This joy in the Holy Ghost is beyond anything else. And this joy of the Lord is our strength.

As Saul went down to Damascus he thought he would do wonderful things with that bunch of letters he had from the high priest. But I think he dropped them all on the road, and if he ever wanted to pick them up he was not able for he lost his sight. And the men that were with him lost their speech—they were speechless—but they led him to Damascus.

There are some people who have an idea that it is only preachers who can know the will of God. But the Lord had a disciple in Damascus, a man behind the scenes, who lived in a place where God could talk to him. His ears were open. He was one who listened in to the things from heaven. Oh, this is so much more marvelous than anything you can hear on earth. It was to this man that the Lord appeared in a vision. He told him to go down to the street called Straight and inquire for Saul. And He told him that Saul had seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him that he might re-

ceive his sight. Ananias protested, "Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to Thy saints in Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on Thy name." But the Lord reassured Ananias that Saul was a chosen vessel, and Ananias, nothing doubting, went on his errand of mercy.

The Lord had told Ananias concerning Saul, "Behold, he prayeth." Repentant prayer is always heard in heaven. The Lord never despises a broken and contrite heart. And to Saul was given this vision that was soon to be a reality, the vision of Ananias coming to pray for him that he might receive his sight.

I was at one time in the city of Belfast. I had been preaching there and had a free day. I had received a number of letters and I was looking through them. There were about twenty needy cases in that city, cases that I was asked to visit. As I was looking through my letters a man came up to me and said, "Are you visiting the sick?" He pointed me to a certain house and told me to go to it and there I would see a very sick woman. I went to the house and I saw a very helpless woman propped up in bed. I knew that humanly speaking she was beyond all help. She was breathing with short, sharp breaths as if every breath would be her last. I cried to the Lord and said, "Lord, tell me what to do." The Lord said to me, "Read the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah." I opened my Bible and did as I was told. I read down to the fifth verse of this chapter, when all of a sudden the woman shouted, "I am healed! I am healed!" I was amazed at this sudden exclamation and asked her to tell me what had happened. She said, "Two weeks ago I was cleaning house and I strained my heart very badly. Two physicians have been to see me, but they both told me there was no help. But last night the Lord gave me a vision. I saw you come right into my bedroom. I saw you praying. I saw you open your Bible at the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. When you got down to the fifth verse and read the words, 'With His stripes we are healed,' I saw myself wonderfully healed. That was a vision, now it is a fact."

I do thank God that visions have not ceased. The Holy Ghost can give visions, and we may expect them in these last days. God willeth not the death of any sinner and He will use all kinds of means for their salvation. I do praise God for this gospel. It is always so entreating. That is such a wooing message, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth." Oh, what a gospel! Whatever people say about it, it is surely a message of love.

Ananias went down to the house on Straight Street and he laid his hands on the one who had before been a blasphemer and a persecutor and he said to him, "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost." He recognized him as a brother, that already his soul had been saved and that he had come into relationship with the Father and with all the family of God, but there was something necessary beyond this. The Lord had not forgotten his physical condition and there was healing for him. But

there was something beyond this. It was the filling with the Holy Ghost. Oh, it always seems to me that the Gospel is robbed of its divine glory when we overlook this marvelous truth of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. To be saved is wonderful, to be a new creature, to have passed from death unto life, to have the witness of the Spirit that you are born of God, all this is unspeakably precious. But whereas we have the well of salvation bubbling up, we need to go on to a place where from within us shall flow rivers of living water. The Lord Jesus showed us very plainly that, if we believe on Him, from within us should flow rivers of living water. And this He spake of the Spirit. The Lord wants us to be filled with the Spirit, to have the manifestation of the presence of His Spirit, the manifestation that is indeed given to profit withal, and for us to be His mouthpiece and speak as the very oracles of God.

God chose Saul. What was he? A blasphemer. A persecutor. That is grace. Our God is gracious and He loves to show His mercy to the vilest and worst of men. There was a notable character in the town in which I lived who was known as the worst man in the town. He was so vile, and his language was so horrible, that even wicked men could not stand it. In England they have what is known as the public hangman who has to perform all the executions. This man held that appointment and he told me later that he believed that when he performed the execution of men who had committed murder, that the demon power that was in them would come upon him and that in consequence he was possessed with a legion of demons. His life was so miserable that he purposed to make an end of life. He went down to a certain depot and purchased a ticket. The English trains are much different to the American. In every coach there are a number of small compartments and it is easy for anyone who wants to commit suicide to open the door of his compartment and throw himself out of the train. This man purposed to throw himself out of the train in a certain tunnel just as the train coming from an opposite direction would be about to dash past and he thought this would be a quick end to his life.

There was a young man at the depot that night who had been saved the night before. He was all on fire to get others saved and purposed in his heart that every day of his life he would get someone saved. He saw this dejected hangman and began to speak to him about his soul. He brought him down to our mission and there he came under a mighty conviction of sin. For two and a half hours he was literally sweating under conviction and you could see a vapor rising up from him. At the end of two and a half hours he was graciously saved.

I said, "Lord, tell me what to do." The Lord said, "Don't leave him, go home with him." I went to his house. When he saw his wife he said, "God has saved me." The wife broke down and she too was graciously saved. I tell you there was a difference in that home. Even the cat knew the difference. Previous to this that cat would always run away when that hangman came into the door. But that night that he was saved the cat jumped on to his knee and went to sleep.

There were two sons in that house and one of them said to his mother, "Mother, what is up in our house? It was never like this before. It is so peaceful. What is it?" She told him, "Father has got saved." The other son was struck with the same thing.

I took this man to many special services and the

power of God was on him for many days. He would give his testimony and as he grew in grace he desired to preach the gospel. He became an evangelist and hundreds and hundreds were brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ through his ministry. The grace of God is sufficient for the vilest and He can take the wickedest of men and make them monuments of His grace. He did this with Saul of Tarsus at the very time he was breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord. He did it with Berry the hangman. He will do it for hundreds more in response to our cries.

You will notice that when Ananias came into that house he called the one-time enemy of the gospel, "Brother Saul." He recognized that in those three days a blessed work had been wrought and that he had been brought into relationship with the Father and with the Lord Jesus Christ. Was not this enough? No, there was something further, and for this purpose the Lord had sent him to that house. The Lord Jesus had sent him to that house to put his hands upon this newly saved brother that he might receive his sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost. You say, But it does not say that he spoke in tongues." We know that Paul did speak in tongues; that he spoke in tongues more than all the Corinthians. In those early days they were so near the time of that first Pentecostal outpouring that they would never have been satisfied with anyone receiving the Baptism unless they received it according to the original pattern given on the Day of Pentecost. When Peter was relating what took place in the house of Cornelius at Cesarea he said, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning." Later, speaking of this incident, he said, "God, which knoweth the hearts, bear them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." And we know from the account of what took place at Cornelius' household that when the Holy Ghost fell "they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." Many people think that God does make a difference between us and those at the beginning. But they have no Scripture for this. When anyone receives the gift of the Holy Ghost, there will assuredly be no difference between his experience today and that which was given on the Day of Pentecost. And I cannot believe that, when Saul was filled with the Holy Ghost the Lord made any difference in the experience that He gave Him from the experience that He had given to Peter and the rest a short while before.

It was about sixteen years ago that a man came to me and said, "Wigglesworth, do you know what is happening in Sunderland? People are being baptized in the Holy Ghost exactly the same way as the disciples were on the Day of Pentecost." I said, "I would like to go." I immediately took train and went to Sunderland. I went to the meetings and said, "I want to hear these tongues." I was told, "When you receive the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, you will speak in tongues." I said, "I have the Baptism in the Holy Ghost." One man said, "Brother, when I received the Baptism I spoke in tongues." I said, "Let's hear you." He could not speak in tongues to order, he could only speak as the Spirit gave him utterance and so my curiosity was not satisfied.

I saw these people were very earnest and I became quite hungry. I was anxious to see this new manifestation of the Spirit and I would be questioning all

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MODERN TOWERS OF BABEL

"And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth" (Gen. 11:1-4).

The Word of God gives a faithful record, an exposure of the reasoning of men's hearts. "Let us make us a name!" And set aside His name! As man's name is exalted, God's name is debased. "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built?" You can be home proud, city proud, county proud, state proud, nation proud.

"Let us build us a city . . . lest we be scattered." Who was going to scatter them? They had the covenant, the word of God. God had said to Noah, "I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there be any more flood to destroy the earth." There was to be no more judgment akin to that of the flood, for God had said, "I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh." But they set aside the Word of God and thereby invited judgment. They thought the city and the tower was a better hold than the promise of God. Brick and slime are stronger in man's estimation than the Rock of Ages.

"Go to, let us build us a city, and a tower whose top may reach unto heaven." But it wasn't a heavenly tower, neither was it a city of God. "And let us make us a name!" They were satisfied with their name being magnified, but God was not satisfied. Noah called upon the name of the Lord, and that name satisfied him.

They wanted a tower whose top should reach unto heaven. Men are building towers heavenward, but they won't reach to heaven. One tower they are building today is the social tower. Large numbers are engaged upon this. This tower will bridge the great gap! It will be a highway, a heavenly way, and many will go therein! But the very crowd on this way will cause confusion. A mob does not create

patience. A mob does not create brotherly love. A mob exhibits selfishness to its extreme. The Lord looked down upon that first tower and brought confusion; and today, as He looks down, He will magnify the confusion they have already started.

There are other towers men are building. There is the tower of knowledge, and criticism against the Word of God. "We don't believe in the story of the flood!" If you don't, of course you don't believe in the oath which accompanies the rainbow. You may blot out the account of the flood, but you can't blot out the rainbow. Go out in the thunder storm. Denounce the story of the flood. You will get wet, and you will get flooded. The bow will mock you, and at the same time bring peace to those who honor God's Word. That tower is going to be overthrown.

And then there are numerous little towers with big labels and big pretensions. One is labeled "Christian;" and then they borrow from the world and tack on "Science." This is a wonderful tower—built on nothing and pointing nowhere. It is not pointing heavenward, but, like the leaning tower of Pisa, it is leaning earthward. A tower of negations and embellished with empty nothings! The most formidable thing about this tower is its name. Oh yes, it is a beautiful name, "Christian" Science! But Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. They say there is no devil. Of course not. He is seen as an angel of light. And the angel of light has so blurred their vision of the evil that the evil one creates that they do not recognize it, and he has blinded them so that they do not see the true light. They are living in a perpetual total eclipse. Satan, as an angel of light, has come between them and the sunlight, the light of the Sun of Righteousness, and they rejoice, not in the sunlight, but in the negations of an eclipse. Let them alone, they are blind leaders of the blind.

And there is another tower likely to eclipse in its spread, in its height, and in its shape, any other tower. It reaches the highest. It is a spire, and those who are building it are aspiring to greater heights. This tower is no less than Spiritism. Its base is in the pit and its pinnacle in the spiritual wickedness in heavenly places. It is going to be the most complete tower. Many will traverse its stairways. There will be windows all the way up, so that they can have intercourse with its various grades of spiritual wickedness in heavenly places. This is the most fascinating of all the towers because it touches the supernatural. Not only is Satan himself, moving in this, but his legions also are willing helpers, cheerful attendants, and they welcome this line, this way of communication, now opened up between earth and hell.

God is watching every little tower and will take the right action at the right time to deal with these towers. Man said, "Let us make us a name, lest we be scattered." And their very action caused them to be scattered. God confused their language and caused babel. Man is multiplying the babel now, and he is going to be scattered. God is coming down. The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and He will remove the salt, the restraining element, and then confusion will reign and shall be "worse confounded." And then the tower will begin to topple, and great will be the fall thereof.

The angel of light will remove his mask, and will be seen as the prince of darkness, and these spiritists who have opened the way for hell to visit earth will be beset by the swarms of the locusts who shall torment men five months, "and their torment will be as

the torment of a scorpion when he striketh a man" (Rev. 9:3-5). Hell will be at liberty to overrun the earth. Man has been unlocking the doors all these years, inviting the denizens of darkness to come to this earth.

Will they heed the warnings? Did the men of those early days heed God's covenant or heed His rainbow? They ignored it. They preferred to consolidate their own position by building a city and a tower. If man neglects God and His promises, then he has to find a substitute. The substitute—his own ability and unity of action. Community plans, a community this and community that! Solidification of the human family—minus God. The rainbow is scientifically explained away. God will blow from His heavens, and the explainers away of God's way and God's sign will be blown away, and the place thereof shall know them no more forever.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD An Address by Pastor J. Narver Gortner at the General Council

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Jesus said that the time was fulfilled. What time? Why, the old Mosaic dispensation was drawing to an end. The time had come for the ushering in of a new era and so we read, "When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." "What the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." The law had proven itself to be a failure and God had sent His only begotten Son into the world in order that He might in fulfillment of prophecy and type suffer and die on the cross. Jesus Christ Himself said that it behooved the Son of God to suffer and die and rise from the dead that this message should be given to all the world.

Jesus said that the time was fulfilled and the kingdom of God was at hand. What kingdom? Why, the spiritual kingdom, the kingdom that the Lord Jesus was speaking of when He said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," the kingdom that He was speaking of when He said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." It was the same kingdom that Paul spoke of when he said, "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." It was at hand when John preached, when Jesus preached, when the disciples began to preach.

Jesus suffered and died and rose from the dead and ascended up into heaven and sat down upon the throne, angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto Him, and the kingdom was ushered in. At Jerusalem Peter unlocked the gates that the Jews might enter, and at Caesarea he unlocked the gates that the Gentiles might enter also. "For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us..... and came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh." God is not dealing today with the Gentiles as Gentiles, or with the Jews as Jews. We have called this the Gentile age and the apostle spoke of the fulness of the Gentiles and said that "blindness in part hath happened unto Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." There is a sense in which this is the Gentile age, but listen: God is dealing with all people today, Jews and Gen-

tiles, upon an equal basis. Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (or Gentile)." I believe that someday the people will come from the north, south, east and west, Jews and Gentiles, and will sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. They are coming now. I see them coming, a multitude of redeemed, of ransomed souls. They come from heathen China, from populous India, from benighted Africa—from every continent and every isle.

Every soul that is born of the Spirit of God is a citizen of the kingdom of heaven which is the kingdom of God. We are no longer "strangers and foreigners," but "strangers and pilgrims," not "pilgrims and strangers," as the Scofield Bible suggests or asserts in a note, for you must be a stranger here before you can become a pilgrim—we are "strangers and pilgrims" and "fellow citizens with the saints,"—the kingdom to which we belong is a spiritual kingdom and, being spiritual, is as Jesus Christ asserted "not of this world."

One of these days those of us who are citizens of the kingdom which now is, shall reign with Jesus Christ in the kingdom which shall be. Citizens of the kingdom during this present kingdom age, we shall inherit with Jesus Christ, the reigning Monarch, power and authority in the days of the kingdom of the Son of Man.

Jesus said, "Repent and believe the gospel." Evangelical preachers all the way down through the centuries of this dispensation of grace have preached just what Jesus preached—"the gospel of the kingdom of God," summoning the people to "repent and believe the gospel." Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ!

In a note in a certain book we are told that four forms of the Gospel are to be distinguished in God's Word: the gospel of the kingdom, the gospel of the grace of God, the everlasting gospel, and the gospel that Paul calls "my gospel." Now all this is foolishness. Maybe that is a pretty strong term, I will say it is childishness. The "gospel of the kingdom" is "the gospel of the grace of God," and "the gospel of the grace of God" is "the everlasting gospel" that we read about in Revelation, and "the everlasting gospel" is the gospel that Paul called "my gospel."

It was this gospel that John the Baptist preached when he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." It was this gospel that Jesus preached to Nicodemus. He said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." It was this gospel that Peter preached in Jerusalem to the Jews when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, and I believe ten years later to the Gentiles in Caesarea. Thank God there were results when Peter preached in Jerusalem and Caesarea. While Peter yet spake in Caesarea "the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost." It was this gospel that Philip preached to a great multitude in Samaria and "there was great joy in that city," and the same gospel he afterwards preached to a congregation of one down there in the desert, the Ethiopian who after he had received the Word and had been baptized, "went on his way rejoicing." It was this gospel that

Paul preached at Athens and in Corinth and Philippi and elsewhere, where he preached Jesus Christ and Him crucified, preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. It was this gospel that Luther preached, and Knox, Wesley, Whitefield, Spurgeon, and Finney, and this is the gospel which we preach today. "The gospel of the kingdom," "the gospel of the grace of God," "the everlasting gospel," and the gospel that Paul calls "my gospel," and I call it my gospel, too, and you can call it yours if you want to.

After John had been put in prison we read that Jesus Christ went throughout Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. Who was this John? He was the forerunner of Jesus Christ. His coming had been prophesied of centuries before he made his appearance in this world. Isaiah had prophesied of him when he spoke "of one crying in the wilderness." Malachi prophesied of him saying, "Behold, I send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord; and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." The birth of John the Baptist was foretold by the angel Gabriel, the same angel who came to Mary afterwards and said, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His name Jesus." The ministry of John the Baptist was to the Jews and consisted in a proclamation that the kingdom of heaven was at hand. That is, it was about to begin. It **was** at hand, it **was** about to begin, and it **did** begin, and we are living in the kingdom today. We are citizens of the kingdom. "Our citizenship is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour who shall so transform these bodies as to make them like unto His own glorious body, according to that working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself." Blessed be His name.

The ministry of John the Baptist consisted also in summoning the people to repent and be baptized. It consisted furthermore in announcing the coming of One who was mightier than himself, who would make reconciliation for the sins of the people, for did he not refer to Him as the "Lamb of God," and also who would baptize the people in the Holy Ghost and fire. "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

PAUL'S CONVERSION AND HIS BAPTISM

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the time and spoiling a lot of the meetings. One man said to me, "I am a missionary and I have come here to seek the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, I am waiting on the Lord, but you have come in and are spoiling everything with your questions." I began to argue with him and our love became so hot that when we walked home he walked on one side of the road and I the other.

That night there was to be a tarrying meeting and I purposed to go. I changed my clothes and left my key in the clothes I had taken off. As we came from the meeting in the middle of the night I found I did not have my key upon me and this missionary brother said, "You will have to come and sleep with me." But do you think we went to bed that night? Oh, no, we spent the night in prayer. We received a precious shower from above. The breakfast bell rang, but that was nothing to me. For four days I wanted nothing but God. If you only knew the unspeakably wonder-

ful blessing of being filled with the Third Person of the Trinity, you would set aside everything else to tarry for this infilling.

I was about to leave Sunderland. This revival was taking place in the vestry of an Episcopal church. I went to the Vicarage that day to say goodby and I said to Sister Boddy, the vicar's wife, "I am going away, but I have not received the tongues yet." She said, "It isn't tongues you need, but the Baptism." I said, "I have the Baptism, Sister, but I would like to have you lay hands on me before I leave." She laid her hands on me and then had to go out of the room. The fire fell. It was a wonderful time as I was there with God alone. It seemed as though God bathed me in power. I was given a wonderful vision. I was conscious of the cleansing of the precious blood and cried out, "Clean! Clean! Clean!" I was filled with the joy of the consciousness of the cleansing. I saw the Lord Jesus Christ. I saw the empty cross and I saw Him exalted at the right hand of God the Father. As I was extolling, magnifying, and praising Him I was speaking in tongues as the Spirit of God gave me utterance. I knew now that I had received the real Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

And so Saul was filled with the Holy Ghost and in the later chapters of the Acts of the Apostles we see the result of this infilling. Oh what a difference it makes. When I got home my wife said to me, "So you think you have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Why, I am as much baptized in the Holy Ghost as you are." We had sat on the platform together for twenty years but that night she said, "Tonight you will go by yourself." I said, "All right." As I went up to the platform that night the Lord gave me the first few verses of the sixty-first chapter of Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek: He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." My wife went back to one of the furthest seats in the hall and she said to herself, "I will watch it." I preached that night on the subject the Lord had given me and I told what the Lord had done for me. I told the people that I was going to have God in my life and I would gladly suffer a thousand deaths rather than forfeit this wonderful infilling that had come to me. My wife was very restless, just as if she were sitting on a red-hot poker. She was moved in a new way and said, "That is not my Smith that is preaching. Lord, you have done something for him." As soon as I had finished, the secretary of the mission got up and said, "Brethren, I want what the leader of our mission has got." He tried to sit down but missed his seat and fell on the floor. There were soon fourteen of them on the floor, my own wife included. We did not know what to do, but the Holy Ghost got hold of the situation and the fire fell. A revival started and the crowds came. It was only the beginning of the flood-tide of blessing. We had touched the reservoir of the Lord's life and power. Since that time the Lord has taken me to many different lands and I have witnessed many blessed outpourings of God's Holy Spirit.

The grace of God that was given to the persecuting Saul is available for you. The same Holy Ghost infilling he received is likewise available. Do not rest satisfied with any lesser experience than the Baptism that the disciples received on the Day of Pentecost, then move on to a life of continuous receiving of more and more of the blessed Spirit of God.

"I Am the Lord That Healeth Thee"

CHILD HEALED OF PNEUMONIA

My little 8-year-old girl was taken sick with pneumonia, March 11, and was very sick. A number of us gathered and asked our blessed Lord to heal her. The second time we gathered in prayer the Lord touched her body and, praise His name, she was healed—not even a cough left. She received the Baptism as in Acts 2:4 during the Argue meetings in Detroit. We give our Lord Jesus, all the praise; we want always to be found in His will.—Mrs. Olive Ptack, Flat Rock, Mich.

HEALED OF ASTHMA

Praise the Lord Jesus for His wonderful power. Glory to His name. My little girl had asthma for nearly 2 years before we began trusting the Lord. We quit giving her medicine and looked to the Lord and He has wonderfully healed her of asthma and also indigestion. He has healed in our family several times. If we will only get in earnest and stay humbly at the feet of Jesus, it is wonderful what the Lord can do for us. He also wonderfully delivered me at childbirth. Pray for me and my family that we may be prepared to meet the Lord when He comes.—Mrs. E. E. Miller, Crocker, Mo.

HEALED OF HEART TROUBLE

To the praise of God the Father, and His Son and to the Holy Spirit, I wish to add my testimony for His glory. About two years ago, God wonderfully healed me of heart trouble. It was so real that I felt the power of God burn out the infirmity. Bless His dear name. On March 29th, 1924, God wonderfully met me again and magnified Himself by healing me of a female weakness from which I had suffered for some time. In my discouragement I looked to Him and He said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," and He wonderfully touched my body again. Bless, oh, bless His holy name.—A sister.

HEALED OF CANCER

I praise the Lord for this privilege of sending my testimony, telling what God has done for me. I give God all the glory. The year 1917 found me in such an afflicted condition of body that I had nothing to look forward to. Dr. Campbell, of Tilden, Neb., had been honest and after examination he said I had cancer on the colon. I had it for years and it had become a sore, and it was a question of time when it would eat through the intestine. I could hardly bear to lie or sit down, and many nights the only way I could rest was to draw my knees over my body and put pillows under my back or lie on the floor and put books and pillows under me until my body would be raised up so the weight would be taken off the sore place. At times the pain would come on for hours; it was as if I were in real travail, I could

get no relief. I was terribly bloated all the time.

On February 18th my daughter was suddenly brought to death's door with Bright's disease. She was in convulsions before we knew she had the disease. She was unconscious and the doctors and nurses were with her all night, and for weeks we had but little on which to build any hopes that she would live. Within a month my husband had been taken sick with the same disease and died within three months.

I am not trying to tell my grief; I can not. God's love only gave me the strength to bear up under it all.

In October my son, nineteen years old, was in an automobile wreck and had his jaw bone broken and it hung down, the muscles of his arm were wrenched so that he was helpless. I had to turn him on a sheet for weeks. At Christmas he was still not able to do a thing. I did not think he would ever be able to work again.

While at church on Christmas night I was called out of it and told the house was burning and but few things were saved. I did not go out that night, but went to a sister's and was prostrated in my grief and helpless, but as I lay there, my pastor trying to comfort me with God's blessed Word and prayer, I cried out to God in heaven that my all was on the altar, and God did bless me and gave me the blessed assurance that all things work together for good to them that love God. I said, "Lord, I am naked before you. I can't see why these things are coming so fast and so terrible, but You see my heart, not a secret can be hid from you. I will trust you for I love You, my Jesus, though You slay me, yet will I trust You." I was comforted and it was made plain I was to go away, and Jesus would go with me, and I would find something better than all I had lost.

I obeyed God and started feeling His power to lead me. I came to Valley Junction, Iowa, to visit a sister. While over in Des Moines, Iowa, I felt the terrible pain coming on, and I hurried to get back to my sister's but when I got off the street car I was in awful agony and I had several blocks to walk. I could not walk as I should, being in such pain. Brother and Sister Maus saw me and thought I was drunk, but praise the Lord, they stopped to help me. I had never heard of them or they of me.

When I got to my sister's house I tried to keep them from coming in, but they helped me in to the bed. I did not want strangers to witness the awful way I had to suffer when I tried to lie down. I could not stay on the bed, but got down on the floor. I was writhing in such pain. But suddenly I became conscious that they had put their hands on me and were praying God to deliver me.

God's power went through my body, and to my amazement the pain stopped.

It must have been about 9:30 o'clock at night, and I got up, undressed and went to bed. For the first time in eight years it did not hurt me to lie down. I went to sleep and slept all night. I believed that God had done something for me. I did not take the oil that I had been taking so much of. The terrible mucus passed off, taking the bloat from my body, proving beyond a doubt that God had truly healed my body. My joy was greater than words can express. But God kept saying to me there is more.

I went over to see what manner of people they were who had helped me that night. My sister warned me against them, saying they carried on terribly but I went over and told them how God had led me and that He said there was still more. They told me for the first time about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

I went back to sister's in a whirl, but I studied the Word, and I was determined to have all God had for me. Two weeks from the hour I was healed I received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as told in Acts 2:4. Yes, I talked in other tongues, my tongue and language could not express the joy and peace. As I was praising the Lord something struck me on the top of my head and went through my body, every fiber felt the glory of God. Those standing by said hundreds of wrinkles left my face. The burden of sorrow was gone, and joy and love filled me full to overflowing.

In six weeks I went back to Nebraska, and everyone that met me stopped in amazement and exclaimed: "What has happened to you?" My kind pastor Brother Taylor, gave me the privilege of telling in the Methodist church what God had done for me. I praise Him for the wonderful way He has led me. He made it so plain in Nebraska that I was to go to some place and led me definitely to Valley Junction, and laid it on the heart of Brother Strayer and other saints in Des Moines, to open a mission in Valley Junction. The first night the mission was opened was the night that I was so wonderfully healed, when I met Brother and Sister Maus coming home from the mission. In the mission I received my Baptism in the Spirit and was the only one to receive this blessed gift at that mission, and no one except the saints and myself attended.

Now as I look back over the three years since I received my healing, my heart truly can praise Him for the many blessings He gives me. He completely healed my daughter of Bright's disease, and my son is strong and well. He has given me a happy home and a companion filled with the Holy Spirit. My heart's desire is to give Him the glory, by testifying to others of His mighty power to save and heal, and how He does send the Comforter to come and abide and wipe out all sorrow and heart-aches.—Mrs. W. T. Wadley, Valley Junction, Iowa.

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THE DANGER OF "PERSONALITY"

A Paper For the Times

It seems reasonable to draw the attention of God's people to a danger which the Word reveals as especially connected with the days just before our Lord's return:—the danger of being led astray by magnetic and attractive personalities.

Apart from any question for the moment of being led astray, it is a matter for sincere regret to notice the carnal way in which big campaigns are often conducted today; enough indeed to make one wonder whether in the practical faith of the hour "there be any Holy Spirit." All attractions center in the personality of the Evangelist, his photograph is placarded around the town, his name must be in the largest of print. The crowds are gathered as if by magic;—and vanish as speedily, when the "Big" evangelist has gone on elsewhere! The lasting results are usually a pitifully small proportion of the boosted statistics.

Thank God for men and women filled with the Holy Spirit as on the Day of Pentecost who are content to trust the old-time Power and find that God can do His own advertising. It is the Fire that must arrest and hold the needy soul in the presence of the great "I AM:" the bush is forgotten when the Ever-Living One has spoken out of its midst.

God DOES Need Personality

Lest we be misunderstood we would make it quite clear that we warmly believe that the Lord can and will use the particular individual personality of each member of His body. The personalities of the Bible each stand clearly defined, and it is the sum total of all that makes up each one of us that the Master wants laid once for all upon the altar for His Spirit to possess and work through mightily.

But it must be a personality utterly surrendered to the principle of the Cross; (Matt. 16:24), and the stronger the personality the deeper will be the need of continual acceptance of crucifixion with Christ (Gal. 2:20), and the greater the danger if ever the personality breaks away from that complete acceptance.

This may often account for the baffling problem of how some erstwhile precious servant of God may suddenly be found to be countenancing and teaching error. The fact that the personality of the teacher IS so beautiful, and that the record has been so spotless, now makes the danger all the more acute for the less experienced and less discriminating of God's sheep.

False doctrines would many a time stand self-condemned and willingly rejected if left to be judged on their naked merits, but because of the charm and persuasion of the teachers who bring them, they are often willingly accepted and even sturdily contended for.

The subtle foe of truth knows his business well and our purpose is to try to show the principle of all this in the Word of God, and especially the New Testa-

ment, with the hope that perchance we may discover a light to safeguard the people of God in these trying days when error is abounding more and more and increasing in subtlety.

Light From the Word

If we turn first to the predictions of our Lord Himself we find Him distinctly warning against false personalities far more than false doctrines in the abstract. See Matt. 24:11, and 23-26; Mark 13:5, 6, and 21-22; Luke 21:8. The details of interpretation here do not in any way alter the principle that the danger of deceiving even the "very elect" comes from attractive personality far more than obvious error.

A swift run through Apostolic warnings as to error; (See Acts 20:30; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Gal. 4:17; Eph. 4:14; Col. 2:8, 18; 2 Thess. 2:3; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1-9; Tit. 1:10-11; 1 John 2:26, 4:1), quickly reveals the same principle, that TEACHERS more than doctrines were the subject of their warnings, a warning which they intensified as with inspired vision they pierced through into the days to come. (See especially 2 Tim. 4:3.)

Not only human, but spiritual personalities also were clearly recognized as potential sources of danger: "Believe not every spirit but try the spirits," "Seducing spirits." Once again not abstract error but definite personality behind it is warned against.

The final demonstration of the principle which we are now seeking to make clear is the revelation of the Anti-Christ. Nothing can be plainer and probably more generally accepted by most of us than the fact that the final opposition to the Christ of God will not be any mere system of anti-Christian teaching or principle of error—it will head up in a PERSONALITY.

And the broad indications of that personality reveal one who will be lovely and attractive to the natural man in the extreme. See for instance 2 Thess. 2:3-11 and Rev. 13 with other brief touches elsewhere, and note particularly the phrase "all the world wondered after the beast." Undoubtedly the principles of the Anti-Christ will be carried along to universal acceptance, and be made popular and attractive by the sheer force of a supreme personality—a "super"-personality—that will be absolutely magnetic and dazzling in its charm and power.

The Light Turned Inward

Now it will doubtless seem a far cry from the actual person of the Anti-Christ himself to many a sincere child of God busily engaged in the Lord's service today, but a principle has emerged here that is like a veritable beacon-light of warning for these days, and the writer willingly includes himself in the suggestion for letting this particular search-light go right into every corner of the heart motives and the possibly busy out-

side activity of the Christian work we are engaged in.

What sort of part is my own personality playing in all this? Is it prominent and dominant, or is it controlled utterly by the Spirit of God and entirely lost in uplifting Jesus? How much of the influence I am consciously or unconsciously exerting amongst others really springs from the power of the Holy Spirit, and how much from my own personality?

These are searching, possibly humbling, but very profitable questions. God help us not to flinch as we seek to answer them.

Some Sign-post Suggestions

What are some of the signs by which to test ourselves in these things? First of all we suggest our attitude towards the admiration and praise of men. When in the Spirit this troubles us not a jot. If the personality of the worker is dominant, however, he or she will need the continual praise and admiration of others to satisfy the soul; a little circle of admirers will be gathered around if possible to be present on all occasions; a certain amount of personal "fussing" will be in evidence. The social amenities of life, visiting, invitations to meals, little gifts; all these things—good and harmless in themselves—will be freely used to strengthen personal allegiance.

And all this can be done we believe almost unconsciously by the truly sincere worker who has not let his own personality come rigidly to the Cross.

The work done will also bear evidence. The testimonies of those blessed will usually focus unduly on the "channel" of blessing instead of on the Blessor. The admirers will canvass for fresh adherents to come and hear or come and see "So-and-so"—the principal attraction quoted being the personality of the worker. Should such a worker be taken away, the work will usually languish or collapse; whereas a pure work of the Spirit will more readily stand an enforced absence or withdrawal of the worker. Moreover there will be a lack among those touched of real personal conviction; doctrines taught may be contended for quite vehemently, but it is a secondhand conviction all the same. Any real pressing home of vital and awkward questions will compel such folk to refer for an answer to the one from whom they have imbibed their ideas. Real sturdiness of moral character is seldom produced by such a ministry.

Another acid test for the reality of the crucifixion of our own personality is our attitude towards those who quite sincerely and conscientiously refuse to bow down to our will and leadership and to yield us the little petty homage in private or public which we may feel is justly our right. If we cut such an one off with the proverbial "shilling" and have no further use for them as colleagues in service we may be sure self has stepped in. If on the other hand we cast ourselves entirely on the Lord as the Giver of the office or work we are engaged in, and quietly trust Him for the obvious presence of the Holy Spirit in our life and ministry to prove to all in His own

time that God is verily with us, the blessing will be incalculable, and the final unity achieved solid and lasting and distinctly glorifying to God alone. We should seek and expect God's people to follow us only because they realize that the Holy Spirit is with us, never because of our own personality, even in its Christian aspects.

This brings us to another real test. There are some preachers, teachers and workers who seem to be always charming, always interesting, always attractive. Others on the other hand are mighty when under the anointing of the Spirit, yet at times—when that anointing is unfortunately lacking—they are singularly tedious and barren, and quite unattractive. We admit that the failure to minister under the continual anointing which God has planned for all ministry undertaken in His will reveals a slip somewhere; but we suggest that one who is powerless except when really in the Spirit is much safer to follow in the end. An occasional "fiat" address from a usually inspiring speaker may not be such a bad certificate after all.

"We have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us." Is it the "vessel" or is it the "treasure" that we are after? Let us be careful. The Scottish theologian was not far wrong who said that "no man can bear witness to Christ and to himself at the same time. No man can give the impression that he is clever and that Christ is mighty to save."

What About the Lord Himself

Someone may object that all this is discounting the value of human personality in Christian service far too much. Perhaps they may even quote our Lord Himself as a supreme example of Truth presented through the most lovely personality the world has ever seen. That His personality was perfect and sinless we of course heartily agree, but that it was attractive and magnetic to sinful men we are not so sure. The prophecy of Isa. 53:2-4 seems to imply quite the opposite; the crowds got thinner and thinner as His ministry developed. His was a personality utterly laid down while on earth, and equally utterly dominated by the Eternal Spirit. Henceforth, bless God, it is destined to be the Ruling Personality of the universe.

Paul may be brought forward as another argument, but it seems apparent that he was strangely lacking in natural attractiveness and what we should call today "personal magnetism." See 1 Cor. 2:3, 4; 2 Cor. 10:1, 10, and other passages. Only because the power of the Spirit was so manifestly with him at all times was he able to wield that apostolic authority that sprang not from autocratic claims of office, nor yet from personal magnetism, but from the sheer fact—apparent enough to convince all—that God was with him.

It is no crime to have a strong personality, it is undoubtedly a needed asset for leadership; but for Christian leadership and Christian ministry it MUST be a crucified personality. And God will not fail to provide, most usually through others of His own children, the

cross we need. The crucial point is whether we will accept it.

Unjust accusation and a time in "prison"—like Joseph; a bad mistake through hastiness and a consequent period in the "wilderness"—like Moses; a time of waiting almost as a fugitive while we see another on our God-appointed "throne"—like David: these are only some of the ways in which the Lord seeks to bring naturally strong personalities in subjection to Himself.

The Master's "Take Heed"

God's sheep should be very careful in these days to discern between the power of the Spirit in the Word of God and the wonderful power of human persuasion often found in delightful preaching and the beautiful doctrine of the hour.

A rugged old friend often exhorted us to "beware of eloquence." We thought it unnecessary advice at the time—but not so much now! Practically every false doctrine of the hour is being rolled along on the chariot of delightful personalities among its teachers and devotees.

It grieves us exceedingly to hear even God's Spirit-baptized saints saying that such and such a doctrine CANNOT be wrong, the teacher who brings it is so attractive and has such a "loving" way.

"To the Word and to the Testimony;" not the personality and cleverness of the teacher, but the simple witness of the Old Book plainly understood and plainly interpreted should be our test for truth and error.

The more our adherence to Christian principles becomes a matter of deep, and sometimes dearly bought, personal conviction; the more we love Truth for its own sake, the more we come to Christ Himself as The Truth,—the great final Personality for the believer; so the less we shall be swayed by the most attractive and magnetic personalities we may meet.

Happy is the Assembly or Church where soundness of doctrine is still made the supreme qualification demanded for its platform or pulpit ministry. If we really believe what we often say we believe—that our Lord is coming soon—then we should make one proof of our faith a far more than ordinary carefulness concerning error in beautiful forms and conveyed in beautiful fashion. Beware of personality! The ringing word of the Master sounds clearly down the ages—"Take Heed!"—Donald Gee, Edinburgh, Scotland.

PRECIOUS PROMISES

Precious promises God hath given
To the weary and the sad,
Oh, believe them and receive them,
They will make your sad heart glad.
If you have in weakness sought Him
And at first got no reply
Let not hope grow raint within you,
For you know God cannot lie.

But in instant prayer continue,
For the fault in you must lie,
Let this promise ring within you,
"I will guide thee with Mine eye."
Weary, fainting or oppressed one,
If at times your faith grows dim,
Harder lean on Jesus' bosom,
Trust your victories all to Him

—C. M. R.

A NEW BUILDING

Brother and Sister Sorensen of Argentine, S. America write: "We are still pushing ahead in the great battle, and our God is giving victory. Glory to His name! During this month we have been in the country for a week, where we have had a real good time with our Swiss brethren, times that they enjoy very much. During this last week we are having a visit of two workers of the Evangelical Union of So. America with a Gospel wagon selling books and Bibles, working the camp all around, where it is impossible to reach except with some kind of conveyance. At the same time we are having some special meetings, the Lord is blessing and some are saved. Praise His name!

"The building is now nearly finished. The painters are in to give it the last trim up, and in about two weeks we expect to move in with the meetings. It is getting quite cold in the tent by this time."

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PRAYER MEETS THE NEED

In these days of spiritual conflict, when many of the saints are being pressed on all sides by the enemy of our souls, and oftentimes the work seems so hard that we had reached the limit of endurance, there is nothing so soothing, comforting, and encouraging as a little word of cheer and good-will from the passer-by. It somehow helps to lift the load, adds a pound of strength and puts us over the top. Hallelujah!

In reading an editorial from the March number of the Missionary Review of the World, entitled, "A Call To a Worldwide Year of Prayer," a thrill of cheer enters the very heart of the writer. He had been thinking for some time along the same line of thought. Our problems many times are puzzling. They exist everywhere. They are manifold. With the multitude of old we cry out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Here's the answer. A Call to Prayer. Thank God for the privilege of prayer. We quote the first paragraph.

"If ever the Church of Christ and the whole wide world needed a new manifestation of the power of God, that time is today. With the Church torn by controversy; with multitudes of Christians exhibiting far more likeness to the world than to their Master; with a great shortage of consecrated money and men for God's work; with even missionaries on the frontiers divided in teaching and policy; with relationships between those of various races and classes strained to the breaking point because on an un-Christian spirit; with almost every nation in the throes of economic, social and political disorder and distress; and with many international disputes, due to selfishness and suspicion, threatening a recourse to arms for a test of strength but not of righteousness—with all these elements and conditions working against the reign of God over men's hearts and lives, His people may well be called together for united heartsearching intercession to the Almighty Ruler of the universe."

We, therefore, write to the Churches of the Assemblies of God to make this year a year of prayer for Missions. Pray that Christ's followers may be brought into more perfect harmony with His will and that there may be a new manifestation of God's love and saving power throughout the world.

The Lord richly bless you all!

William M. Faux,
Missionary Secretary.

BLESSINGS IN CEYLON

Brother Walter H. Clifford of Mankapur, India writes: "I am writing from Colombo, Ceylon, where we have come to hold some Full Gospel meetings prior to going home. We started meetings on the 9th, and the first night there were

a number at the altar seeking salvation. There was a little of the old time repentance visible. Praise the Lord, afterward a number came forward for healing. Last night, a few came forward to consecrate themselves unto the Lord and to seek for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, also a few for healing. Pentecostal work has been much opposed here in Colombó, but God is working, and we believe that the walls of opposition are being broken down. Praise the Lord! One boy of about twelve years, who had been prayed for, came to me at the close of the service, saying 'Thank you for healing me.' I said, 'Thank the Lord and give Him the praise.' The last week we were in Mankapur, we had the joy of immersing three Anglo-Indians from Gonda, in the waters of baptism. This makes seven from Gonda who have followed the Lord in this step, pray that they may go on with Jesus, and receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit."

STEAMING AHEAD

Brother and Sister J. H. Boyce write from India: "We arrived a week or so before Brother Jacobs left for home. So now we are full steam ahead here in the work, caring for both stations, that is at our own at SISWA BAZAR, as well as our brother Jacobs' work here in Gorakhpur city, and the out-stations at our own work in Siswa Bazar. Thank God we are all well. My wife states that she has been drawn closer to her Lord through her sickness at Suez, Egypt. The Lord knows how to draw us nearer."

THE CRY FOR REVIVAL

Sister Nettie D. Nichols of China writes: "We are living in a very critical age, indeed. Modernism is making great progress here in China and many especially in the Mission Schools are being turned away. May the Lord unite our hearts in praying for the mighty Holy Spirit revival. How we need this very thing in Ningpo and for this we are earnestly praying and believing. Our hearts are encouraged by the goodly attendance and interest in our new Mission and they are mostly heathen who for the most part have never heard the Gospel.

"We are looking for two friends down from Shanghai next week to help in a week's special meetings and are expecting God to break forth on the outside as He has in the Home and also to deepen His work in the hearts of our dear family."

AN ENCOURAGING REPORT

Sister Mayo of Nanking, China writes: "Praise God, He answers prayers! We had a meeting for the Christians in February and God blessed us. One Sister received the Baptism in the Spirit and spoke in tongues. An old man, a scis-

sors grinder, had a vision of Jesus and was so happy. A young man from the country was much blessed and so happy he shouted and laughed. We have six now who prefer Christ. We hope it is the beginning of VICTORY for this place. We have a young woman for whom we are praying, and she had school for two hours every afternoon for the children near us who do not have time to go to regular school. Last night she said she wanted to give herself fully to Jesus and follow all the way. She is engaged to a student in a Bish school. We hear such sad stories. One of the Christians told us her story. She was married and very happy with her husband. Famine came and her little girl died. The father-in-law said he must sell her or they would all die. The son objected but she was sold to another man and lives in this place. God is helping her. Pray on that God will work in a mighty way here and Jesus get glory. Robbers are robbing outside the town gates but Jesus is our protection and we trust Him to keep us safe. Pray for us all.

AFRICA'S SORE

Brother J. B. Blakeney writes from the Congo Belge Africa: "We had our first funeral today and if you could have seen the father and mother as we told them to 'sorrow not, as those who have no hope'—but to look to God for strength, and that heaven was before. Oh I am sure it would have touched you as it did me! As I was making a rude coffin out of a few old scraps of lumber and covered it with white cloth, how grateful they felt. How different is the way they do in their villages. They strip off their clothes, dance, cry, drink, and commit adultery to appease the wrath of Satan. Here today is such a difference. Weeping in sorrow, but rejoicing in hope. As the procession wended its way to the grave, we sang, 'In the sweet bye and bye, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.' I thought what a change in two years. The natives ran away from us in fear—thought we were here to do them evil, and now they are beginning to have confidence.

"How sad Africa is with its superstition, witchcraft, sorrow, fear and death! It surely needs Jesus to cure this open sore. Is it money spent in vain? Isn't it worth all the dollars spent when the heathen emerge out of darkness into the glorious light of God's salvation?"

"I covet not the wealth of this world for myself. I covet not the praise of men. I see only before me precious, needy souls in heathen darkness. I am still ready, dear brothers to lay all on the altar, to give my children, my wife, my own personal possessions, my own life, if need be, if only I can see souls saved from this terrible night of gloom that settles down on this land.

"Believe me, I am a volunteer for service. I will sweat in the tropical sun, I will work with my own hands. I will pray until the morning breaks, if only I can know I am faithful."

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GOD WORKING

Sister Anna Helmbrecht, Nawabganj, India, writes: "In spite of all the testings and difficult times, the Lord is working and has wrought a change in the lives of many of the boys and girls, and best of all they are pressing on. Quiet gradually settled down on the place, and under the most adverse circumstances the Lord adjusted matters in the work. Our hearts were encouraged, but we came up against new difficulties and found that the church was so inclined to grow cold and indifferent, and at the closing of the old year we were again tempted to think that there seemed to be no way of awakening them. We had meetings and felt ourselves at a standstill. Sunday morning one of the preachers arose and began to confess out and all the workers gave good testimonies. We heard the notes of Thanksgiving for healing and keeping. Monday came and things seemed not to move, but we held the regular watch night meeting and people began to testify, and with the message and prayer and testimony, twelve o'clock seemed to quickly come. The workers and some of the boys and some of the Zenana women gave some real warm testimonies and we were all helped, and I was reminded of the days when in the homeland, and in the earlier days of Pentecost, we had watchnight meeting and one could not wait until the other was through; and from hearing one another's testimonies our hearts were warmed in the Lord. So here we were encouraged and strengthened in the Lord as we listened to each other tell of God's dealing the past year and the determination to press on in Him in the future for His glory. On New Year's Day the testimony continued on after the dedication service which we held.

"The Lord is undertaking and the curtains are being pulled aside but while our hearts are encouraged still we feel that we have only a few droppings of the showers that the Lord is sure to send if we hold on.

"Yes, the way has been thorny but we are finding some roses with the thorns. The path has been dark, but we are seeing something of the other side of the cloud, the silver lining. The path has been discouraging, but encouragement is also coming our way. What does the future hold? It may hold still deeper trials, but one thing we know—that our Commander holds the orders in His hand. What does the future hold? We do not know but we know that our Lord has promised to go with us all the way, for He said, "Lo, I am with you all ways, even unto the end of the world." He holds out to us the message of peace, and the promise of Everlasting Life, and our eyes will one day be opened to behold what Eternity holds for those who are faithful. What a heritage is ours! Promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

COMING HOME ON FURLOUGH

Brother J. A. Barney writes from Gombari Central Africa: "Mr. and Mrs. Leader are within a week's journey of us. They sent a runner through. They

have to exchange porters every now and then which makes delays. Now I had planned to leave in July (in case everything is satisfactory in the opinion of the brethren). Brother Blakeney says I must not get there in cold weather, but a letter from Brother Doney today says I must not plan to go through Egypt in July or August because of the intense heat. He advised me to leave here in April but I do not feel I can leave before the boat on May 21st from Rejaf. That would give the leaders three months to get broken in. I will have my translating finished (Psalms and Proverbs) tomorrow night. I sent a 50-page song book to the printer a few weeks ago. So I will have someone to work for me when I am not here in person."

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

DES MOINES, IOWA—Evangelist J. H. Capps, of North Carolina, has been with us one week. A revival is on, but Brother Capps is leaving to fill other engagements; Brother Cadwalder will continue the meeting. Brother Capps has been a great blessing to us. He preaches the plain, simple gospel with power. God blesses him, and the people to whom he preaches. We hope he will come this way again. The Assembly of God church is now located at 1150 W. 13th St.—Otto J. Pink, pastor.

PICKENS, OKLA.—We want to sound a note of praise to the Lord for what He has done for this place. Brother R. C. Clay and I preached 11 nights here. Sixteen were saved, 1 was reclaimed and 21 received the Baptism in the Spirit as in Acts 2:4. Some wonderful healing was done. One boy was instantly healed of pneumonia. We set the assembly in order with 46 members—name, County Line Assembly. We cordially invite all who are in good standing with the Council to come this way at any time. We covet your prayers.—J. M. Fouts, pastor.

ELKHART, IND.—We wish to sound a note of praise for the way God has been working in Elkhart in the past few months. We now have a fine assembly here for which we give God all the praise. The blessing of God is now resting on the place and we are praying for a mighty revival. And we would like for the Evangel family to join us in prayer to that end that God will pour out His Spirit here and a real harvest of souls will be granted. We wish to announce the work now is set in order under the General Council of the Assemblies of God. And also invite any of the brethren that are in fellowship with the Council when passing this way to stop over, Pastor S. Motter and wife.

BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.—The meeting here has proved a success from the beginning. Members of other churches are cooperating and a sweet spirit has been shown during the campaign. Some have claimed healing during the meeting. One woman said she is healed of heart trouble, another of rheumatism. We give God the glory. We came here with the intention of staying about three weeks, but the meeting has proved so good that the assembly voted for us to stay another week. Last Sunday night, the building, which holds about 700, was packed and many were turned away because they could not get entrance. An observer said there were as many outside as there were inside. There have been about 30 to respond to the call of God. I preached one night on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and about 30 came forward as seekers for this wonderful experience. Please pray that we may be led by the hand of God continually.—G. A. Brewer and party.

LIBERIA, MO.—We are praising the Lord for what He is doing here. I held a meeting here last summer in a brush arbor, paying \$1.00 per day for the ground. There were 15 saved and 8 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The saints here bought a place with two houses on it, and made it into a church. It is all paid for except \$75.00. Any preacher in good standing with the Council is welcome here. I am open to calls anywhere.—Evangelist Frank Moyer. Box 525.

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—Brother J. M. Kerr, pastor of the Bartlesville assembly, invited wife and me over to the opening of the new church there. We were greatly impressed with the wonderful way in which God has worked in the past few weeks. This is a new work and Brother Kerr has labored hard and faithfully in helping to get the church finished. At the very first service the house was filled with hungry people, many of whom are seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and we bespeak a wonderful future under the blessing of God for Bartlesville. Pray for them.—H. E. Bowley.

WHITT, TEXAS—We are going on in the fight, assured that victory is ours through Him that strengtheneth us, Hallelujah! The work on this field is moving on slowly but surely, and signs of abundance of rain are seen all around. Hungry hearts are crying for help and a real revival spirit is in our midst. Thank the Lord. We are looking forward to the warm open weather for a series of revival efforts in this needy field, and ask that you each pray for us that each effort will be crowned with success. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.—Lonnie Whitworth and family.

TOLEDO, OHIO.—My daughter Zelma and I are in a real live meeting with Pastor Paul C. Bucher in the splendid new tabernacle just completed and seating about 800. The power of God is resting on every service in a marked way. Notable New Testament Bible signs are in our midst, a real constructive work is going on. Brother Bucher is a faithful and effective worker, his wife is a great help and is doing excellent work at the piano and in song, which is greatly appreciated. They have a splendid orchestra. The pastor, deacons, and saints who have labored so faithfully in building this splendid church home have much to praise God for.—A. H. Argue.

NOT A COUNCIL MINISTER

This is to notify our brethren in the Council fellowship that Samuel E. Durgin does not hold General Council credentials, and does not have the endorsement of the District Council of Northern California.

SUNNY POINT, ARK.—I read in a paper a few days ago that the old-time method of getting men to God had passed away, and that waves of conviction no longer swept whole communities; that this was a day of personal evangelism and of individual conviction. But I bear you record that God is saving men in the old-time way, and this community has been swept by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. About the 12th of February, Brother P. F. Ramsey, our pastor, began a meeting here that continued 25 nights. In spite of bad weather and roads, the house was filled at times to overflowing. In the beginning, Brother Ramsey told us that possibly he would not preach much. However, he preached some powerful sermons. But on several occasions, after the Lord had blessed wonderfully in the praise service, Brother Ramsey would make the altar call and the altar would fill with hungry souls. Thirty or 35 were saved, 15 or more received the Baptism in the Spirit. A majority of them were men and women of mature age, and today are standing with a good testimony. Many more are convicted. We covet your prayers.—H. C. Means.

LYNDEN, WASH.—We are happy to report a blessed two weeks of refreshing from the presence of our Lord. Brother Maddaford, pastor of the Sixth Ave. Pentecostal Tabernacle of Vancouver B. C., has been with us the past two weeks and we have had a blessed time visiting our neighbor assemblies, Sumas, Van Buren, Ferndale and Bellingham. We have had special meetings. Sunday night, March 23, several were slain under the power of God one coming through to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with delightful evidence of speaking in other tongues. Power of God manifested in all meetings. Several seeking the Baptism in the Spirit and slain by the power of God. Several were convinced by the speaking in tongues. It is the real evidence to the unbeliever. We are expecting to have a big tent meeting in June. Brother H. Hansen, evangelist, and others as the Lord supplies for the work. We expect a heavy rain from heaven in spiritual blessings and power. It has begun to sprinkle now. On March 16 we had with us besides Brother F. R. Maddaford, Evangelist Alva Walker and Brother Kennedy of B. C. Had a splendid Sunday morning service and a happy farewell meeting with Brother Walker. May God bless him as he goes to the Congo, Africa.—Arthur Ellsworth, pastor.

MANY HEALINGS

Three years ago I was prayed for and was mercifully healed of diabetes, and of tuberculosis of the lungs. I couldn't walk, I couldn't walk down town, but, now, praise God, I have done my work for 3 years, for He not only heals us, but keeps us healed. Glory to His Name! Last summer my Saviour healed me from foot trouble—weak arch. And now, just a little while ago, He healed me of a bad cold. I could not live without Jesus. Oh, this wonderful salvation. God bless you all.—Minnie Targrod, Box 634, Red Deer, Alberta, Can.

A WORD OF WARNING

There are a number of ungodly men who are going around the country preying upon our Pentecostal people. We have just received two letters from Council brethren who ask us to give warning in the Evangel concerning such. Brother Craig of San Francisco sends us a word of warning concerning a man who has been preying upon the saints of Santa Cruz, California. He collected money from them extensively for a tent. He skipped out of the place, and according to his landlady, he stole from her a watch valued at \$23.00, and also other things. He contracted a debt in Chicago for Bibles that were sold on the credit plan and asked this firm to charge the same up to the assembly at Santa Cruz.

We received a letter from Brother A. B. Cox of Dayton, Ohio, who tells of a man who claims that he is Norwegian, a heavy-set man, about fifty-four years of age, and about five feet seven or eight inches tall. He is evidently a man who has been in a number of our assemblies and can describe our Pentecostal leaders and their missions. He first borrowed \$11.00 for room and board and then a further \$28.00 in order to buy a gross of bottles of floor polish. Having got this money he went to Chillicothe, Ohio, and apparently did the same sort of underhand work there.

We desire to warn all our assemblies against the coming in of such evil men and deceivers.

We also want to sound a strong word of warning against any assembly letting in any man who pretends to be a Pentecostal preacher and who does not carry proper credentials and up-to-date fellowship certificate.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Praises are ascending to God at Glad Tidings Tabernacle and Bible Institute where the Lord is graciously pouring out His Spirit upon the assembly and student body. The Student Revival is in progress and many souls have already heeded the call for salvation and for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Services for water baptism were conducted two evenings of one week. Conviction has been deep in souls and there has been much confession in clearing the way for the Lord to work. Graduation exercises will be conducted on April 25th, which concludes the fifth year of Glad Tidings Bible Institute. The students are looking forward to entering the fields "for they are white already to harvest." Pray for them that each one may find the place God has for them. The new concrete and steel dormitory of six stories is rapidly being completed and will accommodate one hundred and sixty students and faculty. It is a fire-proof building and will greatly facilitate the work of the Bible Institute as it has far outgrown its present quarters. Students have come from Canada, England, Wales, China and Alaska, as well as from many of the States of our own country to "study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."—O. C. Smith, Sec'y.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday: "Awake, O north wind; and come thou south; blow upon my garden that the spices thereof flow out" (S. S. 4:16).

But the calm is so much more pleasant, and the quiet zephyr that gently fans your cheek so much more restful. Listen, beloved, when you speak thus, your motive is selfish. God wants the spices to flow out that others may enjoy the fragrance of His love and presence within your being; and for this it takes the strong, searching winds—veritable gales sometimes that would almost sweep you off your feet were you not anchored to the Rock of Ages. Welcome then whatever God may send in your life and trust Him to make you a sweet savor of Christ in every hour of trial.

Monday: "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

Christ well knew the besetting difficulty of His followers, then as well as now, in having a missionary outlook. It is the lifting up of the eyes. Stop looking down at yourself, your blessings, your interests, your feelings, your concerns—both temporal and spiritual. Look up, look out, and let God speak to your heart as to how you may help in the great need of this last missionary hour.

Tuesday: "There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few" (1 Sam. 14:6).

Glory to His name! Gideon and his three hundred, David and his outcast band, Jonathan and his faithful armor-bearer—all forceful instances of how God works His deliverances. "There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength," but "whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe."

Wednesday: "We were gentle among you even as a nurse cherisheth her children" (1 Thess. 2:7).

Wonderful love of the Spirit manifest in the mighty man of God, Paul. So many would-be teachers, but what a scarcity today of real fathers—nursing fathers—who are so "affectionately desirous" of the welfare of the weaker ones that they lose all sight of personal ambition or recognition. Lord, take the unconscious spiritual selfishness out of some of our dear Pentecostal brethren and make them true fathers in the Lord.

Thursday: "Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him" (Matt. 4:11).

Were we less dependent upon human comfort in the hour of testing we should know the indescribable succor and sweetness of the angel ministry. God richly rewards those who look to Him for their support and strength.

Friday: "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:8).

Behold Him, your Redeemer, nailed to the cross, bearing the penalty of your

sins and mine, pouring out His soul even unto death that we might know the joy of salvation and eternal life. The crown of thorns is on His brow; the stream of blood and water flows from His pierced side. Darkness covers the earth; lo, now He speaks. "It is finished"—the cup is past—He bows His head; gives up the ghost. The sacrifice is complete.

This is the earthly picture. No words adequately can portray the divine significance; that is to be realized throughout all the ages of eternity. Happy the soul that has already begun the realization of its power and blessing.

Saturday: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (Col. 3:1).

The extent of our being risen with Christ is shown by our attitude and walk. It is sad that there are so many fleshly minded Christians who apparently forget that "our conversation (manner of conduct) is in heaven, from whence we look for our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ."

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We have given up our pastorate at Cyril, and we are ready to go out in the evangelistic work.—M. E. Stubblefield and wife and two boys, Cyril, Okla.

I am ready at any time now for calls to evangelistic service. I have been in this service about two years, have papers from the state Council, and the Lord has blessed my work.—Evangelist A. R. Dutrow, Fredonia, Kansas.

OPEN FOR CALLS for evangelistic work. Brother F. A. Toller, of 630 N. Division St., Duquoin, Ill. Brother Toller is a presbyter of the Colorado State Council of the Assemblies of God.

OPEN FOR CALLS—For evangelistic meetings, or for a proper pastorate. Both minister and the wife a pianist.—F. R. Anderson and wife, 402 North Cherry St., Ft. Worth, Texas.

HILLSDALE, MICH.—Clark Evangelistic Party will conduct camp meeting in Fair Grounds at Hillsdale, Mich., from June 1 to 15. This is an ideal place to camp, with lovely shade and running water, ladies' rest-room and dining-hall. Plan to spend your vacation here.

SHERBURN, MINN.—Clark Evangelistic Party will be with Brother Willard Pope, Sherburn, Minn., from June 22d to July 6th inclusive.

Evangelist James W. Cox and wife, Nellie R. Cox, are open for evangelistic calls. We are in fellowship with the General Council. Have our own tent.—Knoxville, Iowa, Box 124.

Forthcoming Meetings

SECOND ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION, SPRINGFIELD, MO., May 8 to 11 inclusive. Brother George Kelley, China; Forrest Barker, S. America; Neils Thomsen, India, and others. Special evangelist will be announced later.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, REVIVAL.—Meetings to commence May 3 in big tent. Announcement concerning street location will be made later.—J. William Bostrom and Party. Address 22 N. E. 10th St., Miami, Fla.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Brother Chas. A. Shreve, formerly pastor of "Old McKendree" M. E. Church, Washington, D. C., will conduct a revival campaign commencing Thursday, May 15, 1924, at Trinity Tabernacle, Marcus and Page Ave. The meeting will continue for three weeks. Pray with us that it may be a glorious time of refreshing.—Lohmann and Markley, pastors.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS, TOPEKA, KANS. Louise L. Nankivell, the young evangelist, and A. A. Nankivell, chorister and soloist, will conduct a city-wide evangelistic campaign commencing June 8th, in the Municipal Auditorium, seating 5,000. For further information write Pastor Chas. Sheall, 1412 E. 6th Ave., Topeka, Kans., or the evangelists at 642 Monticello Ave., Chicago, Ill.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Evangelists Willard C. Pearce and wife, of Medina, Ohio, will conduct a three-week evangelistic campaign beginning April 6 and closing April 27, at the Full Gospel Assembly, 930 Penna. Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. Evangelistic services will be held Sunday afternoons at 3:00 and every evening at 8:00. Noonday prayer and readings in the Book of Revelation, also Bible studies in the Dispensations and Prophecy will be given evenings at 7:00.—H. L. Collier, pastor, Full Gospel Assembly.

VANCOUVER, B. C.

A city-wide revival campaign will be conducted by Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth in the Sixth Avenue Pentecostal Tabernacle, corner Sixth Avenue and Fir St., commencing April 27th for three weeks or longer. Mr. Wigglesworth is coming direct from New Zealand. Brother and Sister J. Salter, son-in-law and daughter of the evangelist, who have spent a number of years in Africa, will probably assist. Sister Salter is coming direct from Switzerland where she has been conducting several large meetings. For further information, write Pastor F. R. Maddaford, 1598 Sixth Avenue West., Vancouver, B. C., Can.

THIRD ANNUAL CAMP, WHITT, PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS

Beginning August 1 and continuing to the 24th inclusive. Some of the best Evangelists, Teachers, Singers and Workers will be with us, and altogether we expect the greatest campaign in this part. This is a real, old-time camp, where each one may have his own camp-fire, and any camping equipment he may desire will be furnished for a small rental, provided you let us know what you need before July 20th. All visiting ministers, singers and musicians will be furnished rooms and board convenient for service. The doctrines of Holiness, Holy Ghost Baptism and Divine Healing will be stressed and special sessions for healing will be held daily. All welcome, and all ministers and workers specially invited. For further information, write Lonnie Whitworth, pastor; J. H. Baldwin, secretary.

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CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Central District Council will hold its annual session in the Pentecostal Tabernacle, corner Lawrence & Dorr Sts., Toledo, Ohio. Brother Paul Bucher, pastor, beginning Monday evening, May 5th, and lasting until May 8th, or longer as the Lord may lead. The business session will open Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. All ministers affiliated with us, or desiring to be so affiliated, are urged to be present throughout the entire session. Candidates for license to preach or renewal of license should bring with them the written recommendations of the Assemblies to which they belong. Ministers desiring entertainment on the Harvard plan should notify the pastor.—J. Narver Gortner, Chairman.

NEW YORK REVIVAL CAMPAIGN

The seventeenth revival campaign services will be held at "Glad Tidings Tabernacle," Thirty-Third Street, West of 8th Ave., New York City, beginning May 2, for ten days. There will be two services daily, 3 and 7 p. m., except Mondays on which there will be only one service at 7:45 p. m.

Evangelists Charles A. Shreve, of Washington, D. C., and Morse H. Markley, of St. Louis, Mo., will be the speakers each day during the campaign.

There will be special music and singing by the "Tabernacle Orchestra and Quartet," under the leadership of Ben Cocherhan (the singing evangelist). This, we are trusting, will be the best anniversary service we have ever had. Come and see what great things the Lord is doing in New York City.

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For further information write Miss Marie Burman, campaign secretary, 311 West 111th St., or Robert A. Brown, pastor, 337 West 14th St., New York City, N. Y.

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115.00: Full Gospel Mission Houston Tex
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91.00: Pent'l Church Warren Ohio
83.28: Full Gospel Church Youngstown Ohio
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64.00: S S Russellville Ark
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45.00: A J Chicago Ill
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36.00: Assembly Bradford Pa
35.00: Assembly North Andover Mass
34.00: S S Bakersfield Calif
30.00: Assembly Kennett Mo; J P N Kelso Wash
29.00: Pent'l Church Asbury Park N J
28.00: W R M Springfield Mo
27.00: Assembly Santa Ana Calif
25.00: O E S Advance Mo; Assembly & S S Pueblo Colo; M M L North Lima Ohio; R B M North Lima Ohio; Mr & Mrs H L Brooklyn N Y; L E W Ostrander Ohio; Assembly Two Harbors Minn; Lebanon Pent'l Assembly Paterson N J; M L Los Angeles Calif
23.00: Fourfold Gospel Mission Wasco Calif
22.00: Assembly Drumright Okla
21.75: Full Gospel Assembly Sioux City Ia
21.00: G G Brooklyn N Y; Assembly Terre Haute
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19.66: Assembly & S S Joplin Mo
18.50: Assembly Union City Ind
18.00: Mrs G V L Los Angeles Calif; Mr & Mrs R L R Fort Morgan Colo
17.32: S S West Point Ind
16.50: S S Woodston Kans
16.00: Full Gospel Mission Macksburg Ia
14.75: Assembly Ashland Kans
14.25: Terminal Island S S Calif
14.00: Assembly Grand Prairie Texas; Friends Edinburg Texas
13.60: Assembly Kansas City Kans
12.75: A C B McFall Mo
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12.52: Assembly Jasonville Ind
12.50: North Side S S Wichita Falls Texas
12.40: S S Broken Arrow Okla
12.19: Assembly Gooding Idaho
12.18: S S Avant Okla
12.00: M H & M U San Francisco Calif; O W E Wichita Falls Tex
11.20: Scott Street Mission Knoxville Tenn
11.00: L R Y Los Angeles Calif; J W U Great Bend Kans; Assembly Hammond Ind
10.60: Winton-Atwater Assembly Winton Calif

10.25: Assembly Sigbee Mo
10.00: E S Springfield Mo; A & F D L Detroit Mich; Mrs J R D Huron Ohio; L G Helena Ohio; D E B Walton Ky; M C Kingsville Tex; E B M Orting Wash; D J & E J P Chambersburg Pa; J W Y Fresno Calif; Assembly Jasonville Ind; Young People Joplin Mo
9.00: W T L Seattle Wash; Mr & Mrs A G Canton Ohio; Assembly Enterprise Ala; Friends Woodland Calif
8.20: E B S Elton La
8.17: Assembly Thayer Mo
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7.60: Assembly Pleasant Hill Ia
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7.40: F F Brainerd Minn
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3.30: Assembly South Sioux City Nebr
3.15: Assembly Miami Okla
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