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The Silence of Christ

**"But Jesus yet answered nothing"
(Mark 15:5)**

While for us He undertakes,
Burdened with our sinful load,
No defense our proxy makes,
Speechless at the bar of God;
Dumb before the Judge Supreme,
All our crimes He owns to Him.

Man will speak accused by man,
Fearful of disgrace and loss,
Long his innocence maintain,
Eagerly defend his cause;
God with us accepts the shame,
Yields to death a silent Lamb.

Sealed His lips with wisdom's seal
Sealed by meek humility,
Reverence for His Father's will,
Love for all mankind and me:
Nothing need the Lamb reply;
All His business is to die.

But His silence intercedes,
If their guilt the guilty own,
For the self-condemned it pleads,
Powerful at the gracious throne;
But His blood a voice hath found,
Life and heaven are in the sound!

—J. and C. Wesley.

I FORCED MYSELF

EVANGELIST WILLIAM E. BOOTH-CLIBBORN

"I forced myself." What a statement! What a confession! It was wrung by conviction from the lips of Saul whom Samuel caught usurping the office of the priesthood (1 Sam. 13:12). Before we examine the story related to these words let us look at them first and take them at their face value, for these three words contain a wealth of truth for us in this time.

Do You Ever Force Yourself?

Do you force yourself to pray, to read the Scriptures, to go to meeting? Then remember the time when it was a delight for you to do these things. Your heart was so full of the joy of the Lord. Without doubt whenever the sweetness of God's presence is not enjoyed in the soul, and the flavor and taste for the spiritual departs, then one is left to a religion of **self-compulsion**. One must begin to **try**, and **strive**, God and the whole **effort** leaves but a feeling of dissatisfaction and disgust, and a realization that after all we have not succeeded in pleasing Him at all. There is that in us which inherently is contrary to the worship and adoration of God. When we were wholly subdued to God it did not assert itself. But when out of touch with God that inner rebellion, however slight, is felt and we are left to no other course than to **force ourselves** to sing and pray or to worship God in a humdrum, mechanical way. Now for a moment let us see if this is not true of much of professing Christendom.

Will Worship

One of the many forms of error Paul warned the Colossians from, was "**will worship**" (Col. 2:23). The true worship of God arises from **hearts** fully surrendered to Him and filled with His love and power. But no doubt there is an immense multitude of unregenerate but professed Christians today who attempt to worship God by going through certain forms of service, which however distasteful to them by a **forcing of themselves** they are enabled to perform. They compel themselves to go to meeting out of a sense of **duty**. They sing and pray because they feel they **ought** to. Whether they really enjoy it or not they adhere to certain religious practices as strictly as possible. This they do in the hope of obtaining God's favor. **All this is salvation by works**, is hideous in the extreme to God, and a complete opposite of the true worship which He desires to be given freely, out of a sense of love and from hearts overflowing with joy and filled with praise. There is no doubt much which appeals to the natural man in an elaborate church program filled with much worldly wisdom, learning and with much art in evidence. Paul characterizes it thus "Which things have indeed a **show of wisdom** in will worship, and humility" (Col. 2:32). Whatever the religious beliefs may

We are glad to report that God is graciously visiting Springfield with revival. He is much using the ministry of Wm. Booth-Clibborn. The presence of the Lord has been so wonderful at the Central Bible Institute during the past week that it has been impossible to hold any classes. Such searchings of heart, such prayer, such weeping, such travail, such operations of the Spirit! Two of the students, not previously baptized in the Holy Ghost, have been filled with the Spirit. There is a blessed revival also among the children, many of whom are being saved and filled with the Spirit. The sermon we print herewith, we believe will be a real help to many of our readers.

be, whatever claims of such upon the people, be it in giving much money, in abstaining from certain foods, in exacting attendance at services and ceremonies, be it even in more or less passive attention to prayer, singing or preaching, Paul strikes at the root of the trouble when he describes it as **will worship**. This kind of worship we find almost everywhere today.

God complains through Isaiah regarding Israel, "this people draw near to me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught **by the precept of men**" (Isa. 29:13). God's complaint is the lack of heart worship from hearts filled with love. He knew well that they were merely **compelling** themselves to attend and take part in the outer forms of the temple ceremony whilst their hearts were far from Him. This was **will worship**, and what can better describe the servile "going to church" of multitudes these days?

Servile Religious Drudgery

When animals are seen to do certain tricks on the stage it is a perfect illustration of the natural man forcing himself to worship God through a compliance with the forms of religious service. An animal knows nothing of the things of man. It looks pitifully ridiculous doing its stunts in imitation of man before a circus crowd, yet it forces itself to it for fear of punishment. So the natural man is absolutely opposed to and his inclinations are contrary to the things of God for, "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14), and it is only pitiful to see him force himself to act and speak as a man would who is truly born again. When a poor beast is made, at the crack of the whip, to perform, anyone can discern how distasteful the whole procedure must be to the brute by the expression upon its face. But it has been taught to

do these things for a long period of time, oft with the most horrible cruelty. Thus many who throng our places of worship manifest by their faces their dislike and their mere endurance of it all. Too often the proceedings are but a bore, and a sigh of relief is heard when the benediction is pronounced. From their youth up thousands upon thousands have never been converted but have been trained and taught by the "precepts of men" to perform certain religious functions. They have become slaves to "a form of godliness" (2 Tim. 3:5), and knowing nothing else compel themselves to this **will worship** in an effort to appease a guilty conscience.

Born of Their Own Will

Just as there is no human intelligence and understanding in the performing beast to do those things which men are accustomed to do, so also there is no spiritual intelligence in the natural man, who has not become a partaker of Christ's divine nature whereby he may worship God acceptably. Oh glory to God! With what light this saying of Christ shines, "**the true worshipers** shall worship the Father in Spirit and truth: For the Father **seeketh such** to worship him" (John 4:23). It is evident that many people sincerely believe themselves Christians who have merely sought to become so by will power or from determination or self-compulsion. These cannot have the remotest idea of what true Christianity is. They have made up their minds **TO TRY** and be Christians and forthwith have joined a church and there they are under a horrible yoke, ceaselessly **endeavoring, forcing, compelling themselves to adhere to its demands**. The apostle John tells us however that the true Christians are not born "**of the will of the flesh**, nor of the **will of man** but of God" (John 1:13) and of His will. Again scripture speaks that salvation is "**not of him that willeth**, nor of him that **runneth**, but of God that showeth mercy" (Rom. 9:16). All of this self-acquired Christianity is the worst kind of self deception. "A man can receive nothing, except it be **given** him from heaven" (1 John 3:27). People cannot will themselves into God's kingdom without meeting the requirements and conditions. They must believe, forsake, repent. They have to cease from their own ways and thoughts and subject themselves to the will and Word of God. Only as they yield themselves entirely to God will God ever receive them and by His own divine power make them a new creature.

We have considered the will worship of the unconverted but now let us recognize a more subtle danger. Is it not possible that in the worship of those once truly "born again" there can come in some forced worship and "will worship"? Cannot the carnal mind arise to **assert**

itself, supplanting the truly spiritual mind and dethroning the Spirit of God and carry on in the flesh and in the natural energy and zeal what once had been only and purely through the power of the Holy Spirit?

Saul on Trial

The natural energy of man has to be wholly crucified and sanctified before it can ever be blessed in God's service. An occurrence of this carnal running ahead of God is revealed in the story contained in the first book of Samuel and the thirteenth chapter. Saul had called the people together at Gilgal. The Philistines had gathered themselves; thirty thousand chariots, six thousand horsemen, and people, "as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude." The men of Israel naturally "saw that they were in a strait, for the people were distressed... and they did hide themselves." As for Saul, he remained in Gilgal "and all the people followed him trembling." No wonder the people trembled! The enemy was formidable and had risen almost in a moment to come to war against them. But whenever God's people are in straits it is their opportunity to prove God, and here was an ideal situation. Rough circumstances were undoubtedly against them, Saul had no need to worry. God was with His people ready to deliver and all that could be done was to obey instructions and to wait until the coming of the prophet Samuel.

How many times powers of darkness overwhelm us at the beginning of a meeting or at the start of any enterprise for God. We are often made to tremble as Saul. And it is distressing to feel the fierce opposition of Satan heavily weighing down the people. But oh here is the true test, the real opportunity to please God, to cease from our own endeavors and to wait for Him to come down in a cloud with power and with glory to deliver us.

Waiting for Samuel.

Saul was out of touch with God. This is all the more reason why he should have been careful. **But the hardest things you could possibly ask of the flesh is to wait!** The will of the flesh and that of the natural man is ever to be up and going, performing things and making a great show of itself. Waiting upon God is considered inactivity by the flesh—it is folly to it. Never is this so plainly manifest as in our modern day of rush and tear, worry and hurry. How often does this spirit creep into our meetings, upsetting God's sweet peace and destroying the ministry of prayer among the saints. What a show many of our religious communities make of accomplishment, of endeavor, of numbers, etc. They are so active that there is no time to wait upon the Lord. **On with the performance, the ritual, the ceremony the program, the form of worship, on to the next thing, let's get it done, let's get it over, this seems to be the attitude.**

It must have been especially hard for Saul to wait—he was a man of war and action. We are told "he tarried seven days" and seeing that the people scattered from him he became nervous and fretful, and said "bring hither a burnt offering to me." He offered it, thus usurping the office of God's priest, Samuel. Oh what an indictment there is in this incident of our

modern running-ahead-of-God. How many times in moments of testing and trial and difficulty instead of waiting for the anointing, for God's Samuel of to-day—the Holy Spirit—we rush into the conflict only to be defeated. We pray, we preach, we sing, we work, we strive, we struggle but all to no avail. Saul was a leader and this sin particularly belongs to "leaders." Our prayers, our preaching, our worship is naught without the Holy Spirit. **IT IS HE AND HE ONLY THAT CAN BRING AN OFFERING ACCEPTABLY**, but alas how often we see Him supplanted and laid aside and disaster invariably following.

A Little More Tarrying

Saul had tarried seven days. It was now the afternoon of the seventh. It surely could not have done him much harm to tarry a little while longer. **God is not called to wait upon us, we are called to wait upon Him.** But in how many places of worship to-day is the Holy Spirit truly honored, is He truly waited upon? Most times God's Holy Spirit could not get into the program edgewise. We are liable to forget that it was tarrying that brought the power down in the early days of the church. They were tarrying when the Holy Ghost descended at Pentecost, for Jesus had commanded them "tarry until." Before the Welsh Revival broke out Evan Roberts waited upon God for ten months alone in his room for nine hours a day and sometimes longer. When I saw him in London he confirmed this to me with his own mouth. And wherever God can find here one, and there one, or yonder a band of people, who are willing to "wait on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14), He will invariably manifest Himself to the routing of every power of darkness.

It is exactly this waiting proposition that upsets so many precious hearts, seeking and desiring the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. How many have complained to me and insisted that they were getting nowhere, they seemed only to be getting worse, and oh how irritating it was to the flesh one could easily observe by one look at their faces! To wait upon God seems such foolishness, such waste of time and to so little purpose. But "my ways are not your ways, neither my thoughts your thoughts" (Is. 55:2). "For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him" (Is. 64:4).

Some Things That Are Forced

At last Samuel came, toward the end of the seventh day. Saul ran out to meet him as if nothing had happened. God's prophet spoke, "What hast thou done?" Oh said he "I saw that the people..." etc. "I saw that the Philistines..." etc. He had eyes for everything else but God and His word, and it is precisely this that is the trouble to-day. If we kept our eyes **on Him alone**, He would give us victory every time.

"I forced myself therefore"—and all the worship that is not born of the Holy Ghost is **forced**, is vain and presumptuous. Oh the mighty power, life, and refreshing there is in a service, in a meeting wholly directed and inspired, and wholly dependent upon the Holy Spirit, but what a

servile drudgery, what slavery, what drag, draw and pull there is where He who brooded over the waters at creation is absent.

Forced prayers:—People must be coaxed to pray, must be begged to lead in prayer and once started everybody just longs for them to stop, to cease. Such prayers are only heard, they are not felt.

Forced testimonies:—People are besought to arise and just say one word, with emphasis on the one word, and when the congregation had been sufficiently entertained, some will deign to rise, and such miserable speeches, and pitiable remarks, such confessions, instead of praises! Some of them are a dead "give away" as to the spiritual condition of the one that testifies; and other testimonies are only suffered, simply endured.

Forced giving:—Tremendous appeals—such entreaties for a good collection. Every device is resorted to, to get some people to give that are determined not to. Humor and pathos are combined and too often cheap sacrilegious jokes are made to serve.

Forced singing:—Not free and spontaneous but stereotyped and mechanical. Not abandoned, joyful and light but dragging and slow.

Forced preaching:—Not happy, warm and anointed, but laborious, precise and frozen. Not with wings, but with forced reverence, heavy!

But it is useless to express it all. It is plain enough. When people forsake seeking after God's power, then the bondage becomes terrible. It is not always the people's fault either, so many are blind leaders who call themselves shepherds. It is no doubt the desire to force oneself **to be** in a meeting what one **is not** outside of it that makes such a condition possible. It is true that half the time with many the plane of spirituality met with in a service is ahead of the plane of spirituality of the daily life. However none will confess their lack but far rather keep up a pretense at least, a show of spirituality by a strenuous effort at "camouflage." Oh are we not going to be weary at last of playing at religion. Why attempt to be that which we could be if we chose? **Why try to become instead of rejoicing in the fact that we are?**

Saul's Excuses

Saul began to make excuse. Many do today when caught doing wrong, rather than falling upon their knees and admitting their faults and mistakes. Oh grieve not the Holy Spirit! If from these words an arrow has found its way into your heart take it not away but let it remain deep and imbedded within the core of your soul until you fall down prostrate before your Saviour and call upon Him to restore you, to break you, to forgive you, but—don't make excuses.

First, Saul's self-sufficiency made him charge Samuel with breaking a promise. He reproached him (so the tone of his language sounds,) whereas Samuel came according to his word before the seventh day had expired. How many would almost reproach God and would find fault, whereas God always comes in time if we wait upon Him, and honor Him as we should. We read in the Scriptures that

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IS MUSSOLINI THE ANTICHRIST?

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There has been a great deal of speculation in the endeavor to locate the antichrist. During the great war many openly taught that the Kaiser was the individual. Again, some have taught that Kemal Pasha, the premier and idol of Turkey, was the coming "super-man." No doubt this man is remarkable in many ways, and the fact that he arises from Syria causes some students of prophecy to believe that he is the coming antichrist. At a recent meeting of the Premillennial society in Los Angeles, of which I am a member, the subject was brought up, "Is Mussolini the antichrist?" This will indicate that many students of prophecy are questioning concerning this remarkable man.

Others are looking with interest on the new "spiritual" leader who has risen in India. At Christmas time we learned from the press that from all over the world Theosophists were gathering at Adyar, Madras, India, to deify Krishnamurti, whom they declared to be "a new Christ." Krishnamurti is a young man twenty-eight years of age, who is held in great reverence by many thousands, and held as the new Messiah, and worshiped as divine. It is stated that he wrote a new "Bible" at the age of twelve. He had with him at Adyar twelve apostles who are to carry his teachings throughout the world. One of his "wise" teachings is this: "It is comforting to blame someone else for our faults so people of today created the myth—his satanic majesty. One of this man's twelve apostles is Mrs. Annie Besant who has been looked upon as a "John the Baptist" heralding this new Messiah. This woman has been training the young Hindu for years. It is no surprise to lovers of the Scripture that false prophets and false Christs should arise in these last days (Matt. 24:24).

The well-known student of prophecy, D. M. Panton has expressed his opinion that Mussolini may possibly be the antichrist. I have been much impressed by a recent article of his, and am recasting some of the principal thoughts of it and adding some of my own for the benefit of the readers of the Evangel.

In Rev. 17:10, 11 we read, "There are seven kings; five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when

he cometh he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition." The word "king" here could be translated "emperor." Mr. Panton says, "Mussolini is either a remarkable understudy of the seventh emperor yet to come, or he is the man. The fact thrills us to the soul that we cannot exclude the possibility of his being no less a person than the seventh emperor. Mussolini is clearly acting the part in its initial stages. His avowed intention is the revival of the Roman empire. He states, 'We wish to render Rome great as it was in the golden age.' He has no scruples even about being antichrist, and says, 'I would enter into alliance at this moment with the devil himself, with antichrist, if that would give this poor country tranquility.' And blasphemy is already on his lips. In the life of Mussolini recently published, the statement is attributed to him, 'If the eternal Father were to say to me, 'I am your friend, I would put up my fist to him.'"

Mussolini's great ambition is the revival again of the old Roman empire. In a copyrighted telegram to the New York Times that appeared on December 20th, it was stated that Mussolini intends to proclaim Italy an empire in the year 1926. This article states that the idea of claiming a new Italian empire has always been at the back of Mussolini's mind, and that it has gained ground recently, not only among the Fascists, imbued with the belief that days of tremendous power await the new Italy, but also in Italian court circles. This article states that this idea is favorably viewed by the Vatican. It is expected that the long strife that has existed between the Pope and the Italian government will end with the proclamation of the new Italian empire.

In a long and exclusive interview recently given to an American reporter, Mussolini gave in detail his idea of empire, and emphasized the fact that it was the SPIRIT of empire that he wished his people to cultivate. It stands to reason that if the spirit of empire is cultivated in the people, sooner or later they will seek steps to secure the outward expression of empire by a fight for increased territory. It is stated that Italy is already agreed with Britain that in the event of war with Turkey over Mosul, Italy will side in with Britain, and of course get a share of the spoils.

Mussolini is an autocrat and has no use for democracy. He states, "Mass cannot govern mass." Speaking of Julius Caesar, he says, "He is my idol—my master. Julius Caesar is the greatest man that ever lived." He has recently said, "The rising faith must necessarily be intolerant. Fascism has already trodden, and if necessary will calmly tread again, on the more or less decaying corpse of the goddess of liberty."

On page 106 of the recently published Life of Mussolini, we read the following: "The lecturer, who had only just finished throwing his new lights on the figure of Christ, gave way to him. Mussolini at once began to hold forth against the gospel, defending, nay glorifying, the spirit of Julian the Apostate. And so he got on to his favorite subject—Rome. Oh, why

had the great and magnificent Roman empire fallen a victim to the outer barbarians and to the gnawings of the feeble ideologists within! After all, what permanent results had the Galilean left behind him? And Mussolini launched out into a defence and laudation of Buddhism—a recent discovery of his and due to the Russians! What was this Palestinian Messiah, with his four discourses and his little parables, compared with the Buddha's elaborate body of doctrine in forty volumes, the outcome of the forty years of his apostolate, forty years of untiring ardor in converting, watching over, transforming, purifying, souls?"

This extract will plainly indicate that Mussolini is distinctly antichristian. He has a religion of his own. Later on in this same book we read: "Fascism, in itself, quoting Mussolini's own words, 'before being a party is a religion.'"

The following extracts show what many think of him, "His mere presence drew the people from all sides to greet him with frenzied acclamations. Even the men who at first came out of mere curiosity and with indifferent or even hostile feelings, gradually felt themselves fired by his personal magnetic influence. I have often heard men find fault with him in his absence, but never in his presence have I heard anyone dispute his orders or even his simplest suggestions. When Etna broke out into eruption a newspaper described, as if it were an actual fact, its lava streams checked in their advance by the fiery glance of his eyes. The women of the Abruzzi, and especially the widows and mothers of those who had fallen in the war, strove to touch his hand as they would crowd to touch a shrine or a relic. The mayor of a little Sicilian village stopped the Chief's motor-car, and said to him, 'I have nothing to ask of you, but this only. Perhaps you will never again pass over this ground of ours. Dismount that you may touch it with your feet!'"

To return to the passage quoted in Rev. 17:10, there are two vital clues that will enable us to identify these seven kings or emperors. There are two characteristics which the seven have in common. The one is a blasphemous assumption of deity—being worshiped as God—and having had a violent death. Six of the Roman emperors answer to this description: Julius, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, and Domitian, all of whom died by murder or suicide, and all of whom are guilty of self-deification. John tells us, "There are seven kings; five are fallen, and one is (Domitian), and the other (the seventh emperor) is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast (the antichrist) that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of (out of) the seven."

Mr. Panton shows that the name of Nero Caesar indicates the number of the beast. Every Greek letter has a numerical value, and the numerical value of the name of this worst of all of Rome's emperors is six hundred and sixty-six. He believes that this vilest of the Caesars must rise from the dead and fulfill the mighty destiny that awaits him.

In Rev. 13:3 we read concerning antichrist, "I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound

was healed." Further, in Rev. 17:8 we read, "The beast that thou sawest was and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder . . . when they beheld the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." For centuries after the death of Nero, the fear was in the church that he would be raised from the dead to again persecute the church. Nero was probably the wickedest man known in history, and would be well adapted for hell's substitute christ, or anti-christ. Nero's advent was soon after Christ's advent. Judas heard the gospel from Christ, and Nero heard the gospel from Paul. So awful was the Satanic atmosphere in Paul's day, and so dangerous "the mouth of the lion," that the Lord, in His invisible presence, stood by him. Compare carefully Paul's statement concerning being delivered in 2 Tim. 4:17, "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me . . . and I was delivered out of the **mouth of the lion,**" and the description of anti-christ in Rev. 13:2, "His mouth as **the mouth of a lion.**"

The Roman empire is apparently about to be restored and every student of prophecy will watch with interest to see whether Mussolini becomes the emperor. In his apparent great desire to restore the lost succession of the Roman emperors it is quite possible that he, himself may assume the position of emperor, and thus be the seventh one that is referred to in Rev. 17:10. If Mussolini should be the seventh, it is quite clear that an eighth one, one who is described as "the beast" shall yet arise. He will be one of the seven, and shall ascend from the bottomless pit. This seventh one who "must continue a short space," may be expected to lay the electric wires of world empire, that when the masterhand, the beast, the antichrist, arrives, his very touch will thrill the world.

Mr. Pantan believes that the seventh emperor will be suddenly and publicly executed. Into his freshly murdered body the spirit of Nero will come. Though he be wounded to death, his deadly wound will be healed (Rev. 13:3), and lo you have the false christ that infatuates the world! This visible resurrection of the seventh emperor would certainly enthrall the world, especially if his body were lying in state in a great public building. All the world will surely wonder after the beast (Rev. 13:3).

Satan ever seeks to imitate God, and after this resurrection there will surely be a "gospel" of the antichrist. The world will believe in this incarnation, this one who being slain is resurrected. Energized by Satan, this coming antichrist will have a world-wide dominion as a god-emperor. Mussolini seems to be the most likely man, according to the signs and his own statements, to be the forerunner of the antichrist. John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ, and the antichrist will surely not be without a herald to prepare his way at the time of the "falling away." It certainly looks as though this herald was already on the earth. Large numbers are hearkening to him, and are likely to do so more and more in the future. As we see these signs, let us be mindful of the words of the Master, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may

be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

A YIELDED LIFE

What is a Yielded Life?

'Tis one at God's command,
For Him to mold, to have, to use,
Or do with it as He may choose,
Resistless in His hand.

What is a Yielded Life?

A life whose only will,
When into blest subjection brought,
In every deed and aim and thought
Seeks just to do His will.

What is a Yielded Life?

A life which love has won,
Which in surrender, full, complete,
Lays all with gladness at the feet
Of God's most holy Son.

What is a Yielded Life?

A life where Christ holds sway,
O'er which He is the rightful Lord;
The ruling power, His whispered word,
Led by it day by day.

What is a Yielded Life?

A life in His contro,
Unruffled by the stormy breeze
Of sorrow, when its surging seas
Would sweep the God-kept soul.
—Regions Beyond.

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"when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son" (Gal. 4:4). God always does things in the fulness of time. Oh that we might have the discernment, the patience and the assurance to know the time and the way of God and recognize His leading and His voice!

Second. Saul went out to bless Samuel. Think of it, yes Saul went out to bless Samuel, for so the reading of the original Hebrew text is. He should have gone out to be blessed of him. Oh the patronizing ways of the flesh, the conceit, the presumption! How many would lead God to-day just as they would lead a man by the nose. So many consider themselves to be indispensable to God's work. Always conscious that they are not being appreciated or suspicious of the honor and success and labor of others.

Third. When Saul was charged with disobedience and folly **he justified himself instead of repenting.** He was full of excuses. It was circumstances that had shaken his peace of mind. Do we live above circumstances? How many to-day when reproached of their lack of spirituality and their foolish carnal worship, of their disobedience of the Spirit of God, will immediately seek to justify themselves and establish their own righteousness. What a true picture is this of our modern forced worldly religion, self-sufficient—able to get on without the Holy Spirit, ready to bless everything and everybody including warships, worldly pursuits and the universe in general—always justifying itself.

Saul's Punishment

"And Samuel said to Saul . . . now thy kingdom shall not continue: the Lord

has sought Him a man **after His own heart,** and the Lord has commanded him to be captain over His people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded thee" (1 Sam. 13:13,14).

The definition of the word Kingdom in the Bible is that sphere or domain in which the power of a king is maintained. Spiritually speaking this applies to us wonderfully today. The kingdom of God has certainly been removed from a thousand places of worship for the same reason, "For the kingdom of God is not in word, **but in power**" (1 Cor. 4:20). And surely the power of God has fled and departed and on many a door of our modern places of worship "Ichabod" might be written. No miracles are wrought there, no conversions, no tears, no weeping, no freedom, no glory, no pillar of fire is there; people are not healed, neither are they set on fire with a passion for souls; nobody sees visions, no one dreams dreams, unknown tongues are forbidden. Ah, the sadness of it all! The kingdom was to be removed from Saul and **given to another; and whenever God's people begin,** after a season, to dethrone the Spirit of God from the direction of their meetings and their efforts, and refusing the guidance of the cloud that must go before, and substituting for Him and His presence the carnal mind in forced duty service, in will worship, in a craven, servile, bondage to form and program: **then the kingdom departs,** the dove of the Holy Spirit takes to its wings. Oh what a punishment, Oh what an awful chastisement is this, Oh anything could be easier borne than this by souls who have tasted of the goodness and seen and been enveloped by His Shekinah glory!

The Man After God's Own Heart

Who was this man after God's own heart? His name was David. An obscure little shepherd boy, but above all he had learned what Saul knew nothing of: to wait upon the Lord. Thus the Psalms of David are full of such expressions as these: "Truly my soul **waiteth** upon God: from him cometh my salvation" (Psa. 62:1). "My soul **wait** thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him" (Psa. 62:5). "On thee do I **wait** all the day" (Psa. 25:5). "I **wait** on thee" (Psa. 25:21). "**Wait** on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: **WAIT,** I say, **ON THE LORD**" (Psa. 27:14). "**Wait** on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, **thou shalt see it**" (Psa. 37:34). "I **waited patiently** for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry." (Psa. 40:1). "I will **wait** on thy name; for it is good" (Psa. 52:9). "I **wait** for the Lord, my soul doth **wait** and in His word do I hope" (Psa. 130:5). "My soul **waiteth** for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning" (Psa. 130:6). It is useless to quote them all, the Psalms are full of them. This was "the man after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22), and would to God that today we would wait, then we would not have to force ourselves to do anything in a strenuous endeavor.

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Winning the Victory in a Dark Place

G. F. Bender at the Springfield Assembly

"Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee" (Psa. 56:12). When we vow unto the Lord we need to pay our vow. "Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than thou shouldest vow and not pay." In Psa. 34:1 we have David's vow, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." And here, when he was nearly swallowed up by his enemies, when he was in difficulty, and in trouble, and distress, he remembered his vows and began to praise the Lord.

Strange to say, we too are exhorted to praise the Lord in this dispensation. We may not have vowed, but we are exhorted to do so, for we read in Heb. 13:15, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." CONTINUALLY, that means under every circumstance, under all trials, under all difficulties. It is very easy to praise God in the sunshine, when all hands are uplifted and every voice is ringing out in praises, and there is much victory all around. But we are to praise Him when the clouds are the heaviest and the night is the darkest.

Those last few verses of Habakkuk always inspire me. The prophet is determined to render praises unto God under all conditions and any kind of circumstances. And we find that nothing disturbed him. God wants to get us into the place of faith, in a place of knowing Him, so that we can praise and believe Him under every trial. As you profit by every trial that comes into your life, it becomes a stepping-stone by which to better know God, and His power, and His love, and His desire to vindicate and deliver you. Habakkuk said, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

"Praise is comely." "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me." I often think how God is in the praises. He inhabits the praises of His people, as we read in Psa. 22:3, "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel." Don't be afraid to shout, and to send up a volume of praise unto God; for He will descend in that cloud of praise and will manifest Himself to you in mighty power.

I so often think of Paul and Silas in prison, and in my imagination can hear Paul telling Silas, "I am a Roman citizen, and they have bound me, and laid many stripes on my wounded back, and have thrust my feet in these stocks, and I have not had a hearing. I will surely go to higher authorities about this." But they found that all their talking up till midnight was not profitable, and suddenly they remembered their vows, even

praises unto God. And so there, in the inner prison, on their backs, they began to pray and to sing praises; and the prisoners heard them. And God descended in those praises and shook that prison, and set every captive free. God inhabits the praises of His people.

In Venezuela, South America, I found that it was not so hard to praise God as long as everything moved along well. But you know God tests our faith to see how deep our praises are, to see whether we can endure some trials and tests. When we first went into the city of Barquisimeto, the Catholic bishop of that district said, "Just let the people alone, let them run to the Protestant mission as much as they please, because when they come to the dying hour they will come back to the mother church, and call the fathers to confess their sins. When dying, they will need us again." Well, that gave us great liberty. We were glad they were not going to molest us, that we could go right on preaching the Word in that new territory where Christ had never been preached.

But one day, after about a year and a half of ministry in that city, there came sickness into the home of one of our Christians. A woman who was a vagabond and who had roamed everywhere, and was without God and without hope, came to her daughter's home to die. But her daughter was well converted and began to talk the gospel to her; and the old woman was gloriously saved on her dying bed, after about six weeks in the home. The physician who attended the case was a Roman Catholic, and he told the priest of that district that the woman was going to die. So the priest, who knew just what hour our service was on slipped in there while the daughter was at church. The only other one in the house was the daughter's husband, and he was not a Christian.

So the priest rapped on the door, and said, "I understand your mother-in-law is very sick. May I see her?" "Certainly," was the answer and he was taken to her room. He said, "I understand you want to confess your sins and that you have sent for me." She said, "Oh no, I have nothing to confess. My sins are all washed away. I have talked with the Great High Priest. I have talked to another Father Confessor and He has pardoned me and I am ready to meet the Lord." It took only a minute for that priest to get out of the house. But I want to tell you that when they discovered that the people who believed in Jesus Christ, according to the gospel that was preached in their town, were not going to need the priest in their dying hour, and were not going to return to the mother church, they said, "We cannot let this thing go on." So of course in all the churches they called special gatherings to utter prayers to the different

saints to drive the Protestants out of the town. Then when their forces were gathered against us we began to feel the heaviness of the atmosphere. But it did not drive us out of the city and they said they must take more strenuous means.

They began to stone our house, and of course that caused us to tremble somewhat. I was more afraid of that than I was of their prayers to the images. If you want to find out how much faith you have in God, whether you can praise God when the stones are flying, just get into a place like that.

We were building our first gospel chapel in that city and were putting a lettering on the front, "The First Gospel Chapel of the State of Lara." But while we were building those walls the Catholic church had a procession almost daily, just marching around those walls that were going up. One day they would bring this saint, and the next day that saint, trying all the different saints to see which one was the most miraculous and had power to bring down those walls. Crowds of women marched behind the saint, with heads bowed, repeating prayers and counting their beads. These women actually believed that the walls would fall, because as they marched they kept one eye on the walls, and their fingers were on the rosaries, and their lips moved just as fast as possible saying those prayers. But they did not have the God of Joshua on their side. Joshua had the living God on his side when he marched around Jericho, but this was a different proposition.

In those days there was quaking and trembling in our hearts. I don't know that I ever prayed so much in all my life as I did then. I had a watchman on the job, a private policeman; and then we went on building and watching and praying. And the chapel walls kept rising higher and higher.

Finally the roof was on and the finishing touches were accomplished, and that lettering was up, "The First Gospel Chapel of the State of Lara." I was standing on the sidewalk, looking up and watching the man do his work, when one of our enemies came past and looked up and read that sign. He said, "The First Gospel chapel of the State of Lara; and it will be the last one!" Angry! Oh the fire just snapped in his eyes—and I trembled and quaked all over. I said, "My God, what have I written on the front of that chapel? It means I am going to build many more, and this is only the starter." What that enemy said had opened my eyes. I slept very little that night, I passed the night calling on God. I realized those words, "Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil." As I lay there that night I said, "O God, give me power to face the public with a smiling face." And God gave me victory day by day under every persecution. When sometimes it was almost unendurable, God gave me grace to meet the people with a smile. Some of the people said, "What a man that man is. He can endure everything." But it was not myself, it was the Lord. Many times I had to rush back into my secret closet and get the smile on my face again.

The chapel was finished and the night

of the dedication came on. What a night that was! I never shall forget it as long as I live. It was to be dedicated on the third anniversary of our work. A man came from the interior to minister and help us, a man who had had a number of years experience in Venezuela and who knew something of persecution. We had had dodgers printed and passed through the whole of the city. Night came on, but there was no moon that night. Moonlight in the tropics is much clearer than here. That night there was a darkness that could be felt. It reminded me of the darkness of Egypt. I saw that the lights of the city were not coming on, and I began to tremble. I had had a queer feeling on me all that afternoon, and said to my wife, "We must stand together." My wife and I have taken the promise. "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Peter admonishes us to live peaceably with our wives that our prayers be not hindered, so I was very good to her, and God answered our prayers many, many times. We counted on that promise, and she and I are witnesses that that verse is true. We know it, we have proved it; and still it is new.

After the darkness came I said, "We must stand together, for there is something in the atmosphere." But we prayed and prayed, and it just seemed as though the heavens were brass and we were praying against a stone wall. I finally had to leave her alone and run over to the chapel with some gasoline lamps I had, so it would not be in darkness. As soon as I got through with that, we went back to prayer again. We would go to the window and look out to see if only that district was in darkness, but we found that the whole city was black.

Finally the hour came for the service. The worker, my wife, and I stepped on the platform and took our places for the first time. I never shall forget how we trembled. We felt the powers of Satan had closed in on us. As we sat there waiting on God and praying, wife began to play on our little folding organ in a low tone. As she began to play we heard voices coming nearer and nearer; then shrieks and cries and more noise. It grew louder and louder. And just at seven-thirty, as I rose to begin that service, a mob gathered in front of our chapel. I sat down and waited for the noise to subside, and my wife went right on playing the organ. The house was full to the door, and I said, "Let us join in prayer that God will deliver us. God is able for this hour."

There had been two processions formed, one from the upper end of the city and one from the lower; and just at seven-thirty they met in front of our door. In the front of one they had a canopy stretched, and under it a great, red-faced priest. On each side of the canopy they had three soldiers armed with guns, bodyguards for the priest. Back of that canopy came a long line of soldiers armed to the teeth, everyone with his gun and long bayonets. All came to a halt in front of our chapel. Behind that company of soldiers came a long line of people, on the side walk and on the street. Every-

where was packed full of people, every man, woman and child carrying a candle in their hand. Then I understood why the lights had not come on in the city. That thing had all been arranged with the electric light company.

Not so very long before this the Roman Catholic church of Marguerita destroyed a gospel chapel. The priest got all his congregation out and they went down with picks, and crowbars, and shovels, and tore it down. The Christian people in it escaped, but the chapel was destroyed. We knew what we were facing. The mob that night hoped to destroy not only the chapel but its inhabitants too. They had the military company on their side. The general of the army is a devout Catholic and offered his army of soldiers to march in that procession. A priest had been sent into our city who had the reputation of having put an end to the gospel work in another town, and he came to Barquisimeto to put an end to the gospel work there. This priest used to bring processions around in front of our place and get the people to hoot together, "Long live the Divine Shepherdess and down with the Protestants."

When it was noised through the town that the Catholic church had come down against the Protestant work, the President sent a big band of policemen to us. The mob had not been in front of us more than three minutes when the police arrived. The chief of police stood right in the door of that chapel and threw out into the street bodily any man that dared to put his foot on the sidewalk. Then the police tried to organize that lot of people to march them away, but it was almost impossible. After about three quarters of an hour they finally got the people reorganized and they marched away very slowly. They did not care to go, but the police had ordered them to go. The women would come up to the iron bars in front of our chapel and push their candles through the iron bars and make the sign of the cross, muttering something we could not understand.

If ever there was a dark night it was that night. The company on the inside just held in faith and prayer, saying, "Oh God, save your people from this hour." And God in mercy enabled the police force to overrule the mob. The police force were not sure that they could handle the situation, but we made our petition unto God who was able to save us. If God had not turned the tide that night, ours would have been the last gospel chapel of Lara. But praise God it is not the last one. In that very same city we have another one now; and we have work in other cities too.

Behind our chapel was a public square, and the people went there and filled it. They had a wooden pulpit all ready roughly made, where the priest began to preach, and his text was, "The Infernal Sons of Luther." He told the people that all the reformers were immoral men, drunkards, that were thrown out of the Catholic church because of their immoral lives. He shrieked so loud we could hear everything he said right in our chapel. It was not very pleasant, but we went on singing and praying. After the priest got through with his message the police began to

work to scatter the crowd. A bunch of young fellows rushed around to the front of our chapel to stand and hear what we were saying about the Catholics. They thought we would tongue lash them as they had done against us. But we were not lashing the Catholics because we loved them, and we were there to bring them the light of the gospel. We are not Catholic haters, but Catholic lovers. We don't care for their system, but we love their souls.

The preacher we had invited for the occasion began to preach on the beauty of holiness; and I want to tell you it was as beautiful as anything I ever heard. It fell on that little flock that had thought their last hour had come as oil on a wound. That meeting closed in victory. God meant it for good, while our enemies meant it for evil. Some of the young men who had come to the outside to hear what we were going to say about the Catholics, went away when they found there was nothing exciting; but some stayed right through, and the seed fell into their souls. Among them was a young telegraph operator. God began to deal with him while he was listening, and he became a converted man. He got a dose of salvation that is still on, saved through and through. Up till that night he had been a fanatical, devout Catholic. But when he went home from that meeting he could not shake off the conviction.

His case was a little like the Porto Rican that we had at Nyack Bible School. He was hired by the priest to stone the Protestant church at Porto Rico, and he was very faithful in doing so. He threw more stones than any of the other boys, but he fired one too many stones and the Holy Ghost was the policeman that went home with him. When he got home he tossed and tossed, and about two or three o'clock in the morning the parents said to him, "What is the matter?" He said, "I feel so sad; I do not know what is the matter." When the morning came they sent for the priest and said, "We don't know what has happened to our boy. He cried all night." The priest said to the boy, "What is the trouble?" He answered, "I was down there and stoned those Protestants," and he could not refrain from crying. The priest said, "Oh that is all right. You did that for the Holy Church and that has merit." He finally got the boy so he stopped crying, and then he left. But the Holy Ghost did not leave. After the priest had gone the boy kept on weeping, till his father said, "What shall I do. The boy keeps it up." The boy said, "I want to go down to the Protestant missionaries and tell them that I threw the stones." "Oh boy, what is the matter with you?" said the father. But the father could not shake the idea out of the boy's head, so he finally took him down to the Protestant missionaries; and before he came out he was a saved lad. He is now preaching the gospel in Porto Rico. God's ways are not our ways.

The telegraph operator's case was apparently the same. He is now baptized in the Holy Ghost and is a native preacher. God gave me this verse that night, and it is still ringing in my heart, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall

prosper." Not long before that terrible night passed over our heads there was a sister who wrote to me from California. She said, "I got these words for you: 'No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper.'" That night when they gathered in the public square, the priest had a bonfire of all the Protestant Bibles they could find. But the fire of the Holy Ghost burned in the chapel that night; and from that time on the work went forward until there was a great revival.

I shall never forget when we came to the height of that revival and there were forty-two baptized in the Holy Ghost in one week, and they spoke with other tongues. The fire of God came down, and the visitation was felt not only among the common people, but among the political people, the business people. All were shaken and moved by what had happened in the gospel chapel. In all my life I never saw such a running for Bibles as we had during that revival, and it lasted about four months. They would say, "What is it that is happening down in your chapel?" Our people would say, "You can read it in the second chapter of Acts. It is all explained in the Bible." They were so anxious to have the explanation that they sent and bought Bibles. It pays to stand even in the hard places. It pays even to go through the fire. I have been in places where I could not sleep a wink all night long, visiting outstations and towns around us when people would wander around our room all night long. What their object was we did not know. But God has spared our lives to witness for Him in that land.

I am going to tell you of a man who one day picked up a leaf of a Catholic catechism, and among other things on that leaf was this verse, "Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." This verse stuck with him and he could never get away from it. Finally he locked himself in the house; refusing to see even his family; and he fought the thing through. He had no way of explaining the verse, but it had gripped him. He wanted to know Jesus. After three days he came out of that room with the face of an angel. He had never heard the gospel preached, but God used that word to penetrate into his soul. Without knowing anything about what the Bible teaches, he said to the woman he was living with, "We are living in sin. We must be married." He took her to the priest and they were legally married. Today they have one of the happiest homes, and they know God. His wife was saved later in our chapel. There is power in the Word of God. God's Word is sharper than a two-edged sword.

When God called us into the interior of Venezuela, into Barquisimeto, we debated about it for five years. We said, "Oh God, that awful town has such a mean reputation! So many have died there, and so many have fallen with yellow fever. That is an awful place to ask anyone to go." Finally the hour struck when God dealt so severely with us that we got willing to go even into Barquisimeto if it cost our lives. But the fruit of that work in five years time! God has granted us a gospel chapel, and our institute where

we teach and preach, and we have a beautiful congregation of people who know how to worship God in Spirit and in truth. In turn, those that have received this salvation and the Baptism in the Holy Ghost have not been able to sit still but have launched out into the towns around us and have carried the gospel into the regions beyond.

Don't be afraid if God tries you and you find hardships in your pathway. If you know you are in the will of God, just stand still. When it seems that circumstances and conditions are going to swallow you up, just slip into your secret closet and praise your God, for He is your deliverer. The hard places sink us down into God. Don't be afraid even to invite the hard places. We want to spare ourselves and our flesh, but don't do it; let Jesus spare you. Just say, "Lord I know every hard trial and test makes me to know you better; and I want to know you." Paul cried out, "That I

might know Him in the power of His resurrection and in the fellowship of His sufferings." If you want to know Jesus very badly, He will take you through the trials and sufferings that you might know Him. But the best part is that after you learn to know Him in His sufferings, as an overcomer, you learn to know Him in the power of His resurrection also, and He will begin to use you for His glory.

In Barquisimeto we have a congregation of from one hundred and fifty to two hundred that worship God in Spirit and in truth. We have not only had conversions and baptisms in the Holy Ghost, but we have seen the demons cast out. We have seen bodies healed of incurable diseases that no physician could help. Venezuela is not indifferent like America. There is a hunger for the gospel. It is not hard to get a congregation there. They are tired of Romanism and want to throw off that yoke.

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

HELP YOURSELF

It was the biggest fruit-stand I ever saw. And it was loaded with the most abundant and luscious supply of fruit any fruit-stand ever held. What apples! There were red apples, and green apples, and yellow apples, bushels of them piled up in a most tempting style.

Then there were bananas, and oranges, and peaches, and plums, and cherries, and fat boxes of berries, red and black. The boards of the stand must have been groaning under the weight of the golden fruit.

Standing as near to the fruit as he could was a little street urchin. He was dressed in clothes two sizes too large for him, and through a broken, old straw hat stuck a lock of yellow hair. His face and hands were thin and treckled and soiled. His eyes were hungry and wistful.

I said he was standing as near the fruit as he dared to come. The Italian in charge was watching him. I think the boy was taking a sort of savage satisfaction in looking at the wonderful display of fruit, and imagining how good it would be if he only had some.

As I looked into the wistful eyes of the hungry boy, I was seized with a sudden impulse of generosity. Stepping up to the lad and placing my hand on his shoulder, I said,

"Johnny, how would you like to have all you could eat of that fruit?"

Now I am not going to reproduce the language he used in assuring me that he would like to have some of the fruit very much, but it was sufficiently emphatic to leave no possible doubt in my mind.

"I once had two boys nearly as big as you," I said; "and I used to take them apples and peaches and nuts and things. But God fell in love with my boys, and

one day He took them up to live with Him in His big house. They have better fruit now, and I do not have a chance to spend money for my boys as I once delighted to do. But instead I buy things once in a while for other boys. I think I have some money saved up that belongs to you. Just step right up there and help yourself. Take all you can eat, and I'll pay the bill."

You should have seen that boy look at me. He looked at me from head to feet. He looked me through and through. Having done this deliberately, he turned on his heel and began to walk away.

When I recovered from my surprise, I rushed after him. I caught him by the arm. He resisted arrest. I held him. He struggled. I still held. He pushed and pulled. Finally he made a break and got away. He ran two dozen steps, and stopped and looked back at me in defiance. Pointing his finger at me, he shouted: "O mister, what you say is awful good! If it was only true. But it's too good to be true. I've lived too long around here to be fooled by such a guy as you."

I saw it was no use to try and convince the lad that I was really in earnest in my proffer of the fruit. So I turned to the Italian.

"If I pay for it, the boy may have all the fruit he wants, may he not?"

You should have seen the vender's face. It was wreathed in smiles and satisfaction. Here was the prospect of a big sale.

"Come, my little man, and help yourself," he began. Waving his hands and speaking with energy, he continued, "Take de apple. De red one. Boys like de red one. And de banana—fine banana! Fine peach! Try de cherries! Quick! This good gentleman may change his mind, and you'll lose the fruit."

Strange to relate the boy believed the Italian at once. And he began to load himself up with his fruit. Not his stomach, however, as I had intended, but his clothes. He proceeded to crowd handfuls of apples and pears into his right-hand trouser's pocket. He continued to stow them away until I thought it the most capacious pocket I had ever known. Then he shovelled in some peaches. Then some plums. I declare my solemn belief that that pocket extended clear down to the bottom of his trousers, and must have held a half-bushel!

Soon he began to load the other trouser's pocket. That was as capacious as the other. Then he started in on the coat-pockets. Oh! those coat-pockets! They were caves. They seemed bottomless. He kept crowding in fruit until I was in a panic.

But now his carrying-capacity was entirely occupied, and he started off. I cannot make you understand just how he looked. His legs were so padded that they could scarcely bend. His coat looked like a huge bag. The boy pulled himself along laboriously until he reached the corner. There he stopped and looked back. Then he waved his hand merrily, and smiled. That smile of appreciation on the grimy little face paid me well for all I had done. And I had done more than I planned. Pre-war prices were then in vogue, and the Italian charged me four dollars and sixty cents!

But the vision of that grateful, happy face was not the best thing I saw that day. Many and many a time my great Father had said to me: "My child, you are hungry and lean. No need of your being hungry. Here is My fruit-stand crowded with abundance, because of the gift of My Son. Come, My child, and help yourself. If you take all you can carry away, there will be just as much left, for giving doth not impoverish Me, neither doth with-holding enrich me! Help yourself! Help yourself!"

How many times had I looked up and responded to God's gracious invitation in practically the same words with which the street arab had met my proffer of the fruit: "O God, that is too good to be true. It cannot be possible that You want to treat me so generously, and supply my spiritual needs so fully."

And then, walking up the crowded street, I prayed that the lesson of the unbelieving boy at the fruit-stand might make a lasting impression upon my heart. My prayer was answered. May I not transfer that impression to you?

We are poor, but God is very rich. We are ignorant, but God is infinitely wise. We are in need, but God's supply is endless. —J. F. Berry in C. E. World

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Homely Things from a Pastor's Diary

Tuesday, June 1. When I came to Sparkman I found that Sister Drelling, a fine, cultivated lady, had recently been stricken with writer's palsy and compelled to give up her position as a stenographer. She felt that an active life would do her good, but having to make a living, did not know what to do.

As soon as I heard about her, I pricked up my ears for I had a plan. I got some of the leading brethren together and showed them how much good could be done by getting our Pentecostal books and papers in the homes of the people. I also showed them how we could help our Sister Drelling. That was two months ago.

It was very rainy today so I went over to Sister Drelling's to talk with her about her work. I knew there was a great increase of interest all over town, and saw that many people were now being kind to me who a month ago passed me without a word, but I did not realize fully the extent of Sister Drelling's work. I had gotten her a good supply of our tracts, sample copies of the Evangel and a lot of colportage books.

Sure enough she was at home. It was too wet for her to be out. She realized she had done a great work, and her eyes fairly sparkled as she told me about it. She said, "I took hold of this thing more because you urged me so hard and told me how very much good I could do, than for any other reason. When you said that for every dollar of profit I could make on the books the brethren would pay me two dollars more, I could see the church thought I could do something worth while."

She had been told to see every man and woman and every boy and girl big enough to spend money and sell them our books and get them to subscribe for the Evangel. She had had it announced in the paper that, owing to her affliction, she could not follow her profession, and so, being under the necessity of supporting herself she was going to sell books, and asked every one to give her a chance to show her books. I said something like that from the pulpit a time or two as well.

She carried eight of our best books in her sample case the first round, and six different ones the second round. I say "second round" because she has made a complete canvass of the town and surrounding country twice. Wherever a man or woman was to be found she went. Even I, knowing what results such work will bring, was astonished. She had fairly sowed the town down with books. Some days she made \$3.00 and often \$2.00, and when we gave her double that much more it made her work worth while. She worked before breakfast, after supper and at noon.

She says there are five hundred and forty-five homes in the town and that in more than three hundred of them she sold something. When, after putting forth

her best effort, she could not sell, she gave them an assortment of tracts anyway. She got one hundred and five subscriptions to the Evangel, mostly 25-cent ones, which with the seventy-eight I had taken makes a hundred and eighty-three Evangels coming to this town every week. Hallelujah!

People of all classes are rapidly finding out that Pentecost is anything else but the joke they had supposed it was. The calls I receive from outsiders for my ministerial help, mostly praying for the sick, are increasing every week. The saints, who are reading our books and literature as never before, have stopped tattling and are talking to each other of what they are reading. In my pastoral visiting I find the minds of the saints, and sometimes of even the sinners in the family, stirred-up about divine things. The books they are reading is the reason for it. Ever-Increasing Faith, Praying to Change Things, and Answered and Unanswered, all being books interesting to every kind of churchman, have had a fine sale. These books, while of general interest, are so written as that the reader, before he fairly knows it, has become interested in Divine Healing and the Holy Ghost Baptism, and so is ready to read something written directly on these great subjects.

So much is being said about the books, some talking for them and some against them, that Sister Drelling is expecting to go over the town a third time. She takes them all in, the Catholic priest, the street sweepers, the banker, the bootblack, the Superintendent of Schools and the foreman of the section gang. I say, "Praise the Lord for Sister Drelling." It looks as though her ministry will be more effective for good than my own.

She found that the Methodists were not using Methodist literature in their Sunday School, owing to some of the teachers being United Brethren, so she got them to try the Pentecostal literature for three months on the special introductory half-price trial offer, and they are all greatly pleased, being especially delighted with The Pentecostal Boys and Girls and Little Folks, our Sunday School papers.

When our revival comes on this winter, the evangelist is going to have a fair and friendly hearing from twice as many people as would have listened to him if Sister Drelling had not done her work. I preach and pray and work as hard as I can but the more help I have the better we succeed.

Well, everyone else has gone to bed, the fire is out and I am chilly. I think I'll quit.—C. E. R.

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HEALING THE SICK

Sister Marguerite Flint writes from Bettiah, India, "We have had a long and hard siege among the girls, six and seven at a time coming down with the measles, many with hay fever, coughs, etc., but the Lord has given victory. The most of the girls are back in classes and there are no new cases, Thank God. I must tell you about your friend, the Brahmin Pandit here. You will rejoice to know what God has done for him this week. He has been confined to his house for many weary days with a diseased leg, which became so very bad that an operation seemed the only hope. Jiva went to see him on Thursday morning and found him very bad indeed, waiting for the doctor to come to take him to the hospital for the operation. They talked of prayer, the power of God, etc., and Pandit Ji asked Jiva to ask us to pray. That evening in our Thursday prayer-meeting, we did pray—unitedly, and Hallelujah, while we were praying the Lord touched his leg, so working healing that the doctor was amazed when he arrived, and said that there was no need for an operation. I am sure that God is going to bring that dear Pandit and his wife out of Hinduism soon."

AMONG THE MOSSI PEOPLE

Brother Lloyd Shirer writes from French Sudan, "It is just one year ago tonight that this party of three boarded the S. S. Mauretania to be ready to sail on the morrow for England enroute for the Mossi tribe here. We can say with glad hearts that He has never left us nor forsaken us. We have been tested to the limit, but He has been faithful, Praise His name. In my last letter I spoke of the condition of our living quarters. The poles are literally falling down and the immense weight of the grass has caused the roof to sag threateningly in many places. We have moved into the church, but we cannot stay there indefinitely. We are having a large number of men make brick in order to be able to start building soon. We are taking the funds we have scraped together to meet these needs. We thought we had enough to warrant our making a start at least.

"Last week we went on a trip to get meal for our boys who work for us and we had wonderful opportunities to give forth the Word in two different services. I believe there were six hundred who heard the Gospel for the first time. They were delighted, and we all took part, even our interpreter got the fire and gave forth the Word many times. As we left, the people all called after us, 'Baraka, Baraka,' meaning 'Thanks, Thanks.' We returned home with the meal but best of all with such glad hearts that we were enabled to witness to so many. The Lord

made this possible and without it these people would never have heard the Gospel for we were about seventy miles away from our station. How we do long to reach the utmost villages of this tribe. May the Lord thrust forth many laborers into His harvest fields."

THE LORD IS BLESSING IN ARGENTINE

Miss Alice Wood writes from Argentine, "They shall not be ashamed that wait for me.' If the church will have the patience of Jesus to wait, she shall see fruit from seed sowing in this and other unevangelized countries. When I came here sixteen years ago, a missionary told me that it took two generations to make a Christian here. God can save them in an instant, but it takes them a long time to learn what sin is and to get a tender conscience. The Gospel has been preached for fifty-four years in Buenos Aires, under the Methodist denomination, which is the oldest in the country. Now their membership is large and they are strong because their Sunday School children have grown up and a good number of them are preaching the Gospel, and doing church work. Among them are doctors and lawyers and professional persons who are helping along the good cause. But some seem to get discouraged in the home lands, and withdraw their support from the plodding missionaries, just because Pentecost does not fall as soon as they invest their money. They look for a quick, mushroom growth and have not patience to wait for the slow-growing oak, which when once grown is able to stand all the fierce, wild winds that blow. God teach us to fight the good fight of faith. Thank God we have seen Him work definitely in some all along the way, and He is still going on from victory to victory. Hallelujah!

"The new work at Mamaguita continues to go forward, and there are six at the station awaiting baptism in water. Some of them are getting hungry for the spiritual Baptism too. The work here is going on peacefully in the Lord. It is His work. As we pray, He will supply every need for body, soul and spirit of all concerned. We feel encouraged, and are going on, leaning hard upon our Beloved. Hallelujah."

PREPARING FOR FURLOUGH

Our Brother Lindsay and family are preparing to return from India to the homeland for a furlough. He writes, "We are glad to report that God's blessing continues and our numbers are increasing. Two weeks ago I had another baptismal service, when three fine, young men were buried with Christ in the waters of baptism."

LEAVING FOR THE HOMELAND

Sister Nettie Nichols writes from Ningpo, N. China, "The Lord has made His will very plain to me that I may return home for a brief furlough. Already evidences of God's undertaking are manifested. I am now getting the home, family and all ready before leaving. These are indeed busy days for me. At times I am very weary, for my body is not at all strong from the long years of continuous service, but in Him I find strength sufficient to meet each new task, and I quietly go forward in His will.

"I should value your prayers at this time also for the voyage and that God will give me souls enroute for His glory. It is hard to think of leaving the dear family here even for a short time and they feel it, too. Yet I realize that I must have rest and am thankful that God's time has come for this. God will keep that which is committed unto Him."

A NEW STATION OPENED

Brother Timrud writes from India, "We arrived in Partabgarh the 18th of November. We need not tell you that we are very happy here knowing that we are in His will. It is an untold joy to have the privilege of opening up a new Mission Station in an unoccupied territory where there are no missionaries. The district is large and densely populated, situated north of the great river Ganges, with another adjoining district with no missionaries. Partabgarh is very central, with several good roads going into the district, offering us splendid opportunities for Evangelistic work in the most important places throughout the whole district. We are planning for an extensive Evangelistic tour through part of our district this cold season. We have secured several tents and expect to have the first camp ready early this month. Pray that our needs may be supplied. We desire that as many as possible should hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ before He comes. I have secured a good Indian evangelist for the coming season. His wife is a school teacher and Bible woman. They have five children. I am now responsible for the support of the entire family. We have also another good Bible woman. These two are doing good work already in the zenanas and villages. I have no support for any of these three workers. The moving and the expenses of opening up a new station have been greater than I expected. I had to repair some of the houses here and shall have to do a little more repairing work as soon as I get the means to do so. In addition to this we have no furniture in our house outside of a few things in the kitchen, etc. Our neighbors and an opium agent, have been very kind in loaning us chairs, tables, etc., until we are able to get some made. A helping hand would be greatly appreciated at this time, and we also solicit your earnest prayers for us and for the work here. We are trying our very best to start a work that will count for God and eternity.

The Lord gave us another son, Herbert Wilbur, born September 6. He is now a little over three months old and is doing nicely."

God as a Revealer of Secrets

Chapter Four of Daniel

This, the fourth practical talk on the Book of Daniel, while written expressly to assist those in charge of **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS**, will prove interesting to all who read it.

How wonderful a book is the Bible! In it we find the thoughts, motives, plans, griefs and joys of Deity shown to the wondering gaze of mortal man. He saw how lonely Adam was in the midst of his splendid garden, and mentioned it in explaining His motive for making Eve out of a rib from Adam's side (Gen. 2:18-22). He saw men building a tower to climb up into heaven and He thought of all it would lead to, so He confounded their speech (Gen. 11:5-8). God knew men were going to corrupt themselves, and before the world was founded, He laid His plans to redeem them. He tells us this in Ephesians 1:3-4. When His people would not walk orderly in the wilderness the Bible reveals to us the intimate fact about God that He was "grieved forty years" with that generation (Heb. 3:17). He lets us know too that it gives Him joy when sinners get saved, for He tells us "joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:7) and, moreover, we read that Jesus "shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied" (Isa. 53:11).

In this chapter we are not only given a glimpse into the secret thoughts and purposes of God regarding an ancient king, but we are led into the privacy of that king's bed-chamber and told of the wonderful dream God sent him, and learn that God's purpose in it all was to convince the king "that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will" (Dan. 4:25). How wonderful a book is the Bible, and the more especially so to those whom the Holy Spirit makes wise for they "shall understand" (Dan. 12:10).

When All Else Fails, Men Turn to God. Before this Nebuchadnezzar had had a most remarkable experience with a dream, not being able to get an interpretation for it until, having condemned to death all the wise men of Babylon, Daniel heard of his distress, and helped him out of his trouble. At that time he acknowledged that "God is a God of gods" (Dan. 2:47). Later on he had a very humiliating experience with three of Daniel's companions and publicly declared that honor must be given to God. But so prone is the human heart to seek its comfort and companionship among the people of this world, that when another great dream was given him, he turned to "the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans and the soothsayers" for help. But they could not tell him the meaning of the dream, so in his extremity he called on God through Daniel (Dan. 4:8).

Did you ever see anyone who, although they well knew God has provided at vast expense to Himself, a way of healing for

His people, still, when they get sick, send for the doctor? When the doctor fails, and the patient is about to die, they come shame-facedly back to God, and call for the elders. Isn't it strange that God will still forgive and heal? But He will, Praise His Name!

No Matter How Great a Man Gets, He Must Be Faithfully Warned. Nathan told king David an incident showing a man up as a great scoundrel. When David asked the man's name that he might have him killed, Nathan said, "Thou art the man" (2 Sam. 12:7). When Herod had taken Herodias, his brother's wife, and made her his own wife, John Baptist stood before him and warned him that he was doing an unlawful thing (Matt. 14:4). We have in this chapter a picture of the greatest king of his time, the head of gold of the prophetic image, described in the second of Daniel. He had built the city of Babylon, "a vast city four-square, fifty-six miles around, with walls three hundred and fifty feet high and eighty-seven feet thick at the top—wide enough for six chariots to race abreast. The city was celebrated for its immense and magnificent temple and palaces, its noted 'hanging gardens' which of itself constituted one of the 'Seven Wonders of the world,' and for much else of unparalleled grandeur." Notwithstanding his greatness Daniel had to warn him, saying, "Let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor" (Dan. 4:27).

Daniel Was a Pattern for Us in Graciousness. When Daniel realized the greatness of the calamity which was to come upon the king, it would have been human nature for him to be glad. The king had destroyed his beloved city, Jerusalem, had broken up his father's home and carried himself away captive, keeping him a prisoner for life in a heathen land. Just now, too, the king had sent for the magicians and their sort before sending for the man of God. But instead of being glad, he was so overwhelmed with sorrow and commiseration that he was speechless for one hour. When he did gain composure enough to speak he used the softest form of approach possible, saying, "My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies" (Dan. 4:19). And when he had broken the terrible news as gently as he could, and yet honestly and fearlessly, he exhorted the king to repent in the hope that God would even yet spare him.

At a later time in Daniel's life, when he had passed a lonely and trying night in a den of lions, when the king came in the morning and called to him, his politeness and consideration did not fail him. He answered the king's call just as if he had been in the king's drawing-room, "O king, live forever" (Dan. 6:21). Jesus

on the water was considerate—"It is I, be not afraid," He said (Matt. 14:27). Paul was considerate, saying to the jailer who had roughly cast him into the deep, dark dungeon and put his feet in the stocks, "Do thyself no harm, for we are all here" (Acts 16:28). Do you think you could be polite and considerate of other's feelings under such trying circumstances? God is able to help you to do it.

Disaster Will Overtake Him Who Abuses the Jew. While through singular and out-standing fortitude, followed by a miracle wrought in their favor by God, the Jews, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, had escaped bowing down to an idol, the king had compelled the thousands of other Jews within his realm to bow down to the image he had set up. God does not forget. The king must bow down to the God worshiped by the Jews whom he had humiliated. But our God loves even a heathen king whom He is expecting to punish. Before the punishment fell he sent Daniel to foretell to him his punishment and to warn him to repent. When Jonah warned the king and the people of Nineveh, he was not nearly so gentle and considerate about it but the king of Nineveh repented and in the most energetic manner possible sought to propitiate God. God heard and answered and Nineveh was not at that time destroyed. But Nebuchadnezzar did not repent. He was given a year in which to do so for God "is very pitiful and of tender mercy" (James 5:11). But when he was making his boasts one day about what he had done, the judgment was put into execution (Dan. 4:31-33).

Did you ever fully realize that all of our unsaved friends are also like this king, "condemned already" (John 3:18), and that **no human being knows the moment when the condemnation will be executed.** The king was given a year **but wasn't** told how much time he was given. Some of our friends are given more than a year, but do not know when sentence will be executed. One thing, however, is sure, "in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh" (Luke 24:44).

Temporally As Well As Eternally God Punishes Those Who Reject His Mercy. He took Eden away from Adam, (Gen. 3:23) and the kingdom from Saul (1 Sam. 15:23). He refused to heal the child of Bath-sheba at the cry of David (2 Sam. 12:14), and He took from the erring Jews both their place and nation scattering them among all peoples. He is only just now finishing that fearful and protracted punishment, threatened in the twenty-sixth of Leviticus. Almost anyone can give an illustration of where God has punished someone for failing to bring in his tithes. May we not learn from this fourth chapter of Daniel to work out our "salvation with fear and trembling"

VERSAILLES, KY.—Pastor L. D. Warren reports, "We have had Brother H. L. Shumway with us in a three-week meeting at High Bridge, Ky. Seventeen confessed salvation, for which we praise God. The work was built up and all the saints confess a greater determination to press on in Him. Last Sunday our Sunday school was twice as large as usual. Several homes were opened up for prayer."

IN THE WHITENED HARVEST FIELDS

DALLAS, TEXAS.—Sister Hollis Houston writes: "Brother J. W. Ferrill is holding meeting in the West Dallas mission about one and one half miles from town on the Commerce St. Pike, West Dallas. The Lord has blessed us by saving 12 souls and filling several with the precious Holy Ghost."

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Brother and Sister Tan Ditter report, "We closed two successful revival meetings in Steelton and in Harrisburg, Pa. The Lord did a mighty work in saving and healing and baptizing several. We had a ten-day campaign in Chester, Pa.; we can report over 50 who gave their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ. On New Year's eve over 60 declared that they wanted to be saved. We are at present in Philadelphia, holding services in a colored church. We covet the earnest prayers of all the saints."

MERCED, CALIF.—Pastor and Mrs. Glassbrook write, "On Oct. 25, we dedicated the new tabernacle, with the blessing of the Lord upon the service in a mighty way. Our Brother A. G. Osterberg of the Full Gospel tabernacle at Fresno, Calif., preached the dedicatory sermon. Many visitors were present, 7 of the towns around being represented. The blessing of the Lord has been on each service from the beginning; souls have been reclaimed, saved and filled and re-filled with the Holy Spirit. There were wonderful healings."

ARCADIA, KANS.—Pastor Henry Felicy writes, "On Nov. 29 we began revival meetings, conducted by Evang. J. W. Bostrom of Springfield, Mo., and after two weeks of prayer and teaching the Lord graciously poured out His Spirit and quite a few were saved and several were filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Brother Bostrom's preaching was enjoyed by all and his Bible studies given 4 afternoons of the week were a wonderful help. All Council ministers and missionaries coming our way are invited to visit us."

HALIFAX, N. S.—Sister A. E. Des-Bresay reports, "Perhaps you would be interested to know we have a full-gospel church in Halifax, after praying for five years. God is blessing us; souls are being saved and baptized in water; 8 received Baptism. We have a good Sunday school; we have 18 in the Bible class. We are just getting ready for a revival campaign. I was the first to receive the Baptism in Halifax in 1920, and I opened up my home for meetings and many have received the Baptism, and now we are in a large church. Praise the dear Lord. It is just wonderful how the Lord has answered prayer and blessed us. The work is going on."

PAYETTE, IDAHO.—Pastor L. G. Baker reports, "We came this way in May, feeling the call of God to this much-neglected field. We arrived in Tacoma, Wash., in time to attend the 7th Annual meeting of the N. W. District Council. From there we came to Idaho, having received a call to pastor the work here. We found the field a very hard and neglected one, but the dear Lord has given us the victory. Praise His name. On the 22nd of Nov. fire practically destroyed our mission and living quarters, but through all these things we have come out more than conquerors, as we have purchased a nice church building completely furnished. There have been 3 saved, 5 reclaimed, and 4 received the Baptism since we came, and the end is not yet. There is a spirit of revival in our midst and we are praying, 'Lord, send the rain.' Pray for us."

WILLIAMSPORT, MD.—Pastor Chas. N. Crone writes, "We began a revival meeting near this place at a small town called Pinesburgh, under very discouraging circumstances, were we to look at conditions from a natural standpoint. Through strife and division the church has been reduced almost to a minus quantity, and hardly anybody, either saint or sinner, could be induced to attend services any more. But the church seemed to take a fresh interest from the very start, and surely it was a cause for gratification to see it filled three different times before the close of the services, and a few made their way to the altar and prayed through to victory. We owe much encouragement to the organist, Miss Mary Barnhart, and also to several neighboring pastors who came in to assist us during the services. At a business meeting at the close of the revival, new officers were elected and the writer was voted in as pastor."

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS.—Sister Elsie R. Peters writes, "God has blessed me in the work among the deaf here in Wichita Falls. It is a very peculiar work but God loves the deaf, for our Lord Jesus said, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.' They are God's creatures. A way has been provided through the sight of the eye—the sign language. God has wonderfully given me this language and I have had the privilege of interpreting the sermons of some of our ministers. God saved me ten years ago and gave me the blessed Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Space will not permit me to give you the vision of this needed work among 1,600,000 deaf in America but, God willing, I want to make a tour of some of our Pentecostal missions in the near future. Any one desiring me to visit their mission, please notify me at General Delivery, Wichita Falls Texas."

TAMPA, FLA.—Pastor I. J. Bolton and wife report, "We want to praise God for the year 1925. God was in our midst all through the year, saving, healing and baptizing. Had a blessed revival spirit every meeting. The last Sunday of the year, 14 professed salvation and 2 were baptized in the Spirit. In the past year, 167 professed salvation, 40 were baptized in water, 90 were baptized in the Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and 109 joined the church, for which we praise God. We paid off the debt of the church, and have \$500.00 in the bank towards enlarging our church, which is too small to accommodate the crowds. We sent \$725.00 to the foreign field, and \$54.00 to the home missions. Glory to God! Pray that God will bless us in the coming year, greater than ever before in the salvation of many souls."

ALTON, ILL.—Pastor A. W. Kortkamp reports, "Mrs. Kortkamp and I have just closed our tenth year here as pastors in Alton, Ill. It has been one of the best years in the history of the church, as souls have been saved and baptized in the blessed Holy Ghost at almost every service. The blessed spirit of love and unity and cooperation has been manifested in a wonderful way, and truly I can say it has been the best year in all my ministry. Ten years ago, we began a little Council Assembly here with just 18 members, and some of them were children, but today our assembly roll numbers 955. Most of this great army of God's children have been filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and are on fire for God. Evangelist Mae Eleanor Frey just closed a revival here and God poured out His Spirit in a glorious way. Over 85 were saved, and 75 received the blessed Baptism in the Holy Ghost. We give God all the praise and every bit of the glory. Pray for us."

MARIONVILLE, MO.—Evangelist and Sister Alex Benjamine report, "The showers of the latter rain are falling upon the people in a mighty way, since we have taken this assembly. We are in the midst of a great revival now. The interest has been so great that we could not close the meeting, but are still going on. There have been 13 saved, and 6 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. The Lord poured out His Spirit on Christmas night. The altar was filled with seekers, and 3 were saved, and also on Watch Night the Spirit of God was so real and strong in our midst that 3 got saved, and 1 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as in the beginning. Jan. 3, which was the first Sunday of the month, we had the Lord's Supper. The Lord poured out the Holy Ghost upon the people marvelously. We had no preaching, but the Lord gave the message in tongues and interpretations. The altar was filled with people; some were shouting, others crying. There were 5 saved and 1 received the Baptism, spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Brother W. E. Atkinson and wife have been helping us the past week in the meeting, and will help as long as the Lord leads. We wish the Evangel family to join with us in prayer for this place."

A NEW MISSION IN KOBE, JAPAN

Sister Mary Taylor writes from Japan, "Praise God for His healing touch in my body after several months of testing. We have been enabled to start the new mission in Kobe. God has wondrously blessed each service and souls are being saved. Two of our old workers have come to help in the work. The first boy we had after our arrival in Japan is with us now. He and his wife are on fire for God. Because of lack of funds we had to take a small house, where they live and hold meetings. It has meant much to start in Kobe again. Thank God we have been able by His grace to take fresh territory, in new surroundings touching new people at the East side of the city, our old hall being on the West. Since the earthquake many people have crowded into Kobe from Yokohama and Tokyo. New houses are being built rapidly and the population has greatly increased in the past few years.

'I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it.'

May we be faithful to the trust committed to us."

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. Pastor Thomas W. Wellard reports, "The special meetings conducted by the P. C. Nelson party for the First Assembly of God, of this city, have just closed and we are praising the Lord for souls that were saved and healed in the meetings. Backsliders were restored and others took new courage to go on with the Lord. It was a very impressive sight to witness the blind come for prayer and go away rejoicing that they could see; others walked up with crutches and left them behind. The deaf were made to hear, also many other long-standing diseases were healed. Some remarked that Grand Rapids had never witnessed such meetings since the early days when the power first fell. The revival still continues with Evangelist Emma Lang of Detroit, assisted by Miss G. Ries of Chicago, and souls are still being saved, healed, and restored. Up to date, 32 have been baptized in water. Persons desirous of an interest in our prayers are requested to send in their petitions to the pastor, 869 Second St., N. W. We are interested in you."

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Pastor Earl W. Clark writes, "God hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. Since our opening in March, God has been steadily sending in the lost and saving them, praise His holy Name! God has backed up His Word with marvelous cases of divine healing, and numbers from cold, formal churches have learned the deeper truths and are now trusting God for their bodies and are also filled with the Spirit. Will cite one miraculous healing, that of Sister Norton, whom God lead to the Four-Fold Gospel Tabernacle. She had a cancer of four years' growth on her nose. It raised up like a sponge, was dark purple in color, and all a mass of scabs, and the inside of her nose was eaten out, and a hole eaten through the upper lip, which made it almost impossible to eat. She was looking into the grave, had laid out her deed for a lot at the cemetery, so that if she was taken suddenly, her children

would find it. They took her out of bed to bring her to the meeting, and God gave her a desire to serve Him more than a desire to get healed. She yielded herself anew to God, and every night as she entered the Tabernacle she would kneel in the nearest seat and pour out her heart to God before she was seated. The night she was anointed and prayed for, God instantly touched her, and the pain vanished, but she was tested over the terrible appearance on the outside. The healing began at the roots and worked out; her nose healed and built up in the inside. Then one day a few weeks later, she came in with a new nose. Oh, glory to God! We all lifted our hands and praised God; and today, after only a few weeks, she hardly has a trace of the old disease left. Her healing has meant the salvation and re-consecration of her three daughters; and their husbands, and others. Does it pay to preach the whole gospel? Yes, every time. The Faith Hospital, which has been upon our hearts for many years, is now becoming a reality. The excavation is finished and the walls are going up. Regular service at the Tabernacle Tuesday, and Friday night is our divine healing service, and Friday is fast-day with the congregation. Sunday afternoon and night, evangelistic services; Thursday night, tarrying service for the Baptism of the Spirit, at the parsonage, 47 N. Gale St. Hardly a service passes at the Tabernacle that God does not save souls."

WARRIOR, ALA.—Pastor A. T. Hickman reports, "We have just closed a few days meeting here, God being with us in great power. Christmas Day was a time of feasting with God's children here. The power fell in a sweet way, the hallelujahs began to roll. On New Year's night, one brother was healed of a broken leg. He fell a few days later and broke it again. He could not bear it to the floor. He came to church believing he would be healed. God heard and answered. I took him by the hand, lifting him up, and immediately his leg and bones received strength. He walked, and all the people saw him walking, and they knew that it was he who had his leg broken, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened to him. Our Assistant Chairman, Brother G. C. Courtney, was with us three nights. The Lord used him in giving messages to the church along the line of cooperation. The church here is getting along nicely. Our Sunday School is growing."

NEW ATHENS, ILL.—Pastor A. F. Fought writes of great blessing, "God is doing wonders here. Souls are going to the altar, and some are being saved at all meetings. The Latter Rain is falling and New Athens is being swept for God."

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Brother Chas. W. Smith reports, "I have started one more mission. We have several saved, and some have received the Baptism, and we are having a happy time with Jesus. Brother J. T. Sharp has been helping in a week's revival."

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Forthcoming Meetings

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Evangelist William Booth-Clibborn will hold a campaign here from Jan. 10 to 31 inclusive.

CONNEAUT, OHIO.—Evangelistic campaign in the Assembly of God church, 450 State St. Evangelist L. A. Hill of Lancaster, Pa. in charge, Jan. 21 to Feb. 7. Come over and help us.—Pastor G. F. Lewis.

CHAMBERSBURG, PA.—Full Gospel and Evangelistic Campaign will begin at the Pentecostal Church in this city, Jan. 19th to Feb. 7th. These meetings will be in charge of Milton W. Richards, Jr., Lawyer Evangelist of Canton, Ohio. Bethel Pentecostal Chapel, 4th and Washington Streets. Address A. H. Hintze, Pastor, 345 E. Queen St., Chambersburg, Pa.

PORTLAND, OREGON.—Special evangelistic meetings will be held in The Portland Gospel Tabernacle, East 12th and Madison Streets, beginning Jan. 17 and continuing for several weeks as the Lord may lead. Pastor Charles A. Shreve and party will be in charge. We earnestly request the prayers of the Evangel family and the brethren everywhere that Portland will behold the Lamb of God, and that the gifts may in fullness be restored to the church.—George Stieglitz, pastor.

IOWA AND NORTH MISSOURI CONVENTION.—The regular mid-winter convention for the Iowa and North Mo. district will be held in Perry Iowa, Jan. 22 to 31 in the Assembly of God Church. Elder W. T. Gaston the Chairman of the General Council of the Assemblies of God will be with us for the meeting. The Church is on 3rd and Lucinda Streets.

Entertainment on the free will offering plan. Business meeting Jan. 29 and 30.—Roy E. Scott, Mercer, Mo., District Chairman.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—David H. McDowell, assistant chairman of the General Council, will conduct an evangelistic campaign at the Full Gospel Assembly, 930 Pa. Ave., N. W., Jan. 21 to Feb. 7. Services nightly at 7:45 and Sundays at 3:00 and 7:45 p. m. Special healing meetings on Tuesday evenings. Continuous prayer is being held by the church and an outpouring from on high is looked for. The Assembly Revival Choir and Orchestra will assist. Come to this time of ingathering. Hear the stirring gospel messages.—Harry L. Collier, pastor.

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Evangelist M. W. Richards, Jr., of Canton, Ohio, the Lawyer Evangelist, will conduct a series of Revival Meetings in the Pentecostal Church of Wilmington, Delaware, beginning February 14th and extending over a period of four Sundays. The church is located on the corner of Twenty-third and Pine Sts., with cars running immediately in front of the church. The Assembly is praying earnestly for an old-fashioned revival. Join us in believing prayer for an outpouring of the Latter Rain. A cordial invitation is extended to our Pentecostal fellowship to these meetings.—Pastor William A. Cox.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—CONVENTION.—The Second Annual Pentecostal Convention will be held in St. John's Lutheran Church, Corner Forbes & Jumonville Streets, beginning January 24th to February 8th inclusive. There will be two services daily at 2:30 and 7:45 p. m. We have, we believe, in God's plan secured Pastor George Bowie and wife from Cleveland as the principal speakers. We are expecting a great meeting at this time. For further information write Nimrod Park, Pastor, 7103 Kedron Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. or Louis M. Emerick, Secretary 1539 Alabama Ave., Dormont, Pittsburgh, Pa.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION The seventh conference of the New England District Council will be held in conjunction with a four-day convention at the Apostolic Faith Assembly, 243-245 Cumberland Ave., Portland, Maine, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Feb. 25th and continuing through Sunday, Feb. 28. Applications for license and ordination will be considered. We are expecting the greatest revival of Pentecostal power ever known in this District. Pray that it begin at once in every assembly, that all may be able to bring a contribution of power and blessing to this feast.—R. H. Norton, Secy.

OPEN FOR CALLS.—I have resigned the pastorate here and am open for calls, evangelistic or would consider a pastorate. Have been affiliated with the Council for nine years.—Evangelist Charles Simmonett, 156 Norman St., Bridgeport, Conn.

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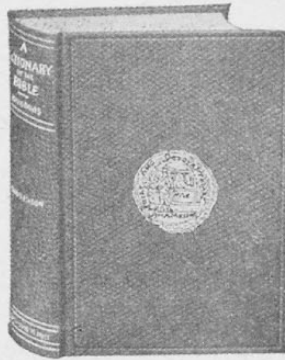
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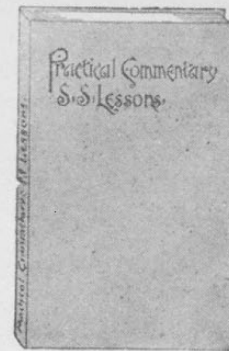
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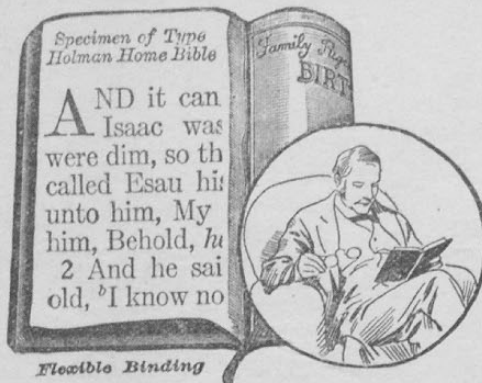
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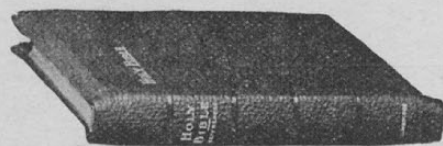
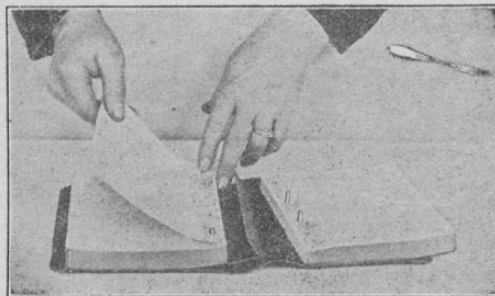
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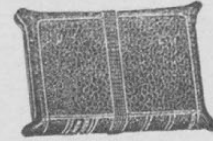
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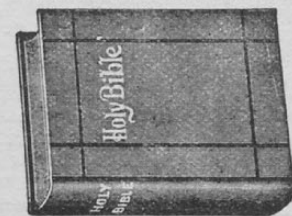
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