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# ... The Cycles of the Grace of God... 

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WHERE $\sin$ abounded, grace did much more abound." Rom. 5:20.

In these days of business depression we are hearing and reading a great deal about business cycles-cycles of prosperity. Business economists and prophets tell us that man's temporal fortunes are like a gigantic wheel or cycle, slowly revolving, with good times at its theoretic top, then as the wheel slowly turns, the good times recede and values fall until, as the wheel keeps inexorably turning, falling values are succeeded by depression, which, they say is succeeded by rising values and finally the top of the wheel or prosperity appears again, thus completing the cycle.

This same "law of the cycle" is seen in the seven Bible dispensations or testing times. At the beginning or "top" of each cycle of testing man starts out with God's full blessing, with comparative spiritual and temporal prosperity. He becomes careless and self indulgent, falls prey to the snares of watchful, crafty Satan, until finally Satan has man away down at the "bottom" of the cycle, in spiritual depression. Man becomes morally and spiritually bankrupt; it looks as though the devil would take possession of the premises to collect his dues on the wages of $\sin$, and then-Oh Glory!heaven opens,


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"I dropped some seeds beside a path, And went my busy way,
Till chance or fate, I say not which, Led me one summer day
Along the selfsame path; and lo! Some flowers blooming there, As fair as eye hath looked upon, And sweet as they were fair."
"I dropped a sympathetic word Nor stayed to watch it grow,
For little tending's needed when The seed is good we sow;
But once I met the man again, And by the gladsome way He took my hand, I knew I sowed The Best of Seed that day."
abounded (and seemed about to triumph and thwart the plan of God) grace did much more abound."

We purpose showing how mankind has five times been in a condition of hopelessness, delivered only by God's
Coming Down to Earth and how the sixth cycle or dispensation has reached that degree of hopelessness and incurableness so that once more, for the sixth time (for the second time in bodily form)
God Must Come Down to Earth
so that hell shall not triumph and man shall not be a complete failure.

Let us look at the first cycle or dispensation. God placed man in a perfect environment-Eden. Men say today (and their number increases) that the cure for a lawless world is a socialistic Utopia. Give every man enough to eat, sufficient to enjoy, a fair and equal division of this world's goods and we will have (say they) a world, free of theft, dishonesty, violence and $\sin$. But our first parents had just such a Utopia in the Garden of Eden and still they sinned! Rom. 5:12 tells us the awful consequences of that $\sin$ - "As by one man sin entered into the world and death by $\sin$ so death passed upon all for that all have sinned."
It looked as though Satan had triumphed-that the grave and hell awaited man, but
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N Job $33: 23$ there is a word which represents the longing of my own heart, and I believe it represents the longing of many hearts-"An Interpreter." I have a great longing to be an interpreter. I am not referring to the gift of interpretation of tongues; but in the biggest, broadest sense of the word I long to be an interpreter between God and the human soul.
What is an interpreter? It is one who makes things plain and clear. Perhaps someone has a message for you, but he speaks a language you cannot understand; then if there be an interpreter he can cause you to understand, for he can put it in your own language. To be an interpreter it is necessary that you know both languages perfectly. If you are going to interpret a Swedish message to an American, you must understand both the Swedish and the English languages, and you must know them well. And if we are going to be interpreters between God and men we have to know both languages. We have to be at home with God and at home with men; at home in heaven and at home on earth. God knows the need of interpreters today.

I believe the weakness usually is that we don't understand God's language well enough. We don't live in close enough fellowship with God; we don't spend enough time in the heavenly courts, and don't know the language of heaven.

But there is another class of people whose weakness is just the opposite of that, and to them I want to say, "It is time you got back to earth again." Do you know it is possible to live such an other-worldly life (please don't misunderstand me), to get into an unearthly, abnormal spiritual condition, where you may be very spiritual but you are not a scrap of good as an interpreter because you have gotten out of touch with men. The Lord Jesus lived a man among men, and I want to do the same. It is possible to have a sticky, sickly spirituality which is unearthly. The Lord keep us normal and healthy, sane and balanced! If you are going to win men you must be manly. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost does not make us unnatural. It should make us beautifully and sweetly normal.

I was attending a street meeting one time and listening to a fine young woman giving her testimony. She was full of the Holy Ghost, on fire for God, and had a real desire to win souls. She was talking to a bunch of coal

that God is not speaking today. I believe He is speaking as loudly as ever, but men perceive it not. God has spoken in every age. Don't talk to me about the silence of God. I don't believe there is such a thing. God is speaking, but man perceives it not, because there is a dearth of interpreters.

There are two or three
miners and drunkards, and saying to them, "Dear ones," this. .,. . "Dear ones," that. . . "Dear ones," etc. They were not dear ones by a long way, and they did not like being called dear ones! You see she had lived in the sugary sweet atmosphere of Pentecostal prayer meetings and had lost contact with the world. Prayer meetings are fine, God help us to attend more of them, but we must also keep our contact with mankind. If we live in an atmosphere of camp meetings, and shut ourselves in a glass house, and want to get sent to heaven labelled "Wrapped up with care," we lose that human touch which appeals to men and women, and we cease to be interpreters between God and man. I am speaking this way because I have seen so much of this.

I do want to see Pentecostal people kept healthy and normal. I do want to see them the sort of men and women that appeal to other men and women, so that they may be interpreters. If we are going to be interpreters between God and man we have to understand both languages.

But with most of us the difficulty is the other way. When it comes to interpreters, those who understand the things of God and can make them understandable to men, are very rare. There are many preachers but not many interpreters. The Book says, "If there be one among a thousand." That is not a very good proportion. A brother said to me today, "You know there are very few really good preachers." He did not mean that they had not a flow of language, that they had not good words and thoughts, but he meant there were few interpreters. I find that the man who has a message from God can get the crowd. There are one or two men in Edinburgh who have such a crowd in their church on Sunday night that you have to go early to get a seat. The reason is they are able to make the things of God and eternity and time real to men.

The need of interpreters is spoken of in Job 33:14, "For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not." God speaks, but man does not perceive or understand His voice. I absolutely repudiate the suggestion
ways of God's speaking and man not perceiving. One is in Job 33:15, "In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon man, in slumberings upon the bed." Oh, the need of interpreters when God speaks in supernatural ways! This Pentecostal movement, which has come from God to restore the supernatural in His church, is not understood; it is misjudged. In the days of our Lord's flesh when God spoke from heaven, what did they say? Some said it thundered. There is a loose idea among us that if only God did enough supernatural things men would be bound to hear. Scripture does not confirm that idea. Run rapidly through your Bible and note that when angels first appear to men, and man makes his first contact with the supernatural, his first emotion is always fear. You will find the first word the angel usually says, is "Fear not!" Even in Bethlehem's plain when the angelic host came with the sweetest message man ever heard, their first message had to be, "Fear not." If an angel came here this afternoon most of you would run for your lives. When God speaks in supernatural ways there needs to be an interpreter. Miracles do not convert people; they only draw people's attention; and when the attention is drawn there needs to be an interpreter of the word and mind of God.

Sometimes God seeks to stir up an uneasy conscience by dreams and visions in the night. Then how much an interpreter is needed! God does it that He may "keep back their soul from the pit, and their life from perishing by the sword." But folk get the idea that God is going to punish them; they do not understand His loving father-heart. Their conscience may be lashing them until life is unbearable, still God is love, but they need an interpreter to make them see it.
While motoring along in Algiers, North Africa, visiting mission stations, I noticed all along the side of the road big poles carrying high tension electric wires. On the poles were notices, printed in the French language, warning men not to climb the poles and touch the wires lest they be
instantly killed. But the natives of Algiers cannot understand the French language, so the French Government had skull and cross-bones painted on each pole-they could understand that language. It was not the purpose of the government to terrify the natives by those skull and cross-bone signs; it was to save them from death. And sometimes God has to scare folks with a skull and cross-bone, but it is not because He wants to frighten us, it is because He wants to save us. Oh that He had more interpreters!

I want to show you something else that needs interpreting, and to God's children themselves. Job $33: 19$, "He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain; so that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat. His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out. If there be an interpreter. . . ." I am old fashioned enough to believe that God still speaks to men through sickness. I am not going back an inch on divine healing, but I believe the Lord sometimes has to let the devil touch our bodies because it is the only way He can get our ears. Sickness and disease are still ways by which He speaks when He cannot get our ears any other way. The folks in the early Corinthian church were falling sick, and some of them dying, and they could not make out why it was. But an "interpreter" came along. He said, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." For what cause? Eating and drinking unworthily, and not discerning the Lord's body. Thank God for interpreters! If God is having to deal with me in discipline, and I cannot understand, God send me a true friend who will show me the cause.

You know that lovely passage in the epistles where some of them are puzzled because they have been chastened and trouble has come. Thank God there was an interpreter who could tell them that "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." Some preachers tell you that when you are saved you will have no troubles; and if only you get the Baptism of the Spirit it will be glory all the way. I find it isn't that way. The first thing that happened to my Lord after He was baptized was that the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. I sometimes feel I want to put my arms around God's Pentecostal people. Some leaders have the idea that when folks receive the Baptism they are fixed, but lots of times they need help more then than ever before. My heart goes out to those baptized in the Spirit
who are left to flounder, with the idea that now they have the Baptism they know everything. Bless their hearts, they are only beginning! Pentecostal people need a tremendous amount of help. That is why I am practical, and am talking "brass tacks" to you. We need interpreters even in our Pentecostal experience.

My dear suffering friend, I want to cheer your heart. God is letting you be in that school of suffering because He wants you to learn certain lessons. When they are learned, then He will give you the joy of being an interpreter to other suffering ones, to tell them that God draws us nearer to Himself in the thick cloud and in the darkness. I find there is a need of learning all I can in every experience of life if I am to be a help to others. I thank God I am a married man with a family. When I go around to pay pastoral calls and they tell me about Tommy and Nellie and Mary having the whooping-cough and measles, I can understand why those little things came to my own family-it enables me to understand. Then I tell the people how we pray for the children and the Lord heals. I am glad to have the experiences of life. My brother, thank God for your circumstances. Don't complain and grumble, for God is training you to be an interpreter. Learn the secret of the situation you are in, learn the message and purpose of it. And thank God you can be able to help multitudes of others.

I finish on the highest note of all. I finish, "looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith." He was and is and ever will be the Greatest Interpreter of all. God was in heaven; man had lost contact with Him, was dead in trespasses and sin, and had ceased to understand God. But there was One who came out of the ivory palaces, from the heart of the Father, down from the glory, and He became a very man among men. He came down to the village of Nazareth, to the carpenter's shop, to be one in a big family. He had not the same father as the rest of them, but He had all the family life just the same. And when James or Joses struck his finger with a hammer, Jesus had to comfort him. And when some of them quarreled, Jesus had to straighten things out. But because of that, He became an interpreter. "There is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." In those matchless parables of His He was really interpreting God. In the parable of the prodigal son He was not teaching about prodigals. We know about them without being told, but He was interpreting the heart of the Fa -
ther and making people see that God was waiting and longing to have those prodigals come back.

The Lord help us to interpret the Father. I believe it is for this purpose that God has baptized us in the Holy Ghost, not to take us out of the world, but to give us power to live in the world as interpreters, interpreting the love of the Redeemer to the souls He died to save.

## Mammon

I have not known three score persons, perhaps not half the number, during three score years, who, as far as I can judge, were not less holy than they would have been had they been poor. By riches I mean not thousands of pounds; but any more than will procure the conveniences of life. "There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept by the owner thereof to his hurt." Eccles. 5:13.-John Wesley.

## The Power of God's Word

Crossing to the north of India in a caravan, a godly missionary, stooping over an exhausted Indian who had been left to perish, whispered in his ear, "Brother, what is your hope?" Lifting himself with a great effort, the man replied, "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin," and expired with the effort. Amazed at the answer of an apparent heathen, the missionary observed a piece of paper grasped tightly in the hand of the dead man: it was a single leaf of the Bible, the first chapter of John's First Epistle. One page only had created a nucleus of the Church, a temple of the Holy Ghost.

## The Watchful Eye

A man once paid a visit to India, and following the custom of that country, he hired a servant to fan him all night. Some of these servants fan their masters only until they fall asleep, and when they are about to awake they start fanning them as if they had been hard at work all night. This particular visitor had a glass eye, which he used to take out every night and put on the table. To his great amusement, one morning, the gentleman heard his servant telling another that he could not steal any time during his master's naps, for he always took out one of his eyes and placed it on the table to watch him and so he was compelled to fan his employer all the night till the other eye woke in the morning. May the consciousness of that Eye which never slumbers but is every watchful keep us watchful also.

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## Rivërs of Living Water

Twenty-four years ago the writer attended a Pentecostal meeting at which he heard a testimony that has never been effaced from his memory. A brother arose and said, "I thank God for the Scripture, 'He that believeth on Me , as the Scripture hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.' I was very thirsty for God and went from convention to convention. I received blessing, but the trouble was the blessing did not last. But, thank God, a few months ago I went direct to the Lord Jesus who said, 'If any man thirst, let him come unto Me.' I want to say that He has completely satisfied me, giving me the Spirit in exactly the same manner as He did the one hundred and twenty at the beginning. And now how wonderful it is to know that as I believe on Him the rivers are flowing through me. I may not always be conscious of the flow, but since the Lord said it is so, it must be so. Rivers do not run simply in the day and desist in the night; they flow all the time. And, praise God, the rivers of living water are flowing through me day and night. Yes, I believe in the night seasons when I am fast asleep this wonderful blessed river of the Holy Spirit is flowing through me, bringing life and refreshing and blessing."

## The Soutce of Gladness

In the fourth verse of Psalm 46 are these words: "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High." Surely this refers to the very same living waters that our Lord Jesus spoke about in John 7:37, 38. John's comment on this is, "This spake He of the Spirit," and He is the river which brings gladness to the very city of God on high. And then we read concerning this blessed Pentecostal river, "God is in the midst of her." The people did not recognize God when the Spirit
flowed down to earth on the day of Pentecost. Some mocked. They said the one hundred and twenty were filled with new wine. But the next thing we read in the Psalms concerning this river is this, "She shall not be moved." This river flowed down to earth from heaven on the day of Pentecost, and the whole forces of Herod, of Pilate, of the Sanhedrin, of Israel and of Rome could not move it back again. We know that the scribes and the elders of Israel tried to dam up the stream, arresting and putting the apostles in the common prison, but the angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them forth, fulfilling the words we read in this Psalm, "God shall help her, and that right early," or as Leeser happily translates this passage, "God will ever help her, at the dawning of her morning,"and the day of Pentecost was surely the morning of this Holy Ghost dispensation.

## A Divinely Given Outpouring

When the question was given on the day of Pentecost, "What meaneth this?", Peter replied, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel, It shall come to pass in the last days I will pour out of my Spirit." After our Lord Jesus Christ had gone through His Calvary experience, had arisen from the tomb, and had ascended to heaven, the River that made glad the city of God just overflowed its banks and came down to earth and began pouring through prepared channels, and on the very first day three thousand souls found life. Despite all the priests and scribes and Pharisees had to say concerning that River, "God was in the midst of her," and despite what all the modern priests and scribes and Pharisees say, God is in the midst of this present Pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit that we are seeing in these days. All the tracts and pamphlets and books and magazine articles that are being written by opponents are incapable of damming
up this holy River coming down from above. They might just as well try to stop Niagara's flow with a handful of chicken feathers.

## Living Radios

Scientists are telling us that everyone of us is like a radio and that from each part of us there are radio rays emanating, waves that can be measured with exactness. A machine has been invented that looks very much like a radio receiving set, only instead of having one dial it has a series of dials. An instrument attached to this machine is placed close to the one being examined-it does not have to touch-and the exact radio activity of the various organs of the one being examined registers on the machine. By what is registered on the machine it can be seen what organs are normal, what are abnormal, and what are subnormal. It is claimed that a more accurate diagnosis can be made by this machine than by any other known method. What do we learn from these facts? That night and day there is going forth from us something unseen but yet absolutely real. We read the following item in a newspaper a few nights ago, "According to Dr. Alexander Gurwitsch, you are giving off invisible rays much like ultra violet rays, and they affect all living things near you." If that is true in the natural, how much more in the spiritual. "He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water."

## Life and Fruit

It will be noted that the Lord stated here, "As the scripture hath said." To what scriptures did He refer? We believe He made reference to that wonderful picture given in Ezekiel 47the picture of the river of living water flowing from the sanctuary (vs. 1) that later became rivers (vs. 9). At the beginning the flow was small, but as it flowed it deepened, first coming up to the ankles, then to the knees, then to the loins, and then until there were waters to swim in. And we read, "Everything . . . whithersoever the
rivers shall come, shall live, and there shall be a very great multitude of fish and by the river . . . shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary." There will be life and fruitage wherever this blessed stream of the Spirit flows.

## Rivers of Faith

Let us take a look at the rivers flowing out from some saints. Paul wrote to his friend Philemon, "I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers, hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints; that the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus." Dear old Philemon, how I would love to have met him. I heard Stephen Jeffreys say once, "If I were sick I'd rather spend an hour with a real man of God than to have a gallon of medicine." Some men are a spiritual tonic. Philemon was. Go to him in a time of trouble, and as you sat conversing with him your troubles would be soon forgotten and you would be shouting, "Glory to God!" You who have heard our friend Smith Wigglesworth, will know a little of what Philemon's ministry was like. As you sit under Brother Wigglesworth's ministry or read his book Ever-Increasing Faith, somehow or other faith is communicated to you. God wants us all to communicate faith -for rivers of faith to flow from us as we acknowledge that it all comes from that wondrous Source, our blessed Lord Jesus Himself. The communication of your faith will become effectual as you acknowledge every good thing coming from Christ Jesus your Lord.

## Other Rivers

A simple study of the Word will show us that we are to be communicators of "nourishment" (Col. 2:19) to other members of the body. And how can we do this apart from the Spirit? That our words should minister "grace" to the hearers (Eph. 4:29), that we are to minister "the gospel" (Rom. 15:16), and that we are to minister "the Spirit." Col. 3:5. Our very presence should minister these blessings. In the biography of that blessed man of God, William Pennyfather, we are told of his walking down the street one day all unconscious of being watched. A servant maid was looking out from a window. There was a peace, a restfulness, a heavenliness,
about this man of God that this maid had never seen in anyone before, and she cried out, "O God, give me what Thou hast given to that man." Pennyfather had not spoken a syllable to her, but his holy presence emanated the Spirit, and as a result that maid was brought under conviction and later into salvation.

## A Revival in a Factory

Charles Finney in his biography tells of a visit to the New York Mills a little above Whitesboro. The workers in this factory were busy at their looms and some of them were laughing. As he came within eight or ten feet of one girl who was trying to mend a broken thread, before he uttered a word, she became quite overcome and sank down, busting into tears. In a few moments nearly all in the room were in tears. This feeling spread through the factory. The owner of the establishment said to the superintendent, "Stop the mill and let the people attend to religion, for it is more important that our souls should be saved than that the factory should run." Mr. Finney says, "A more powerful meeting I scarcely ever attended." The revival went through the mill in an astonishing way, and in the course of a few days nearly all in the mill were happily converted. What was the secret of the revival? Surely rivers of living water were flowing from this man of God.

## A Curse or a Blessing

The writer spent a winter in a certain Canadian city where there was a very serious epidemic of typhoid. The hospitals were full, and there were many deaths. The citizens sought to know the cause, and found that they were getting their water supply from a polluted river that was contaminated with sewage. They straightway arranged to have a label marked "poison" on every water tap in the town, and proceeded to get their water supply from a purer source. Their sickness came from a poisonous river. Peter became a poisonous river at one time. The Master was speaking of going to the cross and Peter cried out, "Be this far from thee." Our Lord recognized at once the poisonous source of the message and said, "Get thee behind Me. Satan, for thou savourest not the things that be of God." May we not, if our lives are unholy, if we become attached to the things of mammon, if we are gripped by the love of the world, if we are living entirely to the satisfaction of the flesh, become sources of poisonous streams? Solemn thought! But there is a source of holiness and of blessing and
of power. Hear once again the precious words of the Master, "If any man thirst let him come unto Me , and drink." He is the sanctuary from which the pure water flows and He says to us today, "He that believeth on Me , as the Scripture hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." Holy streams of life, of faith, of hope, of love, bless-ing-blessing to untold millions. Attach yourself to the eternal Source of these rivers of blessing, and despise not the manifestation of the Spirit's outpouring.

## The Joy of the Lord

"I will . . . joy in My people."

## Isa. 55:19

1. The Joy of redeeming the sinner.
"Jesus ... who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross." Heb. $12: 2$.
2. The Joy of delivering the captives.
"He brought forth His people with joy, and His chosen with singing." Psalms 105:43.
3. The Joy of forgiving love.
"I will cleanse them . . . I will pardon ... and (they) shall be to Me for a name of joy." Jer. $33: 8,9$.
4. The Joy of indwelling His own.
"The Lord . . . in the midst of thee.
He will rejoice over thee with joy, He will ... joy over thee with singing." Zeph. 3:17.
5. The Joy communicated to His possessed ones.
"That My joy may be in you." John 15:11.
6. The Joy imparted by His word of life.
"These things I speak . . . that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves." John 17:13.
7. The Joy of the Lord the strength of $H$ is redeemed.
"The joy of the Lord is your stronghold." Neh. 8:10 margin.
8. The Joy of fellowship over others.
"Rejoice with Me. .. I have found my sheep." Luke 15:6.
9. The Joy of final presentation to the Father.
"Before the presence of His glory . in exceeding joy." Jude 24.
10. The Joy of rewarding a life spent for Him.
"Enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Matt. $25: 21$.

So where He leads, I can safely go, And in the blest Hereafter, I shall know
Why in His wisdom, He hath led me so.-H. H. Berry.

## Why Do Children SNiss the Way?

Children of many prayers, and much apparent religious culture, become in some instances an occasion of bitter grief of their parents, a scandal to Christianity, and a scourge to mankind.

How does this happen? Who shall locate the fault in these cases so justly that it shall not lie against God's faithfulness to His promises, nor against the faith and hope of those who would above all things train up their children in the way they should go ?

The observations and reflections of more than two score of years, in hundreds of families, some well ordered and some otherwise, have given us decided opinions on the subject.

And first in importance and weight of influence is this:- That the prime point of these failures in Christian training has been, that parents did not secure implicit submission to their own authority. Obedience to parents was not established as a principle and wrought into a habit. Submission was not secured by such means and influences that it was rendered cheerfully, under a sense of its rightfulness, and with the resulting peace and joy that true and generous submission ensures. This we believe has been a real fact in the early history of all those unfortunate cases in which parental hopes have been slaughtered, and the saddest scandals have accrued to Christianity.

We have studied this class of wayward children when in the days of their youth they were under special religious influence. We have seen them powerfully convicted of $\sin$. They have told us of their dreadful conflicts under the pressure of conscious obligation to repent. In many cases they have asked us what could be the reason that repentance came so easy to others, yet seemed so utterly impossible to them. In more cases than one we have put the inquiry, "Did you accustom your heart to cheerful obedience to parents when you were young? Have you ever known what it is to give up your will and be happy about it, too-happier even than when you held out and carried your point and had your own way?" In all these cases we have had but one answer-in the negative. "No, I never did submit cheerfully to the will of my father or my mother. I always either stood my ground doggedly and boldly, or I made some sort of compromise which saved me the trial of giving up my will."

The first time we heard this, it seemed to be sound philosophy. But when we heard it again and again, and when it became obvious that this was the uniform answer of those who could not submit their will to God's will, and therefore could find nothing tolerable in the stern demand for repentance, then we came to look upon this matter of the parental training of children in a new light. It assumed a degree of importance second to nothing else in the whole circle of human influence. We were driven to inquire - How comes it to pass that there are so many such cases, even in families where the Bible is respected, and parents seem to have an honest purpose to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

We will allude to the results of our inquiries and observations.
Mr . A. and his excellent wife are very full of public business. There will be a great many hours every day, therefore, in which neither of them knows very definitely where their children are, or what they are doing. If they hear incidentally of wrong things done by their children, they either find it hard to believe they were in fault, or they know too little about the case to judge and act wisely. Moreover, being very short of time and very much pressed with other duties, the case is sure not to get proper attention, and will not be discreetly disposed of. Ill tempers, and even crimes, are slipped by. Parental charity becomes only the more fondly cherished as the parents find others complaining of their children; and, suspending their otherwise good judgment, they come to account it their special vocation to stand in defence of children of whom so few find any good thing to say. Hence to their parents those children are never thoroughly known. Of course their wills are not brought into subjection to parental authority.

Mr . B. and his wife are never decided and strong in family government, except when in a passion. When the child becomes impudent and violent, they are stirred up, and then take the case in hand with irregular, and usually excessive severity. Passionate correction only maddens. It takes long to wipe out the sense of conscious wrong which one such scene will leave on the mind of a child. It were better far to suspend all correction than to touch it while unduly excited.

In the family of Mr. C. the father uses the rod and the mother the kisses. She grieves over his severity; he
deprecates and condemns bitterly her ruinous indulgence. Hence, even if the father were judicious without a fault, the mother practically forbids his reaching the conscience and the heart of his child. If they are known to differ radically in their government, it will be one of the miracles of the family state if the ends of good government are gained under their joint administration.

Mr. D. has a good theory of family government, in so far as the submission of the child's will to the father's is concerned. He determines to carry this point at all events. No case of palpable wrong appearing on which to take issue, he gets up a case on very little, if any, valid ground, and commences the operation of breaking in. Now the misfortune here is, that he cannot have the conscience of his child on his side, and the submission is, in a moral point of view, valueless. Indeed, it were well if it be not far more an evil than a good. Poor Mr. D. may have a good theory in some points, but he needs more common sense in applying it.

Mr. E. and his wife mean very well, but are just a little easy. Sometimes they say it shall be so, but they lose sight of the case, and obedience is not secured. The little fellow remembered the first omission, and made a record of it, so as not to forget that by watching his opportunity, or by prudent delay or resistance, the authority could be evaded, and he could have his own way. If there comes up an extreme case, and father is very much in earnest, he finds it prudent to give in for the sake of peace and safety; but the principle of universal obedience is out of the question. Your can hardly say his mind has been brought up to that question at all. It is only obedience in hard, rare, and extreme cases, and then on the score of expediency. So that the moral effect of real obedience as a principle is never gained.

Now, probably more than half the parents who under this description might be called Mr. and Mrs. E. would think you slandered them if you were to suggest the exact condition of the idea of government and submission in the minds of their children. Do not they carry their point when they really set out for it? Perhaps they do ; but if all was right, there would be no occasion for that earnest setting out for it every time an inclination was to be crossed and a point carried. If obedience were settled as a principle, it would come easy, and a look with the eye would suffice.

The love of parents should be intelligent, and should set itself thoughtfully to devise and execute the best
possible means of promoting the good of the loved ones. Especially should care be taken that parental love does not degenerate into a blind impulse to give your child present indulgence at the cost of future sorrow. God expects a wiser course than this of parents whom He has endowed with intelligence. Yet precisely this is the highway to many, if not most of those precipices where parental hopes are dashed in the ruin of fondly loved children.

Parents need true love to make them patient under the toils and cares of their work-to make all labor sweet, and all weariness welcome; but they need to have this love tempered with discretion and guided with sound wisdom. Let them see to it that their love for their children does not beget a blind charity which will not see a fault, nor believe it on the best of testimony. Such charity unfits for parental government, or even for the simplest duties of training and nurture.

Returning to the subject of securing true submission to parental authority, we assure our friends that the best time to begin is very early. Before your words can be made arguments, while your steady eye and firm hand are the only interpreters of your will and the only needed organs of power -then is the best time to begin. Be gentle, but firm, decided. Do not frighten, but cause your will to be known, and, being known, to be obeyed. True, you need discernment. It is unfortunate to push the matter when you are not sure your meaning is understood. But as soon as your will can be apprehended, and you see it to be so, then lose no time in settling the point of ascendancy. It is more easily done at this stage than ever after, and more effectually. Done here with prudence and decision, the principle it settles can be maintained with far less difficulty than if begun later, and all the results are incomparably more satisfactory.
God has provided admirable facilities for this early subjugation of the infant will, and for early training into the habit and principle of implicit obedience. Think how long He has made the period of weak and dependent infancy, and how slow the progress upward to independent, self-reliant manhood. Animals leap by a few quick steps from weakness to strength, from helplessness to self-reliance; those of woman born move slowly over many of the precious, richest years of human life.
Who can doubt that God had a purpose in this plan? Who can deny that this purpose was to give parents ample time for the most important business
ever done in human life-the moulding of the infant and youthful mind into obedience and virtue? This is a great work, and the long years assigned to it are none too many or too slow in their progress, when estimated in the light of the interests pending on careful and thorough parental nurture.

We beg our readers also to notice the remarkable fact, that during the earliest development of moral agency, the parent stands towards his child in many vital respects in the place of God. That infant mind can as yet know no other God. His ideas of a higher Power travel no farther than to his father and mother, and rest there. His impressions of a higher beneficent love, which becomes to him the foundation of all good, goes so far and no further. The perpetual presence is to him that of parents only. God as yet has made to his infant mind no other manifestation. Consequently his sense of obligation to obey, his dawning notions of rightful authority, must commence their development here.

In the light of these facts, it will be seen to be of the utmost importance that his parents should fill this ideal of the true God to his mind as perfectly as in the nature of the case is possible. In your place as parents, acting instead of God, let there be no wrong deed or temper-not a thing you would not have transferred by and by to his idea of a Father in heaven.

Particularly you will see the vital importance of settling the great question of government, just as you would wish it to stand between your child and his God when he shall come to know Jehovah as his Infinite Maker and Lord. The settling of this question is put directly into your hands. All the essential points it involves exist in the relation of child to parent, and God gives you the best possible opportunity to settle the principle. It is for you to see that disobedience to rightful authority never becomes a principle, and never gets the strength of one admitted case. Not only should it never be suffered to grow into a habit, it should never be suffered to pass once unrebuked and uncorrected.

Submission to parental authority, if made to rest on its true foundation, is almost piety begun. It lays for it the best possible foundation, and provides the best facilities for true conversion to God at the earliest moment after the claims of God can be understood. Where obedience to parents has been established on the basis of its intrinsic rightness, resistance to the perceived claims of God will scarcely be thought of. We believe it to be true that in a great majority of such
cases the heart is yielded to God readily when His claims are first distinctly seen. The dogged obstinacy so natural to those who never have given up their will to a higher one, does not develop itself.

Hence the experience of those who labor most for the salvation of souls brings out a mass of testimony to show on the one hand, that well-trained children are usually led to Christ with readiness, almost as if it were natural for them to love goodness and yield their will to pure and rightful authority; and on the other, that the inveterate, impracticable cases, those whom no appeals of terror can persuade, and no manifested love can melt to obedience and contrition, are almost, if not quite, universally of those who have never obeyed in the lower sphere, i. e., in their relation to their parents.

## God's Book

I reverence hundreds and hundreds of men who don't hold my opinions; but when I lie dying I don't want their speculations to rest upon. I want that Book for a pillow, for that Book rests on the nature of things. That is the only honest Book in the world. That tells me what I am; that tells me how to get into peace with God: that is what I wanted on a cold winter's night as I rolled forty feet down a precipice, expecting instant death, and if that is what I wanted then, it's what I want any time, isn't it? What is true in our highest moments is true in all moments. And what we see only by flashes is true the whole day long, the whole year long, life through, eternity through.-Joseph Cook, of Boston.

## God's Side of the Cross

We are familiar with the beautiful hymn, "When I survey the Wondrous Cross." Many times it has enabled us to express our heart-worship and consecration unto God. The Cross cannot be weighed. We cannot express in human language what Calvary means to us.
Mrs. Anna Ross has written a beautiful version of the same hymn from God's standpoint. The first verse reads :

When God surveys the wondrous Cross, On which His own Beloved died, His richest stores of heavenly grace, To sinners all are opened wide.

The last verse is even more expressive:

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# $\therefore \quad$ The Gospel in Foreign Lands 

## God's Blessing on the LatinAmerican Bible Institute <br> H. C. Ball

We are truly thankful to God for the precious revival that He has given us in the Institute this year. While there is in the world a great depression, we can say on behalf of the Bible Institute here that there is a sweeter spirit being manifested than ever, and the presence of the Lord is wonderfully real. Our second-year students are blessedly in the Spirit and the first-year students are coming along in a very encouraging way.

The Lord has given us several definite answers to prayer, and these have taught the students that it pays to pray and hold on in faith without wavering. For several months we asked the Lord for a Maytag washing machine. Daily we would carry this petition to the Lord. We often wondered if the faith of the students would hold out. We are thankful to God that He has answered our prayers and sent us a Maytag. We asked God for this make, as we have one in our home and know how to handle it but do not know about other makes.

At the present time we are asking the Lord to give us a greater ministry in the evangelistic field for the Bible Institute. In Texas there are still over one-half million Mexicans, in spite of the thousands who have returned to Mexico, and we believe the Lord would have the Bible Institute be evangelistic in spirit. Many of our graduates have a hard time opening new fields. Others have small churches and have to battle with extreme poverty. The Lord has laid it upon our hearts to ask Him for a tent in order that we might during the summer open new fields for the new graduates, and during the school term have our graduates use the tent in opening new or strengthening old fields where our students are located. We now have some thirty students in the ministry, and we want the Institute to be a blessing to them even after they graduate. Could we ask the readers of the Pentecostal Evangel to join us in praying for this tent? Lord, send us the tent! What size? A $30 \times 60$ or a $40 \times 60$ would be the best, we believe, but the Lord knows, and we leave it to Him. Hallelujah!

We thank God that up to the present time the students have had their three meals each day. They have meat every Sunday. They had a fine meal Thanksgiving and Christmas. During the week their diet consists principally of beans, oatmeal, potatoes, rice, and bread. We have proved that the Lord is as well able to provide for us during hard times as in good times. During the Christmas season, in response to a circular sent out to many interested in the Institute, we received nearly seventy dollars that helped wonderfully.

Already several have written us asking for the students that are to graduate. A call has come from Oklahoma and another from Nebraska. We would request the readers of the Evangel to pray the Lord to richly bless us during the next four months of the present term. How we long for Christ


Students and Faculty of the Latin-American Bible Institute
to be revealed in all His fullness to and in our students.

## News Items

Friends of Brother and Sister J. S. Richards, of South Africa, will be interested to know that they are home on furlough in the United States and can be reached at 1211 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brother A. N. Trotter writes: "On the evening of January 20 a party of ministers and missionaries went down to the dock to bid farewell to Brother and Sister Garlock who have sailed for the Gold Coast. It was a blessed time as shortly after $11 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. we all gathered on deck and sang hymns and rejoiced, because of new laborers going forth. Brother R. Armstrong and others led in prayer, and those present, about 75 in number, all felt inspired
to a deeper consecration and sacrifice to hasten our Lord's return, and spread the gospel message. While a Soviet Russian farewell party was being held on the other side of the boat, amid the waving of red flags and boisterous shouts, the blessing of heaven rested on the children of the Lord who, obeying His command, were going forth with the Word of life and peace."

On Friday, February 12, we had the pleasure of meeting our Brother James Vigna at the train as he passed through Springfield on his way to Tibet. A number of the faculty and students of the Central Bible Institute as well as others of our brother's Springfield friends were gathered at the depot. We are sure that all felt the presence of the Lord as we bowed in prayer together on the platform just before the train pulled out, and asked God's blessing on our dear brother and also Miss Emma Daechert who was leaving Springfield at the same time for the China field. Thank God for these consecrated young lives going forth with the gospel to the remote parts of the earth.

We regret to advise that Sister Gerda Adolfson has been very ill for a number of months and is still seeking deliverance. Sister Adolfson was formerly in South China, but may now be reached in care of Brother H. E. Hansen, 111 Hsi Ssu, Pei Ta Chieh, Peking, W. City, China. Friends of our Sister Adolfson will probably be wondering why they have not received replies to their letters or acknowledgment of offerings designated for her. Sister Adolfson has really been too sick to attend to anything, so solicits the prayers and forbearance of her friends until such time as God may graciously grant her full deliverance.

Send in a missionary offering today.

> All offerings for Foreign Missions and for expenses of conducting the Missionary Department, should be sent by Check, Draft, Express or Postal Money Order, made payable to Noel Perkin, Missionary Secretary, 336 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., U. S. A.

## Fruit of the Gospel in the Leper Work Anne Eberhardt

My first New Year's Day in India will not soon be forgotten. From the first minute it was a blessing to me. At midnight we were suddenly awakened with "Bang!"- the shot of our Indian preacher's gun which announced the new year. This was followed by a flash of light as five kerosenedipped tourches lit up our front veranda, and then a number of voices began to sing the praises of God.
As I listened to the voices of our boys and girls singing about our Saviour and thought of the lives they would have lived in idolatry and heathendom, I was deeply touched and a fresh surge of desire came into my heart that in this coming year I should be all that God would have me to be to these dear people to whom He has called me to minister.
A little later our Indian preacher and his little daughter sang a sweet song of Jesus' coming, and this was followed by a duet which one of our lepers and his wife sang. If I could picture these scenes to you as I saw them that night, it would be easy for you to understand why I was deeply moved.
But that was not the end of that glorious day, for about 9:30 that morning our entire family of boys and girls and lepers went down to the river. The small children and lepers that were unable to walk rode in ox-carts, and the rest of us walked. In a little while we reached the bank of the river. There six of our large boys and six of our large girls who had believed on Christ for sometime, and fourteen of our lepers were lined up to be baptized. Some of the lepers were too weak to walk alone into the river, and two of their leper friends would assist them into the water, where Brother Harry Waggoner awaited them with outstretched hand. A touching scene!

One man who had been under conviction for sometime and who had yielded just two weeks before to the conviction of the Spirit was one of the happiest men that day. After he came up from the waters of baptism, he was so blessed and overjoyed that he actually turned sommersaults right in the water! Of course we were all rejoicing with him.

A little later as we were going up the hill where we were all going to eat together, I asked a leper man who
was walking near my side, "You are very happy today?" He replied with shining eyes, "Yes, Missahib, very happy!"

I was unable to say much to anyone that morning, for my heart had been so deeply touched by what God had wrought through His Holy Spirit in the lives of these dear people who had been snatched from the powers of darkness and brought into the joyous light and liberty of God's dear Son!

## Deep Interest in Gospel Message in South Africa <br> Anna Richards Scoble



An India Leper
The serious effects of leprosy on the body are, after all, nothing in comparison with the effects of $\sin$. India waits to be freed from $\sin$ and suffering through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christians gathered together for another night of waiting before God. Again His presence was there to bless. After the first New Year service the workers got together to talk over new plans for the work. We see where we have not been as watchful as we might have been in 1931 and where we have let precious opportunities slip. We are trying to organize our forces in a better way, and to spend more time in prayer, that we might win more souls for Jesus.

## A New Lighthouse in Yunnan Augusta E. Remiacle

I moved to Shiku two weeks ago. It was my hope for almost two years past and has now become a reality. I just had to wait God's time. It was not easy to part from Miss Scharten, as we have had blessed fellowship together, but even this cannot always continue. As we consider the souls in need, our own feelings are set aside.

Shiku is a long day's journey from Likiang and is situated beside the Yangtze River. It is smaller in size but still a busy place. The market people pass the door in large numbers, and many come in for curiosity. When a number have gathered we begin preaching and giving out tracts. This is a great opportunity, as many of these people live in far-off villages.

I have as yet no native worker who is really efficient in any way except an elderly man who has been here giving out tracts and witnessing to the people. He has had no education but has been truly converted and baptized. He is all right to continue in the work which he has been doing, but not to be on the platform. I have also a teacher who will stand with me in witnessing for salvation, but as yet he has not been bap-
At Christmas time there was more of the works of Satan manifested than ever before, yet in the midst of it all we had a packed house, and the presence of the Lord was very real. We have made it a rule here for some time to have an all-night of prayer and praise on Christmas eve. I was unable to attend, but when I arrived at the hall early on Christmas morning, I could feel the effects of the night of prayer. We began again at ninethirty and had a most glorious service. The altar was packed with seeking souls, and all our hearts were strengthened in the Lord.
Again at the old-year night, the
tized. Outside of these two, I have none others to begin with, but hope to have soon.

## Wonderful Healings in Kobe, Japan <br> Mary Taylor

A woman visiting Kobe from a distant village was converted and baptized in water during her stay here. God used her to pray for a man who was very ill and who seemingly died. A doctor came to examine him and left, not being able to do anything more; but this sister, just newly converted, prayed until life returned to
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# "In Fighways and Byways" 

It was a hot dusty Sunday afternoon. In a vacant lot of the smelter section of a small Kansas town were a group of children gathered together under a large shade tree. Had you looked closely you would have noticed that they were of different nationalities. Nevertheless, they were seated closely together on chairs, which had been borrowed from a home across the street, and were singing lustily "Come and Go with Me to My Father's House." This was followed by, "Jesus Never Fails."

A young lady had found these chil-dren-most of whom were not in any Sunday school. Some of them were not allowed to go to a Protestant church because their parents were Catholics. Others were children who felt their clothes were not good enough to attend church, but they were all delighted to meet together under the big tree to sing songs and hear the Bible stories. Ofttimes there would not be many at the first of the service, but when the music from the tambourine and guitar, along with the singing of the few already there, could be heard, you could see them coming from all directions. There were those who hardly knew whether they wanted to attend the service or not. They would stand off, or play, half a block away for awhile, but gradually come nearer and nearer. Then, when they thought no one was noticing, they would join the group.

Nor did the Gospel story and music, alone, complete the opportunity of reaching them, for as soon as the service was dismissed, the children would begin to clamor, "Let's go over to my yard and sing," and so contacts with the parents were made in this way. True, they could not speak English, but they understood the friendliness and love shown them. How they listened to the music, and as for the words of the songs-the children interpreted them with much gesturing and enthusiasm.

Are there children in your town who cannot, or will not come to your Sunday school? Why not start a Sunday school in a locality where there are children who are not in Sunday school? A house could be rented for this purpose, or they could meet in a home.

Two Bible school students of the Central Bible Institute found a number of children within two or three blocks of each other who were not in any Sunday school. A Sunday school was started, the children meeting at is
different home each Sunday afternoon with an attendance of about fifteen. A revival broke out spontaneously among the children and several were saved. Soon the enrollment increased to twenty-eight. After a year there is an enrollment of fifty with an average attendance of thirty-five.

Children are easily influenced by the gospel, "which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth," and if they will, not, or cannot come to your Sunday school to hear, why not take the Sunday school to them?-Zella Lindsey.

## The Cycles of the Grace of God <br> (Continued from Page One)

 God Came Down (Gen. 3:8)."And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God." A further proof that God actually came down is found in verse 21: "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins and clothed them." We are all familiar with God's judgment upon man and the serpent. But out of apparent hopelessness God brought hope in the promise of THE SEED OF THE WOMAN. Satan was frustrated, man was given another chance to obey God, and the awakened knowledge of good and evil inherent in man, ushered in a second cycle,

## The Dispensation of Conscience.

The test in this second cycle was to obey the voice of conscience freshly awakened in mankind. We all know how man failed until the complete breakdown was realized as recorded in Gen. 6:5: "And God saw the wickedness of man that it was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thought of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth-and the Lord said I will destroy man, whom I have created from the face of the earth." But, though again it looked as though man's condition was utterly hopeless-that once again only the pit of hell was yawning for him, nevertheless,

## God came Down to Earth Again (Gen. 7:16)

The one hundred and twenty year period of further grace is exhausted. The Ark is completed. All creatures destined to be saved are safely within that remarkable ship. Eight human beings, Noah, his wife, their three sons
and their wives constitute the tiny remnant of humanity who alone were still righteous and not utterly corrupt in God's sight. God personally and for the second time in human history, came down to earth as Gen. 7:16 declares. "The Lord shut him in." Came the day when the Ark after its year of storm-tossed travel, rested upon Ararat's pointed crest. The dove on its second reconnoitering returned with the olive spray, typical of the new life which had begun for Noah and his family and for mankind. It spoke of the new chance God was giving man in the third cycle or dispensation, denominated "Human Government," because in it and since, God holds man liable for the control of his fellow man. We remember the new step of obedience which God required of man, "Be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth." Gen. 9:7. We remember how man disobeyed. How, instead of scattering so as to replenish the earth, he concentrated his forces in early Babylon. The faithful Spirit distinctly records that they did this in defiance of God's revealed will-"lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." Gen. $11: 4$. We remember how their scientific knowledge increased (even as nowadays) so that, drunken with self conceit, they built their tower of blasphemy which was intended to defy and intimidate even the God of heaven. Once again,

## God Came Down to Earth (Gen. 11:5, 7).

"And THE LORD CAME DOWN to see the city and the tower which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Go to, let us (the Trinity) GO DOWN, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth."

We come to the fourth cycle or dispensation. We call it the Patriarchal (Jewish Fathers) Dispensation. We recall how God demanded separation by Abram before God could bless him.
"Get thee out from thy country and from thy kindred and from thy father's house, unto a land that $\bar{I}$ will show thee of." "Notice the new test of obedience. "Stay in the land." It is inferred in Gen. 12:1 and is clearly brought out in Gen. 26:2-"dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of ; go not down to Egypt." We recall the story of successive failure until finally Jacob and all his family left the promised land, left the blessed center of God's directive will, and (because grace abounded) lived in God's permissive will down in Egypt. We have the inspired record of the king who arose "who knew not Joseph," the
record of the marvelous fecundity of the Jewish race, the record of that devil-inspired decree (designed to cut off the promised seed) which doomed all male Hebrew children to the Nile and to the savage maw of the crocodile. Israel, whom God intended to be a sovereign race, the head of the nations, became enslaved to the dark children of Ham. Ah! it costs a great deal to get out of the will of God. Things again looked hopeless-Canaan Land is lost. The "Land of milk and honey" together with the remembrance of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob have become dim, distant myths holding no solace for a race of abject slaves nursing its whip-lash welts, and wailing over its desolated cradles. But when hope seems all gone, again,

## God Comes Down to Earth (Ex. 3:7,8)

for the fourth time in the history of human failure. "And the Lord said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, I have heard their cry, I know their sorrows and I am come down to deliver them." We know the story of that deliverance. How God brought that redeemed multitude, redeemed by Blood and by power (even as we, Hallelujah!) to the slope of Sinai's Mount, and there we witness the dawning of the fifth dispensation the fifth cycle, God's fifth revelation to man, The Dispensation of the Law.

It is not necessary for me to remind you of Israel's and the world's failure to keep that law. Let it suffice to draw one contrast. God said to them at the Law's inception, "Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, an holy nation," as they kept His holy law. Of that same people He had to say only a few hundred years later, "Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, children that are corrupters-they have gone away backward-from the sole of the foot even unto the head is nothing but wounds and bruises and putrifying sores." Isa. 1:4-6. Oh, the power of $\sin$ and its terrifying wages! A nation whom God called a kingdom of priests, an holy nation, reduced by disobedience in a few centuries into the hopeless mass of leprous corruption mentioned here by Isaiah! Truly, "the wages of $\sin$ is DEATH." But not only Israel had failed. We tremblingly venture into the room of the Supreme Court of the Universe and our guilty ears hear the sentence of condemnation from the Chief Justice upon His throne. "They are all gone out of the way, there is none that doeth good No, not one" and again "Now we know that what things soever the law saith it saith to them that
are under the law that every mouth may be stopped (not only the Jews) and all the world may become guilty before God." What a picture of hopelessness, what a bottomless pit of spiritual depression-moral bankruptcy, utter failure. Surely it looks as though $\sin$ is triumphant-victorious, "Right forever in the shadow, Wrong forever on the throne." But, "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Thank God for the "much mores" of Scripture. For the fifth time-

God Comes Down to Earth
(John 1:1, 14; 3:13, 16; 2 Cor. 5:19)
This time He comes in human form, so that He can be seen, heard, and handled. Hear Him talking to the Master in Israel. "I, the Son of Man, came down from heaven. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Hear again "God was in Christ, (hanging on the Cross) reconciling the world (which had been proven guilty before Him) unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them." Once again, "Where sin abounded grace did much more abound."

How fitting that the cycle following, the sixth dispensation should be called the Dispensation of Grace. It derives its name from Scriptures such as this blessed sample, "The grace of God, which bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men." Titus $2: 11$. The test, the new revelation of God's will, for which He demands obedience is aptly summed up in our Lord's own words: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15, 16.
"Surely," you exclaim, "all the world will now repent. All men everywhere will seek the Lord after such a manifestation of the love and grace of God. Surely, this dispensation shall not end in failure." But alas! the omniscient God could look ahead and see the hardness of men's hearts and perceive that it would be only a "Little flock" who would press their way into the kingdom. It was God, through Christ, who exclaimed, concerning the ending of this cycle, "When the Son of Man cometh shall He find the Faith (R. V. mar.) in the earth?" Luke 18:8. It was He who sadly exclaimed, concerning this age of grace, "Because iniquity shall about the love of many shall wax cold." Matt. 24:12. Consequently, it was He who sternly prophesied, that, because in this dispensation of grace the world has had the greatest mani-
festation of the grace of God, and has therefore sinned against the Spirit of grace (in rejecting) in greater degree than the sinners of Cain's, Noah's or Isaiah's day, therefore for this generation there is laid up "GREAT TRIBULATION, such as was not since the beginning of the world (a time of trouble then, that shall exceed even the Flood, exceed even the fiery destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah!) to this time, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened there should no flesh be saved." Matt. 24:21, 22.
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## Wonderful Healings in Kobe, Japan <br> (Continued from Page Nine)

the dead man. He got up and came to the meeting. Praise the Lord! This sister has gone back to her village in great joy and requests us to come and preach in her village. Her mother has been converted also. May the husband come in next. It is blessed to see how God is using the Japanese to win their own people.

Some time ago we celebrated the first anniversary of Ogawa San Mission in Kyota. The one year old church has grown to 160 members, a number have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, and the glory of the Lord abides. Praise Him! Five men were baptized in the river in the afternoon, one of whom had through his daughter's faithful ministry in prayer been healed of cancer of the stomach. "Fear not, be glad, and rejoice, for the Lord will do great things."

## The Sermon on the Mount

Whosoever is willing to act on these commandments of the Lord literally will, I believe, be led with me to see that to take them literally is the will of God. Those who do so take them will doubtless be often brought into difficulties, hard to the flesh to bear, but these will have a tendency to make them constantly feel that they are strangers and pilgrims here, that this world is not their home, and thus to throw them more upon God, who will assuredly help us through any difficulty into which we may be brought by seeking to act in obedience to His Word. -George Muller.

People who have boys or girls at or approaching the marrying age should put Brother Robinson's new book, THE HILL BILLY, into their hands. In gripping and convincing story form which saved and unsaved alike will delight to read, it sets forth the highest Christian ideals. Price 50c, 160 pp.

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## OLD STORY IN NEW PLACE

Pastor E. H. Gibbs writes from Knoxville, Tenn.: "Two months ago we started a new work here. Through the help of God 30 have been born again, and two have been baptized with the Holy Ghost. These have been blessed days for us, and we expect for the present to continue in His service here, trying to win the lost."

## "REST AND REFRESHING"

Pastor and Mrs. D. C. Morningstar, write from Ellington, Mo.: "We came here Dec. 26 and took charge of the work. The Lord is blessing the assembly and many are being refreshed. The lost are coming to God, backsliders are returning to the Saviour, and the Holy Spirit is falling upon those who are seeking Him. Brethren in the fellowship have a hearty invitation to give us a call when passing."

## REVIVAL AT HEADQUARTERS

God is giving a great meeting at the Headquarters assembly, Springfield, Mo., under the leadership of Edith Mae Pennington, Pine Bluff, Ark. Although the pastor places the number of converts and reclaimed at 140 and those filled with the Spirit at 35 , as conservative estimates, the meeting shows no sign of slackening, and the announcement is "full steam ahead" with no one having any idea as to when the special services will close.

## 74 IN WAVE OF POWER

Pastor M. Hepps writes from Litchfield, III.: "We closed a revival 3 weeks ago at Gillespie, Il1., a new field, in which many had never heard the Pentecostal message. In the $41 / 2$ weeks' meeting about 74 found their way to the cross, 20 were filled with the Holy Ghost and 26 received Christian Baptism. Two weeks later, in Litchfield, 6 were reclaimed, and one was saved. God performed wonderful miracles of healing in both these revivals. We are now beginning another campaign in Gillespie, at the Colonial Theater."

## STURDY INFANT CHURCH

Pastor Dennis W. Thorn writes from McCamey, Tex.: "Last November Evangelist and Mrs. M. E. Edmundson and Bill Keller, all of California, came here for a revival. It truly was a revival. The meeting lasted 9 weeks, with great blessing and power accompanying. The work of salvation, the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, and healing was marvelous. Crowds and interest were good throughout. The evangelistic party is now in an old-time revival at Iraan, with Brother Carr. About the time that our revival was in progress, William Pannos, from California, came to Odessa, a near-by town, and held a precious meeting; this work is still going on. Then Brother Pannos came to Crane, about 25 miles away from here; he has been there nearly 12 weeks. The Lord has been with them all the way through and a church is ready to be set in order."

## 6 Filled in home meeting

Pastor and Mrs. Morgan Wiggins write from Ishpeming, Mich.: "The Lord is continuing His blessings on the work here. We have had an outpouring of the Holy Ghost in which six have been baptized with the Spirit, and others are seeking. As we have not yet secured a place of worship we have our meetings in our homes."

## WAITING FOR THE "PROMISE"

Asa E. Hughes, Elba, Ala., writes: "Evangelist and Mrs. W. W. Childers have held a 7 weeks' meeting at this place, and many have sought and found salvation. Some are now waiting on God for the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. God has manifested His power in healing various ailments. The writer is now giving a series of prophetic messages. Our work is new in these parts, and we are praying that much grain will be harvested here before Jesus comes."

## 270 REDEEMED AND FILLED

Pastor P. F. Ramsey writes from Malvern, Ark.: "Praise the Lord for the way He is pouring out His Spirit. We are in the midst of a great revival conducted by Roy Gilliam, of North Little Rock. The people in the entire town and surrounding country are becoming interested. Some are coming for miles to attend. The meeting has been in progress 5 weeks, and about 135 have been saved, 138 have received the Spirit's Baptism (Acts 2:4), 139 have been baptized in water, and 61 names have been added to the assembly roll. We feel the need of larger quarters and plan to build at the close of the meeting, which still continues with the tide running high."

## RAILING STAINED WITH TEARS

Pastor Maurice H. Ness, Grand Forks, N. Dak., writes: "We have just closed a campaign conducted by Dolores Lee Dudley, girl evangelist. This was said by many to be the greatest and most stirring revival ever held in this city. The campaign began in our tabernacle but the building was filled to overflowing the very first night, so we had to move to larger quarters. Dr. Frank Hollett, M. E. Pastor, and his board gave us the use of their church for the rest of the meeting. This building, seating 700 people, was filled the first night, and many were turned away. On Sunday nights we were forced to have our meetings in the city auditorium, and there we were able to accommodate the 1300 people who crowded the place for 3 Sundays. The altars were filled with people seeking rest for their weary souls. We do not know how many were saved, but the altar railing was stained with the tears of the seekers from night to night. Mother and daughters, fathers and sons left the altar with the joy of the Lord in their hearts. People of other churches rejoiced in the feeling of fellowship which prevailed and said it was like old times to them. Blanche E. Brittain and Mildred Westerlund are continuing the services."
"HUNTERS" SUCCESSFUL AT COYOTE
Hattie Swearingen writes from Erick, Okla.: "The Lord has been working at the Coyote Schoolhouse, 11 miles from this place. We have just closed a 3 weeks' revival, and every night the Lord was present to bless. There were 22 saved and 12 received the Holy Ghost. I am now continually in the evangelistic work."

## AGED AND YOUTHFUL SEEK HIM

Secretary P. S. Calkins, Corcoran, Calif., writes: "We praise God for the mighty revival sent to Corcoran. The church had prayed for more than 2 weeks when God sent Evangelist and Mrs. Vincent Alexander, of Porterville, to us. They began plowing the fallow ground and preaching the old story of the Saviour's love. Nightly the penitents were seeking the saving grace of God, and many found Him mighty to save. Great were the shouts of victory as the burden of $\sin$ rolled away. Five received the Spirit's Baptism, with the manifestation of speaking in other tongues. There were some real miracles of healing. Through the healing of a small boy of a very high fever, both parents were brought to the Lord. The majority of those saved were men, old and young. The revival fires are still burning. Samuel Eyer is pastor."

## MIRACLES IN THE BAHAMAS

Pastor V. C. Weech writes from Nassau, Bahamas.: "We praise the Lord for sending Evangelist and Mrs. Osborne W. Thompson to preach to us the unsearchable riches of Christ. Brother Thompson was the man who first brought us the message of healing. Many wonderful healings have been done in our midst. Among those healed was Sister Kemp who had a broken arm; the best doctor in Nassau had set it but she suffered constant agony day and night for 7 months and was unable to work. When the case was taken to the Lord her arm was made perfect in a moment of time. One of the leading wholesale merchants, who had suffered for 25 years with chronic nerve and stomach trouble was also instantly delivered through prayer. Many were released from further need of glasses. Pains and aches of all kinds disappeared through the prayer of faith. An old preacher who had suffered for nine months from a decayed jawbone was prayed for. The pain left instantly and the bone was restored. About 17 were saved and several were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The entire island was stirred and also the outer islands. People from various faiths have been healed. Many have become hungry for the gospel in its fullness and in the power of the Spirit. Everyone is praying and looking for the return of these or other messengers of God. We feel that since we are isolated we are as much of a foreign field as some at greater distances and feel the need of the co-operation of the brethren in the States. We have no place of worship, but our hearts are grateful for the tidings we have received of the Saviour."

## A Bowed-Together Woman Healed

In 1930, I hastened to Canada in response to a telegram telling me that my mother seemed to be dying. When I arrived she didn't pay much attention to me. I was filled with fear, and went to my room to pray alone until I could get rid of it. Then God moved upon me to go and lay hands on her and pray, anointing her with oil as in James 5:14. God heard prayer and raised her up. She went to sleep and slept about an hour and when she awoke and saw me she said, "Well, is that my boy? I knew you would come." She had a large lump back of her knee which disappeared. She had fallen out of the door alighting on her shoulders and was so injured that the doctors said, owing to her age she could not recover. As a consequence of the fall she could not straighten up, her head being within three feet of the floor. She had been in this condition two years when I was called to see her, and she could not comb her hair. God delivered her so that she has been able since to comb her hair and to stand as erect as a soldier. She can put her hands straight above her head. She was healed of eczema in 1929, in answer to prayer and it has never bothered her since.-H. Wright, 137 West Vine Street, Medina, Ohio.

## Healed When Dying

I was taken very sick June 19, 1931, and was taken to the Rocky Ford, Colo., hospital. On July 25th I was given up as hopeless and sent to my home. On August 1st Dr. Williams and Dr. Varnum were called and I was operated on. On the twelfth day I had a backset and became unconscious. I did not regain consciousness until about noon August 14th. On August 18 th I again became unconscious. The doctors came and said I had about two minutes more to live. Dr. Williams started to give me a hypodermic so that I should die easy. My husband at this time was in the other room praying for my healing. I was a Christian and was trusting in the Lord for healing, at least I thought I was, although I was being treated by the doctors. Just as the doctor was about to give me the hypodermic my husband finally got through to God, and in one minute I was shouting the victory. God had healed me and I have been up and well ever since. About five weeks later without a pain I passed a large tumor. Dr. W. L. Varnum and Dr. Williams with many others were in the room when the Lord healed me.-Ida May Pollard, c|o M. G. Johnson, Canadian, Texas.

PASTORLESS CHURCH FRUITFUL
E. B. Mahan, Spiro, Okla., writes: "We have had a 3 weeks' meeting, at the Oak Chapel Mission with S. S. Moore and Sister Muncey in charge. About 25 were saved and some were baptized with the Spirit. The presence of the Lord brought joy to the hearts of all, encouraging them to go forward in His love. We have no pastor at present, and shall appreciate visits from brethren passing through."

## FAIRVIEW "CHILDREN" FILLED

Evangelists Chas. and May Miller write from Fairview, Okla.: "We recently visited Fairview, the church we established last spring, and had 3 weeks' of blessings among our children in the Lord. Five of them were filled with the Spirit, Acts $2: 4$, and a number were refilled and took new courage. Then we went to Longdale church, where also we had been before. Although they do not have a regular pastor, they are moving on under the leadership of Park Reed and Robert Peters. Three were filled with the Holy Ghost and a few others consecrated to God. We are now in Fonda Community Church; much prejudice has been sown here against the full gospel message but God is working."

## A CORRECTION

The account of meeting in Afton, Okla., sent by Pastor E. L. Damron, and appearing in the issue of Feb. 13, should have reported: "Twenty-eight received Christian baptism and 42 received the Holy Ghost."

## BRIEF MENTION

Ivan and Mrs. Carper write from Decatur City, Ia.: "Assisted by Con Gumm and Louis Martin we have just closed a precious meeting here. Four were saved and 4 received the Baptism, in the oldtime way. George R. Lamb is pastor. We plan to open a campaign in Elm Chapel."

Evangelist Marion Ashmore, Jonesboro, Ark., writes: "We have just closed a $51 / 2$ weeks' meeting in the College Hill assembly. The Lord met with us and several were saved; the church was greatly revived by the Spirit and the Word. Brother Bradley assisted the writer in the earlier part of the meeting."

## Forthcoming Meetings Pray for all forthcoming meetings. Notice of meetings should be received by us three full

LEWISTON, IDAHO.-Dan McNally, Ex-Convict Evangelist will conduct revival services at First Pentecostal Church, March 2-20, Mondays ex-cepted.-L. G. Baker, Pastor, 1611 Prospect Ave. COATESVILLE. PA.-Evangelist Betty Bey-
or, Frederick, Md., will hold an old-fashioned or, Frederick, Md., will hold an old-fashioned revival at First Pentecostal Church, Smith's Hall,
Strode Ave. and Harmony St.. April 10-May 1. Strode Ave, and Harmony St. April 10-May 1 .
Services every night except Mondays, at 7:30; Services every night except Mondays, at
Sundays, $3: 00$ and 7:30.-James A. Painter, Pastor.
ST. LOUIS, MO.-J. N. Hoover will hold preEaster Bible convention March 16 until Easter at Bethel Temple, Jefferson and Palm Sts. Room and board may be secured reasonably close by, Two services daily.-Henry Hoar, Pastor, 4452 Farlin Ave.
BINGHAMPTON, N. Y.-Loren B. Staats, Blue Rock. Ohio, will conduct revival in Faith TabApril 3. each night except Mondays at $7: 30$. The sick will be prayed for.-Pastor Oliver P. Brann sick will be
2 High St.

AUSTIN, TEX.-Revival at South Austin Assem bly, beginning March 6, with A. F. Gardiner, San Antonio, in charge.-Pastor J. A. Wilborn.

BIXBY, OKLA.-Fellowship meeting, March 6 . Kindly bring your musical instruments and assist. -Curtis A. Price, Pastor.

BARTOW, FLA.-Thelma Colton, girl evangelist from Hollywood, (Fla.) will conduct a rebeginning Feb. 21.-Clinton E. Finch, Pastor.

MOOSIC. PA.-Revival and special Easter meetings at Full Gospel Tabernacle, Springbrook Ave., March 20-April 3. Roxana Carter, London, in charge. Services every night except Mondays,
at $7 \cdot 30$. Sundays at $11: 30,3: 00$ and $7: 30$. -JohnE. Jenkins, Pastor, 529 Minooka Ave.

GALESBURG, ILL.-District sectional fellowship meeting at Calvary Pentecostal Church, 266 .
E. South St., March 7.8. First service Monday, E. South St., March 7.8. First service Monday,
$7: 30$. Three services Tuesday, $10: 00,2: 30,7: 30$. For free entertainment write H. L. Davis, 1359 Florence Ave.-Arthur Bell, District Superintendent.
SCRANTON, PA.-Evangelist Otto J. Klink, Opa-Locka, Fla., will conduct a special Easter and revival meeting at the Pentecostal church, Green Ridge St., and Monsey Ave., March 27April 10. Services every night except Mondays, at 7.30 Sindsay, Pastor, 825 Green Ridge St Alex ander Lindsay, Pastor, 825 Green Ridge St,

ENID, OKLA.-March 6-14, J. N. Hoover, of California, is to speak twice daily in Enid Gospel Tabernacle. Friends coming from a distance
write ahead to Pastor P. C. Nelson, 316 E. Write ahead to Pastor P. Assembly and Bible school Cherokee Ave. The Assembly and Bible school
cannot promise free entertainment, but rooms can be secured in the vicinity at very moderate prices.

## SECTIONAL CONVENTIONS <br> TEXAS DISTRICT

All conventions will begin at 10.00 A . M. and continue through 2 whole days. Dallas Section, Dallas, Cor. Peak and Garland Sts, March 22-23; San Angelo Section, San Angelo, March 30-31; McCamey Section, McCamey, April 2-3; Wichita Falls Section, in new church in Archer City, April $12-13 .-$ E. L. Newby, District Superintendent, 2621 W. 26th St., Ft. Worth. Tex.

NOTICE.-To Evangel readers in towns and communities in Texas where there are no established assemblies: We are expecting to open a number of new assemblies this year. We have ministers waiting to carry forward this project. write us. E. L. Newby, District Superintendent, 2621 W. 26th St., Ft. Worth.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL Kennett, Mo.-Southern Missouri District Council will convene at 510 Kennett St., April 5-8. Gen. Supt. E. S Williams, speaker. Each minister, licenservice. Sleeping accommodations furnished to ministers and delegates. Come prepared to pay for meals which will be furnished at a reduced rate if possible. Write Pastor H. E. Waddell, 510 Kennett St., or S. L. Johnson, District Superintendent, St., or
Dexter.

## CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS RALLIES AND FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS TEXICO DISTRICT

We list the place and date of meeting, with thename of the superintendent of each section.
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Tucumcari Section: Pleasant Valley, N. Mex. March 16-17; Earl Vanzant. Childress Section: Turkey. Tex., March 22-23; Clarence Love.-Clyde C. Goree, C. A. Superintendent.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.-The 3rd annual District C. A. convention, and 2nd annual local Bible and prayer conference will convene with First Assembly of God, St. Claude St. and Friscoville Ave., March 26 , to continue for one week. The Convention will be in session through Saturday and Sunday with the Canference beginning on Monday to run the entire week. E. S. Williams Geaeral E. and Mrs. Hatch, Los Angeles, will be special speakers on the C. A. program. The New Orleans assembly will furnish free entertainment to all who come, as far as they are able. Each C. A. class throughout the District should plan to attend the convention, and all pastors of the District are urged to come and remain over for the con-ference.-Write James O. Savell, Chalmette, La,

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