

# Gesus at Capernaum 

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0ESUS entered the synagogue at Capernaum and taught, "and they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power." The people had been accustomed to going to the synagogue, but never before had they heard such a Messenger there. At the close of the service they remarked one to another, "What a word is this?" Jesus spoke with power because He had God's word and because He was the living substance of that word.

But the power of Christ was not in word only but in deed also. In the synagogue was a man possessed with the spirit of an unclean devil who cried out, "What have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art ; the Holy One of God." In some places it is at present quite unpopular to say one believes in a personal devil and that men are possessed by forces of darkness. But demons exist and are actively engaged now as much as ever before. In fact the Scriptures teach us that the age will come to its close under great Satanic pressure. The great dragon, that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: will be cast out into the earth, and his angels with him. Then will be said, "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

As a result of this dethroning of Satan from the aerial heavens he will give his Satanic power and great authority to a man of whom the Bible speaks as "the Beast" who will become the last world ruler before Jesus returns to reign. We
hear talk of the need of a superman. The superman will come. Already we see the pendulum swinging from democracy to dictatorship and we see government control over both labor and industry being fostered before our very eyes.


For what are these things' preparing the way? The hour when men can neither buy nor sell except they have the mark of the beast in their foreheads or in their hands.

Then the Scriptures tell us that Armageddon will result from the going forth
of three unclean spirits like frogs, from the mouth of the dragon, of the beast, and of the false prophet "for they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Thus the last great conflict upon this earth before Jesus comes in majesty to reign will be the direct result of demons.

The fact that one attends a church does not assure that he is filled with the Holy Spirit. In the synagogue at Capernaum was one possessed with a spirit far different. There must be more than church membership. Each must answer the question for himself, "Is my peace made with God?" When Jesus comes again-and He is coming -there will be a great separation. Those who are ready to meet Him will be taken while those who are unprepared will be left. Could people but see $\sin$ in its true light and realize that back of it is the demon power of Satan; could they but realize what it has done, its awful power and eternally separating effect, they would surely become awakened to their need of a Saviour.

Many within the Church have lulled themselves to sleep while many others will not even darken the Church's doors. These latter say, "I care nothing for sky-pilots or for those effeminate men who join the Church." It is not the sky-pilots, nor the good people in the Church that give them trouble. It is their own self-life that makes them un(Continued on Page Six)

# A. Prophetic Foreview of the FAntichrist 

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[1;URN to Dan. 11:36-45. That this is a prophecy of what is to take place at the time of the end there can be no question. The vision that is described is Daniel's last vision, and Daniel was told $(10: 14)$ that it concerned his peo-le (the Jews) "in the latter days."

Daniel was given a brief outline of what was to take place up until that time, and at that time; in other words, he was permitted to look across the centuries, and see, as it were, the tops of the mountains that intervened between him and the end of the long journey the nation of Israel was going to have to travel before the ushering in of the golden age, or the setting up of the kingdom symbolized in the dream of Nebuchadnezzar by "the stone cut out without hands."

In the preceding verses the reference is doubtless to Antiochus Ephiphanes. Verse 35 connects the preceding portion with the portion that follows, and what was prophesied of in that verse has been in process of fulfillment ever since.

Mark God's object in dealing with Israel in judgment during the centuries that Israel has been "without a king, and without a prince, and without sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim." Hosea $3: 3$. His object has been "to try them, and to purge, and to make them white." We sometimes say that God is not dealing with Israel as a nation at the present time, but while He has ceased to deal with Israel as He once dealt, and is today taking out from among the nations a people for His name, He has not forgotten His chosen people; His covenant with Abraham, and, through Abraham, with Israel, still stands.

Beginning with verse 36 we have a prophetic foreview of Antichrist, and this continues through the rest of the chapter. This will be apparent to every reader who will give attention to the verses with which chapter 12 begins. These verses indicate that the time is the time of the tribulation, and we know that this will be at "the time of the end"Daniel's seventieth week.

In the passage we are to consider are revealed seven outstanding facts concerning Antichrist.

First, he "shall do according to his will." So we often speak of Antichrist as "the wilful king." Now it is per-
"Brother Gortner writes in a letter to the editor: "I wonder if you have seen, the book, 'Germany and the Next War,' written by a prominent German writer, and translated into English. The author asserts in so many words that 'might makes right, the fact being biologically established.' And he says that it sometimes happens that a number of weak nations combine and defeat a strong nation, but that the strong nation will take advantage of the breathing spell following the defeat and will come back at the end of a few years stronger than ever to reassert itself and in the end to achicve the victory. It is a frank admission that this is what Germany is doing at the present time, namely, taking advantage of the breathing spell that followed its defeat by the allies to get ready for a conflict that is yet to come. I had occasion to quote the book in my sermon last evening, but in the interest of brevity I left the quotations out of the manuscript. Surely we are living in momentous days."
fectly all right for one to do "according to his will" if his will is in harmony with the divine will. Jesus said, "If any man will do His will," that is, the will of God; literally, if any man wills to do His will, "he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." John $7: 17$. If one wills to do the will of God, he can "do according to his will," and do right. But the Antichrist will not will to do the will of God. He will be like multitudes all around us: he will will to do what is contrary to the will of God. He will persist in having his own way and in following his own purposes and plans, despite the advice of those who advise him to act otherwise and who protest against his course of action. In this respect, as in other respects, his spirit will be diametrically opposite to the spirit of the Master who, when He was in the flesh, said, "I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." John $6: 38$. His spirit will be diametrically opposite to the spirit that each child of God is expected to manifest, for we are to "have that mind in us that was also in Christ Jesus."

In the next place, we are told that "he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god." Paul quotes this scrip-
ture in 2 Thess. 2:3, 4, making it clear that the reference is to Antichrist and not to Antiochus Ephiphanes, as some commentators would have us believe. Selfexaltation is one of the outstanding characteristics of devilish ambition. It was after pride had entered the heart of "the anointed cherub that covereth" that he exalted himself and made an attempt to usurp the position and prerogative of God, and was cast down from the place he had been created to occupy, and became the devil. Meditate upon this fact, if at any time thou art tempted to magnify thyself, and take warning.

In the third place, it is said that the Antichrist "shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods." He will be the world's outstanding blasphemer. Our God is "the God of gods," and "marvelous things" have been spoken against Him in the past, and are being spoken against Him at the present time. Some of the blasphemies uttered in Russia, for instance, are of such a diabolical nature that it would be almost blasphemy to repeat them as a matter of information as to the degradation to which fallen human nature can sink in its enmity against God. But these blasphemies have not yet reached their climax ; that climax will be reached in the Antichrist, the "beast out of the sea," of Revelation.
We are told that "he shall prosper until the indignation be accomplished." By "the indignation" is meant the tribulation, "the time of Jacob's trouble." The time will come when the iniquity of the nations will be full, when God will have finished the work of taking out from among those nations a people for Himself, when the sainted dead shall have been raised and the living saints shall have been raptured, and then the storm that is now brewing will break in all of its fury, and the whole world will find itself involved in the worst cataclysm of human woe that has yet been known. It will be the time of which our Lord spoke when He said, "Then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." Matt. 24:21.

Notice the fact that "the indignation" will be "accomplished." This means that it will come to an end, but it means more than that. When Moses and Elias conversed with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration the subject of their conversation was "His decease which He
should accomplish at Jerusalem." Luke 9:31. Ote Lord accomplished something by His death upon the cross, and something is to be accomplished by "the indignation" at the time of the end. God who is "working all things after the counsel of His own will," and who causes "the wrath of men to praise Him," is going to bring forth a new age, a golden age, after the storm of the tribulation shall have spent its force, and some part in the working out of God's great plan the tribulation is to have. It is to be accomplished, and it is to accomplish what God has designed it shall accomplish. Whatever God ordains is for the good of His people, and whatever He permits He permits for a purpose, and God's purposes are always good. So let us not question any of God's dealings with His people, or with the world. What we know not now we shall know hereafter.

In the fifth place, we are told concerning Antichrist, that he shall not "regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor any god," that is, any deity that the wicked heart of man has created in his imagination at any time in the past as an object of worship; but that "in His estate," that is, in the estate or rightful place of "the God of his fathers," by whom, if those who believe that the Antichrist will be a Syrian Jew are right, is meant the God of Israel, the true God, "he shall honor the God of forces: a god whom his fathers knew not." By "the god of forces" is meant, I believe, human might personified. God says, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit." The Antichrist will defy God, and say, "It shall be by might," and that might he will personify and make it his god, as at the time of the French Revolution, the enemies of Christianity, regarding freedom from all religious restraints as liberty, actually crowned as "the goddess of liberty" a vile prostitute, and sang her praises.

The signs of the times are pointing toward this day. The nations are armed, as never before, and are continuing to arm with feverish haste. In reality this "god of forces" is already the god of the nations. Mussolini said several years ago, "We purpose to build a fleet of airplanes that shall obscure the sun." The airplanes were built, and many of them are now flying over Ethiopian villages and dropping death-dealing bombs upon the helpless inhabitants, killing and maiming defenseless women and children. And the other nations are building airplanes, and battleships, and submarines; and the indications are that we are on the verge of another great world war. When the League of Nations came into existence its birth was hailed as the advent of world peace; but the League has been
helpless, and is hel.less. God says, "Not by might," but man defies Him, and says, "By might!" And the Antichrist will actually attempt to establish the worship of personified might, the worship of "the god of forces," and other scriptures lead us to believe that the personification of might which he will worship and require his subjects to worship will be himself.

What is meant by "the desire of women" we do not know. There have been various conjectures. Since others have guessed, may I guess too? Women, more than others perhaps, desire that their homes and their children be spared when the country is being overrun by a hostile foe; but in the wars of today the airplanes bomb the cities and the villages; homes are demolished, and mothers and children perish together. Newspaper dispatches have told us recently how the Ethiopian refugees, having fled from their homes in the towns bombed by the Italian airplanes, cried, "They are killing our wives and our children." If "war was hell" in Sherman's day, what name shall we give it in our day?

We are told here that at the time of the end the Antichrist will find himself encountering opposition from both the south and the north, and that this opposition he will for a season successfully resist. It seems likely that by "the king of the south" is meant the ruler of Ethiopia. Possibly the dictator of Russia will be made a king, and he may prove to be "the king of the north." The map of the world will probably have undergone changes, and governments now in existence will probably have been displaced by other forms of government; and so, since this is a prophecy of what is to take place at a time that is still future, there are some things concerning which we cannot be absolutely sure. But we can be sure that there will be a "king of the south" and a "king of the north," and that the Antichrist will encounter vigorous opposition from both these quarters, and that "he shall enter into the countries of his opponents, and so thoroughly subdue them that his influence and power in them "shall overflow and pass over," i. e., shall overflow and pass over the international boundary lines. This indicates the completeness of his success.
The nations of the earth today are endeavoring to pile up great reserves of gold and silver, and the credit that a nation is accorded in the world markets depends in a great measure on its gold and silver reserves. If Italy had as much gold bullion as it would like to have i. its government vaults it would pay little or no attention to the proposed sanctions that include the withholding of international credits. The Antichrist will "have
power over the treasures of gold and of silver."

The prophecy indicates also that Ethiopia will be subdued, and that the Ethiopians will be numbered among his allies.

Finally, as clearly set forth in the prophecy Antichrist shall come to his end, abandone? by every helper. He will be alarmed by "tidings out of the east and out of the north." Possibly Russia, having been subdued by him, will secure the help of Japan, and will rise in rebellion. More furious than ever, Antichrist will go forth with his armies, "to destroy, and utterly to make away many." "The tabernacles of his palace," or, as Rotherham renders it, "his palace-home," he will establish "between the seas," the Mediterranean and Dead seas, "in the glorious holy mountain," the reference being to the mountain on which the temple was built, and where David reigned, and Christ was crucified, and where Jerusalem now stands. But, thank God, "he shall come to his end, and none shall help him." He will have supernatural help up until almost the last day of his fearful reign, for he will be indwelt by the devil himself who will "give him his power, and his throne, and great authority" (Rev. 13:2), but the devil can only act as God permits him to act, and the time will come when God will withdraw from the devil the power to further render assistance to Antichrist, and that will be the day of the Lord's coming at the time of the revelation (Rev. 19:11-20) when our Lord "shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thess. $1: 7,8$. That will be the day when our Lord shall "destroy" Antichrist "with the brightness of His coming," or, "paralyze" him, as Rotherham renders it, "with the forthshining of His presence."
The time for the manifestation of Antichrist is at hand. But his career will be short. Out of the birth throes at the time of the tribulation a new age is to be born, the golden age when Christ shall reign, and the saints shall reign with Him.

What should be our attitude as the end of this age draws near? Let me answer in a literal rendering of Luke $21: 28$, "When these things begin to come to pass, then upbend and onlift the heads of you, for your redemption draweth nigh."
There are too many downbent people among the folk who profess to know God. And many are merely unbent. God would have us upbent: that is, with our eyes looking into the heavens, expecting Christ to come. If we really expect Him to come we shall shape our lives accordingly.

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## All-Sufficiency

When the Lord sent Moses down into Egypt He gave to him no material things on which he might trust, but said to him, "My presence shall go with thee." The presence of the Lord with him was sufficient for every emergency, for every need.

There came a night in Egypt when the angel of His presence was going through the land to bring judgment against sin. But the Lord made known to His people a simple means whereby they might avert judgment. Every man was to slay a lamb and sprinkle its precious blood upon the sideposts and upon the lintels of the houses, for the Lord had declared, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." Judgment had come upon a sub-stitute-the innocent lamb.

Within the house they partook of the slain lamb. They ate it. They were strengthened by this provision for their physical needs. That night they set forth as pilgrims upon a journey. That night judgment came upon Egypt. There was not a household where there was not one dead, but in the households where the blood of the lamb had been sprinkled judgment had been averted. The blood of the lamb was sufficient. And the provision of the lamb which they had eaten was sufficient for them as they started on their pilgrimage to the land the Lord had chosen.

And He whose presence had gone with Moses went with the children of Israel. Pharaoh, full of wrath, followed them. But that presence in the form of a visible cloud by day and a visible fire by night came between the people who had availed themselves of God's prevision of complete salvation through the blood of a substitute lamb and those who would destroy them. At a word from the man with whom was the presence of the Lord the waters of the Red Sea rolled back and made a way for the redeemed ones to pass over. But the Egyptians following after were destroyed in the waters of that Sea. How deep were those waters? The Record does not say, but they were sufficiently deep to drown the enemies of Israel.

The people were in the waste and howling wilderness. How could such a great and mighty host be sustained? Could they plow the wilderness and get them great crops? Were there wells and rivers in the wilderness to irrigate such lands, to provide water for all the peo-
ple and all their cattle? How were they to be supplied? The One who had brought them out had foreseen all their needs. Day by day the manna came. How much? Sufficient for all. The people needed water. At the instruction of the Lord, Moses smote the rock and the water gushed forth. How much? Sufficient for the need of everyone. And this faithful God ever provides sufficient for those who are His.
When Elijah was by the brook Cherith the ravens fed him. How much did they bring? Sufficient. How much water was in the brook? Sufficient. The visible supply dried up, but there is no drying up of the invisible source of supply. The prophet was moved to a widow's home at Sarepta. Had she ample supplies to feed the prophet? No, there was but sufficient for a meal, but she was willing to share with God's prophet that which she had. And day by day there came a fresh supply. How much? The Record gives no weight or measure, but every day there was sufficient for the supply of the prophet, of the widow, and of her son.
After the great manifestation of the presence of God on Mount Carmel, Elijah was found under a juniper tree, tired, weary, and discouraged. An angel came and prepared a meal for him. It was sufficient. He was given sleep sufficient to refresh his weary body, and the angel came again and provided a meal for him. How much? Sufficient to sustain the prophet forty days and forty nights as he journeyed to the mount of God where he had a revelation of the all-sufficient grace of God who had reserved to Himself seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal, who had prepared one to sit upon the throne of the wicked Ahab, who had prepared a prophet to take Elijah's place, who had prepared one in Syria who should be the means of disciplining His disobedient people, Israel. It was a sufficient revelation to encourage the discouraged prophet.
When Christ was on earth He sent forth His own. When they came back He asked them, "Lacked ye anything?" They said no. There had been sufficient. Not only were their needs provided for, their physical needs, but their sick had been healed by the power of God and demons had been cast out through their word. There is sufficient grace, there is sufficient power for every servant of Christ. And there will be sufficient means
to sustain them in His service. He looked upon the thousands who were hungry. With but a tiny provision which He blessed there was sufficient to feed the five thousand and the four thousand. And there were baskets over and above.
Paul was tested and tried. An enemy had been buffeting him. He cried to the Lord thrice. Was the Lord silent when he made his petition? No. The Word of the Lord came to him. What was it? "My grace is sufficient for thee." Paul was brought down to weakness but he found the strength of the Lord sufficient. He was brought down to powerlessness but he found the power of the Lord was sufficient. He gloried in being tested and tried, for the all-sufficiency of grace proved so wonderful that when he was weak then he became strong, when he was conscious of his lack he was made to know the power of God. And he made a declaration for himself and all the saints, "Our sufficiency is of God."
Are you tested? Are you tried? Are you discouraged? Does the enemy suggest that the Lord does not love you, that He will not provide for you, that He will not give you that which you are asking Him to give? All that is sufficient for your every need He has provided, and you can be fully assured that the words of Scripture are true, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Sufficient? Yes. As much as the blood was sufficient, the blood of an innocent lamb, when judgment came upon Egypt, so great, so full, is the provision of the Lamb of God of which those innocent lambs that were slain were but a picture. His blood is sufficient for the cleansing of all sin, for the washing white, for the transforming of the saint, and making him a king and priest unto God. He who has provided for the cleansing of those who are His, with the blood of the Lamb of His provision, will with Him freely give all that is sufficient for the need of every saint, of every pilgrim, of every stranger upon their journey.
He would have His own abstaining from fleshly lusts, from desiring things that do not profit, that will hinder, that will hurt, that will occupy their time and attention which should be given without distraction in prayer and praise and worship. And as they abstain from longing after things seen they can count on their all-sufficient Lord giving them an allsufficiency of all things, to provide every need for their physical bodies, to provide every need for their souls, to provide every need for their spirits, sufficient for every day.
Reckon on this sufficiency and the allsufficient One whose grace will be found sufficient, whose provision will be suf-
ficient, until the journey is ended and you are in that desired haven where all the sufficiency of heaven that is provided
for the Son of God will be provided for all who are His throughout an endless eternity.

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## Hebrew

Writes Lady Erleigh: "Today in Palestine every Jewish baby babbles naturally in Hebrew, and there are many who know and have known no other."

## "The Joy of the Whole Eatth"

Prophetic of the above words (Psa. $48: 2$ ) is "the not infrequent sight of a company of forty or fifty young people marching through the streets of Jerusalem singing," writes George T. B. Davis. "Their hearts are filled with joy that at last their beloved city is being restored to its ancient glory."

## Perishing for Lack of Knowledge

Writes a minister and educator: "A newspaper recently made an investigation in an Eastern college to determine how many students could repeat the Ten Commandments. A surprisingly small number were able to do so, and the editor believed he had discovered the cause of collegiate immorality."

## A Jewish Appreciation of Jesus

Albert Einstein, the noted physicist says: "I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene." And, when asked if he accepted the historical existence of Jesus, which some Jews have denied, declared: "Unquestionably! No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every, word. No myth is filled with such life."

## The Yellow Peril

Writes Dr. Pieters, for thirty years a missionary to Japan:
"Japan presents a phenomenon such as the world has not seen since the days of Constantine the Great. The nation is a highly civilized military pagan power, imbued with the lust of conquest, and without scruples of any kind.
"According to the Shinto doctrine, the Emperor of Japan is a descendent of the gods, and he is himself a god. He is the only legitimate ruler in existence, for he alone rules by divine appointment. Hence he is destined to rule not merely Japan but the entire world.
"Now, history testifies in no uncertain tones that religious fanaticism of this kind, linked with and directed by military skill and autocratic power, is one of the most dangerous forces that can be let loose in the world."

Is the way being prepared for "the Kings of the East"? Rev. 16:12.

## The Rise of Jerusalem

Writes George T. B. Davis in Sunday School Times: "A friend in Jerusalem, a Christian Arab who had been in business in the city for many years, told me that he and others bought a tract of land outside the city walls ten years ago. They paid $\$ 80,000$ for it and built their homes on it. He said that today the same land is worth $\$ 800,000$."

## The Fruits of Racial Prejudice

The following item appeared in the Jewish Chronicle:
"A Jewish couple, Herbert and Margarete Reppen, aged forty-six and forty respectively, have been found drowned in the Landwehr Canal, Berlin, near the Lichtenstein Bridge in the Tiergarten. The couple had tied themselves together with string, reports the Berlin Press, and then committed suicide. Herr Reppen, formerly a small-scale banker and stockbroker, had been ruined following the advent of the Nazi regime, having been excluded from the Stock Exchange."

## Neo-Paganism Checked

Good news from Germany: "Stop your nonsense!" was the stern admonition reported given to Alfred Rosenberg and others who have been attempting to restore the ancient German religions. Hans Kerrl, Nazi minister of Church Affairs, issued the following statement:
"Reich-Chancellor Hitler, acting at the wish of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht (President of the Reichsbank and Economics Minister), has had country and district leaders advised that 'Hitler will lead the Party along the path of positive Christianity and not along the false path of anti-Christian doctrine.' "

## Who Shall Control Youth?

The situation in Germany reflects an issue that may ultimately confront the church in many lands. As stated by the Literary Digest: "What really is at stake is the moral leadership of the $6,000,000$ boys and girls in the German Youth movement.
"The churches, especially the Catholic Church, are struggling to maintain their traditional supervision of the spiritual training of the young. Hitler insists in bringing them up under the guidance of the swastika."
The great issue will be: who is to rule man's conscience-church or state, God or man?

## Prayerless Governments

Writes Panton, "Even in the case of the British Cabinet, where there are men of high Christian principle, there appears to be ground for Mr. Hugh Redwood's criticism. Where, he asks, 'has Christ come in up to now? So far as official records show, His name, in all these anxious weeks, has never once been mentioned. There is no ground for supposing that of all the international talks any one was opened with prayer, or that prayer for help in the cause of peace has ever marked a Cabinet meeting.'"

## Messengers of Destruction

In Rev. 11:18 we read of the time when God shall "destroy them which destroy the earth." The following description will suggest what is meant by destroying the earth. "I think of some of the things that are being prepared for helpless flesh and bone: field artillery that puts the marvelous ' 75 ' of World War deadlines on the scrapheap; tanks that whir across the country at slightly less than a mile a minute! mobile machine gun nests equipped to spray the landscape with steel-jacketed death at the rate of three or four bullets a second; bombing of planes fleet enough to leave far behind the fastest pursuit planes of the last war; cavalry troops that have discarded the horse for the motor truck, and so have quadrupled their striking range; anti-craft guns that can throw shells into the air at the rate of 100 a minute and that have an effective range of something like nine miles; and tiny torpedo boats that can dart up to battle fleets at 60 miles an hour."

## Following the Crowd

In days like these when there are so many temptations to compromise the following words of an ancient Roman thinker will bear thoughtful consideration: "There is nothing against which we ought to be more on our guard than, like a flock of sheep, following the crowd of those who have preceded us, going, as we do, not where we ought to go, but where men have walked before. We live not according to reason but according to mere fashion and tradition. We shall recover our sound health if only we shall separate ourselves from the herd, for the crowd of mankind stands opposed to right reason-the defender of its own evils and miseries.
"Human history is not so well conducted that the better way is pleasing to the masses. The very fact of the approbation of the multitude is a proof of the badness of the opinion of practice. Let us ask what is best, not what is more customary."

God calls His own children out from the world and says to them, "Be ye separate."

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By Donald Gee

There can be no doubt that one of the most fruitful sources of division in assemblies, and hindrances to the gospel in the wider sphere of unity among Christian workers, is a wrong and careless method of dealing with personal trespasses one against the other. That such offences seem inevitable in the present order of things, even among spiritual people, is confirmed by both Scripture and experience. What does not appear to be sufficiently grasped is that the Master Himself has laid down in plain language the right course of action for us all to take, and if we fail to do so, we who are trespassed against are just as much in the wrong before God as the trespasser.

For this reason we have recently read with considerable appreciation a booklet sent to us through the post entitled "Brotherly Care and Personal Trespass." It is written by Geo. Cutting-the author of that well-known tract "Safety, Certainty, and Enjoyment."

The writer aptly points out that, "It is noteworthy that personal trespass between brother and brother is the first disturbing element mentioned in Scripture in connection with the gathering together of the saints to the name of the Lord Jesus." The reference, of course, is to Matt. 18:15-17. This striking. fact suggests the very real importance of facing this subject candidly, and dealing with such difficulties, if they arise, in a right manner.

The first great principle to be observed in all our relationships with one another in Christ is perfect frankness. "Go and tell him his fault," commands the Lord Don't write him a letter about a personal trespass if a personal interview is by any means possible: a letter can often be a coward's subterfuge. Let it be face to face.
"Between thee and him alone." To open up a purely personal trespass before other parties, before the trespasser has first been approached alone, is manifestly unfair, apart from being a direct disobedience to the command of the Lord. It will pro'sably prejudice all after efforts to "gain" the offender. We should all of us encourage that brotherly love that makes us easily approachable by any who, rightly or wrongly, feel that we have trespassed against them.

The matter before us is personal trespass. Where the trespass is against a number it may be the reverse of frankness finally to deal with it secretly.

One of the things we especially like in the booklet referred to is the clear way it tears the veil aside from that attractive fallacy that silence on our part when we feel trespassed against manifests the spirit of Christ. We are mistakenly exhorted by some teachers to utter fiot a word. Probably the basis for this is some erroneous application of Isa. 53:7: "He openeth not His mouth," but this prophetic reference is to our Redeemer's mock trial, and it is surely a perverted application of one of the most sacred passages of Scripture to try and establish a parallel between the position of our Saviour before cruel false witnesses and a hopelessly prejudiced tribunal, and our own position when we feel that we have been trespassed against by a Christian brother:

My silence, in such a position, may be a criminal neglect of the simplest and most effective means of shattering the whole unfortunate misunderstanding. To pose as a suffering martyr, simply because I refuse to be perfectly frank with my brother, is nauseating.

We may profitably quote this writer's wise words: "The natural course might be to avoid him, and to say nothing to him about his fault; or we might be determined in our own minds to bear the injury in longsuffering towards the offender, and, as it is sometimes expressed 'try to live it down.' Such might at first sight seem very plausible, and have the appearance of grace on my part; but it omits one all-important item of consideration, viz., the spiritual condition of my offending brother; and whoever may commend it, it is not the Lord's way of treating the matter. Besides, staying away from my brother might leave a tinge of bad feeling in my own heart; and, even if it did not, am I to rest while knowing that the conscience of my erring brother is defiled?"

Experience confirms the great benefits of cultivating perfect frankness with one another in Christ. So many "trespasses" then stand clearly revealed as mere misunderstandings, capable of simple and satisfactory explanation and adjustment.

Should the trespass be real, the offending brother has a chance, if frankly told of his fault, for his conscience to work on the line of producing repentance, leading to his own sanctification, and ultimately to the gaining of a chastened fellowship between the parties that will be stronger than ever.

However much we may feel that we
have personal grace to suffer in silence, it is, as a matter of fact, generally impossible to believe that we have been trespassed against, and to nurse that conviction in our own minds, without becoming bitter and sour, or else self-righteous and proud, in our own spirits. A solemn fact to remember is that the Scriptures promise us no grace to suffer thus in silence where the personal trespass of a brother is concerned: and we are actually presuming on the line of downright obedience when we mistakenly decide to do so.

Our Lord's clear teaching leaves no room for silence when a brother has trespassed against me. This erroneous policy though outwardly attractive, injures my brother, injures my own soul, and injures the whole Church. The valuable tract we have quoted closed with the wise words, "Let us never seek to show mercy at the expense of divine principle and practical holiness, nor mistake hardness and harshness for firmness and faithfulness."

The ultimate purpose in faithful dealing with a personal trespass is not merely to vindicate either party; it is to "gain" our brother, and thus guard inviolate that precious unity of the family of God which counts for so much in our conflict with the powers of darkness, and our prayers for a continuous Pentecostal blessing.

## Jesus at Capernaum

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comfortable. A man does not like to acknowledge his own condition. He unconsciously seeks to run away from his own self and the sense of his separation from God through his uncleanness of life. Oh, for the power and presence of God so great as to cause sinful men to cry out as the demoniac at Capernaum! Oh, for a definite awakening that tears away the mask and shows man his condition in the presence of a holy Saviour!

When Jesus began to preach in the synagogue there was an interruption. Interruptions that come unnecessarily when one is preaching the gospel are not specially desirable. But any interruption that would come in the midst of preaching as the result of lost men crying out under a sense of sin would be most welcome. $\operatorname{Sin}$ is a leprosy in the human heart. It will decide the destiny of man. People are being hindered from salvation and from heaven and everlasting life because they are listening to the voice of Satan. All our ruin has come from sin.

The account of the demoniac teaches us not only the awfulness of demon power and sin, but also inherent fear of coming judgment. Men may blaspheme as they choose, but in their hearts there is this fear. It caused our first parents to desire to hide from God and the de-
moniac in the synagogue lifted up his voice and cried, "Let us alone," or as it is in the marsin, "Away," "what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth?"

Jesus rose to the occasion and commanded the unclean spirit to come out, and it did, and the man felt no harm. Jesus harms no one. He is angry with the enemy of man, but He loves man and came to be his Saviour.

Jesus not only ministered in the synagogue, but to the private home as well. It means much for the Lord to get into the -home. He did not ruthlessly push His way in, saying, "Stand back, I am going to take possession of this house." Not at all. He entered Peter's home at Peter's invitation. In that home was need of the ministry of Jesus. Peter's wife's mother lay sick of a fever. He who had spoken with authority in the synagogue now spoke with authority in the home. He rebuked the illness and the fever left her. What would take place all over the land if only Jesus were invited to come into every home? By His presence multitudes of homes have been changee, broken hearts have been healed, and where confusion was peace has come. Think of the children growing up around us! Contrast the influence of godlessness before them with that of godliness. Sin is moral leprosy and this disease was found in Israel not only in the bodies of men, but also in the homes. The evidence could be found in the walls and when it was discovered the home was to be vacated, condemned, and called unclean. Yet if that home became cleansed from its leprosy the priest was to be invited to inspect the premises and to pronounce that the leprosy had departed. The house could then be inhabited again because it had been prenounced clean. Thank God that where homes are afflicted with moral leprosy they can be cleansed with the precious blood of Christ so that they will meet the inspection of Him who is the great High Priest, and hear His gracious proclamation "Now it is clean." God wants our homes to be such that our Lord Jesus can inspect the kitchen, the parlor, the closets, the bed-chambers, and every place from cellar to attic and pronounce them clean. There are no skeletons to hide in the home that has been cleansed from its leprosy.

Many homes are in spiritual darkness. Others enjoy the brightness of spiritual light. Let us learn a lesson from Israel. One of the judgments on Egypt was "darkness such as could be felt." But in each home in Israel there was "light in their dwellings." What a contrast there is between a well organized Christian home and the home where Ged is not known. What can there be more beautiful than parents who unite in raising their family to the glory of God; who
establish the family altar; who take their children by the hand and lead them to the house of God; who obey the divine injunction to raise their children "in the fear, and admonition of the Lord?" May Jesus who blessed the home of Peter bless all our homes. The blessing of the Lord which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow be with us all. Amen.

## Improving Our Sunday School Litetature

In preparing our Sunday School literature we feel it is not enough to interest, it is not enough to present a high moral standard, our aim is to bring the Lord Jesus and His teachings to the hearts and minds of the readers. It is for this that we both work and pray.
For some time we have been feeling the pressure to launch out on new lines that we may more adequately supply your needs. At considerable expense and a great expenditure of time and thought we have made many changes in our S. S. literature.

In filling out the 1936 Sunday School Order Blank you will notice the paper for Juniors is now called: Our Pentecostal Boys and Girls. We have discontinued the name of Young Soldiers of Jesus.

We wish that all S. S. superintendents and teachers could come to Headquarters and sit down and chat with us while we let you into our editorial secrets. We wish we had some way of showing you what we are doing here, and why we are doing it. We want our quarterlies and papers to be an aid to you in saving the young people in your care and developing them in their Christian lives. It is one thing to get them saved; it is quite another thing to so nourish them with spiritual food that they will grow into hardy Christians, able to endure the dreadful tides of temptation that young people have to meet these days. You have recognized our quarterlies as a help, but perhaps you have not thought of the S. S. papers in that light. Yet those papers are given the same prayerful attention that the quarterlies are given. Children love stories. They will read a story when they won't read a sermon. We try to fill the stories with the truths they need for their spiritual growth. Much prayer is given to this phase of the work.
But more than that. The ability of the child to assimilate different phases of truth at different ages is given careful attention. Back of each story is a spiritual lesson. If the child reads the story but does not get the spiritual lesson then our work has been in vain. You will notice that in our S. S. Order Blank when we give the name of a S. S. paper
we also give the ages of the children which that paper is suitable for. The reason is this-The spiritual lessons back of the stories in that paper are on the level that children of that age can understand and grasp. It is cue that they can easily read the stories in the paper prepared for the older ages, but they will not get the spiritual value from them for they have not matured enough. Children like to feel they are getting big, in fact are quite grown up, and so they grasp for the quarterly or paper that is older than the one they have. But it is a mistake to give it to them.

We would so very much appreciate your wise co-operation with us on this ine. As far as possible give the childxen of 6,7 and 8 the Primary Quarterly and Story Paper. Give the children of 9,10 and 11 the Junior Quarterly and the Boys and Girls Paper. Those from 12 to 15 the Intermediate Young People's Paper, and Senior and Intermediate Quarterly from 12 to 17 years of age. And so on. If the children clamor for the literature just ahead of them (and many of them will), ask God for wisdom to so deal with the childsen that they will be content with what they have. Teach them to value their papers. One or two boys treating their papers scornfully may start a dozen others following their bad example. We are in the Lord's work and we must not be careless about these things. "Be not now negligent; for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that ye should minister unto Him." "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much."

The following is a list of our papers and quarterlies, and the price given is the one to Sunday schools:

Primary Story Paper for ages 6, 7, 8, six cents per quarter. Boys and Girls for ages $9,10,11$, seven cents per quarter. Intermediate Young People for ages $12,13,14,15$, thirteen cents per quarter. Gospel Gleaners for ages 16 and up, fifteen cents per quarter.

Primary Quarterly for ages $6,7,8$. (All pupils' quarterlies are five cents each per quarter). Junior Quarterly for ages 9,210,11. Senior and Intermediate Quarterly, ages 12 to 17. Adult and Young I'eople's Quarterly, ages 18 and up.

Children's Teacher's Quarterly, for Beginner, Primary, and Junior Teachers, ten cents per quarter. Senior and Intermediate Teachers' Quarterly, ten cents per quarter. Adult and Young People's Teachers' Quarterly, fifteen cents per quarter.

So admirably has God interwoven His glory and our happiness, that while our happiness constitutes His glory, His glory constitutes our happiness.


China missionaries who gathered from many parts of the co untry to attend their respective conferences recently. The group on the left includes missionaries working in North China, West China and Manchuria. The group to the right are the South China missionaries. Martin Kvamme was elected Superintendent of the North China District Council for the coming year. Officers elected for the South China District were Superintendent, W. R. Williamson; Secretary, L. O. McKinney; Treasurer, L. E. Johnson.

## MINISTERING IN MANCHURIA W. W. Simpson

This is my first journey into Manchuria, this new nation formed by separating four provinces from China, and I am highly pleased with the peace, prosperity, and stability prevailing generally. It is so different from the fear, unrest, strife, brigandage, and war which make travel and residence in China so unnerving and dangerous. Here the missionaries preach the gospel in peace without the haunting fear of having to flee for their lives at a moment's notice.
I arrived in Port Arthur September 14 and began meetings the next day. Sisters Petersen, Gustavson, Blossom, and Mielching, with the Chinese workers did all in their power to make me feel at home and to help in the meetings. Twice each day we met in the comfortable chapel facing the street, to worship God and declare His saving truth. The forenoon meetings were for Bible study and the evenings evangelistic. As we stood in the front door and on the pavement outside, singing and playing gospel songs, the music rang through the streets and into the surrounding homes. Crowds would soon gather and were cordially invited in to hear the old time gospel.
On September 20 fifteen were buried by baptism into the death of Christ and a week later two more were added. They had long been waiting for this opportunity. Best of all on the evening of September 27 at the last altar service the Holy Spirit came in Pentecostal power. Two men and one weman were filled and spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Since I left another woman received. These are the first to receive the Spirit in Port Arthur; bence it caused great rejoicing and will surely be a great blessing and help to the work.
On September 28 I boarded the "Asia" a modern, streamlined express train and reached Mukden that afternoon. Brothers Kvamme and Ahlberg met me at the train, helped with my baggage, and took me in a carriage to their home. After dinner they took me to the new building. How commodious and comfortable, beautifully lighted, ventila ed, and clean it is! Thank our good Lord for giving His servants and saints such a homelike house in which to preach His
gospel, sing His praise, and worship Him in spirit and truth. Thank God for the saints and assemblies in America who are not satisfied just to have their own comfortable houses of worship but gladly sacrifice the fruit of their toil to provide suitable buildings for their poorer brethren and sisters in heathen lands. There are thousands of saints in China who have no other place to kneel and worship God but on the bare ground. In the cold of the severest winters they kneel on the hard frozen ground and cry to God for mercy, help, and deliverance.
Sunday, September 29, we began our special meetings, not in the new building but in the old one for the new one was not yet fully ready. Each forenoon we met here in the West Suburb for Bible study and each evening in the East Suburb for an evangelistic meeting. Interest increased daily and on October 3 one received the Baptism in the Spirit. October 5 Pearl, the daughter of Elder Pai, who plays the organ in the meetings, was beautifully filled with the Spirit. Her father is the preacher in the East Suburb Assembly. Later another woman received the Spirit.
Sunday October 6 was the great day for which all were waiting. Brother Bard had come from Peiping, Brother and Sister Wingard from Harbin, Sisters Gustavson, Blossom, and Melching from Port Arthur, Brothers Shay and Gee from Port Arthur and Yingkow, and numerous brethren and sisters from other places had come, bringing beautiful banners and scrolls inscribed with appropriate mottoes and texts of Scripture, congratulating the Mukden assembly on the completion of their new building. These were hung on the walls, making the house even more attractive.
(A picture of the new assembly and an account of the dedication will appear in the next issue of the Evangel.)
On Monday, October 7, the meetings continued with Bible study each forenoon and evangelistic services in the afternoons, all in the new building. Both attendance and attention are highly gratifying. Men, women, and children who have never heard the gospel before are coming in with the Christians and sit right through to the end of a two-hour meeting. The two prayer rooms
and the altar are usually filled with seekers for salvation, healing, or the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Several have already been saved, some filled, and doubtless many more will meet God before these special meetings close.
We want you dear ones at home to know that your offerings are appreciated and are accomplishing something real, solid, and substantial for God and the salvation of the people of Manchuria. We believe that if you could know what a blessing your offerings are and how much good they accomplish in these dark heathen lands, you would double or treble them so that every need of every mission field would be abundantly supplied, and when Jesus comes you would not need to blush with shame for your failure to do your part in getting the gospel preached in all the world for a witness to all nations, and thus prepare the way for His return. May God bless you all. Amen!

## MISSIONARY PAPERS

Two of our African fields, Belgian Congo and French Sudan, issue a paper periodically dealing with the progress of the work in their respective fields as well as their particular needs. If you would like to receive either or both of these papers, let us know and we shall be glad to place your name on our mailing list to receive the same as they are issued. The Congo Field News is published every three months and the Mossi Land News every two months. Both are sent out from our Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

## NEW MISSIONARY WORK

"Daybreak in Malay," the new booklet dealing with our work in the Malay Peninsula and especially the work of our Brother and Sister Cecil Jackson in Singapore, is now ready for circulation. We are not making any charge for the little book but are glad to send it out free upon request. However, since there is considerable expense involved in the printing and mailing of it, we should appreciate it if those desiring a copy could send in a small offering to help cover the expense.

## BRIEF NOTES FROM FAR AND NEAR

'Egypt-This last month we have had much for which to praise the Lord. Late in September seven men took their stand for Christ publicly and accepted water baptism. About a week later ten women likewise followed the Lord. Nearly all had been baptized with the Spirit before. God is greatly blessing the women's work.-Mr. and Mrs. Randall.

North China-During special meetings at Chengfu four received the Baptism in the Spirit. There seems to be quite an awakening in the meetings both out there and in the city work.-Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hansen.

North China-Brother Carter and Brother Sumrall were with us for eight days recently and the meetings were greatly blessed of the Lord. Many came forward to be prayed with for salvation and seven were filled with the Holy Spirit. We had a baptismal service in September when thirteen believers were baptized and about two weeks later thirteen more made public confession in the same manner.-Fred E. Baltau.

Tibetan Border-Conditions in Tibet have been terrible. The Communists came in such a large army that the food supply soon gave out since the altitude is so high that very little can be grown. The Tibetans are nomads with practically no protection for their herds and the cattle were driven away by the invading army. Though it is horrible to believe, it is said that the hunger situation has driven the poor Tibetans to cannibalism. For weeks the report has been coming that the children are being eaten. It is reported that the army has retreated from that part of the country but we cannot tell where they will attempt to break in again. If the Reds gain control of China, it will be a closed land. May God help us to win souls in these closing days!-Bertha L. Roberson.

Southwest China-A little nine-year-old Christian girl climbed up on the bed of her very sick grandmother and prayed with weeping, "Oh, God, do not let grandmother die. I have no mother and if she dies, I will have no one to take care of me. Let her live until I grow up." The Lord heard the little child's prayer and today the grandmother came to church and preached for us Praise the Lord. Several have decided for Christ lately.-Miss Grace Agar.

South India-Four persons have been baptized in the Holy Spirit in recent Mavelikara meetings and seven have been saved. During a special effort in September in Puthupalti twenty souls were saved.-J. H Burgess.

North India-On the twentieth of August I baptized a converted Mohammedan who had been a secret believer for over ten years here in Lakhimpur. He had attended many of the meetings in our home but for fear of the outcome he would not be baptized until this time when he was taken very ill. Realizing his end near, he wanted to be baptized and was willing that it should be known to others of his folks. Twelve days later he passed away. We shall always remember his face and the tears running down as he would say that Jesus loved him and He only knows how much he loved the Lord who died for him to save him from all his $\sin$. This has caused no little stir here in Lakhimpur.-Fred Merian.

Argentina-Our numbers are increasing at
all our assemblies and a few new ones professed conversion during September.-Miss Alice Wood.
Peru-In Corongo we had the privilege of baptizing three adult believers in water. As far as we know this is the first baptismal service held in the province of Pallasca.Hugh P. Jeter.

## MISSIONARIES RETURN TO ISLANDS



Manuel B. Sequeira and family
Manuel B. Sequeira, one of our General Council ministers, informs us that together with his wife and family he will be leaving the United States to resume his work in the Azores. They expect to sail from New York November 30.

## FLASHES FROM THE "GOSPEL LIGHT-HOUSE"-DEHRA DUN, INDIA Mrs. A. Blakeney

"The angels from their home on high Look down on us with pitying eye, That where we are but passing guests We build such strong and solid nests. But where we hope to live for aye We scarce take heed, one stone to lay."

We are finding here in Dehra Dun that it truly pays to lay stone upon stone in the work of the gospel hall and the reading room. God is blessing our Zenanna Converts Training School and the other branches of the work, but today let me tell you of the blessed results of the work in the gospel hall.

Way down country in a Hindu home of highest caste lived a young doctor. As in most homes of India there were five or six "in-laws" or relatives who lived together with the doctor in the joint-family-system of India, bringing with them the usual strife and quarrels. To escape all this domestic wrangling and unhappiness this young man with a very sad heart, left home in 1932 with his wife and baby. He determined to go and find rest and peace in some of his many sacred temples or rivers.
He put on the yellow robes of a priest and set forth, carrying very little with him. He traveled from river to river, bathed and paid tithes but came away more puzzled and with a heavier heart than ever. He traveled north where among the hills and snows of the Himalaya mountains were temples of fame for the curing of all ills. There he waited and paid tithes, searched his Hindu books but his temples and rivers failed him. What was the reason? He traveled down
the steep mountain sides and tried "Mother River" again. On his way down to Benares he passed through Dehra Dun. As a boy his father had practiced medicine here in government service and he, himself, had attended the high school. So he thought, "I will call on the head master of the school and give him my 'salams,'" for Indians are very courteous.
He called, but not finding Mr. Sirkar at home, walked back to the place where he had seen the sign "Gospel Hall and Lighthouse," and inquired for his friend. Our Indian pastor did not know this, but he did recognize that here was a soul in need and he prayed for God's message for this soul. As our stranger looked around at the pictures and mottoes on the walls, he suddenly exclaimed, "Oh, who wrote those beautiful words? This is what I have been seeking for these three years." What he read was: "Come unto me ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

The work was on! God gripped his heart! Days and weeks slipped by and he came daily to the hall for Bible teaching and to our bungalow for prayer. Every morning the workers gathered with him and hours were spent in prayer before God. One morning the light dawned upon his darkened soul and he was wonderfully saved and became a new creature in Christ Jesus. He is now staying for a few months in a room in our bungalow, so that he may have time for quiet and study that he may become established in the Word.
It pays to send your dollars to keep the lighthouses of the gospel burning all over India. We should be glad to have you send to us any good books on salvation or healing or for children that you can spare.

## MIRACLE OF HEALING

W. W. Simpson of China relates the following incident: Early in August an elderly woman came to our home asking for prayer for her stepson who is head of the Locomotive Department of the Kiaochi Railway At the time he was confined to his bed in a hospital with a very serious heart disease and permitted to see no one. We gladly agreed to have united prayer for his healing. She said he was not a believer, being a very busy man who never seemed to have time to listen to the gospel.
After prayer the mother asked to be permitted to come for prayer twice a week to which we gladly assented. Gradually the sick man began to improve and also to take an interest in the gospel as his mother related to him how a company of us were praying for his healing. When able to talk he told his mother that from the first day we prayed he felt the Holy Spirit working in his heart.

Now he is practically well and will soon be dismissed from the hospital a well man. He also confesses his faith in the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. One thing the Lord used to convince him of the truth was the testimony of one of China's most prominent physicians who was ill with an incurable kidney disease and was healed through prayer. When he heard this man was in the hospital so seriously ill, he wrote him about his own healing and said, "Only the Lord Jesus can heal your heart trouble." Thus the gospel is spreading gradually among the upper classes of China.

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PLYMOUTH, IND.-The Lord was present to work in a revival which continued from October 20 to November 4. A number were saved and many were seeking the fullness of the Spirit. Twenty came into the fellowship of the church. The Lord gave wonderful victory. Wm. J. Frayer, Wellsburg, W. Va., conducted the meetings.-By Evangelist.

JONES, OKLA.-In a 2 weeks' meeting conducted recently by Brother Mears, of Hominy, around 8 gave their hearts to the Lord and 3 received the Baptism in the Spirit, as in Acts $2: 4$. Deep conviction rested upon many of the audience who did not yield. The revival fires are still burning. Five have been saved since the meeting closed. Twelve followed the Lord in baptism.-Lola McCoy, Secretary.

BOLL HILL, OKLA.-The Lord met with us in a glorious way in our monthly fellowship meeting. Fourteen ministers were present. After an impressive devotional service Pastor D. Price, of Welectka brought the morning message on the subject, "The Baptism in the Spirit." Text: Genesis $8: 8-12$. After enjoying a splendid dinner sponsored by the church, the afternoon was given to special songs and sermonettes by different ministers.-J. S. Murrell, Secretary.

VAN BUREN, ARK.-For the past 2 months there has been a glorious revival here. From August 18 Chas. Pepper was with us for 3 weeks. About 32 found the Lord in that meetivg. Phelon Flurry and Brother Swain gave the Word for 2 weeks more, and quite a number were saved. Lela Smith, of Winslow, is preaching here at present, and the interest is so good we are continuing longer than we had planned. All together about 55 or 60 have found the Lord in the meetings and about 25 or more have received the Baptism. Twenty-four have been baptized in water and at least 50 have come into our fellowship. A number have been healed, also.-Chas. E. Ray, Pastor.

SULPHUR BLUFF, TEXAS-We have just closed a successful revival, Evangelist and Mrs. G. G. Asher in charge. The power of God was mightily present. Conviction swept through the congregation, and night after night the altars were crowded. We had to enlarge our altar space. One Sunday night the power fell upon the entire audience until some who were standing outside and some sitting in cars came running to the altar before any invitation was given. During the campaign about 29 prayed through to old time salvation and 30 received the Baptism, as on the day of Pentecost. Seventeen followed Christ in baptism and 7 united with the church. When in or near this city brethren are invited to visit us.Alvin Hendrix, Pastor.

GALENA PARK, TEXAS-We have just closed a 3 weks' revival with J. B. Smith and family, of Quimlan. The Lord was present to bless those whose hearts were opened to Him. Eighteen were saved and 2 received the Baptism in the Spirit. The saints were encouraged and built up in faith. Both the preaching and the special music were greatly appreciated. Our Sunday School is on the increase and God is gloriously blessing this work.-Earl J. Rogers, Pastor.
(Near) SWIFTON, ARK.-We began a meeting at Sneeds Assembly the last of August, which lasted 5 weeks. This meeting was marked by the blessings of God, and a multitude, perhaps 30 or more, wept their way through to Calvary. A number were filled with the Holy Ghost also. Hugh A. May, of Swifton, did the preaching. He recently conducted a two weeks' meeting at the new tabernacle in town in which 5 or 6 prayed through to victory. We praise the Lord for these refreshing showers.-W. J. Osburn, Pastor.

## GLAD TIDINGS BIBLE INSTITUTE

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF,-The Glad Tidings Bible Institute opened its seventeenth year with an enrollment of 200 students. The power of God is already resting heavily upon the student body and the Lord has again granted His endorsement by baptizing many of these in the Holy Ghost and fire. About 6 came through to this experience yesterday. Today many more are being blessed and some refilled by the Spirit.
During the past month we have greatly benefited by the ministry of Pastor Wesley R. Steelberg, who has preached the Word in the Temple and taught the Book of Acts in the Institute.-Robert J. Craig, Pastor.


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MOUNT UNION, PA.-Evangelist and Mrs. Charles B. Peters have just been with us in a very precious meeting at the First Pentecostal Church. This is practioally a new territory for the Pentecostal message. Nightly the altar was filled with seekers for restoration, salvation, or the fullness of the Spirit. The power of God was present to meet the need of those who earnestly sought Him. Fourteen were baptized in the Holy Ghost. Those saved and reclaimed numbered 15 or more. Fourteen were received into membership at the close. Around $\$ 150$ in cash and pledges was raised to help liquidate a debt on the church property. It is now reduced more than one half. The meetings were a great impetus to the Sunday School. It had averaged 150 or less, but reached above 200 during this meeting.Eugene W. Benjamin, Pastor.

COADY, TEXAS-On October 22 we were in a blessed revival with Pastor H. H. Woods, 18 miles east of Houston. Six were saved and 3 received the Baptism in the Spirit in a 2 weeks' meeting, and the church was generally encouraged. They need a larger building.

In our $31 / 2$ weeks' meeting, at Geary, Okla., 25 were saved; 4 received the Baptism; and 10 new names were added to the assembly roll. Sometimes the people could not all be seated. They had no regular pastor there, the place being temporarily filled by Janie Marvel. They have asked us to take charge of this work, so we plan to return as soon as we hold the meetings which we have promised. We are now in a blessed revival with Pastor L. D. Roberts, at West Tulsa, Okla. One man was saved the first night. -J. I. Miller.

MUSKOGEE, OKLA.-Last January Mark B. Paddock, of Kansas City, Mo., began a revival with the Assembly here. During the four weeks some were saved and 7 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. During this meeting we felt deeply impressed that soon the Holy Spirit would be poured out upon our souls. Later, Evangelist and Mrs. S. J. Scott were with us in some precious services, when several more were saved. October 6 Hildreth Eldridge, Caldwell, Kansas, began a meeting with us. For 3 weeks God wonderfully blessed us and encouraged us all to hold on in prayer. Many came an hour early and remained in the prayer room in intercessory prayer. At the close of 3 weeks 4 or 5 were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. On a Saturday night the power began to fall as on the Day of Pentecost. People began coming through to the Baptism in the Spirit with great joy, 20 receiving the Baptism, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance and 12 or 15 were saved.-T. E. May, Pastor.

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## The Sunday School Tesson?

## Nehemiah Rebuilding the Wall of Jetusalem

Lesson for Dec. 1. Lesson Text: Neh. 2:1 to $7: 4$
Nehemiah was a trusted servant of the Persian king Artaxerxes, who learned of the great affliction of the Jewish remnant who had returned to Palestine, and that the wall of Jerusalem was broken down and the gates burned with fire. Nehemiah's heart went out in love towards the land that God had given by promise to father Abraham. God had given to the Jews in Babylon a psalm (Psalm 137) in which were these words: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my moath; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy." And so when Nehemiah heard of the devastation of Jerusalem he "sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven." God gave him favor in the eyes of the King Artaxerxes, so that he was permitted to return to Jerusalem with a special commission from the king, and a letter to the keeper of the king's forest that materials be given him for the gates and for the walls of the city. Nehemiah was a man of faith, and although there were enemies who opposed his return, he declared in faith, "The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build."

## I. OVERCOMING OPPOSITION

Sneering Critics. There were three outstanding critics, Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian. Sanballat mocked at the builders and said with contempt, "What do these feeble Jews?" And Tobiah sneered, "Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall." Nehemiah did not reply to his critics but went to God about it and cried, "Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head." This was a lesson learned by the early church. When they were threatened by the rulers they went to God about it and cried, "Behold their threatenings." They besought God for more of His power to be made manifest in their midst.

The Enemy's Tactics. We need to have our eyes enlightened to the tactics of the enemy. He will ever seek to inject fear. Our Lord says, "Behold, I give unto you power . . . over all the power of the enemy:, and nothing shall by any means hurt you." The enemy will seek to discredit the words of the Lord and make out that he, Satan, can hurt you. Mildred Cable and Francesca French in their latest book, Ambassadors for Christ quote an old story. A man was walking on a tight rope strung high above a street. Suddenly from one side a sinister evil being came out of a door on to the tight rope and began to threaten the one
upon the rope. This evil being made a sudden rush and then jumped over the man on the rope and so intimidated him that he fell to the ground below. The enemy had not touched him but had injected fear. This is the enemy's tactics every time. Elisha's servant was full of fear when he saw the Syrians round about Dothan, but Elisha was not afraid. He asked the Lord to open the eyes of his servant; then the servant saw the hosts of the Lord round about, and knew that they were greater than the hosts of the enemy. John tells us, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." Don't let in fear, for it does not come from God. Paul says, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." And John tells us that the perfect love of the Lord will cast out fear. I heard Sister Carrie Judd Montgomery say, "When the enemy comes and seeks to talk fear and discouragement to me I don't let him finish his first sentence." Don't listen to the enemy, but listen to the Word of the Lord which declares, "Whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil." Prov. 1:33.

## II. OVERCOMING DISCOURAGEMENT

## Foes Without and Fears Within. Despite

 the enemy's opposition the work went on for "the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah said, "We made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them (their enemies) day and night." But there were some discouraged ones who declared, "The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall." Opposition from within is often more dangerous than opposition from without. Discouragement has been described as the most useful tool in the devil's kit bag. Moody used to say he had searched the Scriptures but had not found once where God ever used a discouraged man. God first puts courage into His servants with His "Fear not." These Jews had their eyes on the rubbish rather than on the Spirit of the Lord before whom even a mountain can become a plain. They needed to learn the truth of the 18th Psalm, that the Lord was their strength, that He would gird them with strength for their task.Fearful Souls. There were some Jews who dwelt by the enemy who came up to Nehemiah and said ten times, "From all places whence ye shall return ...t they will be upon you." The trouble with these who brought this discouraging report was that they lived too near the enemy and listened too much to his words. They were like the ten spies who brought back an evil report of the land, who c-uld see giants only. Caleb and Joshua saw the Lord and said, "Neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defense is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not." Nehemiah had a spirit like that of Caleb and Jeshua and so he
encouraged those who might have been disheartened, saying, "Do not be afraid of them : remember the Lord which is great and terrible." Nehemiah equipped the people with spears, shields, bows, and habergeons; and a greater than Nehemiah equips us to enable us to fight the good fight of faith against enemies that are described as "principalities and powers and wicked spirits in heavenly places." The Lord equips us with perfect atmor and gives us a shield of faith that is able to quench all the fiery darts of the enemy. He gives us a sword-the Word of God. . With this "sword of the Spirit" our Lord Himself defeated the devil with His, "It is written," "It is written," "It is written."

## III. OVERCOMING LUKEWARMNESS

Praying and Watching. The enemies saw that God had brought their counsel to nought, and that all the Jews returned to the wall, every man to his work. The builders were ready for an emergency. As they builded they had their swords girded by their sides. There was a word from their captain that if they heard the sound of a trumpet they were to immediately resort to him, for it would be a call to battle; they were not to fear, for he declared, "Our God shall fight for us." There was no half-heartedness in this matter. There was no letting down in the labors. Nehemiah said, "We labored in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared." Even at night time neither Nehemiah, his brethren, his servants, nor the men of his guard put off their clothes save when they had to wash. They were in this business of rebuilding the city until the task should be accomplished. The Lord gives to everyone a task. The enemy would seek to have us grow weary in well doing; but we need to pray continually in these last days that we become not lukewarm.
A Practical Lesson. We may learn much from the life of Nehemiah. He was utterly separated to the Lord and truly devoted to His service. You would never find him upon the enemy's territory. Dr. J. C. Massey tells that at one time he was induced to go to a theater. But after being seated he immediately arose. "Where are you going?", his friend questioned. "I am going out," said he. "You see I am a Christian. I believe the Bible and my Bible tells me that Jesus, my Lord, is coming back to this earth. He might come at anytime; and I don't want Him to catch me in here." One was sitting at a supper table and made a slighting remark against a child of God. Immediately she began to choke. As she was choking she thought of the Lord's coming and how dreadful it would be to die with an evil word upon her lips. She thought immediately of those words of John, "Little children, abide in him; that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." Let us be watching and waiting, seeing to it that no action of ours shall cause us to shrink with shame from Him when our Lord returns to earth again.-S. H. F.

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## KENTUCKY NEWS

It was decided at the last General Council that Kentucky should be a district by itself. On October 29-31 a special meeting was called at the Assembly of God Church at Raceland, Ky. for the purpose of setting this District in order. Our General Superintendent, Brother E. S. Williams, was present and presided at this meeting. Brother O. E. Nash was appointed as the first District Superintendent at Dallas and this appointment was confirmed unanimously at the Raceland Council meeting. Brother T. E. Gannon of Raceland, Ky. was elected Secretary-Treasurer. There was a blessed spirit of unity in this meeting and the blessing of God rested upon the entire Council.
Throughout the past six years much missionary work has been done in the Kentucky Mountains, and this missionary project is now an integral part of the work of the new Kentucky State District. There are now seventy-five missionaries laboring in seven counties in the Mountains. We have our own cabins in fifteen of the twenty-one Stations and in seven communities we have our own Church Buildings.
Our most recent undertaking is the opening of a Bible School for the benefit of the Mountain people who are unable to attend our General Council Bible School because of lack of finances. This school, which has created a great interest among the Mountain people, will be opened on November 18th at Rocky Branch, about three miles from Campton, the county seat of Wolfe County, Ky, and will be operated for four months through the winter season. The young people are occupied on their farms during the spring and summer months. While we do not have adequate facilities at the present time, we are making this move with the expectation that in due time, if God prospers the work, we shall have a full equipment. Our teaching staff will comprise workers chosen from our own missionary
group. There are no registration fees nor do we charge the students any tuition. The effort is purely missionary in character.
Much work of the new District is of a pioneer nature. Further information can be received from the District Superintendent, O. E. Nash, 2525 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brother Poysti asks that we announce to our readers that he is now in America. His home address is: J. N. Poysti, 806 El Redondo Street, Redondo Beach, Calif.

We desire to express our warmest sympathy with Pastor Stanley Miller and wife of Sorento, Illinois, in the loss of two of their precious children. May God's richest blessing rest upon these sorrowing parents.

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SULLIVAN, MO.-Nov. 10-Dec. 15; Otto J. Klink, Evangelist.-E. D. Cockman, Pastor.
SPRINGFIELD, O.-Dec. 3-22; E. A. Schink, Evan-gelist.-George O. Stubblefield, Pastor.
PUNXATAWNEY, PA.-First Pentecostal Church, Pine Street; meetings Sunday, 3:30, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30.-Arthur E. Moore, Pastor.
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FELLOWSHIP MEETING
CHICAGO, ILL.-Bethel Temple, 1901 W. Washington Blvd.; Dec. 9; three services; H. M. Cadwalder, afternoon speaker; evening service in charge
of young people. Other ministers will assist.-J. Robert Ashcroft, Secretary, 4647 N. Monticello, Ave.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.-Apostolic Church, 1628 Laurel St.; Dec. 3, 7:30 p. m.; Marvin L. Smith, main speaker; for young and old; bring music.-
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EVERGREEN, ALA.-The Lord has been with us in a precious 2 weeks' revival, Evangelist and Mrs. J. W. Holloway, of Enterprise, in charge. Much good was accomplished. Seven were saved and from time to time the altar was filled with those hungry for God.-New Hope Assembly, by Mrs. T. J. Anthony.

WATERTOWN, N. Y.-On October 6 we closed a 5 weeks' campaign at the Fundamental Gospel Mission, 673 Le Roy St. Among others, one man who had been away from God for 5 years was reclaimed. Some received the Baptism in the Spirit. Every department of the church was built up and strengthened, especially the Young People's class. Pastor and Mrs. E. H. Conrad are in charge.-L. W. and Eunice Martin.

SISSETON, S. DAK.-Since July 1933, the Lord has blessed the work here at Bethel Church. Souls have been born into the kingdom of God; 28 new members have united with the church; the Sunday School attendance has more than doubled; and our Young People's organization has been materially built up under the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. C. E. Thurmond who are now returning to the evangelistic field.-Laura Tarvin, Church Secretary.

OLEAN, N. Y.-During our campaign in this city in September, accompanied by Brother and Sister Ross, who are in charge of the Olean Gospel Tabernacle, it was our privilege to visit a near by C. C. Camp and preach the gospel to them. We went out every Monday, had supper with them, and afterward they gathered in the recreation hall where we held the service. Some seemed really concerned about their souls and they asked many questions about the Bible. We had the joy of seeing some openly confess Christ. Brother Ross has been given the privilege of acting as chaplain in this camp, where 250 men are stationed.-Mae Eleanor Frey, Evangelist.

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