



NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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 THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS



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Calvary and the Foreshadowed Cross

"Behold the Lamb of God, which beareth the sin of the world." John 1:29, margin.

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him." Luke 23:33.

THE hour had come! The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world was now to be slain before the eyes of the world. "Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together to do" what had been "foreordained to come to pass."

By picture lessons and prophetic voices, for centuries before, God had been foretelling this dread hour; and He has been directing the world back to it for over two thousand years.

Calvary is the very pivot of the world's history. All prior things pointed forward to it; and all subsequent things point back to it. Even the future rests upon it, for the redeemed in heaven find it the center of heaven as they behold "a Lamb, as it had been slain."

Seven hundred years before the Man Christ Jesus was led to the place called Calvary, a prophet inspired of God foreshadowed the Cross, and gave a wonderful word picture of the Saviour of the world.

Through the prophet Isaiah the Spirit of God poured a flood of light upon Calvary, depicting the pathway to the Cross, its atoning sacrifice, its sufferings and its fruit.

The prophecy of Isaiah makes it clear that Christ was "delivered up by the de-

terminate counsel and foreknowledge of God," for God "foreshowed by the mouth of all the prophets that His Christ should suffer."

The Foreshadowed Lamb of God
Isaiah 53:1-4

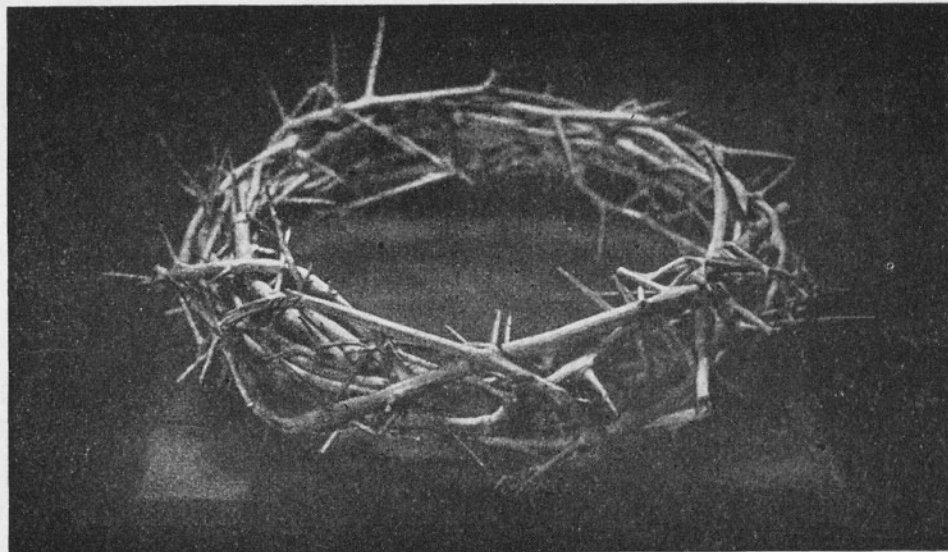
"He hath no form nor comeliness . . . no beauty that we should desire Him. . . . He is despised and rejected of men, . . . a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief."

Isaiah foresees the questionings which would fill the minds of men as they heard the marvelous story of that which was told him from God, seven hundred years before it came to pass. "Who hath believed?" and "to whom" is it revealed? he exclaims, as he describes Christ growing up before the Father "as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground." Very precious to God must have been the tender plant, the Branch that should "bear fruit." Isa. 11:1. For the choice vine of Israel, the plant of His delight (Isa. 5:7), had disappointed

the heavenly Husbandman, and His cherished vineyard had become dry ground. But here was the shoot out of a stock in Israel that would bring forth the fruit the Father wanted, although to the eyes of men there would be "no form nor comeliness," no beauty to cause them to "desire Him."

He, who was the precious, tender plant to the Father, would be despised of men. He would be a "Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief," therefore they would reject and forsake Him, for suffering and sorrow are not attractive to men. To Jehovah, His righteous Servant would be "exalted and lifted up," even "very high," but to men He would be as One from whom they would hide their faces with astonishment, for His face and His form would be marred "more than the sons of men." Isa. 52:14. How lacerated the form of His sacred body from the scourging of the soldiers, for the scourges were made from hundreds of leather thongs, each armed at the point with an angular bony hook, or a sharp-sided cube.

Look at yonder pillar, black with the blood of murderers and rebels. Look at the rude and barbarous beings who busily surround their victim. See them tear off His clothes, bind those hands, press His gracious visage firmly against the shameful pillar, binding Him with ropes in such a manner that He cannot move or stir. See! The scourging lasts a (See Page Eight)



He Is Faithful That Promised

Josephine E.
Turnbull

ONE of the great facts that should grip us is that our God does not make empty promises. He promises, He performs. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering: (for He is faithful that promised.) Heb. 10:23. Let that statement sink deep into our heart—*He is faithful that promised.* The Word declares that "His faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds," and that He ever "abideth faithful, He cannot deny Himself." Now we are urged to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. Have we a real profession of faith? Have we had any definite dealings with God? We sing that old song:

"'Tis done, the great transaction's done,
I am my Lord's and He is mine."

Of course, if that transaction has not taken place we will waver; we will stagger at the promises of God through unbelief. We need, as Abraham of old, to be fully persuaded that what He hath promised He is able also to perform. Rom. 4:20-21. We must count on the faithfulness of Him that promised. He does not make empty promises!

Dr. F. B. Meyer tells a sweet little story about himself and his little daughter. One Monday morning he promised her that on the following Saturday he would take her to the Zoo and let her spend the day with him there. She was very much excited and very much pleased over the prospect. On Tuesday she said to her father, "Father, you won't forget to take me to the Zoo on Saturday, will you?" "No, my child," said he, "of course I won't." On Wednesday she said again, "Father, you won't forget to take me to the Zoo on Saturday, will you?" "No my child," said the father again, "of course I won't forget." The child was wavering and anxious, she wasn't exactly fully persuaded. On Thursday when she started to ask the same question her father said, "Now stop. I was quite glad to have you remind me yesterday and the day before, but you must trust me now that I have promised." And she saw that. On Friday she came joyfully and said, "Father, when you and I go to the Zoo tomorrow, you and I will do so and so."

Ah, friends! Our Father does not make empty promises. He promises, He performs.

In the book of Numbers, chapters 22, 23, 24, we read the account of Balak and Balaam. Balak, the king of Moab, sends for Balaam, the hireling prophet, to come and curse Israel, whom God had blessed.

But with all the schemes and cunning that the enemy king employed he could not change God's promise to bless His people Israel. And we read, "And the Lord met Balaam and put a word in his mouth and said, Go again unto Balak and say thus unto him. . . . God is not a man that He should lie; neither the son of man that He should repent; hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken and shall He not make it good?" Numbers 23:16, 19.

God is faithful to His promised word to perform it. He told Jeremiah in ch. 1:12, "I will watch over my word to perform it," (see margin).

Now God asks for our co-operation of faith. His promises are given to incite and encourage prayer, to cause us to know what faith may claim. Though the Bible be crowded with golden promises they do not become operative until we lay hold of them by faith and prayer. We are told to commit our way unto the Lord. Psa. 37:5. Ah, what a precious thing to do! What a wise thing to do! But somehow we do not easily do it. We hang on to our own way, our needs and problems, bearing the fret and burden of it all until we are worn out. If we come to the place of confidence, counting Him faithful that promised, then we *commit*, really hand our way over to the Lord. Then what? "Trust *also* in Him." Trust is rest, but it is not careless passivity; it rests in God and His Word—and there is result. "He shall bring it to pass!"

After the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she was to have a son called Jesus, Mary goes to visit her cousin, Elisabeth, and as she enters Elisabeth's home, Elisabeth, filled with the Holy Ghost, speaks out with a loud voice: "Blessed is she that believeth for there shall be a *performance* of those things which were told her of the Lord." Luke 1:41, 42, 45. Yes, He is faithful to perform what He hath promised, but He must have our faith, we must be unwavering in counting upon His faithfulness. Our profession of faith says, "He can, He will." Wonderful things our faithful Lord will do.

In the record of God's dealings with the prophet Elijah, we read that after many days of famine, after many days of waiting (and it is so hard for human nature to wait), it came to pass that the word of the Lord came to Elijah saying, "Go show thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth." What a welcome promise that was! After the marvelous scene on Mt. Carmel—the fire falling, the slaying of the prophets of

Baal—Elijah says to Ahab, "Get thee up, eat and drink, go on home, for there is a sound of abundance of rain." There was not a sign of rain, it was as dry as ever, but Elijah was unwavering in his faith; he knew his God was faithful who had promised, and he was counting on Him. The prophet goes again to the top of Mt. Carmel and there he stays in prayer, holding with God for the fulfilling of His promise. And did it rain! 1 Kings 18:1, 41-45.

Let *us*, every one of us, hold fast, hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for! Put great emphasis on that "for;" "for He is faithful that promised."

A Christian sister tells us a very sweet story of her little boy and his unwavering faith in his grandmother's promise. (Mrs. Cowman records this for us in her blessed book, "Streams in the Desert.") When this little boy was about ten years of age his grandmother promised him a stamp album for Christmas. Christmas came, but no stamp album, and no further word from his grandmother. The matter was not mentioned; but when his playmates came to see his Christmas presents his mother was astonished to hear him say, after showing all his gifts, "and a stamp album from grandmother." His mother heard him say it a number of times, so she called him to her and said, "But, Georgie, you did not get an album from your grandmother. Why do you say so?" The little fellow seemed surprised at his mother's question, and then he replied, "Well mama, grandma *said*, so it is the same *as*."

A month went by and nothing was heard from the album. Finally, one day the mother said, "Well, Georgie, I think grandma has forgotten her promise." "Oh, no, mama," he quickly and firmly said, "she hasn't." The mother watched the little trusting face, which for a moment looked very sober, as if debating the possibility of his grandmother forgetting her promise. Then with a bright look he said, "Mama, do you think it would do any good if I should write to her *thanking* her for the album?" "You might try it," said the mother as a rich spiritual truth began to dawn upon her. In a few moments a letter was written and committed to the mail, and the little fellow went off whistling, with full confidence in his grandmother. In a very short time a letter came, saying; "My dear Georgie; I have not forgotten my promise to you of an album. I have been trying to get you such an album as you desired, and when I sent to New York

for one it did not get here in time for Christmas; and when it came it was not right, so I sent for another. As it has not come as yet, I send you three dollars to get one there in Chicago. Your loving grandmother."

As he read the letter, his face was the face of a victor. "Now, mama, didn't I tell you?" came from a heart that never doubted the promise of his grandmother. While he was trusting, grandma was working, and in due season faith became sight.

Now our God wants us to have our own personal experiences of having His promises fulfilled to us. We can witness to His faithfulness. He has made promises for our Past, our Present, our Future, plain, direct promises that are for us in Christ Jesus. Listen to a few examples for the past, to cover the past: Psa. 103:12, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us." Heb. 10:17, "Their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." We all had sins, transgressions, iniquities; but we who have accepted the blessed provision through the atoning blood of Christ Jesus may be unwavering in our profession of faith that they are all blotted out in His blood, never to be remembered against us. Isa. 44:22; see also 1 Peter 2:24.

Our Present. Rom. 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus." 1 John 3:2, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God." Eph. 2:13, "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometime were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." See also that great promise that so blessedly covers our present, Phil. 4:19, "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in Christ Jesus."

And our Future. Our faithful Lord has given us many promises for our Future, which He will perform; and we do well to take heed, believe and rejoice. Heb. 13:5, "He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." John 14:2-3, "In my Father's house are many mansions. . . I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also." Col. 3:4, "When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." Read also Rom. 8:38, 39 in thinking of the immediate future. God is faithful to His promises—He performs them.

There are certain plants of the Christian life, such as meekness, gentleness, kindness, humility, which cannot come to perfection if the sun of prosperity always shines—F. B. Meyer.

Christ is not valued at all if He is not valued above all.—Augustine.

Look and Live

F. W. Boreham

A devout and fervent little minister who, once a year, visited a distant parish, assisted the local minister at his great annual communion. On the road he was accustomed to alight from his grey pony at a little wayside inn that nestled in a lonely hollow out among the rugged and heather-covered hills. When he drew rein for the first time at this cosy little hostelry, the daughter of the house tripped out and took charge of the beast.

He at once became interested in her. She was a typical Scottish lassie—a bonnie girl with rosy cheeks and laughing eyes, who did everything in her power to make his visits restful and pleasant. Eager to make the most of his opportunity, the good man engaged the girl in conversation and soon came to close grips



And the Apostles said Lord, increase our faith

Luke 17:5

on the themes that were nearest his own heart. Unable to lead her to a definite decision, he extracted from her a promise that, until they met again, she would daily offer a prayer that he should teach her. He then instructed her to kneel every night presenting earnestly the request: "O Lord, show me myself!" On his return a year later he was astonished at the change in her. All the sparkle and the gaiety had vanished. The brightness had left her eyes. A fixed gloom seemed to have settled upon her spirit.

On entering anew into conversation, she could talk of nothing but her wickedness, her waywardness, her faithlessness and her need. He again tried to persuade her to throw herself upon the Saviour's mercy. But she could not believe that love so amazing, so divine could be intended for the likes of her. She again promised, however, to offer daily any prayer that he prescribed.

He thereupon taught her a petition that differed by only a syllable from the former one. "O Lord, show me Thyself!" And when, the following year, he returned to the inn, he saw in her face, not the roguish and frivolous exuberance of the old days, but an expression of settled peace and overflowing gratitude.

Her first glance told the whole story. The first prayer had brought her to herself; the second had led her to the Saviour.

All Things for Good

Everything that happens on earth comes to the child of God as the will of his Father. In His infinite wisdom God so overrules all the evil of men and devils, that in permitting it, He can take it up into His will, and make it work out His purposes. Joseph says of the sin of his brethren, "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good." Jesus said to Pilate: "Thou couldest have no power against me, except it were given thee from above." In everything that came on Him, He saw God's will. It was all the cup the Father gave Him.

It is when the Christian learns to see God's will in everything that comes to him, grievous or pleasing, great or small, that the prayer, "Thy will be done," will become the unceasing expression of adoring submission and praise. The whole world, with its dark mysteries, and life, with all its difficulties, will be illumined with the light of God's presence and rule. And the soul will taste the rest and bliss of knowing that it is every moment encircled and watched over by God's will, that nothing can separate it from the love of which the will is the expression.

Happy the Christian who receives everything in providence as the will of his Father. Every command of our Father in heaven is a ray of the divine will, radiant, to the eye that can see it, with all the perfection of the divine nature.—Andrew Murray.

Everything Passes

An old Christian Scotswoman when asked which of God's promises she liked best, replied, "I like that one, 'It came to pass.' There is none like it in the auld Book, and we have got it over and over again." "It came to pass?" the Christian worker said with astonishment, "Why 'It came to pass'?" "Well," said she, "it don't stay; it just comes to pass. So I says to myself, it ain't be for long, this rough bit of road, or this trial, or temptation. It's come to pass." Our light affliction is but for a moment.

Right Approach

John Bunyan tells us that his great guilt immediately helped him read his Bible aright. The Bible was written for the salvation of guilty sinners alone; and no man, learned or simple ever will read it aright unless he comes to it as a guilty sinner.—Alexander Whyte.

The school of experience has no free scholarships.

Christ Our Healer

THE Scriptures, speaking of our Lord Jesus Christ, state that He Himself "bare our sins in His own body on the tree." 1 Peter 2:24. The Scriptures also state, "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Matt. 8:17. The children of God do not want to bear their sin, so they go to the great Burden-Bearer with them; but they do not grasp the fact that He who delivers from sin can also deliver from sickness. David recognized this blessing of healing when he said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Psalm 103:2, 3.

If a child of God is racked with sin he gets rid of it by coming to the Cross; but if he is racked by sickness, he seeks to get rid of it himself or through someone else. He goes to the Great Physician for sin, and to the little human physician for sickness.

We honor the Great Physician when we call upon Him, and we insult Him when we neglect to call on Him. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities; and, if he feels them, He wants to rid us of them. He is touched in order that He may touch us. He touched the leper and he was cleansed. He touched blind eyes and they were opened. He has not lost the art of touching. He can touch the bleeding ear, and replace it. He can touch any disease, visible or invisible, external or internal.

The Psalmist states, "Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance." Psalm 90:8. If our secret sins are seen in the light of His countenance, our sicknesses can be exposed. His eyes see every malignant internal disease, and His hand can touch. There is nothing too hard for the Lord.

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil"; and He has never removed the anointing. But Psalm 45 reveals that He has supplemented it by giving Him the oil of gladness above His fellows. If Christ could do so much with the anointing He had, how much more can He do now that He has been glorified, and all power has been given unto Him, both in heaven and on earth?

When Jesus Christ gave to His disciples the Great Commission, He told them to go into all the world and make

disciples of all nations, "baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." One of His commandments to His disciples was, "Heal the sick." But was not this command for the disciples alone? No. He declared, "These signs shall follow *them that believe*: . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:17, 18.

Many troubles to which men are subject are directly due to demon power, and the name of Jesus is the expulsive power. The name of Jesus affects the human body like the X ray. It exposes the demons—makes a show of them. The blood of Jesus Christ is an antidote for all demon power. Demons mean death, but the blood of Jesus Christ means life. For it is written, "For the life . . . is in the blood." Lev. 17:11. Demons bring stagnation to different parts of the body, but the life that is in the blood of Christ counteracts this stagnation. The most malignant case of demon possession or demon obsession can be successfully dealt with by the blood of Jesus Christ and by His mighty name.

The surgeon's knife frequently fails, but the blood of Jesus Christ can cut as no surgeon's knife ever can. The name of Jesus and the blood of Jesus are divine weapons in the hand of the believer. The Holy Spirit will tell you when to use them. The surgeon has instruments and uses them as he sees fit. The Divine Physician teaches the child of God when to use the divinely appoint-

ed instruments: oil for the anointing, the prayer of faith (James 5:14, 15), the laying on of hands (Mark 16:18), the blood of Jesus and the name of Jesus for the cleansing, loosing and delivering.

Then there is the necessary co-operation of the patient. It is written, "Confess your faults one to another," or as the Revised Version has it: "Confess your sins one to another." James 5:16. Behind all this is the promise, "The Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." James 5:15. This is the divine prescription for every sickness.

God has provided the name of Jesus Christ for the casting out of demons. Christ declared, "These signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out demons." And demons can be bound also. An earthly physician ties up the ligaments of a patient, but a believer can bind the demon himself. It is written, "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matt. 18:18. The child of God has the wonderful privilege of binding and loosing. Wonder of wonders that he does not dare to use his prerogative! If you are going to bind princes by and by (Psalm 149:8) start binding demons now, and you can unloose bound souls.

The power of God works both ways. There is to be a casting out of the demon and the raising up of the saint. This ministry is to be exercised by the one who is in Christ. Listen to the words of the Master, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father." John 14:12. How many are doing the works that He did?

The hand of Jesus also operates. He touched the ear of Malchus, and healed him. Luke 22:51. In this operation there were no bandages and no stitches. Some prefer to go under a surgeon's knife rather than trust the skill of the pierced hands of Jesus. Trust Him. He has the complete equipment for every ache and pain and disease in the body.

God would have leaders among His people like Caleb, who at the age of fourscore and five years declared that he was as strong as at the age of forty. To the man who sets his love upon the Lord, God has promised, "With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him My salvation." Psalm 91:16. God puts long life and His salvation together, for it is His desire that the righteous shall live out all their days, unlike the wicked, who shall not live out half their days. Psalm 55:23.

When Israel could not drink of the

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waters of Marah because they were bitter, the Lord showed Moses a tree. It was on a tree that Christ bore our sins and our sicknesses also. God forbid that we should glory, save in that cross and in that Saviour, who brought us so complete and so full a salvation. There at those waters Jehovah proved the people and said unto them, "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Ex. 15:26. He has not changed. He is still the same Jehovah Ropheka, "the Lord that healeth thee."

The Gospel in War

By F. J. Huegel

AFTER the last war, in a quiet Rhine village, there were four great hospitals full of the sick and the dying, while thousands of soldiers swarmed everywhere. A Lutheran Church was placed at my disposal. Every night for six months a service was held. We were soon in the midst of a veritable revival. Every kind of amusement was turned down by men who came, night after night, to sing the songs of Zion and to hear the Word of God. Some did not miss a night during six months of special services. The tide of blessing rose so high that it overflowed into German homes.

It never crossed my mind to straddle the fence. There were Jews, Roman Catholics, Mormons, Protestants of every stripe, and what not, but to talk sweet platitudes about the mercies of God would have been high treason. I would no more have thought of betraying my Saviour in that fashion than to have betrayed my country. I preached the same gospel that had brought peace into my own disordered life. In every meeting Christ was lifted up and recommended as the only hope of sin-cursed hearts.

Instead of driving men away from me, it had the opposite effect. Men of all faiths pressed upon me to hear the Word of God. One of my most devoted colaborers was a Mormon. I recall how he poured out his heart to me in gratitude for having led him to a knowledge of Christ. Years before, he had been a Mormon missionary to Germany and had baptized men into the Mormon faith in the Rhine. He renounced Mormonism and made a true surrender to Christ. Four great hospitals, with their immeasurable pain, were visited daily. To distribute chewing gum, cigarettes, and candy? Nay, but to point broken hearts to the Lamb of God that taketh away

"No Plague Shall Come Nigh"

During the terrible influenza epidemic of 1918, Dr. J. A. Davis, President and founder of the Practical Bible Training School, located near Binghamton, N. Y., called the student body of the school together for a special time of prayer.

Pointing out appalling death rate and the increasing alarm and panic caused by the dread disease, he said that he felt definitely led of the Lord to request and insist that each student study and memorize the Ninety-first Psalm at once. This Psalm was then read aloud by the student body, and united and fervent prayer was made that God would make this Psalm real in the experience of the school, and make the school an outstanding testimony of His power to keep "any plague" from coming nigh their dwelling.

During the following days many frantic parents called the school asking their sons and daughters to come home. But without exception the students remained at school, standing together on God's clear promises. And while the number

of the dead multiplied rapidly all about, the school continued its regular work with not one, from faculty to maintenance men, becoming ill. Then one student out of the entire student body returned home. She became the only victim of the flu, suffering so severely that it was three years before her health permitted her to return to school.

At the height of the epidemic the hospitals called and asked for some of the students to come and aid in caring for the sick. The students were permitted to go on the condition that they would not be put to work among flu patients. Nevertheless, they all were placed among those who were dying from the disease, yet not one became ill.

The newspapers published with large headlines the remarkable fact that this school had entirely escaped the plague. God alone could do this. His power is not lessened today. And the 91st Psalm claimed in faith may again protect His own.—Inez Spence, Director of Religious Education, Faith Tabernacle, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

the sin of the world. My own brother, who was killed at Verdun, was brought to Christ and a deep experience of His grace, while in the army. To be able to face those awful hours one needed Christ.

Kept by the Voice of Memory

A writer in an exchange tells of a testimony given in a New York City mission by a man of middle age. "It was a simple story. In young manhood he had been a college man, of excellent parentage, and good bringing up. While in a position of unusual promise, evil overtook him, and he went to the depths of sin. A chance visit to the mission had called him back, and he felt that he was pursuing a good, clean life. Then came the cry from quivering lips: 'But oh, if I only could forget!'

"For a moment he stood amid a silence which gave many a person time to think. . . . Hardly had he seated himself before a woman rose near the front: 'You wish you might forget the past. It may be God does not want you to forget. He may know that it would not be best. That may be the way He takes to keep you from falling again!'

"Kept by the voice of memory! Best that we should not forget the past. Best that when the tempter places his hand

upon one's shoulder, then the voice of memory, which is the voice of God, should whisper: "Be true. I have redeemed thee. Be true to me."

Secret Study of the Word

"When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret." Matt. 6:6.

Pre-eminent, supreme among the helps to secret prayer I place, of course, the secret study of the holy written Word of God. Read it on your knees, at least on the knees of your spirit. Read it to reassure, to feed, to regulate, to kindle, to give your secret prayer at once body and soul.

Read it that you may know with blessed definiteness whom you have believed, and what you have in Him, and how He is able to keep your deposit safe. Read it in the attitude of mind in which the apostles read it, in which the Lord read it. Read it, not seldom, to turn it at once into prayer.—Handley Moule.

A true messenger of man or of God is one who faithfully reports all that he has been told to say, but not all that he can say on his own responsibility.—Maltbie D. Babcock.

When the Spirit's Fire Swept Korea

Jonathan
Goforth

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One year the Southern Methodists were so short of funds that no school buildings could be erected at Songdo but there were 150 young fellows eager for an education. Yun Ch'i Ho, the ex-Minister of Education, volunteered to teach them. The boys, under his guidance, erected a crude framework, covered it over with straw, and got their schooling. I have mentioned how Pastor Keel got his people revived through the early prayer meetings. A letter written by the pastor at that time stated that even little tots of schoolboys, eight and nine years of age, as soon as school was dismissed, would go out on the streets and, taking hold of the passers-by by the sleeves, would plead with tears that they yield to Jesus the Saviour. Said he, "During the last three or four days, fully four hundred men have come and confessed Christ." It was the intense pleading of the boys that cut them to the heart.

After evangelizing the outlying islands of Korea they looked to the lands beyond. At the Presbyterian Assembly held in Seoul some years ago it was decided to send missionaries to Shantung, China. And when the call came for volunteers the whole assembly rose and volunteered, and four were selected. All seemed to envy the ones chosen. It has never been seen on this wise in a homeland assembly. Grace, which they have freely received, is highly appreciated in Korea, and they freely give, and divine unction is not withheld. As late as 1917, Pastor Keel was over on the east coast giving Bible readings and the power of God was such that men would melt right down and confess sin. The saddest of all sad things is this, that the Almighty Spirit is as willing to let Christ Jesus see of the travail of His soul in Canada and the United States as in Korea, but He does not get the yielded channels.

Weeping When They Couldn't Give More

Abounding liberality was another very striking characteristic of the Early Church. The Korean Christians abound in that, too. At one place a missionary told me that he dared not mention money to his people for they were giving too much now. I should like to meet the pastor in favored Christendom who could truly say that of his people. The year I was at that center the people were supporting 139 workers, male and female, teachers and preachers, and that year

alone they increased the workers by 57. That missionary said, "When we found our church was too small, we met to plan for the erection of one that would hold 1,500. The people present gave all the money they had. The men gave their watches and the women stripped off their jewelry. Others gave title deeds to portions of land. They gave all they had and wept because they couldn't give more, and they built their church free of debt."

A missionary was once at a very poor center when the leaders told him how inconvenient it was to be worshipping in private houses, but now they had a fine site offered them for \$30. "Capital!" said the missionary, "go ahead and buy it." "But, Pastor," said they, "we are extremely poor here. You didn't understand us. We should like it if you would put up the money." "No," said the missionary, "you must buy your church's foundation. It will do you lots of good." However the men pleaded poverty.

Then the sisters said, "If the men have no plan we think we can buy it." They took off all their jewelry and sold it, but it brought only \$10. Nothing daunted, however, this woman sold a brass kettle, that one sold two brass bowls, and another sold a few pairs of brass chopsticks, for all their cooking and eating utensils are made of brass. The whole, when sold, brought \$20. Now, with \$30 in their hands, the women secured the church site. Since it is more blessed to give than to receive, the women received an enlarged vision. The needs of their sisters, without God and without hope, in the countless villages all around, fired their hearts and so they decided to raise \$6.00 a month and send out a woman evangelist.

At another place the missionary was present at the dedication of a new church. It was found that there was still \$50 owing on the church. A member present arose and said, "Pastor. I will next Sunday bring \$50 to pay off that debt." The missionary, knowing the man was very poor, said, "Don't think of doing it yourself. We will all join together and can soon pay it off." There are churches in the homeland that are not ashamed nor afraid to carry a \$50,000 debt. Next Sunday arrived and this poor Christian brought the \$50. The missionary, astonished, asked, "Where did you get the money?" The Christian replied, "Pastor, don't mind. It is all clean money." Some weeks later the missionary, touring in that region, came to this man's home. On

asking the man's wife where her husband was, she said, "Out in the field plowing." The missionary, on going out to the field, found the old father holding the plow handles while his son was pulling the plow. The missionary, in amazement, said, "Why, what have you done with your mule?" Said the Christian, "I couldn't bear to have the Church of Jesus Christ owing a \$50 debt to a heathen, so I sold my mule to wipe it out."

Another proof that the Korean Church is guided by the same Spirit that guided the Early Church is their zeal for God's Word. At the time of the revival they could not get the Bible printed fast enough. In one year at Ping Yang 6,000 Bibles were sold. Every one learns it, even the dullest women. Christians traveling on business always carry the Bible along. By the way, and at the inns, they open it up and read, and many are attracted and saved. The Christianity of this continent does not make such open use of the Bible. Once, on the train, I was reading my Bible, when I noticed a man glancing around at me with evident curiosity. At last he could resist no longer, and came over to me and said, "Pardon me, but I never have seen a man on a railway train reading a Bible or a prayer book unless he was a Plymouth Brother or a Roman Catholic priest. What are you?" "I am neither," I replied. "Then what are you?" "Oh, I am only a missionary from China." Now, why should it be thought strange that I read the Best of Books on a railway train? I have known of ministers and elders and deacons playing cards by the hour on steamboats and railways.

The Koreans have a proverb or saying that the elders have the right to criticize the juniors, then when they get through, if there is anything left of the juniors, then they may in turn criticize the elders. In Christian lands that practice is not followed very well. In our time the juniors largely monopolize the right of criticism. Now, the Koreans admit that the oldest criticism of man is in the Bible; therefore they always let the Bible criticize them first, and they never find anything of themselves left so as to venture to criticize God's Book. I believe in that kind of Biblical criticism. We can't have too much of it. If men were all humble enough to approach the Bible in the Korean spirit, there would be more books burned around some seminaries than ever were burned on the streets of

Ephesus when Paul preached there. It would cause world-wide revival.

When Korean pastors and evangelists and elders were flung into prison wrongfully by the Japanese they didn't waste time by idle repining, but set to work at their Bibles. One of them read the Bible through seven times while in prison, and then exclaimed, "I never imagined my Saviour was so wonderful!" Another thought the Japanese might take the Bible away and destroy it, so he memorized Romans and was hard at work at John when liberated. If real persecution ever arose in Christian lands, the Bible would meet with more appreciation than at present.

At the village where Mr. Foote unexpectedly found every family professing to be Christian, he that day baptized twenty-five. He asked the first candidate examined if he could repeat any Scripture. "Yes," was the reply, and he started. After he had repeated from memory about one hundred verses, Mr. Foote stopped him and started the next, fearing he would never get through the examination if he let everyone repeat all Scripture memorized. He found that each one of the twenty-five candidates for baptism could repeat more than one hundred verses.

One of the reasons why the Korean Church is so strong and efficient is due to Bible study. One year 1,400 Bible study classes were held, and 90,000 students were enrolled. They pay their own expenses. As many as 1,800 came to one center for study. At one place so many came that accommodations could not be found among the Christians, so heathen families were asked. It is said that every heathen family which took in these Bible students was converted. None are too old to attend Sunday school and study the Word. It was a rainy day the Sunday we were at Ping Yang, but to test whether the Christians there were fair-weather Christians, we visited several of the Bible classes held before church time. In some it seemed impossible to cram any more in.

The Early Church rejoiced in that they were deemed worthy to suffer for that blessed Name. The same spirit characterizes the Korean Church. It is not unlikely that the demon of jealousy prompted the Japanese to persecute the Korean Church. That absurd charge that the Christians of Shun Chun had conspired to assassinate Governor-General Terauchi! There never was anything more unlikely, but it served as a pretext to fling the Christian leaders there into prison. It is notorious how cruelly they were tortured in the police cells to terrify them into saying just what the Japanese wanted them to say. They were hung up

by the thumbs; they were burned with hot irons. One man fainted away seven times, but through all they remained faithful, and the courts had to dismiss them as innocent.

There was a man who confessed his Saviour in his native village only to find that his clan turned him out of house and home. He did not go to law, but by the grace of God remained sweet. He meekly bore with insult and wrong and lived and preached Christ, until the *whole clan was converted*, and his possessions restored.

There was a man who, while visiting the city, was converted and confessed the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism. Then he went to tell his wonderful story. His clan received it in anger, and soon the enraged relatives fell upon him and beat him almost to death. When he was brought to the hospital his life hung by a thread. At the end of many weeks the doctor told him he could go home, but told him that his life might end with a hemorrhage any day. That Christian bought a great quantity of books and went home. For three years he went about his home district, giving away his books and telling of his Saviour. Then there came a day when his blood flowed out and his soul ascended to his God. But in that heathen country, where they had tried to murder him, he left eleven churches.

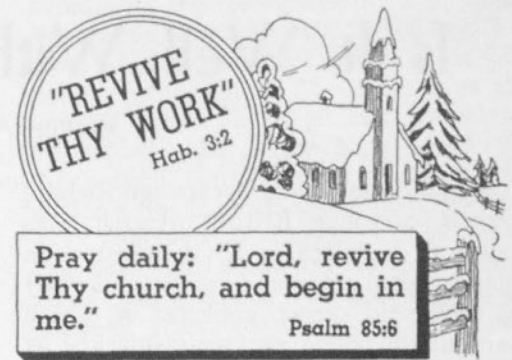
Surely God the Holy Spirit has been glorifying our ascended Lord in Korea as certainly as He did in Palestine in the first century. It is a challenge to our easy-going Christianity to awake and seek God as these children of the East have done. They have given ample proof that it is not by might, nor by power, that the kingdom of God is made manifest among men. In all humility they yielded themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and the very fullness of God flowed through them. God waits to visit us with the same fullness of salvation. But we must pay the price or merely have a name to live and be open to the condemnation of those who despise the Giver of so great salvation.—From *"When the Spirit's Fire Swept Korea"* by Jonathan Goforth. Copyright by Zondervan Publishing Co. Reprinted by permission. Price 25 cents.

Obscure Ministries

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There are many characters brought before us in the Scriptures which are obscure and occasional in their occurrence, and who remain nameless to this day; yet without them history would have been written very differently.

One of these appears in Judges 16:26. The mighty Samson might never have reached the scene of his final triumph



but for the lad who led him by the hand. The ministry seemed obscure and the task very lacking in glory, but the lad was indispensable to that mighty victory of Samson over the Philistines.

The unnamed Israelitish maiden, who testified to her mistress regarding the God of Israel and His prophet, seemed to be but a small factor in the thrilling healing of Naaman, the Captain of the Assyrian host; yet she was indispensable in her obscure ministry, for how would they have known except for the servant girl's faithful witness?

An unnamed lad surrendered his small meal to the disciples of the Lord, and five thousand were fed. The story would have read differently without his obscure ministry. Yes, the disciples played a part, Jesus worked the miracle, but the Holy Ghost does not omit to remind us "There is a lad here."

Have you longed for some great thing to do, or some large place to fill? Have you thought that God only regards the great and prominent ministries in His economy? Cease now from judging with your faulty sense, and see that God has need of you. Has He not said we are members one of another, and can any part of the body say to another, "I have no need of thee"? Have you considered that this very page before you has need of small conjunctions, and various periods and commas, and other small yet vital features, without which no literature could be intelligible? Small and unromantic though your lot in life may be, God has a corner for you that must be filled. His great purposes are dependent on both small and great, obscure and prominent, weak and strong.

O Lord, I would not further complain of my place in the mosaic of life—in the literature of Thy writing—in the body of Thy creation—in the house of Thy building, for Thou dost show me that in Thy great plan of the ages I have a place; in the pattern of Thy building there is a niche for me to fill; in the body of Thy preparation I am a member.

So help me, Lord, to be faithful in the *least* things, that I may at "that day" be entrusted with *much*.

Is It Well With Your Home?

Walter A. Maier

About three hundred years ago Richard Baxter, a young British preacher, was called to a church in Kidderminster, an impoverished community made up largely of underpaid carpet weavers. It was a particularly trying age, years marked by riot, civil war, plague; and few men have ever been directed to a more discouraging field, for Kidderminster was notorious even in that lax age for its ignorance, vice and general depravity. Baxter was twenty-six years old when he started his work with a few people who had remained loyal to the church in spite of the greed and the worldliness of his predecessors in the pulpit; he was forty-five when he finished. In those nineteen years the entire community was transformed through a mighty spiritual upheaval. His church, at first empty and despised, had to be enlarged several times to accommodate the eager throngs. The open sins and the rule of lust which had brought widespread reproach upon the textile town were broken.

We pause to discover the secret by which the new red blood of Christian heroism was infused into that anemic congregation; for today we, too, need conquering Christianity to fill America's empty churches. We seek for the same power that broke the grip of sin and

brought a clearer, happier day to that part of England; for no cry rises more insistently from the cities and towns of America than the clamor for an antidote to the poison of immorality that is destroying much of our national health and vigor. We ask: Did Richard Baxter put carillions into his church towers and canopies before his church door? Did he lure the people with turkey suppers and raffles? Did he preach the social gospel in Kidderminster, instituting social service, establishing birth-control clinics and playground facilities? Did he hire opera stars for his choir? Did he feature political issues in the morning services and book reviews in the evening? Not Richard Baxter! He went—as simple and unpretentious as his program was—straight into the homes of Kidderminster. Day after day he himself entered the cottages of the weavers, taught them how to read the Scriptures, how to conduct family prayers, how to bring the Saviour into their lowly dwellings. At the outset he found entire streets with only a home or two in which the family altar had been erected. When he left, only a family or two could be found on the same streets that had not learned to worship Christ daily. So Baxter built his church and his community by building the Christian home.

Calvary and the Foreshadowed Cross

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full quarter of an hour! The scourges cut ever deeper into the wounds already made, and penetrate almost to the marrow until His whole back appears an enormous wound. A purple robe is then thrown over the form of the agonized Sufferer, and the twigs of a long-spiked thorn bush are twisted into a circle and pressed upon His brow.

The prophet Isaiah had even foretold the words of the Man of sorrows, saying in His hour of agony, "I was not rebellious, neither turned away backward. I gave my back to the smiters, and My cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not My face from shame and spitting." Isa. 50:5-7.

Did the group who had seen His face shine as the sun on the Mount of Transfiguration remember the hidden glory in that marred frame? Nay, even they "esteemed Him not" and forsook Him in His hour of shame.

The Purpose of the Cross. Verses 4-6.

"He hath borne OUR griefs; . . . He hath carried OUR sorrows; . . . He was wounded for OUR transgressions; . . . He was bruised for OUR iniquities; . . . the chastisement of OUR peace was upon Him."

The Holy Spirit leaves no room for doubt as to the purpose, and the cause of the sufferings of Christ. The word substitution is not actually used, but the language is unmistakably clear. This One with the marred face was bearing the "griefs" and "sorrows" of others. His wounds were for their transgressions, and the bruises upon His body were for their iniquities.

Beholding, as it were, the One thus wounded and stricken, the prophet becomes a spokesman for the whole human race as he cries, "ALL we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us ALL." Verse 6.

We behold His sufferings, we who have "gone astray!" We, who have turned "every one to his own way!"

But the Lord hath laid upon Him—the Holy Son of our God, our iniquity, the iniquity of us all. Thus briefly we have portrayed for us the result of the Fall in Eden, and the cause and purpose of the Cross.

Independence of God is the very essence of sin. To every man "his own way" ends in transgression and iniquity. The first ALL includes every human being brought into the world, and the second ALL proclaims the atoning sacrifice of Christ for every one under the curse of sin.

The Death of the Cross. Verses 7-9.

"He humbled Himself, and opened not His mouth; . . . a lamb that is led to the slaughter; . . . a sheep that before her shearers is dumb. . . . He was cut off out of the land of the living. . . . They made His grave with the wicked."

Isaiah now depicts the obedience unto death of the suffering one. He sees Him as a sheep in the hands of the shearers, dumb and passive; as a lamb led to the slaughter, innocent and powerless. He was equal with God, counted it not a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, and came in the likeness of men. As man He humbled Himself yet more, even unto death, consenting to be "led to the slaughter" as a victim in the hands of men. How literally the prophecy was fulfilled in every detail the Gospels unfold.

Christ, standing before Pilate "when He was accused," "answered nothing," so that even the governor marveled. From "oppression and judgment He was taken away" outside the city wall to the place called Calvary, and "as for His generation"—the people of His own nation and time—"who among them considered" the tragedy that was being enacted in their midst? "Cut off out of the land of the living" in the very prime of life, how few realized that it was for the transgression of His people "to whom the stroke was due." Isa. 53:8, margin. How many in Jerusalem during that awful time "considered" and pondered over the Scriptures of the prophets, which gave them the portrait of the Man they crucified?

But the Man of sorrows knew! He said every step of His path must needs be "as it is written of Him." As He set His face to go on His last journey to Jerusalem it was with the words, "All the things that are written through the prophets shall be accomplished unto the Son of Man. For He shall be delivered up," "mocked," "shamefully entreated," "spit upon," "and they shall scourge and kill Him." He said, "It is written," when Judas betrayed Him, and when His disciples forsook Him, and again, after He was risen from the dead, He reminded

them that when He was yet with them, He had sought to prepare them for His Cross, by telling them that "all things must needs be fulfilled" which were written in "the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the Psalms," concerning Him.

Moreover, Isaiah not only foretold the sufferings and death of the Christ, but the very way of His burial. His grave would be with the wicked, and He who had been despised and rejected of men would be with the "rich in His death." This was literally fulfilled; and the instrument prepared of God to carry out His counsels was found in Joseph of Arimathea, a counselor of honorable estate, who was one "looking for the kingdom of God," and said to be a secret disciple of Jesus. Joseph had sat in the council that condemned the Righteous One, but "he had not consented to their counsel and deed." He must have marveled with the governor at the extraordinary silence of the divine Sufferer, and in his heart re-echoed the verdict of Pilate that there was no cause worthy of death found in Him. Unable to save the victim from His accusers, Joseph did what he could as soon as the sentence of death had been carried out, by going boldly to Pilate and asking for the body of the Lord, afterwards reverently laying it in his own tomb.

The Provided Lamb of God. Verse 10.

"It pleased the Lord to bruise Him. He hath put Him to grief, . . . His soul an offering for sin."

"God will provide Himself a lamb," Abraham had said to Isaac on Mount Moriah, and Isaiah foreshows the Lamb provided by God Himself, to be revealed in the fullness of time. Despised and rejected of men, wounded, bruised, cut off out of the land of the living, this One with the marred face is now plainly described as "a guilt offering for sin" (verse 10, margin) — the antitype of all the guilt offerings sacrificed day by day in Israel, by the command of God Himself.

Hitherto the worshipers had to bring the sacrifice, but when God provided the Lamb, and laid upon Him the iniquity of all, there would be nought for them to do but accept the provision made for them.

The Fruit of the Cross. Verses 10, 11.

"He shall see His seed, . . . He shall prolong His days, . . . He shall see the travail of His soul, . . . He shall . . . be satisfied."

Calvary is viewed now as in harmony with a law of God — the law of sacrifice for fruitfulness.

Bruised and put to grief, Christ is said to "prolong His days" through the seed thus brought into being and "the

pleasure of the Lord" in seeking fruit after His own image, prospers in His hand. The yearning of the Creator for fellowship with beings created after His own likeness is one of the greatest mysteries in the revelation of the heart and character of Jehovah. "Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness" (Gen. 1:26), the Triune God had said, when the beautiful earth created by His word, lay before Him, but with no beings upon it answering to His heart.

"He shall see His seed." "He shall see the travail of His soul, and be satisfied," reveals the same yearning in the heart of the God-man. Grieved over the fall of the first creation, He gives His life on Calvary for the birth of a new race, a re-creation of those who had gone astray, and had turned each one to "his own way." By His death "making many righteous" through His bearing of their iniquities, He beholds the fruit of His travail, and is satisfied.

This new birth for the fallen children of the first Adam, is declared to be the fruit of His cross by the Lord Jesus Himself, at the beginning of His public ministry on earth, when He told Nicodemus that sinful men "must" be born again; and that the Son of Man "must" be "lifted up" to become the source of life eternal to them.

The Victory of the Cross. Verse 12.

"Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great. . . . He shall divide the spoil with the strong."

The language used suggests a battle, and the dividing of the "spoil" won in the fight. Elsewhere Isaiah speaks of the "prey of the terrible" and the deliverance of the "captive of the just" from the "mighty." Isa. 49:24, 25, margin. It is also said that the spoil is given to the Man of sorrows "because He poured out His soul unto death," and "because He . . . was numbered with the transgressors."

Calvary was thus to be, not only the bearing of our iniquities that we might be healed; the guilt offering for sin through which we would be made righteous; the travail for the birth of a new race in the likeness of the Son of God, but also a battle with a terrible foe for the deliverance of those held captive in his power. This accords with other scriptures, for David in vision beheld the ascended Lord leading "captivity captive" into the sanctuary on high, and the inspired writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews says that "through death" Christ brought to nought the devil, that He might "deliver all them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

How can we fathom what it meant to Him "who knew no sin" to be "num-

bered with the transgressors" and "made sin on our behalf"? 2 Cor. 5:21. This view of Calvary may reveal to us one cause of the victory of Christ over the terrible one. The devil had sought to be exalted even as the Most High, but the Son of God humbled Himself, and consented to be made lower than the lowest. Therefore God highly exalted Him, and gave unto Him the Name which is above every name; for Calvary in its depth of shame on earth was exaltation in heaven.

The Effect of the Cross in Heaven

Verse 12

"He bare the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors."

In this brief sentence, we are given a glimpse into the heavens to see the Victor from Calvary within the veil, "before the face of God" (Heb. 9:24) on behalf of all for whom He died.

"Numbered with the transgressors," He could make intercession for the transgressors, "touched with the feeling" of their sorrows, having been Himself tempted in all points like as they (yet without sin), and "suffered being tempted" (Heb. 2:18; Heb. 4:15) when He walked on earth as man.

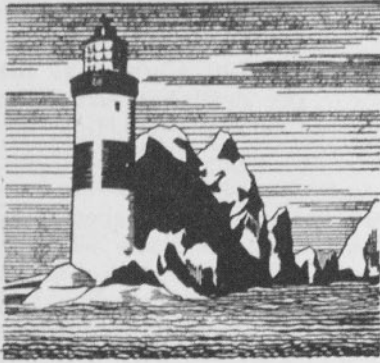
Let us go to Calvary, and in the light thrown on it by the prophecy of Isaiah, behold Him, who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame. The hour had come for which He had entered into this world. Hear the God-man cry, "It is finished," as He bows His head, and yields up His spirit into His Father's hand. We know that He is the Father's provided Lamb, the guilt offering for sin. The One who with a visage more marred than any man's, was wounded and bruised for our iniquities, so that by His stripes we may be healed.

Sometime later, after the day of Pentecost had fully come, a man of authority was riding in his chariot in the desert, reading the prophecy of Isaiah. At the moment he reached the words, "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter," "His life is taken from the earth," a certain disciple named Philip drew nigh, and was bidden of the Holy Ghost to join himself unto the chariot. Sitting beside the eunuch, he preached unto him

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from the prophecy of Isaiah, the Spirit-given foreshadowing of the Cross, and now again the Spirit-given message to a seeking heart through a messenger taught of Him. See Acts 8:26-35.

Thus did the Holy Ghost bear witness that Isaiah had truly foreshown the Christ of God, and that "He saw His glory, and spake of Him." John 12:41.



Flashes from Our Missionary Lighthouses

NORTH CHINA—"I am trying to send you a few lines from time to time in order to keep you informed of the condition of our missionary family here. Anna Ziese is keeping in good health and is carrying on the work at her station as usual. Ingeborg Norli also is remaining at her station; she seems specially favored and her work is in normal condition. My wife and I are keeping very well and have opportunity to minister in various ways, though still unable to travel.

"The Chinese workers are not faring so well; the very high cost of living makes it so difficult for them, and a number have had to seek employment, so that in many cases the small assemblies have been left to shift for themselves, carrying on the best way possible. We are very thankful for those of our workers in the field who are holding on, standing firm in faith, hoping that a change for the better will soon take place. These faithful servants of God need to be remembered with necessary relief as soon as opportunity affords. We have disposed of many of our personal things in order to help those in greatest need, but this is also now coming to an end, and we can only pray that God will undertake for the future in His own way.

"One of our hardest working evangelists in the whole district passed on to be with the Lord a few months ago. He gave his life in service, joining the ranks of the many martyrs up yonder. He suffered a most brutal death, being buried alive by his own native people. Others may have to pay the same price, but God is the rewarder of His faithful servants. Urgent prayer is requested for these hard-pressed workers."—Martin Kvamme.

FELOKA, LIBERIA—"The work is growing despite present conditions, and we are greatly encouraged with the response here. During the last term of school we had an average of 175 in the mission as boarding students, besides about 75 day school students. It is vacation time at present and a number of the boys are preaching in the different towns round about. Groups of girls also are going to the nearer towns. They return from their trips singing and rejoicing, which is good evidence that the Lord is blessing their efforts. We have a Christ's Ambassadors group in Feloka now, perhaps the first ever organized in Liberia, and the young people are enjoying it very much. They have a meeting once each week and plan for the following Sunday's work.

"We are thankful that the Lord has kept us in good health, even though we are drawing near the close of our term on the field. We do not want to leave until reinforcements are able to come and carry on."—C. W. Hixenbaugh.

TRANSVAAL, SOUTH AFRICA—"Not long ago it was our joy to watch one of our leading evangelists here on the Rand baptize sixteen young men in water. We leave the baptizing of believers entirely in the hands of our African brethren, and have done so for many years now. These sixteen have been saved from among the groups of men attending services in the various compounds. Soon they will leave for their homes in different parts of the subcontinent—some to places where there is not much opportunity for them to attend services, others to Mozambique where we have a large work under the supervision of Austin Chawner. The Lord is blessing throughout our work and we are greatly encouraged."—Edgar D. Pettenger.

SPANISH TOWN, JAMAICA—"I have been attacked with fever of late but in spite of physical weakness was able to immerse 9 candidates at our baptismal service in Spanish Town on Sunday, as well as to visit Pear Tree River in St. Thomas to open a new mission, and also to go up to Rowlandfield for the opening of our new station there.

"Truly we had a wonderful witness at Rowlandfield! A young woman who had been resisting the Holy Spirit and the message of Pentecost came forward for salvation, was wonderfully saved, and only a few minutes later received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The work in this place had been severely persecuted for months. The coconut palm booth where we worshiped had to be removed three weeks ago because the owner of the land on which it had been erected was bribed to insist that we leave. God blessedly undertook in that a lot was given us free, and on this spot our temporary mission is now constructed.

"Pray for us! We cry from hearts that have been set aflame by His dear sacrifice, Jamaica for Jesus; and we believe He is going to send us a great and wonderful revival."—Cyril C. Huckerby.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA—"We have had three water baptismal services since open-

ing the work here ten months ago. The numerical growth is heartening, but the spiritual growth is even more precious.

"I would like to describe to you a recent Sunday in Cienfuegos, typical of our regular Sunday's activities: After having services Saturday afternoon and night, we arise early Sunday morning. Breakfast and prayer over, we hastened to the radio station where for half an hour we broadcast 'La Hora Evangelica.' Then from 10:00 to 11:30 a. m. our Sunday School is held in the main church. Our attendance for the last five Sundays has been as follows—50, 55, 81, 77, 70. We had to rent a larger place, and now that is almost too small. After lunch, we catch the ancient street car called 'cucaracha' (cockroach) and journey to La Juanita, where we have three classes from 3:00 till 4:00. At 5:00 o'clock, we gather in our spacious patio for a time of prayer, singing and testimony. At the close five adults are immersed in the baptism which we have built in the patio. The service is very precious. At the night meeting we partake of the Lord's Supper together and the church is duly set in order. Pray that God will continue to give strength for the tasks we must fulfill, that our own lives will be surrendered to His will and our lips anointed to speak the Words of Life with divine power."—Louie W. Stokes.

SANTA ANA, EL SALVADOR—"We are learning things here that will prove invaluable when we get to Costa Rica. In many ways it would be profitable if we could stay here six months instead of five weeks, but we are making the most of the opportunity. Our days are surely filled—I have made four trips into the country, by train, car, horseback, oxcart, and on foot. Last week end we went to a fellowship meeting up the mountain side. The last ten miles had to be covered on foot, being inaccessible even by muleback. There was a crowd of between two and three hundred hungry souls. How the Lord did bless us! The arduous ten-mile climb to get there was very exhausting, but somehow we didn't seem to mind it coming back, we were so filled with the joy of having ministered to those humble, appreciative folk. The men who carried our luggage back to the place where we could again get in the car, wept when we left them. I gave a New Testament to the man who carried my bag, and he stood fingering it, a delighted, awed smile lighting up his face."—Harold T. Gruver.

"Behold I Do A New Thing"

Adah M. Wegner, Colombia, South America

"Little is much if God is in it." The words come anew to our hearts as we contemplate the closing of the first year of our Bible Institute in Sogamoso.

Some three years ago God gave a vision for the Bible Institute as His plan for the speedy evangelization of this needy land. Knowing the vision was for an appointed time, we continued in prayer that God would work out His will, and in the fall of 1942 there was a witness in our hearts that the time had come for us to launch the little ship, in the name of the Lord, even if there should be only three or four students—and it looked then as if that would be the case!

In October, at the dedication of the new chapel in Sogamoso, God gave a prophetic word through one of our missionary family, "BEHOLD I DO A NEW THING; now it shall spring forth," and we were assured that one of the NEW THINGS was the Bible Institute. During that week of special meetings in connection with the dedication, an afternoon service was set aside especially for the young people, and at that time Brother Washburn, who was to be director of the institute, announced to the congregation the plan to open the school within a few months. Those were busy months as we prepared for the new undertaking, planning the course of study, building new class rooms, making desks, tables, etc. Nothing was left undone that we felt would be for the success of this new branch of the Lord's planting.

As the time drew near for the opening day there was a desire that we might have some special guest speaker for the occasion. Very unexpectedly we received word in February that H. C. Ball, an old friend and as well a representative of the Assemblies of God in the United States, was to visit us shortly. His arrival was hailed with delight, and his last Sunday with us was a time long to be remembered as he gave forth words of wisdom to the students and congregation at the inauguration of the Bible Institute. His own experiences in the opening of the Latin American Bible Institute in Texas years ago were an inspiration for us to believe God and go forward.

As the weeks went by there were problems to solve, especially in getting the students adjusted to their new surroundings and the necessary discipline of Bible School life. Several of the young people found it so hard to study at first. One young man, Antonio, whom we have helping us in the mission, would arise many times at four o'clock to study for examinations. The progress he made surprised the teachers greatly, but his progress in spiritual things was an even greater joy to our hearts. He has been saved only a year and a half, and before his conversion he stoned the chapel one night. Now what a transformation! During the last weeks of school at evening

prayers the students would thank God again and again for the privilege of attending school this year, and to hear them praying one realized how much they had received through the study of the Word.

And now come with me as we celebrate the closing exercises of the Institute held November 11. Behold the beautiful flowers that adorned the platform—the white lilies, the lovely carnations and potted plants, all typical of Sogamoso, city of flowers. Brother Washburn, director of the Institute, presided at the service. The special singing by the students spoke well for the faithful labors of Mrs. Washburn in giving music instruction during the year.

One of the boys spoke on the "Judgment Seat of Christ," showing our great responsibility as Christians to enter into God's plan and the works He has prepared from the foundation of the world. Another told of the triumphs of Christianity in the dark ages when the Roman Emperors sought to wipe out the gospel. This theme was given by a young boy of fifteen who less than a year ago left the priests' seminary in Bogota and came to Sogamoso to visit his brother who had been gloriously saved a few weeks previously. He, too, was saved shortly after arriving in Sogamoso. His theme surprised us all and we saw in him possibilities as a gifted speaker.

Other themes were given, climaxed with a stirring message by Octavio Moreno, a young man who taught some classes as well as taking the course of study. His consistent, holy life was a real example in the school. The subject of his address was "The Divine Government of God," showing that through grace we have the forgiveness

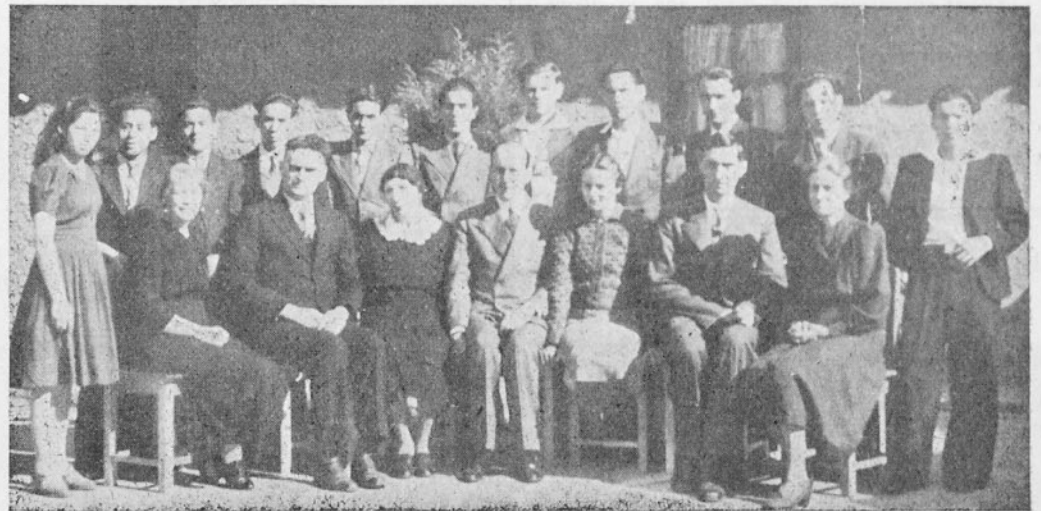
of sins but that what we sow we shall reap. What an appeal he made to the young people to sow to the Spirit, to do His will in all things, and thus to be free from the awful retribution of sowing to the FLESH.

We were deeply moved to see these precious sons of Colombia giving forth the Words of Life. If you had been here, surely you would have exclaimed with us that it is well worthwhile to train these young lives as ambassadors of the King!

Thus the first year of the Institute closed in glorious victory, and at the conclusion of the service we bade farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Blattner and their son who were leaving the next morning to return to their home in Coro, Venezuela. Mr. and Mrs. Blattner had spent several months at Sogamoso in order to benefit by the change of climate, and they were greatly used of God as teachers in our Institute during the second half of the school year.

We raise our Ebenezer, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us!" During vacation months most of the students are witnessing for their Lord in other parts of Colombia, while we at headquarters are praying and planning for the new term which opens the first week in March. We anticipate with joy the return of our former missionary coworker, Howard Coffey, who will be director of the Bible School this year, since Brother Washburn with his family leaves for the plains. We welcome back also Minnie Madsen who returns to teach in the Institute.

We praise God for the faithful stewards in the homeland whose gifts made it possible to train some of these young people who otherwise could not have taken the course of study. What an eternal investment! They will be your representatives in the harvest field in the days to come. God give us all a holy vision, enabling each one to have his part in the speedy evangelization of the regions beyond. We beseech you one and all to uphold our hands by prayer that Jesus shall see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied.



Faculty and students of Berean Bible Institute, Sogamoso, Colombia. Front row, left to right: Esther Maud (treasurer), Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wegner, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Washburn, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Blattner.

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"IT WORKS"

Bob Jones, Cleveland, Tenn.

Some years ago I was sitting on a rock projecting from a mountain side in Arkansas. Beside me was a man over eighty years of age who told me the following story of his experience:

I was in this part of the country during the Civil War. Over yonder were hundreds of tents where our soldiers were encamped. Measles broke out and many of our brave lads died. The epidemic got so bad that we stretched some tents farther down the valley and moved the measles patients over there to protect the health of the well soldiers. I was wardmaster in charge of the tents where the measles patients were located.

One night, while I was on the ward, I passed the bunk of a very sick soldier-lad not more than seventeen years of age. The boy looked at me with a pathetic expression and said, "Wardmaster, I believe I am going to die. I am not a Christian. My mother isn't a Christian. My father isn't a Christian. I never had any Christian training. I never attended church but I did go with a boy friend to Sunday School just once. The woman who taught the Sunday School class seemed to be a very good woman. She read us something out of the Bible about a man—I think his name was Nicodemus. Anyway, it was about a man who went to see Jesus one night and Jesus told this man he must be *born again*. The teacher said that everyone must be born again in order to go to Heaven. I have never been born again, and I don't want to die like this. Won't you please get the Chaplain so that he can tell me how to be born again?"

The old man hesitated for a moment, before he continued:

In those days I was an agnostic—at least, that is what I called myself. As a matter of fact, I wasn't anything but an old sinner. So I said to the boy:

"You don't need a Chaplain. Just be quiet now. Don't worry; you'll be all right."

I went on around the ward and in about an hour I came back to the boy's bed. He looked at me out of sad, staring eyes as he said:

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"All right, my son, I'll get you the doctor," I replied.

So I found the doctor. He came and mopped out the throat of the lad, so that he could breathe a little easier. I had seen many other cases like this, but the boy was so sweet that he literally climbed into my heart. He thanked me and thanked the doctor for being so good to him.

In about an hour I came back expecting to find the boy dead, but he was still struggling for breath. He looked up and said:

"There is no use, Wardmaster. I have got to die, and I haven't been born again!"

I looked at him for a moment and thought how helpless he was, so I said:

"My boy, I am not going to get the Chaplain. I am going to tell you what to do myself. Now understand, I don't know whether there is any God. I don't know whether there is any Heaven. I don't know whether there is any hell. I don't know anything. Yes, I do. I know one thing. I know my mother was a good Christian woman. I know that if there is a God my mother knew Him. If there is a Heaven I know she is there. So I will tell you what my mother told me. You can try it and see if it works.

Now, I am going to teach you a verse out of the Bible. 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' My mother told me that I cannot save myself, but that if I will believe in Jesus He will save me."

I asked the boy to say that verse after me, and he repeated the words in a weak and trembling voice.

"Now, my boy," I said, "my mother said that if a person would trust Jesus then he would not perish but would have everlasting life."

Then I repeated another verse that my mother had taught me; but he only closed his eyes, stretched his hands across his breast, and quoted the verse slowly and in a whisper, repeating some of the words several times: "For God so loved the world . . . He gave His only begotten Son . . . that whosoever, whosoever . . . whosoever believeth, believeth in Him, believeth in Him." Finally he stopped and said with a clear voice:

"Praise God, Wardmaster, it works. I believe in Him! I shall not perish! I have everlasting life! I have been born again! Wardmaster, your mother was right. Why don't you try it? Do what your mother said. It works, Wardmaster. This works!

"Wardmaster, before I go I want to ask you to do something for me. Take a kiss to my mother and tell her what you told me, and tell her that her dying son said, 'It works.'"

I leaned over and kissed the lad, and as he drew his last breath, he said, "It works."

The old man by my side, wiping tears out of his eyes and tears out of the wrinkles of his face, said:

"The lad was right. It *does* work. Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but has *now* everlasting life. *It works. I know it works!*"—*Truth.*

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A Baptist minister writes from New York State: "I have been reading the *Evangel* for more than twenty years, and have had many a good spiritual blessing to pass on in my messages that I got from its pages. May the Lord continue to bless you in this work. 'The time is short.'"

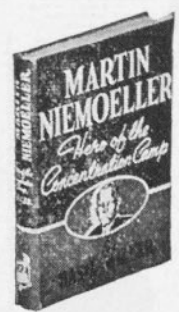
An *Evangel* reader has subscribed for a friend and sends us the following letter from the one who is receiving the paper: "I've wanted to tell you that you will never know or realize how much the little paper you subscribed to for me has meant to us. We love that paper and have learned so much from it. You know our hearts were hungry for the messages on the deeper life. In the articles in the paper we have found much for our souls, so many things are more clear to us. No one dares to criticize the Pentecostal people in our presence, for we love them and love their message and realize that no other group are closer to the Lord than they."

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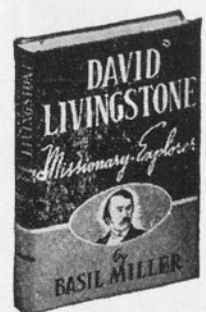
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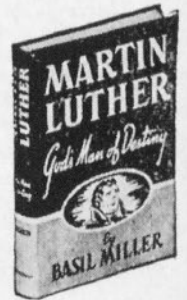
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hospital, who fought on New Georgia Island until wounded, says: "The enemy carried away some of our boys. One of my friends saw the fellows the next day and told me about it. The Japs tied those two soldiers up to a tree and cut their throats in cold blood. They pulled one man's tongue out through the slash in his throat."

The natural fruit of such acts is hatred, yet hatred will never make friends of our enemies. Only love can conquer. Without the love of God being shed abroad in our hearts, so that we love the souls of our enemies as Christ loves them, the world will have no real peace. Pos-

sibly the best thing we can expect after this war is an armed truce.

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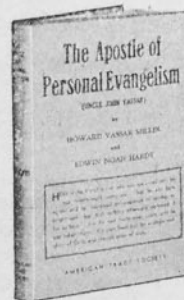
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Yes! Alleluia! But why that last multiplied and aggregated universal "Alleluia"? We must finish the verse—"for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!" Then—and only then—the universal alleluia!

DESERT REVIVALS

For 2½ weeks the Red, White and Blue Tent was in Indio, Calif., and God very graciously blessed the services there. Three of the pastors in this vicinity co-operated in the meetings, and several chaplains came in and preached for us and invited the workers to work in the camps. Every night except one, and it was a very stormy night, there were men in uniform kneeling seeking salvation. Many of these young men accepted Christ as Saviour, and a number of backsliders came back to God. Another thing which made our hearts rejoice was the number of wives who came to the altar with their husbands. Since so many of these men were soon to leave for overseas, the wives needed the comfort and help of the Lord to carry them through the lonely hours, even as the husbands will need Him to go with them into battle.

The testimonies of both men and women were a joy to hear, and even now we are thanking God for the boys who slipped into the tent to say, 'Good-by, Brother Richey; we're being shipped out tonight, but we know Jesus will go with us. Pray for us, won't you?' Then there were those who promised, "I'll be back tomorrow night and will bring some of the fellows with me." But when tomorrow night came, some one else would come and say, "So-and-so wanted to come back tonight, but he was shipped out. He wants you to please pray for him."

For fifteen days the tent was at Yuma, Arizona. In the first service God gave us souls, and this continued all through the meeting. Men in regular uniform and men who had been out on maneuvers and were still in fatigue uniform slipped into the back seats; and together they learned that Christ is no respecter of persons nor of attire, and they came to know the joy of the Lord.

Thousands of men in uniform heard the gospel in these two revivals, in the tent, in the camps, and over the radio. During the Yuma revival there was a daily broadcast; part of the time there were two broadcasts daily. We had many fine reports of the boys' listening in at the camps, especially in the hospitals. In this meeting, as in the Indio meeting, pastors and chaplains co-operated.—Raymond T. Richey.

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A Ukrainian Branch of the General Council has been formed, with offices at 59 Cooper Square, New York 3, N. Y. Joseph Matolina is Superintendent; Fred Smolchuck, Secretary; and Stephen A. Mostowy, Treasurer. Brother Smolchuck writes: "Our intention is to work among the Ukrainian-speaking people in the United States. There are many of them here, nearly a million. We also desire to do all we possibly can to cooperate with the Foreign Missions Department in preparing for the evangelization of Europe after the war. At present we are translating various pieces of Christian literature that can be used in the evangelization of the Ukrainian people. We are publishing a bimonthly magazine called *The Pilgrim Evangel* for the Ukrainian-speaking people. The subscription price is \$1.00 per year."

REVIVAL REPORTED

CARLSBAD, N. MEX.—We recently enjoyed a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. John M. Hart of Roswell. Several were reclaimed and the church was greatly blessed by the old-time Pentecostal messages given under the anointing of the Spirit.—T. S. Miles, Pastor.

Coming Meetings

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GREENVILLE, TEXAS—Northeast Texas Bible Conference, 3033 Cornelia St., Feb. 1-3. Wm. F. McPherson of Oklahoma City, Okla., and District Superintendent F. D. Davis, special speakers. Other speakers also—Earl J. Rogers, Presbyterian; Fred D. Wall, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—2108 N. Western Ave., Jan. 16-30; Alexander Benjamin, Evangelist.—Philip N. Green, Pastor. Phone, Armitage 2719.

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For information write Pastor Bert Talcott, 1017 W. Washington St.—W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent.

OREGON DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Oregon District Council will convene in the lovely new church building in Eugene, Ore., Jan. 25-28. Ralph M. Riggs, Assistant General Superintendent, special speaker. Mollie E. Baird from India, missionary speaker.—Atwood Foster, District Superintendent, 1695 Saginaw St., Salem, Oregon.

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LARGEST BIBLE BUYER

The year before the Burma Road was closed, China brought more Bibles than any other country in the world. The number that year was 5,400,000 as against 4,000,000 for the United States.

ILLITERACY VANISHING IN CHINA

In spite of war and suffering and chaos, forty-two million illiterates have been taught to read in China since the war began, according to the Chinese embassy in London. This means probably that fifty million at the war's close will be ready to read the Scriptures, which in turn means limitless opportunities for missionary work.

ONE CAUSE OF DIVORCE

According to Dr. Alfred Cahen, only eight per cent of American couples who possess children end in the divorce court, while seventy-one per cent of the childless marriages end in divorce. Each additional child cuts in half the chances of divorce. Thus birth control is one cause of divorce. The root cause, of course, is sin.

RELIGION IN RUSSIA

According to *Time*, the Bible is being printed in Russia for the first time since the Revolution. The training of Orthodox clergymen is to be resumed also. According to *Protestant Voice*, the Russian Orthodox Church will shortly set up in Moscow a theological institute, which will be the first to operate since the Revolution in 1917.

THE LORD'S ACRE

The Lord's Acre Plan, begun in small country churches in Western North Carolina in 1930, now is being used by nearly 3,000 churches in the U. S. A. and by hundreds of churches on mission fields. According to this plan, each farmer sets aside a portion of land as the Lord's and gives Him all the proceeds therefrom.

WHAT ONE PRIEST SAID

According to *Sunday School Times*, there are conscientious objectors among Catholic clergy. One of them, Father Hugo, visiting pacifist Harold Keane, sentenced to thirty months imprisonment, said to him, "A New Testament and a pair of knees are all one needs in jail." A Catholic priest who reduces Romanism to that is not far from the Kingdom!

A MEMORIAL IN THE SOLOMONS

The one-time savages in the Solomon Islands have built a thatched-roof church in memory of 1,600 American war dead buried there. It took 4,000 natives two months to erect the chapel, which is in the form of a heart, with a cross in the center, and it will seat 280 persons. Said the Christian native who was spokesman at the dedication ceremony: "We want thank all Americans and Allies, who fought to push enemy out of our land. Now we give this church you. But this church no belong you and me. This church belong God. And we ask God to bless you all. Thank you."

GOSPEL BROADCASTS IN JEOPARDY

"The decision of the Mutual Broadcasting System to adopt the policy of not selling time for religious broadcasting closes the last door to national gospel programs," states *United Evangelical Action*. This change will not immediately put such programs as the Old Fashioned Revival Hour and the Lutheran Hour off the air, as present contracts will probably be carried out, but the situation is serious and calls for earnest prayer on the part of all who love the truth.

THE PRESIDENT'S PRAYER

In his Christmas Eve broadcast, President Roosevelt said, "We ask that God receive and cherish those who have given their lives, and that He keep them in honor and in the grateful memory of their countrymen forever." Much as we admire the patriotism of our boys who have made the supreme sacrifice in this war, it is useless to pray that God will receive and cherish them unless they have repented of their sins and put their trust in Christ's all-sufficient atonement on Calvary.

PENTECOSTAL WORDS?

An editorial in *Life*, speaking of the Teheran Declaration, says: "The Declaration is... pentecostal, just as the American Declaration was pentecostal. It announces a New Age of Man. It might indeed have been written by the prophet of Revelation: 'And I saw a new heaven and a new earth... And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men.'"

It takes more than a conference of rulers to create a Pentecost. It takes the outpoured Spirit from the Lord of glory.

PREPARING FOR ANOTHER WAR

A Government publication has been issued giving a large collection of the utterances of the German press and of German authorities demanding that more children be born. Unfruitful marriages must be dissolved quickly and new marriages take place in cases where there are no children. Bitter penalties are threatened against childless homes. The reason given is that the state must have more soldiers 20 years from now.

So history repeats itself. Before one war ends, another begins to brew. No wonder the prophet cries, "The ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly," for no lasting peace is possible in a Christ-rejecting world. Isa. 33:7.

WE WONDER, TOO!

The following editorial appeared in the *News and Leader*, Springfield, Missouri, the other day:

"We read some big, full-page ads about a paper shortage. We read that the War Manpower Commission in Atlanta has ruled that religious publishing houses are 'not essential to the community,' and a report from Tennessee that 'selective service headquarters announced that the preparation and publication of religious literature is not considered an essential activity by the War Manpower commission.' Then we happened to go by a popular newsstand, which

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recently has added a long new shelf to accommodate its growing stock of gaudy magazines—not religious. And we wondered and wondered."

TEN PLAGUES—THEN JUDGMENT

Says *Christian Victory*: Before the final judgment fell on the land of Egypt God sent a series of plagues which were both an appeal to the nation to repent and a warning of greater and worse judgments yet to come if they failed to repent. There is a remarkable statement in Micah 7:15: "According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I show unto him marvelous things." This text intimates that when Israel is again brought back to her land, not only from Egypt, but from all the nations where she has been scattered, God will deal with them and with the nations in a manner similar to His dealings with Egypt when Israel was delivered from Egyptian bondage during the days of Moses.

God sent a series of plagues—and at last the final judgment. It is our conviction that now, even now, God is dealing with the nations in a similar manner. The first world war was not only a "plague" but also a warning of other and worse plagues if repentance was not forthcoming. The world-wide "flu" epidemic was another plague. The crash of 1929 and the ensuing depression years, world-wide in scope, was another. And now God has sent another plague in this second world war. Increasing, like a spiral, in fury, God's plagues upon the nations are not accepted as a call to repentance. The final and only outcome possible, when there is not repentance, is judgment.

The horrible judgment which the nations soon must go through is the Great Tribulation, which will be God's wrath poured out upon the nations, after the rapture of the Church.

It is our conviction that the final period of judgment on the nations (The Great Tribulation) can not come until after the rapture of the Church. To many of us it seems that the rapture must be very, very near.