

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



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Christ's Cross + + + and His Coming

IT is written of Christ, "He hath poured out His soul unto death." Isa. 53:12. It is also written that He "through the eternal Spirit offered Himself." Heb. 9:14.

In this latter verse we have the mystery, the Godward side, of the atoning work of Christ—"who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot." Hidden behind all this mysterious sacrifice you get a hint of the awfulness of sin, and the extent of the power of the author of sin—Satan.

Sin is rebellion. There was rebellion in Satan against man and against God. Satan's rebellion headed up in opposition to the man who was made in the likeness of God.

God's masterpiece—man—was deceived, demoralized and brought to destruction by Satan, who took possession of him. Satan's plot was to enter into Adam, a being who was eternal, and bring him to eternal death. Because Adam was eternal, therefore it required the eternal Son of God, through the eternal Spirit, to offer Himself as a sacrifice, in order to redeem man—who was made in the likeness of the eternal God—from eternal death. How utterly futile are all men's remedies for sin—from the ritual of the Romanist to the empty words of those who say there is no sin!

Under the Law there were many sacrifices that pictured redemption through the blood of Christ, but none of these sacrifices availed for complete cleansing from sin, for it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sin. In them there was only life taken and blood spilled; there was no soul offering. But at Calvary the Son of God poured out His soul unto death. With Christ, blood was spilled, life was taken, and through the eternal Spirit His soul was made an offering for sin, in order that those who are worthy of death might be redeemed and be made partakers of the eternal Spirit.

It was through the eternal Spirit that Christ offered Himself at Calvary, and it is only through the operation of the eternal Spirit that there can be a new birth.

Christ said to Nicodemus—and it is a word to all—"Ye must be born again." John 3:7. How? By the operation of the Spirit. Christ showed that in the wilderness a remedy was provided for those who were bitten by the serpents. A serpent was upraised, and those who looked in faith at this provision that God had made were delivered from death, and lived.

God has made provision for sin and for the virus that has come through the bite of the serpent. That provision is the Son of God uplifted at Calvary. And He bids all, look and live. Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:15.

"After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a



Alpine Torrents

A STREAM has been God's Word to me. . . . The rush of water was marvelous; one could hardly hold a cup in it, and when one took out the cup, the water still whirled round and round in it for several seconds after. The impetus came from having its source so high and coming so swiftly down into a low place, and it has linked itself with the words, "Being by the right hand of God exalted, He hath shed forth this." If only Jesus is high enough and we are low enough, the stream of His Spirit must be mighty.—Lilias Trotter.

vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it to His mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost." John 19:28-30.

He waited for the fulfillment of the last promise in connection with His first advent, before He gave up the ghost. Though the hours of His suspense on the cross might seem like an age, they had to be

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Direct Answers to Prayer

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OUR Father never fails to answer believing prayer, but sometimes He says, "No," as He did in the cases of Moses desiring to enter Canaan and Paul pleading for deliverance from the thorn in the flesh. When the answer is, "No," the true believer immediately resigns himself to the divine will. However when one's prayer is in line with the will of God, and particularly when the believer is seeking only the glory of God, instant obedience and unquestioning faith bring the answer. This view of prayer has been verified in my personal experience.

Some years ago I was assisting as Bible teacher at a camp meeting. The tabernacle was an exhibition building with a metal roof. At one of the afternoon meetings rain was falling and making a disturbing noise on the roof. Though not leading I was on the platform and presently the Spirit whispered: "You will be called on to pray and when you are, pray that the rain may stop so that the people can get home dry and I will make it a sign."

It seemed as if in the other ear another voice said: "It will not stop raining and the people will laugh." However when called on I obeyed the Spirit and in the course of my prayer said: "Lord let the rain cease so that the people can get home dry." Immediately the rain subsided to a gentle patter and at the exact moment that the benediction was pronounced it ceased entirely.

Later I was told that when the people were gathering for the evening meeting some were heard to say to one another: "Did you notice that that minister prayed that the rain might stop so we could get home dry and it did stop?" Thus the Lord made it a sign.

That camp meeting was the beginning of a revival in that part of the country and in the course of the next few years many Assemblies were established. I spoke some years later at a gathering in a large farm house where there were over fifty persons present who had been saved in that revival. I tremble to think what a failure to obey the Spirit might have meant.

On another occasion I was supplying the pulpit for several weeks in an Ontario town. It was in the spring of the year. The first Sunday heavy rain was falling during the afternoon. I was fearful that if it continued I'd have few out at the evening service. Very earnestly I prayed: "Lord, let the rain stop until after the service tonight."

I remember lifting my arms and crying aloud: "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" At about 4 o'clock the rain ceased falling. The clouds still hung low and leaden; one felt that the rain might start again any moment. But not a drop fell. We had a church full of people and a blessed service and when I was preparing for bed between ten and eleven o'clock the rain started again. That same year I visited and preached in many Assemblies and for many months not one service was hurt by rainy weather. There were plenty of showers at

other times but none when the meetings were on. Hallelujah!

Here is an instance of a different character. I was leading the meeting in a small mission in a Manitoba town. A woman brought a baby into the mission in its carriage. The child had whooping cough; but I did not know that until long afterwards. The continuous coughing was very disturbing. While I was leading prayer the Spirit said; "Pray that the baby may stop coughing." I obeyed on the instant saying "Lord, grant that the baby may stop coughing." The words were scarcely uttered when it stopped and did not cough again; nor did it cough afterwards; it was healed.

When I was pastor in a certain Ontario city my wife and I and a godly woman of our congregation went to a home where a little girl lay apparently dying of acute summer complaint. When we entered, the child was lying still and white in her mother's arms. She could not keep even cold water down. We all three kneeled around the mother and baby and prayed. Before the last one had finished the little girl opened her eyes, sat up and asked for a drink. A glass of water was on the table within the mother's reach. The child

took a long drink and kept it down and from that moment began to recover.

Out of many other instances of answer to prayer let me tell one more. I was visiting and preaching for one of my sons who was pastor of a town assembly. There was a little girl of about 8 years, I think, who was going blind. We prayed for her but without any result. After my return to Toronto I received a letter saying that she had been taken to the Sick Children's Hospital. I went there. At first the nurse hesitated to let me see her but finally consented. The nurse said that Xrays had been taken but no treatment given because the doctors were unable to determine the cause. At that moment the child was almost totally blind. I was taken into a darkened room where she lay in a cot. I talked with her for a moment and then prayed very simply in a low tone that the Lord would be graciously pleased to restore her sight. A few days later I received word that her sight had come back and she had returned home. Later on I visited that town again and saw her in the Sunday School. She could read the lesson.

As already said, many other instances of answers to prayer could be given. No doubt many pastors and evangelists could duplicate these cases. Our God is a living God who hears and answers the cry of those who trust Him.

Ed. note:—Similar stories of answered prayer from our pastors and our readers would be welcome.

Life or Death?

THE apostle John states a very definite truth: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." That is a statement of positive truth. He continues, "And he that believeth not the Son shall not see life." That is a statement of a negative. He continues, "But the wrath of God abideth on him." That is a positive confirmation of the negative. John 3:36. The word "abideth" shows a prolongation of the negative.

It is written, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. And after judgment, what? "And these (the wicked) shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Matt. 25:46.

Judas went to his own place. There was a place prepared for him. Extinction requires no place. Annihilation requires no preparation of a place. Hell is prepared for the devil and his angels. Matt. 25:41. All the wicked that forget God are cast into hell—a prepared place.

They forget God, but they go to a place where they remember God. The rich man in hell cried, "I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him (Lazarus) to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them." What for? "Lest they also come into this place of torment." Luke 16:27, 28.

You forgot God, but now you remember Him, you rich man. Your brethren have Moses and the prophets, they have the Word of God, let them hear that. And that—the Word of God—

is sufficient. It is so plain that a wayfaring man, though a fool, can read it. The Word of God, especially the words of Christ regarding the hereafter, are so plain that they bear a surface value that a fool can interpret and understand. Theologians come along and pervert the simplicity of Christ's words concerning future retribution. See that you take not from, nor add to, the words of Christ and the inspired writers of the Word of God regarding the hereafter.

The awfulness of sin and the terrible price paid by the Son of God for redemption from it, point to the awful doom of those who are not freed from sin.

But there is a remedy for sin—the atoning blood of the Son of God; but without that blood there is no remission of sin. There is peace with God alone through the blood of God's Son. Come just as you are to the Saviour who loved you enough to die for you. And He gives you assurance as you come, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18.

Make David's prayer your own, "Have mercy upon me, O God. . . Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. . . Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. . . Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:1-10. And into the cleansed temple you can invite the Son of God to come and make His abode.

Knowing the Lord As Healer

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ABRAMHAM was "strong" in faith, giving glory to God, and it was in connection with his and Sarah's physical frame he trusted God for the impossible. Rom. 4:19, 20. Our Lord commands the Syrophenician woman in these words: "O woman, great is thy faith"—it was in connection with the healing of her daughter. In the case of the centurion, "When Jesus heard it, He marvelled, and said unto them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." Matt. 8:10. It was in connection with the healing of his servant. In James 5:15: "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." This is the only place in the Bible where we read of "the prayer of faith," and it is in connection with the healing of the sick.

The Lord's healing brings glory to God in the praise poured forth. There is a sense of God's mercy and goodness, love and power, in being raised up from a bed of sickness—that is very wonderful indeed. The leper, when Jesus had healed him, "went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter." Mark 1:45. He "blazed it abroad" by his shouts of praise. We find the lame man healed at the Beautiful Gate, "walking and leaping and praising God."

There was great joy in Samaria when unclean spirits were cast out, and those taken with palsies and the lame were healed. The joy and the gladness, the songs of praise we have witnessed time and again when Jesus has stretched forth His pierced hand and healed the sick!

It brings glory to God, because, in trusting Jesus for healing, the Bible is accepted as the Word of God. There is no "chopping and changing." "Higher criticism" can no more live in the atmosphere of the Lord's healing than darkness can withstand light. It is one of the divine antidote for the spirit that is abroad today which brings the Bible down to the level of other books.

One often hears it said: "I believe in the Bible from cover to cover"; very blessed if it be so. But frequently those who thus express themselves do not trust Jesus for healing; in such cases, the Bible is not believed in as it is imagined. To cut healing out of the Bible, no matter for what reason, brings unbelief to bear upon the Word of God, and helps to discredit the Scriptures.

The Bible becomes a new book to the child of God who sees in it the truth of healing of the body. "God means what He says and says what He means."

Divine healing brings glory to God, because it keeps you in close touch with God. It is often said in taking up this truth that you are not "putting first things first." You are not giving the Lord Jesus His right place as the Saviour and Sanctifier of the spirit of the man. Those who think thus are wrong, for healing by the Lord calls for a holy life. The sinner in his unconverted state is often healed

in answer to the faith and prayers of others, but sooner or later he finds that he must turn to God with his whole heart himself, in order to maintain the healing so mercifully given. And so with the lukewarm Christian, he finds that unless he surrenders his life to God and lives a life of "holiness unto the Lord," the healing



so wonderfully given him is gradually departing from him.

Twenty-seven years ago, the Lord Jesus revealed Himself to me as the Healer of my body. I can never thank God enough for what this has meant all these years, not only in the matter of actual health and strength mentally and physically, but especially in that it has been the divine means of keeping me close to the Lord through many trials

and temptations. Not only the thought of my own state of health (a question of life and death at all times), but the thought of others suffering from sickness and disease and upon me their burden laid—if I keep not in close touch with God, how can my ministry of prayer and intercession avail on their behalf?

That Satan gets at the people of God more through their physical and mental frames than other ways, is the testimony of many all the world over. One cannot help noticing the hellish opposition there was to the Lord when He cast out the demons. It is the experience of many that in the healing of the sick you are right up against the devil—you have to fight the devil "red handed," you "come to grips" with the enemy in all his fierceness and malignity.

Divine healing thus calls for brave men: one has to pray daily for "all boldness." Acts 4:29. It is most noticeable, the change that comes over a man after he accepts the Lord as his Healer—in the past timid and reserved; now he boldly stands his ground against his accusers and becomes valiant for the Lord. Divine healing thins out all "slackers" in God's army—truly glory is brought to God thereby.

Divine healing brings glory to God in that it brings the servant of the Lord into touch with pain and suffering. Our Lord is spoken of by the prophet Isaiah as "the man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" ("sickness," margin R. V.). The general conception of our Lord's character is the true one. We picture Him to ourselves as full of compassion and tender mercy towards the sick and suffering. How can we better attain to His likeness in this respect than by following Him in the ministry of healing?

✦ SAFETY ✦

CHRI^ST was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow; and the disciples awoke him, saying, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" Mark 4:38.

His disciples did not understand Him nor His power. The Christ when quiet and sleeping was as powerful and potent as when He was awake.

Christ wants to encourage us to have faith in Himself even though He does not speak audibly to us. Though He may seem to be asleep, He is with us in the boat. It cannot go down, and we cannot perish, with Him as our keeper and preserver.

"Carest Thou not that we perish?" He cared for them when He slumbered in the boat. His Father was caring for Him, they were with Him in the boat and therefore came under the Father's care. The less is included in the greater. He told them that the hairs of their head were numbered. A sparrow cannot fall to the ground without the Father's knowing. And Christ's Father knew that they were in the presence of, and therefore included in, the protection of the Son.

We may ask, "Carest Thou Not?" Demonstrations and outward manifestations are not always a sign of the divine presence, care and

protection. The slumbering Christ in the boat was sufficient. The trouble was that their trust, their confidence and knowledge of their Master was at fault.

"Carest Thou not?" Why, of course He cared! He did not fret. He knew His power. He knew His safety. Therefore He could sleep in the storm. Fretting and grumbling never helped matters. The one who did the least rowing that night was as safe as the one who did the most. It was not their activity or inactivity that saved them. It was the presence of the Lord, though He was sleeping in the boat.

Trust in the Saviour, even though He may not manifest Himself, even though He may seem to be asleep, and you will find that the storm will go down and there will be a great calm. And if it does not go down just when you want it to, rest assured that you can never perish while the imperishable One is in the boat with you.

WHY ONLY EIGHT PAGES?

We regret that, owing to paper rationing regulations, we are compelled to reduce the size of this issue of the Evangel to eight pages instead of the usual sixteen.

Following Jesus

H. A. Baker

LOCATED in the southern portion of China, in the Yunnan province, there is a fast disappearing tribe. The Poo Maws, for so they are called, are so much fiercer than other tribes about them that even the Chinese fear to molest them. They build their cowsheds any place they please with no fear of robbers. They rob others, but woe betide the man who robs a Poo Maw. This tribe can wreak more vengeance, drink more wine, and resist more gospel than any other tribes people with whom we have worked.

Several years ago one of the Ka Do men (another tribe in this region) said to me that if ever the Poo Maws become Christians they would be good ones. He was right. I consider the little group of Poo Maws, who have since then turned Christians, our best and most spiritually advanced church.

In the beginning of the little church, when only a few had stepped out for Christ, they suffered terrible persecution. Three times they were forced to rebuild their church building before they got their present building. Then in the midst of all this their leader was taken off to the army. Yet they continued to grow under the grace of God and now there is a flourishing church in this section.

Recently, while holding a convention and Bible study in this church, the Spirit of God was very real in one of the services. A ragged, bow-legged Poo Maw lad of fifteen was sitting in a corner seat on a backless bench in the front row. He sat leaning forward with his naked elbows resting on his bare knees and face buried in his hands. I could hear him quietly sobbing now and then and noticed he was shaking under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. He had been trying to suppress his weeping while some one was confessing sin and expressing a purpose to follow Jesus, but the boy's weeping could not be quieted. It became audible until his sobs could be heard all over the church.

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, You died on the cross," he said. "You gave your life. O my Jesus, my Jesus, you were nailed to the cross for me. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! O Jesus, thank you for saving such a sinner as I. Thank you Jesus. Thank you Jesus." And then he wept as though his heart would break.

This boy's weeping, praying, and thanksgiving, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, touched every one present. One after another confessed their sins and repented.

An evening later, when I had preached on "Following Jesus," the Son of God seemed to be walking up and down that little Poo Maw church calling them to leave "their nets" and follow Him. This half naked lad shyly arose, saying, "I mean to follow Jesus all the way. By death or by life I mean to follow Him." Shaking under the power of God and speaking under a real anointing he talked on. I felt he was making, "Following Jesus," more real than I had. When the boy, weeping, sat down

with his face buried in his hands, one after another of the Poo Maws jumped up, saying, "I, too, am going to follow Jesus all the way." One, two, three, not waiting for each other to finish, were standing at the same time saying that they were going to take up their cross and go all the way that Jesus went for them.

Right there in that thatched, mud-wall Poo Maw church I got a real blessing, for I knew the Poo Maws meant what they said and what they undertake to do they will back with their lives, if need be.

After a few evenings of confessing sin, repentance, and gathering about the foot of the Cross, the life that ebbed out on the Cross began to descend upon us. More and more the glory of God came down in our midst until thirty Ka Do and Poo Maw boys and girls, men and women, with glory-lit faces, were dancing all over the church, praising and worshipping the Lord in spirit and truth.

All this was leading up to the end of the two-week convention and Bible study that had become a real evangelistic meeting as well. The last touch came when a young Poo Maw woman, whom I had noticed for successive evenings, got up expressing her earnest desire for prayer as she confessed being a great sinner. Yet she did not seem satisfied. At the conclusion of the service she still stood shaking and praying. Suddenly, in the Spirit she laughed loudly, and clapped her hands in great joy. She shouted out, "Thank Jesus. He saved Me. Praise Jesus, His blood has washed away every one of my sins. Praise the Lord! I am saved! Thank you Jesus. Thank you. You died

DID YOUR PASTOR FORGET?

If so, he will appreciate your reminding him that the need of our older ministers should have been presented to the Assembly on Sunday, May 28th and an offering received at that time for their support. Possibly it was not convenient for the church to remember this need on the day designated.

There Is Still Time

for while the need is presented but twice each year, the distribution to the older ministers continues regularly each month throughout the year. Your offering for the support of our aged ministers may, therefore, be sent at any time and will be disbursed 100 per cent without any deductions whatever. Send to J. R. Flower, Treasurer, 336 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo.

on the cross, and your blood has washed my sins away." The woman would then laugh in great joy as floods of glory enshrouded her. She seemed to be lost in the joys of the other world so we left her with a friend while the rest of us went to the mountain stream for the baptismal service. There we buried in water the thirty-three Ka Dos and Poo Maws in the likeness of Him who was buried and rose again to bring to Ka Dos and Poo Maws and all other tribes and tongues a new and resurrected life.

At first I liked the Poo Maw Christians because they could endure persecution. Then I liked them because they could pray. Now I like them still better because they can give.—*Adullam News.*

Wesley's Secret of Power

S. Chadwick

THERE are some elements of John Wesley's power that lie on the surface. First and foremost I should place his use of the Bible. He believed implicitly that it is the very Word of God. He consulted it prayerfully for guidance. He preached the Word and judged all things by its teaching. In controversy he stated his invariable rule. "Permit me to speak plainly. If by Catholic principles you mean any other than Scriptural, they weigh nothing with me. I allow no other rule, whether by faith or practice, than the Holy Scriptures."

He preached with a living sense of divine authority. His text and his message were given to him of God. It came by direct communica-

tion of the Spirit, it was based upon the infallible Word of the Lord, and applied logically, earnestly, passionately to the hearts of men.

Secondly, I should say much of his power was due to his courage. He could not be moved till he was sure, but, once he was sure, nothing could stop him. One of his most fervent prayers was that God would deliver him from "what the world calls Christian prudence." The man in whom that prayer is answered can be neither stale nor conventional. Preaching has become too "band-boxy," and we, too, need to be saved from the same "Christian prudence."

Thirdly, he lived and preached in the presence and power of the Holy Ghost. He preached a gospel he had proved, and he preached with a real sense of the divine Presence. It is impossible to read the record of his day, with its exercise of prayer and song, fellowship and meditation, study and preaching, without being impressed by its deep spirituality, its solemn sense of the divine Presence, and its valid realization of the eternal. He saw God and rejoiced in His salvation.

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Pleasing to Him

S. A. Duncan

We are seeing, more and more, that the thing most pleasing to God, is that we *accept* of His provision for us.

He is not so pleased with the sighs and groans of a sinner, as He is with the spirit that just recognizes the provision made for Him through Christ, and boldly and fearlessly accepts the salvation wrought out for him through the death and resurrection of our Lord.

He is not so pleased with the Christian who grieves and laments over his faults, and failure to live an overcoming life, as he is pleased with the one that accepts of the provision made for Him in Christ. Has not God said that Christ "is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption?"

We often meet some child of God, who is heavy of heart and spirit, because of some past failure, or even sin, and we have found that the failure has been confessed, and the sin put away, and yet joy has not been restored, because they have not forgiven themselves. I really believe God is more ready to forgive a repentant one, than they are to accept of that forgiveness. I am seeing so clearly that there is no merit, absolutely none, in grieving over failures, or even sins, after they have been put away and the blood applied. One has said, "To be occupied with my guilt in the presence of God is not humility, as regards myself, but unbelief, as regards the sacrifice of Christ." God is pleased and Jesus Christ is honored when we appropriate His finished work for any need whatever, instantly as it arises.

Recently, when called to pray with one who needed healing from a severe illness, this same thought was pressed upon me, and I said: We do not need to entreat God to heal you, as though He were unwilling, but rather to accept of the provision He has already made, and since He tells us our sicknesses were laid on Him (Isaiah 53:4-5), just put them there and by faith count that "through His stripes we are healed." She saw the truth, claimed the merit of Christ, and in a few hours was delivered.

We think whenever there is failure to receive the healing, or the salvation, or the restoration of joy that the loss is ours. I am seeing so clearly that the greater loss is Christ's, for if His unspeakable sufferings were endured that we might be free, then He is not honored or glorified when we fail to appropriate all that was included in those sufferings.

O, captive soul, whoever you are, or however you are bound, see your freedom from it all in your suffering and glorified Lord, and do Him the honor of putting on Him all the purchase price of His blood.

"O, the bleeding Lamb,
O, the bleeding Lamb,
O, the dying Lamb,
He was found worthy."

May I repeat it—you honor God more by receiving health in Jesus than you do by bear-

ing your own pain. You honor Him more by accepting the joy of salvation at His hand than by days and nights of anguish and remorse over failure. Let us remember:

"All the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."

"By us," and He receives the "glory" only as we permit the promises to be fulfilled in us.

CHRIST'S CROSS AND HIS COMING

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endured in order that thirst might be created, and this scripture be fulfilled. Every jot and tittle had to be fulfilled. And when all had been fulfilled, immediately He gave up the ghost.

There was a finality, a closing up, in connection with His first coming. It is just as necessary for Him to be retained in heaven for the fulfillment of the prophecies regarding His second coming. They do not affect His person, but His church. Apostasy must reach its full. The Gentile course must be run. The scoffing in regard to His coming must be heard. 2 Peter 3:3, 4.

"If Thou be the Son of God, come down," is what the scoffers cried when He was on the cross. Now the scoffers say, "He is not going to come down." They have not asked Him to come down—they dare not. It is not culmination they desire, it is continuation. The scoffers are saying, "All things continue as they were." 2 Peter 3:3, 4. The wish is father of the thought.

The saint cries for the termination of apostasy, for the termination of vice and wickedness, for the termination of the day of travail, of separation; for the termination of the period in which Christ is kept from His glorification in His saints.

The saint says, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly." The scoffer sneers at the cry, and says, "You are crying in vain." The scoffer cried at Him on the cross, "If Thou be the Son of God, come down." Matt. 27:40. The saint cries

today, "Come down, Lord Jesus." The scoffer's cry was not answered, but the saint's cry will be answered. *He will come down.* He answers the saint, but is silent towards the scoffer.

The priests wagged their heads and mocked Him, saying, "If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him." Matt. 27:42. But the saint believes in Him whom he has not seen, who died at Calvary for his sins, and was raised from the dead, and who now says to His own, "Lift up your heads . . . for your redemption draweth nigh."

There are eagle's eyes and bat's eyes. Bats fly at eventide; eagles in the bright sunlight. And they see afar off the speck, when others fail to see anything at all. The Scripture says, "Wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together." Matt. 24:28. The eagle's eyes detect the speck, the body in the distance.

The saint has to be careful of contagion, lest he be contaminated by the cry of scoffers in the pulpits and out of them who say: "Where is the promise of His coming?" for unless he is looking up and expecting, he is liable to be affected by the unbelief of the apostate church and of the corrupt world.

"When these things begin to come to pass, then look up." Luke 21:28. We need spiritual eyesight—eyes anointed to see what the world does not. Christ says, when you see signs in the sky, when you see distress of nations, with perplexity, men's hearts failing them for fear, and similar signs, look up.

There are observers of natural phenomena. God wants spiritual observers of the supernatural, and the natural will predict the supernatural. In these days the saints need quick perception, quickened eyes and quickened ears, and the mind illuminated, and the Word revealed, in order to see the imminence of the coming of the Lord!

Christ wants a prepared people, prepared for His coming. And a fully expectant people will not be disappointed. Surely the church at this time needs its Head, and surely He will come. Look to Him. Send up the constant cry, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Many today are magnifying the dollar. The Scripture refers to dollars, to silver and gold, as corruptible things. They cannot redeem. But there is redemption through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Peter wrote to the saints of his day, "Ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ." 1 Peter 1:18, 19.

Men today are forgetting the precious blood of Christ. They talk much about the "sinews of war" but little about the precious blood of God's Lamb. They magnify the dollar and belittle the Blood. Dollars to redeem, instead of the precious blood of the Redeemer!

Beware lest He say to you, "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought the gift of God may be purchased with money."

There are many today who have bat's eyes instead of eagle's eyes. They are looking downward instead of upward. It is unto those that *look for Him*, that He shall appear the second time. Heb. 9:28.

He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him. 1 John 2:10.

Fifth Annual Youth Conference

Once again plans are going forward for a National Youth Conference on the spacious campus of Central Bible Institute at Springfield, Missouri. Despite the rising costs of living, the cost of these ten delightfully refreshing days will be the same as last year—\$15.00. The time for this year's conference is August 22-31. All those 15-35 are eligible to attend. Plan now to be there. Write to National Youth Conference, 336 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, for additional information.

FORWARD...

to the uttermost parts

Hold the Fort For We Are Coming!

On this page are the pictures of ten missionaries—ten consecrated men and women of God who left the shores of America in April to give themselves unreservedly to the cause of Christ in Africa and India.

MARY E. MARTIN has been actively engaged in Liberia since 1925, having helped to establish the Bible Training School in Feloka in 1931. It is her earnest desire to see a Bible School established in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, in the very near future.

LOIS SHELTON has also been closely identified with the Bible School work in Feloka. While home on furlough she wrote a dispensational book which will doubtless be a blessing to the Christians of West Africa.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE HEMMINGER have already ministered for a number of years to the Temne tribe in interior Sierra Leone. At the same time they assisted in the translation of the New Testament into the Temne language. We are happy to have them represent us in Sierra Leone.

MR. AND MRS. VIVAN SMITH were among the six of our missionaries who, besides carrying on their regular station work, assisted in the translation of the New Testament in the Mossi language. Pray for them as they undertake an overland journey from Portuguese Guinea to Ouagadougou of over 1,000 miles of desolate country.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH GODBEY are on their way to Nigeria for their first term. Brother Godbey was at one time the Christ's Ambassador president for the Rocky Mountain District. Their departure for Nigeria is most welcome news to Rex Jackson and Elmer Frink, who have long awaited the arrival of missionary help for that needy field.



Mr. and Mrs. George Hemminger

MARGUERITE M. FLINT is now returning to Hardoi, India, where she has been in charge of the Bible Training School for women. A number of the graduates of the school are now engaged in evangelistic work in our North India field. "There is every reason why I should be a missionary," Miss Flint once said. "There is no reason why I should not!"



Mr. and Mrs. Vivan Smith



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Godbey



Marguerite M. Flint



Hilda Wagenknecht



Mary E. Martin



Lois Shelton

HILDA WAGENKNECHT is returning to Bettiah to the girls' school and orphanage. During her absence Grace Walther has been in charge of the work. Before coming home on furlough she wrote: "I have been so happy in my work out here that it is hard to leave." How happy she must be that now she is able to return to the land of her calling!

These ten sailed in April. They've accepted the challenge. They're going forward to the uttermost parts. Others are prepared to sail in the very near future. Will you accept your part of the challenge by prayer for them as well as sending in your gifts in a sacrificial manner that these missionaries be not further delayed?



The consecrated spirit is wholly united to the divine will. It chooses it, it delights in it, and wants to meet it in all its fulness.—A. B. Simpson.

Send all contributions to Noel Perkin, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri

A CHURCH IS BROUGHT TO BIRTH

Out of the pangs and sorrows of dreadful persecution, a vigorous church has been born in one province of Ethiopia. G. W. Playfair toured this province a year ago. He found 155 churches, with a rough estimate of fifteen to twenty thousand followers, and reported that it is built on the Bible, dedicated to holy living and engaged in witnessing for Christ. He wrote:

"The Italian brutes collected fifty leaders at one time, gave all the lash up to one hundred stripes. But one poor fellow got four hundred and lives to tell it. Three died in prison, for all were kept there for nine months or until the British came. Had the British not come, it probably would have meant death for all. They held their meetings at night, and even baptized at night in the days of their persecution. . . . This church was born in and lived through the persecution and grew from sixty at Baddu, ten at Gudiela, and multiplied three hundred fold in the face of Italian attempts at extermination. Churches were burned down, but all to no effect. Bad men have become holy. Slave owners have let as many as one hundred slaves go, trying to win them to Christ. All are striving to learn to read the Word of God in Amharic."

CONFIDENT WAITING

"Neither hast Thou delivered the people at all" (Ex. 5:23) was the prelude to the Exodus. "He answered her not a word" was the first step to the answer to the Syrophenician woman's cry.

Trust in a Christ who is not working (He answered her not a word).

Trust in a Christ who seems not to be caring (asleep on a pillow).

Trust in a Christ who seems to have failed (He that should have redeemed Israel).

Amen, if such be the path by which He leads.

"SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT"

Allied aerial bombs have unearthed a medieval murder mystery in Viterbo, Italy, according to an Associated Press dispatch. The bodies of two men and a woman, all with fractured skulls and clad in 16th-century dress, were found in the sarcophagus (coffin) of a cardinal when preparations were made to move it from a bomb-damaged church.

WITH CHRIST

A telegram received from Brother Carl M. O'Guin, former Superintendent of the Illinois District, tells us of the homegoing of his dear wife. We desire to express our sympathy with our brother in his great loss.

FREE HELPS

A registry for Vacation Bible School workers is being prepared. If you are supervising a Vacation Bible School this year or have had experience in any phase of V. B. S. work, please send your name and address to the Sunday School department of the GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE so that you may receive the free helps available for you. Please inform us, also, how many schools you have conducted or taught in and where. We now have a full-time V. B. S. worker in the Sunday School Department who will assist you in this work.

Forthcoming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 16 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Cortlandt and Aurora Street; June 11, for two weeks or longer; M. L. Davidson, Evangelist.—O. L. Davidson, Pastor.

SANFORD, ME.—15 Maine St.; June 15, for 2 weeks; R. L. Bartlett, Evangelist.—Lyle W. Butler, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—64th and Figueroa Sts.; revival in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. R. S. Peterson from Wisconsin.—John B. Lilley, Pastor.

MOBILE, ALA.—Revival in progress; G. B. McDowell, Dallas, Texas, Evangelist.—Clyde C. Goree, Pastor.

DRAIN, ORE.—June 6—; Robert B. Thomas and Robert Pirtle, Evangelists.—Noble Ballew, Pastor.

JOPLIN, MO.—May 30, for 2 weeks or longer; Jean Benefiel, Loveland, Colo., Evangelist.—S. K. Biffle, Pastor.

ELVINS, MO.—May 24, for 3 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. Loren W. Wooten.—V. R. Ledbetter, Pastor.

IRVINGTON, N. J.—60 Paine Ave., June 15-25; Allan A. Swift, Dean of E. B. L., speaker.—Jos. R. Potter, Pastor.

MISSION CITY, B. C., CANADA—British Columbia Conference and Camp Meeting, July 2-16. J. D. Saunders, main speaker. Kindly make reservations early.—Pastor C. R. Cobb, Box 265, Mission City, B. C.

ARITON, ALA.—Eleventh annual C. A. Convention, High School, June 14-17. J. Billy McIntosh, Nashville, Tenn., special speaker. For further information write Mrs. Jimmie Flowers, District C. A. Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 272, Troy, Ala.

CAMDEN, N. J.—Monthly Missionary Fellowship, 570 Walnut St., June 6. Kenneth Haystead is pastor. Services 2:30 and 8:00 p. m. Louise Hackert, returned missionary from Liberia, will speak.—Elizabeth J. Ashcroft.

PUYALLUP, WASH.—5th St. and 4th Ave. S. W., May 28—; Arthur M. Otteson, Evangelist and Gospel Singer.—A. B. Crabb, Pastor.

ALLIANCE, NEB.—Tent meeting in progress, 3rd and Sweetwater; A. A. Allen, Lamar, Colo., Evangelist.—Clyde King, Pastor.

Special Notice

Effective March 26, 1944, postage rates were increased including air mail, insurance and C.O.D. rates.

When requesting merchandise to be insured or sent C.O.D., please consult the following postage rates when placing your order.

C.O.D. Mail

From \$0.01 to \$5.0024c
From \$5.01 to \$25.0034c
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From \$50.01 to \$100.0064c
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From \$150.01 to \$200.0090c

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From \$5.01 to \$25.0020c
From \$25.01 to \$50.0030c
From \$50.01 to \$100.0050c
From \$100.01 to \$150.0060c
From \$150.01 to \$200.0070c

Air-mail rate is now 8c per ounce.

WEST FLORIDA CAMP MEETING
West Florida District Camp Meeting, Marianna Camp Grounds, Marianna, Fla., July 2-9; Marvin Smith, special speaker. Day and evening services. Everyone invited.—R. F. Hudson, District Superintendent.

WESTERN SLOPE CAMP MEETING
Rocky Mountain District Sectional Camp Meeting, Western Slope, Grand Junction, Colo., June 9-18. R. A. McClure, Pueblo, Colo., special speaker. Wm. Young is the local pastor.—J. E. Austler, District Superintendent.

TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL
The 29th session of the Texas District Council will convene at Waxahachie, Texas, in the gymnasium of Southwestern Bible Institute, June 6-9. June 5, Fellowship night. Ralph M. Riggs main speaker. All those desiring ordination must meet the ordination committee. For any information desired, address C. P. Robison, District Secretary-Treasurer, or F. D. Davis, District Superintendent, 1200 Sycamore, Waxahachie, Texas.

GEORGIA DISTRICT COUNCIL
The annual meeting of the Georgia District Council will convene at 301 Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga., June 12-15; Ralph M. Riggs, main speaker. Other leading ministers and officials from other Districts as well as God-sent able workers willing to do Home Missions work in new fields, invited to attend, Monday night fellowship service. District Presbyters' meeting, 4:00 p. m. Monday. Council opens 10:00 a. m. Tuesday; W. M. C. meeting 2:00 p. m. Rooms free. Ralph Byrd, 301 Capitol Ave., is pastor.—S. W. Noles, District Superintendent, Box 1101, Columbus, Ga.

CAMP MEETING
MIAMI, OKLA.—Camp Meeting sponsored by the Assemblies of God in the mining area of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri, as a community co-operation, June 15-25. F. C. Cornell, Superintendent Oklahoma District, main speaker. Services 10:00, 2:00, 6:00, and 8:00; children's church 2:00; C. A.'s 6:00. Accommodations for those coming from a distance. Bring musical instruments. For further information address J. L. Whittaker, President, 1702 Lincoln, Baxter Springs, Kansas; or W. L. Farmer, Secretary, Box 717, Commerce, Okla.

KENTUCKY DISTRICT CAMP MEETING AND COUNCIL
Kentucky District Camp Meeting, Peniel Bible Institute, Stanton, Ky., June 14-23. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams and William Long, special speakers. C. A. annual business session and rally, June 16. Special missionary service, with Noel Perkin in attendance, June 18. Tenth Annual District Council, June 20-23. Those desiring reservations write James Hartshorn, 214 Mulberry St., Carlisle, Ky.—Carl E. Schmidt, District Secretary-Treasurer.

MONTANA DISTRICT COUNCIL AND YELLOWSTONE BIBLE CAMP
LIVINGSTON, MONT.—Montana District Council and Yellowstone Bible Camp, July 10-19. Speakers: Wm. E. Long and Ralph M. Riggs. Missionary Representatives: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Garlock. Sunday School Representative M. L. Grable will be with us July 14-16. Presbyters' meeting, July 11 District Council, July 12-13. Meals on grounds. Tents and cots for rent. Trailer parking free. Rooms available in city at reasonable rates. For further information address: Leonard Palmer, District Superintendent, 1026 Third Ave. S., Great Falls, Mont.

OPEN FOR CALLS
Evangelistic
M. D. Stokley, Route 8, Box 629, Dallas, Texas.—"We shall be available for revivals after Texas District Council. Have large gospel tent and sound system. Ten years in evangelistic work. Formerly State C. A. President of Texico District."
Wm. H. Johnson, P. O. Box 143, Luck, Wis.—"Many years' experience in pastoral and evangelistic work. Wife plays piano, also piano-accordion, and is a Bible teacher."

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES
FOR SALE—Auditorium-size guitar, very good condition.—Wm. H. Johnson, P. O. Box 143, Luck, Wis.
NOTICE—Servicemen stationed at Ft. McClellan, Ala., will find a hearty welcome at the Pentecostal Holiness Church, 624 Wilmer Ave., Anniston, Ala.—E. L. Shirey, Pastor, 1911 Leighton Ave. Phone 161-J. (NOTE: There is no Assembly of God in this city.)
NOTICE—Mrs. Zook and I will continue in the evangelistic field, with home address P. O. Box 284, Belen, N. Mex., until Southwestern Bible Institute opens in October, when I shall return to Southwestern as teacher.—Royden D. Zook.
BROADCAST—"The Gospel Sunlight Hour," sponsored by the Santa Ana and Coleman churches, Station KBWD, 1350 kilos., Brownwood, Texas, Saturdays, 10:30-11:00 a. m.—Gladys Lutke, Pastor.

The Passing and the Permanent

TO CHAMPION TROUBLED JEWS

As a result of the brutal beatings of many Jewish children and youth in New York by mobs of youth, the National Lawyers Guild has announced it will represent any person affected by an act of anti-Semitism anywhere throughout the U. S.

"THE SCHOOL OF CRIME"

From McKeesport, Pa., comes this news item: "Thirteen-year-old Julius Lutkus, of Glassport, confessed, police said today, to stabbing a two-year-old playmate ten times, then rolling him over a hillside, 'just like I seen it in the movies.'" Well have the movies been called "the school of crime."

THE LIQUOR INDUSTRY

A million Americans are directly or indirectly engaged in the liquor industry, according to figures published in the *Christian Herald*. More than four million tons of beer and liquor are shipped each year, despite overloaded rail facilities. Two and a half million truckloads of beer alone are moved annually, in spite of fuel and manpower shortages.

STRIFE IN PALESTINE

Strife between the Arabs and the Jews in Palestine has not ended. It has merely been held down by the presence of Allied forces in the land. According to the *New York Times*, both Arabs and Jews are building up secret stores of arms, drilling their forces and perfecting their organizations in preparation for the day when the Allied forces move out.

IF IT'S FREE, IT'S PROTESTANT

The French-Canadian magazine *La Bonne Nouvelle*, published in Quebec, tells of a French-Canadian priest who warned his congregation against free Gospels and gospel tracts. In teaching them how to distinguish Catholic from Protestant literature, he said: "The Roman Catholic Church never give anything away free; if the literature is free of charge, it must be Protestant."

READING RECORD OF 1943

The year 1943 was the most remarkable in the 150-year-old history of U. S. publishing, says *Time*. The public bought 80 million novels, biographies, and books about war and politics, 70 million textbooks, 40 million children's books, 45 million technical books, and 15 million Bibles and religious books—a total estimated at between 250 and 350 millions, which is from 20% to 30% more than in 1942.

MAKING MARRIAGE A MOCKERY

Col. Elliott Roosevelt's second wife recently sued him for divorce in Texas. The decree was granted after she told the judge, "My husband said he did not care for me any longer and asked that I institute divorce proceedings." Thus, by the easy divorce laws that exist in half our States, America makes a hollow mockery of an institution that God made sacred and binding.

A BLOODY RECORD

It was in Russia that the first dictatorship—and possibly the bloodiest one—appeared in modern times. During the first four years of communistic dictatorship in Russia there were put to death 28 bishops, 1,219 priests, 6,000 professors and teachers, 9,000 doctors, 12,950 landowners, 54,000 officers, 70,000 policemen, 193,290 workmen, 260,000 soldiers, 355,250 intellectuals and professional men, and 815,000 peasants. These figures are based on a Russian statistical investigation that is reported by Louis S. Bauman. They are a revealing record.

HOW TO DEAL WITH JAPAN

An article entitled, "How Shall We Deal With Japan?" appeared in *Religious Digest* recently. It was written by Walter H. Judd, Congressman from Minnesota, former medical missionary to China, who said:

"An American returning from Japan at the turn of the century remarked that Japan was in the valley of decision. Would she gradually adopt the traditions and codes of the Western democratic nations, or would she merely adopt Western weapons and machinery while retaining her federal militaristic traditions and mentality? He warned that if we did not send 10,000 Christian missionaries to Japan quickly, we would eventually have to send 100,000 bayonets. Well, we didn't send the 10,000 missionaries. Now we send the bayonets. I believe our very best hope of helping the Japanese to develop a willingness to play with the world team of nations, instead of against it, is through the thousands of Japanese Christians who have not bowed their knees or their hearts to militarism, or broken their ties with fellow Christians around the world."

BARBER-SHOP RELIGION

Here's a letter that caused a shout in the Servicemen's Department this week. Sgt. E.A.W., somewhere in England, writes: "Please accept inclosed money order for \$100.00 as my contribution toward helping out in getting the words of our Lord to the servicemen."

"I cut a little hair in my spare moments, so it's a contribution of all our men, even though they aren't aware of it."

"I contacted your address in the *Pentecostal Evangel*, hoping to help the servicemen in the gift."

Sgt. E.A.W. is right on the spot. He sees millions of men now crowding the streets of England, and knows they will soon be crossing the Channel under darkness of night and the protection of fighter planes to invade the "fortress of Europe." He knows, too, that possibly a million of these men will never come back.

Sgt. E.A.W. is doing something about it. How about you?

Send offerings to

SERVICEMEN'S DEPARTMENT
Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

SAVORLESS SALT

Lord Haig, who commanded the British forces during the later years of World War I, made a remarkable speech shortly before his death, in which he said: "No military preparedness, no political expedient, can guarantee the kind of peace on which the heart of the world is set. The Christian religion, backed by a united Christendom, and a church as daring and heroic on spiritual lines as the army has been on military lines, is the only hope of the world, and of the solution of the great problems with which the world is faced." How true are his words. The Church is the only "salt of the earth" which can arrest world corruption. But much of the professing Church has become like the world, and has become savorless salt; hence the corruption is multiplied and peace is fled.

A COLPORTEUR IN BURMA

In Burma, Christian work has been greatly interrupted by the Japanese invasion, but the Christian colporteurs still carry on. Over 80,000 scriptures were circulated last year. The Bible Society reports one incident:

One of the colporteurs visited a village where the people were celebrating a "spirit festival," and were telling tales of the spirit's power. Suddenly one of the women began cursing and threatening the others present. The colporteur, after he had asked permission of the elders, took a cane and said to the possessed woman: "Begone, thou evil spirit, in the name of Christ!" The woman became calm, and begged the pardon of the colporteur. The sequel was that all the people in the village crowded round the colporteur to buy Gospel portions.

INVASION DAY PRAYERS

In an editorial in the *Chicago Herald-American* there is an urgent call to back the invasion of Europe with our united prayers. The editorial states, "The armies of America and England will kneel in prayer before the invasion. Let us kneel with them. Our men need our prayers. *Let us pray frequently in churches, stores, houses, public conveyances, and the streets, that the Almighty will crown the invasion with success.*"

But we note a serious omission in this editorial. There is no word about our humbling ourselves. God says, "If My people, which are called by My name, shall *humble themselves*, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chron. 7:14. This applies to His people of the New Covenant as well as His people of the Old Testament.

Daniel gave himself to prayer, but he did more than this—he humbled himself, and made confession before God. Listen to his words: "We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Thy precepts and from Thy judgments: neither have we hearkened unto Thy servants the prophets, which spake in Thy name. . . ." Read the whole Ninth chapter of Daniel. After making his humbling confession, Daniel made his request.

Let us by all means pray, and pray without ceasing, but let us also make our confession, "We have sinned." Let us seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways.