

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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## The Spiritual Significance of V-E Day

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**I**N addition to all the well-known and easily-seen significances of this glorious day in which complete and final victory is attained over Nazi Germany, let us also have eyes to see the following:

1. *God answers prayer.* When Rommel was approaching the Suez Canal and the German army had arrived at the Volga River in Russia, it took much prayer and faith and hope to believe that victory would finally be ours. But it has come. So, my friend, in your own personal dark hour, remember it pays to pray, for God answers prayer.

2. *God loves America and has doubtless chosen her for a special mission in these last days.* How else can you explain why not a single bomb fell in our cities? Not one civilian has been killed as an act of war. Not one house, hospital, factory, or church has been leveled by enemy action. Not even one enemy airplane has flown over our country. It is not because Norway, Holland, France, Poland, Greece or England were more wicked than we that these evils befell them. Remember the Master's words: "Suppose ye that these . . . were sinners above all . . . because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:2, 3.

3. *And that special mission could easily be that God is calling Christian America to provide and thrust forth a mighty army of missionaries to carry the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (which is the true hope of the world—the San Francisco Conference to the contrary notwithstanding), literally to the ends of the earth, especially to Russia, Germany, Italy, China, and Japan.* The Christians have been forced to give one-tenth of their income in taxes and war bonds and their sons to the armed forces of our nation because they had not voluntarily obeyed His commands to give

and to go in the holy cause of world missions. God in His mercy, has given us another chance. Let us repent of our past sins and neglect and rise in His name now and earnestly seize this last opportunity which is ours to take His Gospel to every creature, every Christian obeying fully and gladly His every command now.

4. *"And I gave her space to repent."* Rev. 2:21. America's crime record is the worst of all nations; her divorce rate is the highest; her drunkenness and her blasphemy are notorious. Her lewd immorality spawned and fostered by

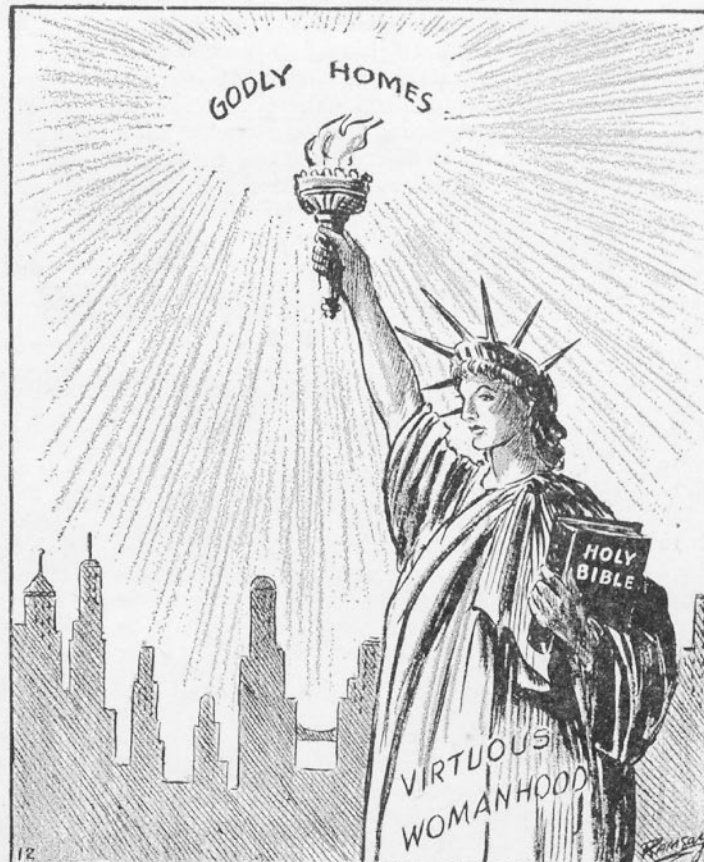
unholy Hollywood is shocking beyond words to express, and now her juvenile delinquency is growing by leaps and bounds. And yet, in spite of the stench of the aggregate of her national sins, God has spared America and ridded her of a serious threat to her liberty and possible existence as a nation. Why? He has given her space to repent, but will she repent? That depends upon the strength and the power of the church's voice and influence. IT DEPENDS UPON US. God give us the courage, zeal and faithfulness of John the Baptist and of Jonah, prophets who single-handedly called nations to repentance.

5. *Germany's crushing fall and ruin teach us that it doesn't pay to sin.* Those murders, those blasphemies, those defiances of the God of the Jews and His chosen people, those unspeakable crimes of torture and sadism, and those horrible rapes of nations, have mounted to high Heaven and have brought down the fierce wrath of the Almighty. But even little sins, secret sins, do not pay. No sin pays anything but punishment and death. The wages of sin is death.

6. *And lastly, it is possible to backslide and sink into an awful hell.* Germany was the cradle of Protestantism and the Reformation. She led the world back to the God of the Bible and justification by faith. But she cooled in her ardor, became ritualistic ("rut"-Ualistic), then give birth to nationalism and modernism which in turn have produced Nazism and its infernal corruption and rapid ruin. Let America beware! On the brink of national ruin, because of her sin and her own apostasy from Puritan faith and standards, she has been given a momentary respite by a gracious God.

What a tragic hour is here. How perilous is this last quivering opportunity. An intercessor like Abraham and a prophet like Elijah or a host of little intercessors and prophets could turn this crisis for God.

### HOPE OF AMERICA



# Behold, He Cometh

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**W**ATCH therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. Matt. 25:13.

The same Lord Jesus who was crucified is coming again. The Epistle to the Thessalonians is particularly the epistle of the coming again of the Savior. Chapter one finds the believers "serving the living and true God and waiting for His Son from heaven, even Jesus which delivered us from the wrath to come." Chapter two shows believers to be the "joy, or crown of rejoicing" of those instrumental in bringing them to the Lord, in the day when He comes. The third chapter shows the need of holiness to be ready for His coming. Chapter four tells how His coming will be, and the last chapter warns that His coming will find the world in darkness, but encourages the believers, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief."

When is Jesus going to come? "In such an hour as ye think not." The time none know, not even the angels. Our watchword is "Watch therefore," "Be ready."

When the early Christians met at Jerusalem over the matter of circumcision, they reached the decision that God had visited the Gentiles "to take out of them a people for His name." After which He would return, and build again the tabernacle of David, which was fallen down; and build again the ruins thereof, and set it up. Acts 15:14-16. The great purpose of the gospel is that men and women may become members of the body of Christ, take to themselves the name of the Son of God, and enter into a heavenly relationship. To be a Christian means to become a part of the bride of Christ. The apostle Paul said that in making converts he "espoused them unto one husband, that he might present them as chaste virgins to Christ." Those believers who court the world are called by honest James "adulterers and adulteresses" because they break the vow of their espousal to Christ. When Jesus comes it will be for "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Do you remember the parable of the ten virgins? Whom did they go to meet? They went out to meet the Bridegroom. Five were wise and five were foolish. While they slumbered and slept there came the midnight cry, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. But behold! the foolish found their lamps were going out. They were without oil and while they went to buy, the door was shut. After a little while the last name will be written in the Lamb's book of life, the last sinner will feel the convicting presence and power of the Holy Ghost.

Apostasy is hastening to its zenith, its blasphemous disregard for God ripening it for the judgments which will fall when Jesus comes again. "For that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first"—an apostasy—

which will open the way for the revelation of the man of sin, the Antichrist, the political leader for whom the world is now preparing. Because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved, "God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." One marvels at the ease with which people of today can deceive themselves.

The coming of Christ will be with lightning suddenness, "for as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." When He leaves His mediatorial throne, when the Father says "it is enough," when the last name is enrolled in the church of the First Born which are written in heaven, when the last gospel invitation has been extended, and the Spirit has moved for the last time on the hearts of those who have rejected the call of sovereign mercy, Jesus is coming suddenly, "in like manner as he went away." When He went away "a cloud received him out of their sight," and when He returns, "Behold, he cometh with clouds." His coming will be in majesty and power. The glory of the celestial world will rest upon Him, the glory which He had with the Father before the world was.

Woe to the unprepared inhabitants of the earth when Jesus comes! To them His coming will be "in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord." When Jesus comes the great separation will take place. He will separate the righteous from the wicked as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. There shall be two in one bed; the one shall

be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. "When once the master of the house hath risen, and has shut to the door, and ye begin to say, Lord, Lord, open unto us, Then shall He say, Depart from me, I know you not." The door of mercy is still open and whosoever will may come, but that door is going to be closed.

When I was a little boy in a Western State, one of those innocent looking river beds became a maddened torrent after a cloudburst on the near-by mountainside. A man jumped on his horse and rode as rapidly as he could down the river channel shouting warnings to the little hamlets and the farm houses peacefully resting along its shores until he was overtaken by the mad rush of waters, giving his life for others. The church of Jesus Christ is telling men and women of coming judgment. The wrath of the Almighty is about to overtake us. Flee from the wrath to come.

May we now look at the blessed hope of those who are in Christ Jesus. To them He says, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Although sorrow, tribulation, and judgment are coming, the church of Jesus Christ has promise of escape. "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Just before the judgments of the Great Tribulation "the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God." The dead in Christ shall rise, the redeemed, still living, will be changed, and together they shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. The coming of Christ is the hope of His own in the midst of present darkness and unbelief.

Signs multiply which testify that we are living in the close of the age. The coming of the Lord is near. "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

## The Oppressed Set Free

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**W**E were gathered at Natalakwu for a special program by the school children. I happened to look out the back door, and see a woman approaching carrying on her back a woman by the name of Odimba. The latter was writhing and foaming at the mouth. We hastened from the building to see what was the matter. The woman and some of the men were weeping bitterly, because they felt that her case was hopeless, that there was no chance for her recovery.

Upon inquiry, we found that she was taken with a dreaded disease that was attributed to demon possession. A number of the natives who were there came out when they heard the commotion, and they were very moved and excited when they recognized the sickness. They told me it was demon possession and that there

was no hope for recovery outside the Lord or unless, according to the native custom, her little finger was cut off at the first joint.

When they told me this I knew of the sickness because nearly all the children in that community had their little fingers cut off at the first joint; and when I had questioned them they told me it was a sickness from which no one ever recovered unless the little finger was cut off at the first joint. And so we knew it was demon possession and demon power and that the demon required this sacrifice of blood to be appeased.

Our hearts were gripped with fear as we realized her dangerous condition. We knew that our only help was in the Lord. And so we took her into the pastor's house and began to pray.

It was wonderful to see the exercise of faith on the part of the brethren there. It seemed that one would lead out in prayer and would pray so fervently, and then it seemed that the spirit and the burden of prayer would be placed upon another one, and that one would pray earnestly, and it just continued like that from one to another as they claimed the promises contained in the Word. I had prayed earnestly for some time, and then I became tired. But it was marvelous to see how one of the ministers began to pray. It seemed that the burden would be placed on him and he would pray so earnestly. And when he seemed to tire, the spirit of prayer would come upon another man, and he would intercede. And then maybe one

of the women would begin to pray, and the burden would pass to another, while the others would be joining quietly in prayer. That great burden of agonizing prayer would just pass from one to another as the Spirit would lead.

After praying for several hours and rebuking the enemy in the name of the Lord, Odimba was restored to her right mind, and the next day she was about her duties. This stood as a great testimony to all the community of the healing which God had provided. It was never known before of a person being healed or the demons being appeased and leaving before the sacrifice of the little finger had been made.

## The Indispensable Man

RALPH W. HARRIS

*"I have found a man."* Daniel 2:25

THE atmosphere of Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian court was electric with excitement. Strange things had been taking place. For two days unprecedented orders and commands had been issuing from the king's royal throne.

First of all, early on the morning of the first day, all the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans had been summoned to come before the king. Rumor had it that he had made an extraordinary request. It seems that a dream had come to him, troubling him so that he could not sleep. Evidently he felt that the dream and its interpretation were of the most vital importance, but, strange to say, he could not recall the dream to his mind. And, to the discomfiture of the wise men, he had demanded that they tell him the dream and the interpretation.

Of course, the wise men could not do this, and had told the king so. In fury, then, he had said, "If you tell me the dream and the interpretation, I will give you rewards, gifts and great honor. But if you will not do this, ye shall be cut in pieces."

Realizing their hopeless predicament, the wise men prepared to die, and the courtiers saw Arioch, captain of the king's guard, making ready for the execution. Then they had heard that a reprieve had been granted. Daniel, of the captives of Judah, had asked the king for time to pray and ask his God to make known the dream and the interpretation.

A night of anxiety and restlessness followed; then, early on the second morning, the king's courtiers see Arioch, breathless with excitement, lead Daniel in before the king. Arioch declared, his voice trembling with emotion, "Oh king, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation."

We are not here concerned with the dream and the interpretation which Daniel told to King Nebuchadnezzar. We wish to emphasize, rather, that we find here the picture of an indispensable man. Indispensable means something which is absolutely necessary, cannot be dispensed with. Certainly Daniel was an indispensable man that day. He was indispensable to the king, for without his assistance the

dream would not have been known or interpreted. He was also indispensable to his three companions and the wise men of Babylon. Certainly they could not have done without him for long. It would have meant their heads!

There have been other indispensable men. Think of Joseph. Joseph was indispensable. He, too, was needed to interpret a dream. Pharaoh's dream told of seven years of plenty to be followed by seven years of famine. Joseph's advice was to appoint a man, under whose wise and discreet direction grain would be laid up for the years of famine. Looking around, Pharaoh said, "Can we find such a man as this, one in whom the Spirit of God is?" Then, seeing Joseph, and realizing that here was the man of the hour, he chose him for this task. What would they have done without him? The dream would not have been interpreted, they would not have known of the approaching famine, so would not have prepared for it, and the whole nation would have been swept by a wave of hunger.

Moses was indispensable. What would Israel have done without him to be in touch with God and to lead them out of bondage, through the Red Sea, across the trackless wilderness and up to the threshold of the Promised Land?

Gideon, Jephthah, Barak, Samson, David—all these were indispensable men in their time. What would Israel have done without them to lead the nation from cruel captivity to freedom from their oppressors? Read Hebrews 11 to find a list of history's indispensable men.

Great as these men are, however, their names and deeds pale into insignificance in comparison with the incomparable Christ. He is the Indispensable Man above all others. Of Him we may shout, as Arioch spoke of Daniel, "I have found a Man."

"I have found a Man," may shout the one who needs salvation, for to him Christ is the Indispensable Man. Of no one else can it be said, "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Of no one else can we sing, "What can wash away my sins? nothing but the blood of Jesus." No one else could say, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me." No one else can say to the weary, "Come unto me all ye that

labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

No one else can say to those who grope in the blackness of sin's night, "I am the Light of the World; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." No one else can say to those who have lost the way, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." No one else can say to those who are searching for satisfaction, "I am the Bread of Life, he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst." No one else can say to such as the woman at the Samaritan well, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst."

"I have found a Man," may shout the one who feels helpless, weak and powerless, for to all such Christ is the Indispensable Man. Who else could say, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," and "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"? of whom else could it be said, "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world"? Who else could say, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will do it"? Of whom else could it be said, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire"? Who else could command with authority, "Tarry ye . . . until ye be endued with power from on high," and promise with assurance, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you"?

"I have found a Man," may shout the one who has had forebodings about the future. Only Christ could say, "I am He that was dead but I am alive forever more and I hold the keys of death and hell," and, "Because I live ye shall live also." Only Christ could say, "I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." Only Christ could triumphantly affirm, "I will come again." Only of Him could it be said that He shall come in the clouds of glory with the holy angels. Only of Him can it be said that He shall rule on the throne of His father, David. Only of Him can it be said, that He shall rule in truth and righteousness and of His kingdom there shall be no end.

Jesus is the incomparable One. We cannot get along without Him. He is absolutely indispensable. He is indispensable to our peace, for we shall never enjoy that blessing until the coming of the Prince of Peace. He is indispensable to our happiness for He alone is the source of all true joy. He is indispensable to our life, for He is the source of both natural and spiritual life.

All nations have had their leaders whom they considered indispensable. Greece had her Alexander. Rome had her Caesars. France had her Napoleon. The United States has had her Washington and Lincoln. But "far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come," the name of Jesus stands supreme. When every name which now causes pride shall have vanished and become lost in the dust of the sands of time, the Name of our Jesus, our Indispensable Man, shall still shine with undimmed brilliance and luster.

# Overflowing Pentecostal Rivers

IT is frequently seen that when a great river in its flow reaches its mouth, it subdivides into a number of channels. As it is divided up it forms a delta, and we see it irrigating and blessing all around the delta. These channels convey the river out to the sea.

On the day of Pentecost we see a hundred and twenty outlets of glory from the throne. God chose a hundred and twenty channels to convey this mighty river, the river of the Spirit. And the hundred and twenty subdivided again, and none of the hundred and twenty suffered by the subdivision, because the river was so mighty, the supply was inexhaustible.

God designed that the streams of redemption, the streams of glory, should pass into and through men. How was it? "They continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." Acts 1:14. Prayer, and then supplication! That opened up the avenue, and the channels were ready through which the divine stream could flow. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:4. Each one was filled to his utmost capacity. Thousands saw the overflow manifested, three thousand partook of the overflow, and Peter's supply was none the less after the three thousand were baptized.

The Samaritans received some of the overflow through Philip; and the eunuch to whom he ministered conveyed some of the overflow to the southern part of the world. Peter still had sufficient, and Cornelius and his household partook of the overflow, so that the western world could have their portion. Heathen Ethiopia and cultured Rome! The Ephesians, when Paul laid his hands on the twelve disciples there, were correspondingly filled, and neither the reservoirs of heaven nor the channels through which this river flowed, lost any of their supply of the inexhaustible waters of life.

God wants deltas today, and He wants multiplied channels. But first we have to get into a receptive attitude, of one accord, in prayer and supplication, until the mighty rushing wind comes as a prelude to the floods upon the dry ground.

The Lord says, "I will shake the heavens and the earth," but He wants to shake the upper room first. Everything that can be shaken has to be shaken inside and outside of the church. When that mighty rushing wind came of old, it shook the house, it shook the saints, and the three thousand were shaken. They cried, "What shall we do?" Acts 2:37. What a change! They had previously cried, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" but now their cry was, "What shall we do because we have crucified Him?" The mighty rushing wind, the Holy Spirit, made that change. He can turn crucifiers into penitents. He can change a howling mob into a penitent Holy Spirit filled crowd.

How came this about? The channels were cleansed, ready, fitted, and God could let go His Spirit. And God wants to let go again. He emptied Himself into the Son, and now He wants to empty Himself through the Son into the church. He has promised, "I will pour out (or empty) My Spirit upon all flesh"—not

only on the Peters, the Pauls, the Nicodemuses, the Magdalenes, but upon the rich Josephs of Arimathea as well as the poor fisher folk, upon those of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, for He "hath made of one blood all nations of men." Acts 17:26. The inexhaustible God, the God of all holiness, wants some of the overflow purchased by the Son of man to reach all mankind.

Through the agony of the garden, through the sacrifice of Calvary, through the grave, and through the resurrection, there has been a tremendous credit balance placed on the side of mankind. Jesus stooped so low, humbling Himself even unto death, the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him,

## DID YOUR PASTOR FORGET?

Your pastor is a busy man. It would not be surprising if he should forget to announce that on Sunday, May 27th, a special offering would be accepted for the older ministers of our fellowship, for those who have grown old in service so that they can no longer continue in active ministry. He will not resent your reminding him that Sunday, May 27th, was the day set aside by the General Council for the remembrance of this need. If it was not convenient for the setting forth of the need of our older ministers on that day, then unquestionably he will be thinking of choosing another day. Our chief concern is that this need be remembered by all members of the Assemblies of God at least twice each year, as nearly as possible to Memorial Day and at Thanksgiving Day time. Send all offerings to J. R. Flower, Treasurer, 336 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

and being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He is able to shed forth an outpouring of the Holy Spirit even upon *all flesh. The credit balance in glory, placed there through the blood of Christ, is so great that there is enough for every human being in the world.* In the Father's house there is "enough and to spare."

There was famine all around in Egypt, but there was all sufficiency, enough for all, under the control of Joseph. Joseph dispensed blessing to all in the name of the king. So Jesus Christ, the Joseph of the New Covenant, has the barns full, and He dispenses blessing in the name of the Father. The barns are bursting out, there must be a humbling, there must be a confession, there must be a going down, before these blessings can be vouchsafed. The elder brethren had to confess, and seek, and yield up, and humble themselves in order to receive the stored-up blessing.

God is willing, God is ready, and He desires that the blessing, the power of the Spirit, be poured out. He will pour out His Spirit immediately the channels are ready. And He

has decreed that in the fulness of time the channels will be ready. Mary was ready in the fulness of time, the channel, the vehicle, through which the divine could be manifested in human form. And the divine plan will be carried out exactly on time.

Sometimes the river changes its course suddenly. The old delta is left and the new channel forms a new delta. Obstructions in the way may cause deflection. And so God may choose other channels. He has done so in the past. When a town or city would not receive the proffered blessing, the disciples were to shake the dust on their feet off against it for a witness. Paul said to the Jews at Antioch, "Seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles." Acts 13:46.

Jesus turned from the high powers, the religious leaders, and the stream was diverted; and fishermen, harlots, and taxgatherers were chosen to dispense blessing from the throne of God Himself. The priests had their temple and the rent veil, but they had to patch up the veil to make it decent. The disciples had a rent heaven instead, and the power, the Shekinah glory, bursting through the rent veil of the heavens.

Caiaaphas and Peter! Pharisees and fishermen! One rejected and the other chosen! But the seeming "foolishness" of God's choice is greater than the "wisdom" of men! God will in these days repeat Himself, but on a greater scale, if conditions are met. But there must be a yielding, a seeking, a longing, prayer and supplication.

God declares, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and *prope Me now herewith*, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10. Reservoirs of grace, from out of the riches and glory of Christ Jesus, poured forth to meet the accumulation of sin down below! God's people must do their part, and God covenants by His grace to do His part.

## COUNTERFEITS!

Do the presence of counterfeit coins lessen the value of the genuine coins? Would there be any counterfeits at all if there were no genuine coinage? Do you, beloved, believe that those disciples in the Upper Room were not genuine? Yet Judas was among them. And even if there be some hypocrites, I ask does the hypocrisy of another excuse or defend you from accepting God's free gift? Do you believe that the Holy Spirit has lost His power to fill and sanctify souls? I do not. I believe He is just as able as ever, just as willing as ever, just as ready as ever. You need not fear being led into extravagance so long as you humbly follow the clear, simple teaching of the whole Word of God.—Chas. Inwood.

## YOUTH CONFERENCE

The annual Youth Conference will be held at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., on the following dates: for groups aged from 20 to 35, August 16—23; for groups aged from 13 to 19, August 24—31. For details concerning this write Christ's Ambassadors Department, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

With modern revival facing barren intellectualism . . .

# I Want More of God

LESTER SUMRALL

LIVING in a time when men lust for authority and thirst for gain, my heart hears the thundering words of the great missionary apostle, Paul:

"And I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. . . ."

## PAUL'S LOSS

For the "excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus. . . ." Paul was willing to lose temporal advantages. What were some of Paul's losses?

### 1. Paul Suffered the Loss of Popular Opinion.

Had he continued to be "Saul the Jew" he would have been a *matinee idol* in Jerusalem. Paul was ambitious. He was a natural leader of men. His trained mind, quick wit, indefatigable zeal would have won him an honorable place among the elite of Israel. However, as a member of the hated sect called Christians he hoped for no prestige. Paul renounced popular opinion, to win Christ!

### 2. Paul Suffered the Loss of Intellectual Friendship.

No doubt Paul would have been another Gamaliel in Jerusalem. Jewish youths from over the Roman Empire would have come to Jerusalem to learn in his school. He would have been a leader in the Sanhedrin. But Paul gladly laid aside intellectual ambitions to be a despised disciple of the Nazarene. He sacrificed the friendship of lawyers and doctors, to win Christ!

### 3. Paul Suffered the Loss of Wealth.

Paul relinquished the wealth of his family, and the riches he could have accumulated by his own creative genius and industrious hands, to be an itinerant gospel preacher. Rather than becoming a respected and wealthy Jewish professor, he chose to become a penniless Christian martyr—to win Christ!

Paul, the Prince of Apostles, declared that he counted all earthly *luxury, position, and knowledge* as DUNG—defiling and offensive. The things of this world were absolutely unworthy of holding and possessing: TO WIN CHRIST WAS THE SUPREME GOAL.

## OUR GAIN

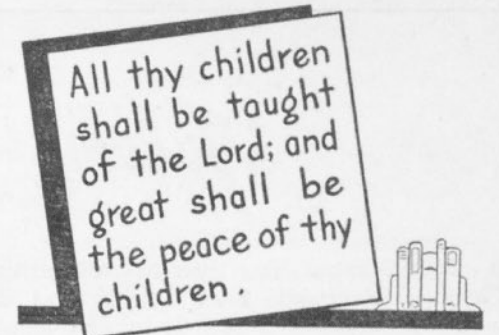
Recently a fellow minister informed me that if I did not seek for and obtain a degree, my future ministry would be curtailed. He stated that in these modern days it was necessary to have a mark of distinction, therefore every minister who wished to be successful should be a doctor of divinity.

I have personally discovered that there is an alarming *intellectual mania* moving in the church today—not locally or nationally, but internationally. Those who have become infatuated with *intellectualism* form a movement digressing from the moving of the Holy Spirit

and from old-fashioned revival to that of modern worship. *Intellectualism* seeks a ministry capable of *human reasoning* rather than *divine revelation*, such as Christ spoke of when He told Simon Peter that "flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee. . . ." It is a movement where education is replacing prevailing prayer; where the Holy Spirit is relegated to a minor place in the services. It is a movement devoid of the convincing, convicting power of God. The minister of intellectualism seeks to be gracious and not offend, in order to be well-liked by worldly churchgoers. More and more attention is given to organ recitals, massed choirs, large orchestras, and oftentimes the talent used is not consecrated. If you ask how their churches are progressing they boast of the amount of finance received during a certain period of time, and not the number of souls who found God. In other words, they count GAIN all that Paul counted LOSS to win Christ!

The great apostle counted these things as DUNG—rotteness, refuse—to be given up for Christ, while modern men feel they are to be gained if at all possible.

Paul knew that Saul's armor was not necessary for David's victory! He realized divine power and not human intellectualism was needed to bring overwhelming triumph for the



Church of Jesus Christ. Paul said: "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews (the religionists) a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks (the intellectuals), foolishness."

Who have been the great soul winners of the Church? Have they not been men like D. L. Moody, Billy Sunday, Gipsy Smith who possessed something more and greater than human knowledge? They were men of inspiration, zeal and compassion.

At this critical hour when Satan is attempting to destroy spiritual progress, we need a *re-dedication* to revival, which can only come by a *reconsecration* to suffer the loss of all things and count them as dung—to win Christ!

Personally, I WANT MORE OF GOD!

## Self-Denial

"Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." Matt. 16:24.

Christ had for the first time definitely announced that He would have to suffer much and be killed and be raised again. "Peter rebuked Him, saying, Be it far from Thee, Lord: this shall never be unto Thee." Christ's answer was, "Get thee behind Me, Satan." The spirit of Peter, seeking to turn Him away from the cross and its suffering, was nothing but Satan tempting Him to turn aside from the path which God had appointed as our way of salvation.

Christ then adds the words of our text, in which He uses for the second time the words "take up the cross." But with that He uses a most significant expression revealing what is implied in the cross: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross." When Adam sinned, he fell out of the life of Heaven and of God into the life of the World and of Self. Self-pleasing, self-sufficiency, self-exaltation, became the law of his life. When Jesus Christ came to restore man to his original place, "being in the form of God,

He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and humbled Himself even to the death of the cross." What He has done Himself He asks of all who desire to follow Him: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself."

Instead of denying himself, Peter denied his Lord: "I know not the man." When a man learns to obey Christ's commands, he says of himself: "I know not the man." It is the secret of true discipleship, to bear the cross, to acknowledge the death sentence that has been passed on self, and to deny any right that self has to rule over us.

Death to self, is to be the Christian's watchword. The surrender to Christ is to be so entire, the surrender for Christ's sake to live for those around us so complete, that self is never allowed to come down from the cross to which it has been crucified, but is ever kept in the place of death.

Let us listen to the voice of Jesus: "Deny self"; and ask that by the grace of the Holy Spirit, as the disciples of a Christ who denied Himself for us, we may ever live as those in whom self has been crucified with Christ, and in whom the crucified Christ now lives as Lord and Master.—Andrew Murray.



## Victory in Hardoi

A MOST encouraging letter has reached us from Marguerite Flint, who is hard at work once again in Hardoi, India. Her letter reads: "Greetings in His precious name from Hardoi, where I am happy to report victory. Just a year ago we sailed from Philadelphia, and I don't think the song of thanksgiving and gratitude in my heart will ever die. It is SO good to be back.

"It is almost time for another graduation in the girls' school. On April 26th a class of eight splendid young women, Spirit filled and with a real burden for souls, will receive diplomas and go out into the needy harvest fields of Assam, Central India, Bihar and the United Provinces. We will no doubt have larger classes in the future, but I doubt if we will ever send out a class of more consecrated, earnest girls. God bless them!

"We are expecting eight or ten visiting missionaries to be with us for the graduation, also a number of friends and relatives of the graduates, so busy days are just ahead. One interesting case is that of Ngulhoi, our Assamese girl. Her missionary is coming a long way to see her graduate, and to take her back to Assam to help in the work there. It isn't an easy journey for a lady who is 72 years of age and still hard at work in translation and missionary work. They were driven out of Assam by the Japanese and came to India, bringing Ngulhoi with them. When they went back, Ngulhoi was left here for Bible training. She has been in Hardoi for three years and has been immersed in water, has been baptized in the Holy Spirit, and has done very good work indeed, considering that Hindi is not her language. She has been writing such spiritual and enthusiastic letters to her friends in Assam, that a teacher friend has become hungry for the Baptism and Bible training.

"Mrs. Crozier is traveling cross country on this trip to pick up Joyhoti to bring to us. She, too, will have to spend the entire three years here without returning home for vacation, as it is a long, long trip. It requires one day on foot, one day by mule, one day by motor lorry and three days by train—and yet this is the nearest Bible School to her home! Joyhoti is very anxious to come here, where she can seek after and receive the Holy Spirit. We are thrilled to be able to touch Assam in this way. Our Nepali girl, Narkis, goes to her people in Darjeeling for the vacation period, but she expects to return and complete her training. Last year at this time there were 29 students enrolled; this year we have 42, and

there are a number of applications in already for the August term. Do ask the friends at home to continue to pray for the Bible School.

"One more student has received the Baptism since New Years, bringing the number up to nine who have been filled with the Spirit this school year. There are also eight who have taken water baptism and two more who will be baptized before graduation.

"Our Sunday School and Assembly are sending a young man to the Men's Bible School, which is opening today in Dehra Dun, and are helping in the support of Jiva Babu, away off in the Bhil country of Central India. Jiva Babu was with us for about 10 years and then heard the call of God to go back to work among his own—robber tribes of the hills. His father and grandfather were robbers and both had been killed in robber raids. He was saved from that life as by a miracle. He left us, a good home, salary and everything, and for the past 10 years has really seen suffering for Jesus' sake, but it surely has paid. He came to us recently and showed us his registration book with the names of 140 whom he had baptized. In one village there were 50 baptized in a single day! The Bhil hill people are very, very poor and have only been able to help with a bit of grain at times. They seldom see money, and he told us that the 10 rupees that were sent to him by the Hardoi Assembly was oftentimes all he had for the support of his wife and two children. We are pledging him support to the sum of seven dollars a month, as God says that His laborers are worthy of their hire, and Jiva left us most happy and encouraged.

"As for the evangelistic work of the past cool season, I look over the report given to me by Miss Lawrence and Miss Hudson and feel that I have no words with which to thank God for missionaries of their vision and zeal. As Miss Vaux and I have put our best into the Bible teaching, so have they put their best into the evangelistic work, often coming home late in the evening, worn out in body, but filled with joy at the work of the day. They have faithful and enthusiastic co-workers in our Pastor Khan and the Bible women, as well as the senior girls of the Bible School, who have also helped getting practical experience along with the Bible study. Their record shows 220 villages that have been visited. They have systematically covered four main roads going out from Hardoi to a distance of 10 miles. They have preached to about 10,000 people and have sold nearly 5,000 Gospel portions and books. Thank God for every one of them!"

## Arrivals

Telegrams have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tangen and Elizabeth Galley, notifying the Missions Department of the arrival in the United States after three years' internment in Japanese camps in the Philippines. The Tangens' message reads: "Arrived safely. All well. Thanking God for His care." We, too, thank the Lord for His goodness in protecting the lives of our missionaries. To each of them we send a hearty "Welcome home!"

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nilsen are home again, having completed a second term in eight years in Africa. The Nilsens first sailed for Africa in December, 1929, and for their second term in March, 1937. May the Lord bless them during this furlough period and give them strength for their bodies.

## Missionary Rest Cottages

We are happy to advise our missionaries that arrangements have been made with the owner of "The Rustic Cottages," Coudersport, Pennsylvania, on United States Route 6, so that entertainment may be given them at a very reasonable rate amidst delightful surroundings. This will give our missionary friends who are in that vicinity opportunity for a period of complete rest and relaxation to regain strength after service abroad. There are separate cottages for families as well as individual rooms which may be rented in a large home where meals are served.

For full information, missionaries should write to Mr. Earl Crandall "The Rustic Cottages," Coudersport, Pennsylvania.

## Change of Address

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bauer, who were formerly serving the Lord in Guantanamo, Cuba, are now laboring in Central America. Their address is: Apartado 840, San Jose, Costa Rica, Central America.

Send all contributions to:  
**NOEL PERKIN**  
 336 W. PACIFIC ST.  
 SPRINGFIELD, MO.

**HEALED OF CANCER**

August 28, 1943 I entered Lake Side Hospital, Kansas City. I was X-rayed nine times and examined by a number of doctors, and they said I had cancer in the last stages, and that I could not possibly get well. The X ray showed my colon to be eaten up by cancer, and my intestines were literally divided from my stomach.

They gave me any time from ten minutes to thirty days to live. I had sharp pains through my body every three or four minutes which no medicine could stop. I had an issue from the cancer having a very bad odor. They wanted to operate. I said, "Doctor, let me pray and ask God about it." The next day he was back. I said, "No, Doctor, you are not going to operate." He said, "Do you have faith?" I said, "Yes, sir, I know God will raise me up. I want to go home."

The doctor called to see if I got there all right, for he said the least jar would kill me. When I got home my wife and I prayed with all our might, and Brother Phillips came and anointed me and prayed for me. Fourteen days later Brother Phillips wanted to come by for me in his car to take me to Sunday School and church. I refused, saying I was going to walk, which seemed an utter impossibility. I walked the ten blocks in the name of the Lord and have been going ever since.

This summer I worked in the hay field and at general farming. Recently two other men and I put 312 bales of hay in the hay loft in about eight hours time. Five weeks ago I was examined for an insurance policy and the physician pronounced me in perfect health—no sign at all of cancer.—Ross J. Davis, 516 Montgall, Kansas City, Missouri.

**HEALED OF "EVERYTHING"**

June 22, 1938 I was sent to the hospital by my family physician, who gave very slight hope of my surviving. Soon my baby girl was born and at once passed on to be with the Lord. Complications set in and I lost all sense of reason. Food was abhorrent to me and I refused to take a morsel. I was too sick to pray—a few words just before falling asleep was all I attempted.

God pity the poor sinner depending on a death-bed repentance. We get too sick to pray. All visitors were turned away. Even my husband could stay with me only a very short time, as my strength was fast slipping away.

July 15th a consultation was held, and the doctors, seeing that "almost everything was the matter with me," thought I could not live. Added to all the rest was the streptococcus germ in my blood.

The news of this consultation was taken to friends and relatives and on the 16th a prayer service was called in my behalf. This was between the hours of ten and eleven. I was enjoying a sound sleep from which I awoke very happy. I wanted food, and was on the mend. Six days later I was at home and well on the road to recovery. The Lord also spoke to me in audible tones, saying, "From the time this baby was conceived it was Mine." Immediately my grief turned to joy and thankfulness that she was in better hands than mine—with Jesus.

Soon I was entirely normal, and up to now,

March 31, 1944 I have been quite all right. Recently a check up was made and showed "nothing wrong whatever."—Mrs. Verda Standridge, 8175 Bray Road, Mt. Morris, Michigan.

**Coming 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.

SUNRAY, TEXAS—June 10-24; W. T. Stallings of Shamrock, Evangelist.—J. C. McCluskey, Pastor.

GENEVA, OHIO—June 5-17; J. Boyd Wolverton, Evangelist.—R. L. Zents, Pastor.

CLEARWATER, FLA.—1739 S. Greenwood Ave., month of June; Walter Smith, Astoria, Ore., Evangelist.—D. N. Asbury Jr., Pastor.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—21st and W Sts., May 27-; John H. Bostrom, Evangelist.—Nelson E. Hinman, Pastor.

FT. WAYNE, IND.—2329 Winter St.; May 29, for 2 weeks or longer; Jean Benefiel, Detroit, Mich., Evangelist.—W. F. Duncan, Pastor.

NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO.—Assembly of God, June 5-17; Lee Krupnick, Evangelist.—E. L. Slavens, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANSAS—638 Baher St., June 5-24; Evangelist and Mrs. Russell Rexroat, Chappell, Nebr.—Charles Shumway, Pastor.

PHENIX CITY, ALA.—First Assembly; revival in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. A. C. McGaugh, El Dorado, Ark.—C. W. Davis, Pastor.

WELLS, MINN.—June 3, for 2 weeks or longer; Olga V. Olsson of Minneapolis, Evangelist.—Aired W. Nelson, Pastor.

CORRY, PA.—36 E. Church St., June 5-24; Evangelist and Mrs. E. V. Berquist, Youngstown, Ohio.—A. R. Horst, Pastor.

ALEXANDRIA, MINN.—Gospel Tabernacle, May 22-June 10; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelists. W. A. Morken is pastor.—By Evangelists.

HOBERT, OKLA.—All-day Fellowship Meeting and Dedication of New Church Building, 5th and Hill Sts., June 11. Speakers: V. H. Ray, C. J. Brown, and District Superintendent F. C. Cornell.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Price, Pastors.

HILLSBORO, TEXAS—Home-coming, note burning, and deeding of church to Texas District Council, Smith and Pleasant Sts., June 3. Services 11:00, 2:30, and 7:45. District Superintendent F. D. Davis will speak at all services. Dinner served on grounds.—G. L. Johnson, Pastor.

MONTANA C. A. AND S. S. RALLIES  
Havre, May 29-30; Kalispell, May 31-June 1; Hamilton (tentative). June 4. Kenneth Short, of World Missions Department, main speaker at C. A. rallies. Paul Willscoff, State S. S. Representative, will conduct morning S. S. conferences.—Eugene A. Born, State C. A. President.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Dedication Services, Canal Street Assembly, 437 Canal St., June 3. Services 11:00, 2:30, and 8:00. Principal speakers: Stanley H. Frodsham, Editor of Pentecostal Evangel, and W. S. Ramby, District Superintendent, Brother Frodsham will be with us morning and evening, June 3-10.—T. Horace Clark, Pastor.

ROCHESTER, MINN.—Southeast Sectional C. A. Rally and Singing, Gospel Tabernacle, June 4. Superintendent P. T. Emmett, Aberdeen, S. Dak., speaker. Amateur Hour—C. A. and H.C.A. Talent Parade, 2:30. Bible Rally, 4:30; Open Air Rally and Colors Parade, 6:45; Singing and P. T. Emmett speaking, 7:45.—R. W. Miller, Pastor.

MICHIGAN C. A. RALLIES  
Michigan State C. A. Rallies, May 30; Metropolitan Zone, Berea Tabernacle, Detroit; Watson Argue, speaker. Western Zone, Kalamazoo; M. A. Jollay, speaker. Saginaw Zone, Clio; Wm. Fitch, speaker. Northern Zone, Atlanta; Carl Ausbury, speaker. Services 2:30 and 7:30 p. m.—E. A. Manley, President; Vivian Hogan, Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
The first annual meeting of the North Carolina District Council will be held at Dunn, N. C., June 12-14. J. R. Flower, General Secretary, will be the speaker for the first day. Applicants for credentials are to meet the committee June 12. Accommodations furnished as far as possible. Harry Rupp is host pastor.—F. Wildon Colbaugh, Secretary-Treasurer.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
The annual Council of the Eastern District will be held June 5-7 in The Pentecostal Church, 23rd and Pine Sts., Wilmington, Del. For entertainment write John Jenkins, 3118 N. Harrison St., Wilmington 276, Del. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, special speaker. All applications for credentials should be sent to the District Secretary as soon as possible.—F. F. Reidenbach, District Secretary-Treasurer, 614 Locust St., Wrightsville, Pa.

**Priority Request**

In the thousands of letters our Service-men's Department receives from fighting men everywhere are countless appeals for help. Some men want advice, some want Gospel literature, some want information. But there is one request which stands out far above all others in frequency and earnestness—they all want *prayer*. Saved or unsaved, Jew or Gentile, Catholic or Protestant, they realize that it's a mighty good feeling to know the folks back home are praying faithfully.

Occasionally the fellows who write to us find fault with the church and Christianity in general; infrequently, they criticize our doctrine; very rarely, someone asks to have his name removed from our files so he will not hear from us again—but *never yet* have we heard from a fellow who objects to being prayed for. It is an appreciated ministry, a needed ministry, an effective ministry—a ministry in which *you* can participate.

PASADENA, MD.—Pasadena Tabernacle, on Electric Line between Baltimore and Annapolis, May 29-June 17; Evangelist and Mrs. I. J. Bolton, Lakeland, Fla.—J. Vernon Cardiff, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO—State-wide C. A. Victory Rally, First Pentecostal Church, N. Howard and York Sts., May 29-30; Flem Van Meter, Pastor, Ralph W. Harris, National C. A. Secretary, speaker. Special instruction class for all C. A. leaders and officers. Three services daily. For free over-night reservation write Flem Van Meter, 498 Schiller Ave., Akron, Ohio. Entertainment arranged for all who come.—W. C. Stepp, State C. A. Secretary.

**KENTUCKY DISTRICT COUNCIL AND CAMP MEETING**

Kentucky District Camp Meeting, Stanton, Ky., June 13-22. Arthur Arnold, special speaker; H. B. Garlock in charge of Missionary service, June 17.

The Eleventh Annual Kentucky District Council will convene June 19-22. The Camp and council will use the facilities of Peniel Bible Institute. Send for reservations to E. F. Dana, Route 1, Mt. Sterling, Ky.—Carl E. Schmidt, District Secretary-Treasurer.

**GEORGIA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Georgia District Council will be held at the Ponce de Leon Avenue Assembly, Atlanta, Ga., June 5-7. The Presbyters will be in session all day Tuesday to review applications for credentials. Those applying for ordination and new applicants for license must meet this committee in person. Tuesday night, Fellowship night. First business session of Council, Wednesday morning. Assemblies send but one delegate each. Rooms provided as far as possible for ministers and delegates. All others urged not to attend, as we have been asked to keep the attendance at a minimum. J. R. Flower will be guest speaker.—W. W. Hurston, District Secretary.

**MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES**

FOR SALE—Public address system.—Henry Anderson, Wagar, Ala.

NOTICE—I have resigned my church at Benton, Ark., to enter the evangelistic field.—L. R. Hampton, 406 W. Second St., Russellville, Ark.

WANTED—Trumpet for use in gospel services at the front. Anyone wishing to donate a good used trumpet, please communicate with Servicemen's Department, Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

NOTICE—Servicemen at camp Claiborne will find a welcome at Midway Assembly, near Le Compte (5 miles from camp), Forest Hill, La. W. W. Hall, Pastor.—Mrs. H. C. Williams.

NOTICE—Will contact your boys stationed at Rattlesnake Bomber Base, Pyote, Texas, upon receipt of full name and address.—Quentin Shortes, Pastor, Box 183, Monahans, Texas.

**OPEN FOR CALLS****Evangelistic or Pastoral**

J. L. Jeffrey, Tranquillity, Calif.

**Evangelistic**

Mrs. Blanche E. Brittain Urdahl, Box 93, Grafton, N. Dak.—"Open for evangelistic work by June 1." James Dunn, 406 Couch Ave., Kirkwood, Mo.—"Wife and I sing special songs with electric guitar accompaniment; travel in house trailer."

# The Passing and the Permanent

## THE COST OF VICTORY

According to an estimate by Secretary of War Stimson, the victory in Europe cost the U. S. about 800,000 casualties, including 150,000 killed, and more than 185 billion dollars.

## POSTWAR PLANS

The Jewish Agency has drawn up plans for the immigration of a million European refugees to Palestine, and has set aside more than sixteen millions of dollars to aid in housing, giving relief, and buying land for them.

## CHINESE CHAPLAINS

Chiang Kai-Shek has asked the National Christian Council to enlist 1000 Christian workers as morale officers in the Chinese Army. Thus China becomes the first "pagan country" to set up a Christian chaplaincy for its armed forces.

## OTHER PEOPLES PLEASE COPY!

The Ministry of Food in China has petitioned the government for a ban on the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors, which it said would conserve grain for food or for conversion into military alcohol, according to an A. P. dispatch from Chungking dated Feb. 8, 1945.

## CURSE OF THE COUNTRY

Liquor is one of the worst curses of America. In only two states, Kansas and Oklahoma, is the sale of spirituous liquor prohibited by the constitution. Mississippi has statutory prohibition on all liquor except 4% beer and wine. Our 45 other states make liquor available and, as a result, drunkenness is increasing steadily.

## PURIFIED BY FIRE

Believers in Russia have been purified by the fires of persecution and the Word of God means everything to them. Certain leaders among them, having heard of American Modernism, are wont to pray, "Lord, keep foreign missionaries away." At one seminary in Russia a student returning from America had brought back a crop of characteristic ideas of the modern apostasy. The students listened politely to him until they could stand it no longer; then one opened the door and the others took up the young professor and set him on the sidewalk.

## "JAP MOUTHPIECE"

Under the above heading *Newsweek* Magazine (April 16, 1945) says: "Toyohiko Kagawa, personable and persuasive Japanese Christian leader and social worker, once a popular lecturer to U. S. Protestant Church groups, is now broadcasting anti-American propaganda over the Japanese government radio." It was the Federal Council of Churches, and not the evangelical leaders, who promoted the Kagawa meetings in America, for the message of this Japanese saint (as the modernists called him) was definitely modernistic. He preached the social gospel, not the message of the Cross that **saves from sin and hell.**

## INTOLERANCE IN TURKEY

A Congregational missionary, Ida Mary Ingle, has resigned her position in Turkish government education and has left Turkey in protest against the religious intolerance that exists in that country. Christian Armenians and Greeks are not allowed in government jobs and factories. They are not allowed to travel in Turkey. They are not permitted to engage in foreign trade or commerce. Scores of American, Armenian, and Greek schools and churches have been turned into stables or converted to mosques. It is hoped that the United Nations, of which Turkey is a part, will not condone this state of affairs in present-day Turkey.

## NO PRAYER AT CONFERENCE

Daily prayer has been omitted at the San Francisco Conference "for fear of offending some of the delegates of the various nations of the world represented there," the newspapers said. Representative Chester H. Gross declared in a House speech that he was "amazed" to read this. "I am wondering what effect that will have on the missionaries we have sent out all over the world to sell our religion," he said. "I am wondering, too, how our converts to Christianity throughout the world will feel. Our faith in God must be shallow and our religion must mean little to us when we have to abandon it at a time like this because strangers are in our midst."

## HOMES DAMAGED IN BRITAIN

No less than 4,500,000 dwellings in Britain have been destroyed or damaged by enemy action. This is an average of one in three for the whole country, which means that in the target areas the proportion is much higher. In one township in the Greater London only one house in every five escaped damage. But the Editor of *The Christian* (London) says that the worst damage to the homes in Britain has been in the spiritual realm rather than the material. Families have been scattered and morals have suffered. As a result, divorces have increased to an alarming degree. Sanctity needs to be restored to the British homes and family life needs to be strengthened. Surely this is true of other nations as well, including America.

## THE TAX ON LIQUOR

Says the National Safety Council, in its 1944 edition of *Accident Facts*: "The Japanese tax vice to regulate it, then they spread it to increase taxes. Opium is sold, even given away, in conquered lands. . . . Our Secretary of the Treasury boasts, however, of a similar policy in America. 'I am going to do all I can,' Mr. Morgenthau told a group of senators, 'to keep prohibition from happening again. . . . The Treasury has \$900,000,000 at stake in the hard liquor industry.' Thus, to secure that amount annually in taxes on whisky, an undisputed narcotic, the United States imitates the most vicious crime of its enemies. Already this has succeeded. In ten years of repeal, consumption of alcoholic beverages has risen from 5.36 to 14.17 gallons per capita."

## REPENTANCE NEEDED

Said Dr. Walter Maier of the Lutheran Hour recently: "We need repentance from top to bottom. We need it in the nation's capital where drunkenness and vice are notorious, where high and applauded people in widely circulated magazines print attacks on Bible truths, where lives of too many public officials are marked by unjustifiable divorces, where atheists and Communists are securing a tighter grip, and where God's abundance can be ordered devastated.

"We need real repentance among all American officials who dream dreams of a new world that has no thought of God, and in the army and navy, where, despite all previous roscate promises, medical experts now admit that the rate of venereal diseases will keep pace with the high figure in World War I."

## NEW TESTAMENTS IN PALESTINE

For years Brother George T. B. Davis of Philadelphia has been sending New Testaments to Palestine, both in Hebrew and in English. Recently he received the following word from the missionary who is supervising the distribution of these Testaments:

"It is not uncommon to see young Jews walking in the streets of Jerusalem carrying your Testaments in their hands, unafraid. Many are secret believers. Many are mentally convinced, and await only the mighty work of God in their hearts to bring them to the New Birth.

"I heard at the Hebrew Christian Conference a few weeks ago that in one Jewish colony on the coast there is a group that meets weekly to study the New Testament. Your Hebrew Testaments are the textbooks used in this case. The Jews are wide open to the gospel as never before! Now is a wonderful time to work! One cannot say how long it will last! Please get people praying as never before!"

## CATHOLICS ON THE JOB

Brother W. P. Riester of St. Louis, our engraver, lost his son in the war a short time ago. The news had not been published very long before he received from a local Roman Catholic Church an attractive certificate decorated with the Stars and Stripes, labelled "Spiritual Bouquet," which stated:

"P. M. 2/c Walter Riester, killed in action while serving his country with the United States Armed Forces, will be remembered each Wednesday at eight o'clock in the morning and at seven forty-five in the evening (the Soldiers' and Sailors' Hour) and each day at Holy Mass in St. Mary of Victories Church."

Enclosed with this official-looking certificate was a blasphemous folder entitled, "Litany of Our Lady of Victory." Part of it reads, "Our Lady of Victory, have mercy upon us. Triumphant Daughter of the Father, Triumphant Mother of the Son, Triumphant Spouse of the Holy Ghost, Triumphant in Crushing the Head of the Serpent—pray for us." The priests expected a Pentecostal believer to repeat such heathenish rubbish! Have they never read what God's Word says about the sin of worshipping "the queen of heaven"? Jer. 44:25-27. The Romanists themselves in their literature show that one title they give "St. Mary of Victories" is "the queen of heaven."

At least, the Roman Catholics are on the job, and some untaught souls whom Protestants are overlooking will be won to Rome by this kind of gesture.