



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

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## UTTER DEPENDENCE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

W. I. EVANS AT THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Scripture reading: John 12:44-50; 13:1-17.

THIS passage presents Jesus in two phases of the divine manifestation. He appears in two characters of the revelation of God. First of all, He is speaking as the oracle of God. In the latter part of the twelfth chapter, we read of Christ's speaking not His own words, but the words of Him that sent Him. In the thirteenth chapter, we have Christ presented as the revelation of God to the world in the menial task of a servant's function. One extreme and the other is presented in this portrayal of God manifested in the flesh. He came to reveal the Father, He came that men might know God, might know the character of God, might know the divine nature. He uttered words not from Himself.

Literally, the forty-ninth verse should be read, "I have not spoken from Myself." The sentiments which He expressed did not originate with Him. He came in humiliation and in momentary dependence upon the Holy Spirit. He received from God the things that He should say. Jesus came not to give to men a revelation of His own deity. He did not manifest His own inherent divine nature. He came to demonstrate to the world the possibility of humanity depending upon Deity. He laid aside the exercise of His own powers and prerogatives of Deity, voluntarily; and maintained the state of dependence upon the Spirit of God. And so, in all His earthly career Jesus was manifesting in Himself the character of God. He spoke words, but they were not His words; they were given Him of the Father, in order that the world might hear the voice of God. That inscrutable, eternal Being had come into manifestation, into expression, in the humanity, in the humiliation of Jesus Christ. And when words were uttered from His lips, they were words direct from the

heart of God to mankind. So He could say, "The words that I speak, I speak not from Myself; but the Father which sent Me, He gave me a commandment what I should say, and what I should speak. Whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak."



### At Calvary

Oh, at the Point where God and man are one,  
Meet me, Thou God, flame on me like the sun—  
I would be part  
Of Thine own Heart,  
That by my hands Thy love-truths may be shown,  
And far lands know me for Thy very own."

—George Barlow

From the exalted position on the throne with God, the Lord Jesus Christ descended to the lowest level of human existence, taking the place of the meanest servant who waited at the door to receive the guests, to remove the sandals from their feet, and to wash away the soil that had accumulated on the roadside. Jesus

girded Himself with a towel, took a basin of water, and humbled Himself to the plane of the lowliest servant, in order that He might reveal God. For this was a revelation of God among men. What a revelation of our Father!

Of course, this had a spiritual significance. In His conversation with Peter, it is apparent that a spiritual meaning underlies this outward act of washing feet. When Peter protested against Jesus' washing his feet, Jesus said it was essential that He should wash his feet or he would have no part with Him. Then Peter said, "Lord, don't stop with my feet. Wash me thoroughly." Jesus then uttered the significant words, "He that is bathed—literally, thoroughly cleansed—needs but to wash his feet in order to maintain cleanliness."

Through the application of the blood of Jesus Christ we are cleansed from sin. God at Calvary has provided the sin cure. "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." It is said of the household of Cornelius, that God "purified their hearts by faith." I confess I am not interested in any other means proposed for the purifying and cleansing of the heart. Thank God, the Blood does it. But Jesus said to Peter, "He that hath been thus cleansed needs the daily washing of his feet." He is walking the highway of life. His feet are still touching the clay. He is still subject to a defiling environment. And so it becomes necessary that he take care of this matter of a daily washing lest his heart be defiled and he become unclean. This is the daily application of the Word of God, the washing of water by the Word.

From His exalted throne in glory Jesus  
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# AN ESTABLISHED TESTIMONY

ZELMA ARGUE

"We Established a Testimony That the Generation to Come Might Know; . . . That They Might Set Their Hope in God." Psalm 78:4-7.

*JOB'S life established a testimony.*

Watching his record, generations coming later have learned that it is worth while to set one's hope in God. Bitter was the trials. Hot was the fire. Utter appeared the loss. Mysteriously hidden from him was the reason. Life lost its allure and its charm. "Let the day perish wherein I was born. . . . Why died I not? . . . Wherefore is life given unto the bitter in soul which long for death?" is the theme throughout that questioning third chapter at the heat of the trial.

But . . . the end! Ah! That's different. A full millennium and a half later, a man of God, practical, just, summed it up thus, looking back at the "double" eventually bestowed:

*"Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord: that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy."* James 5:11.

When the trial came, and Job longed for death, had his request been granted, he would have missed the end of the story—the tender mercies—"the double." He could not have established a testimony that succeeding generations "might know . . . that they might set their hope in God."

*JONAH'S life established a testimony.*

Watch his record also. Watch the good points. Watch the weak points. Particularly see him at the height of his ministry. To his amazement, it succeeded beyond anything he had dreamed. He was utterly unprepared for the response, city-wide, when from the king on down, they called mightily unto God, turning from their evil ways, repenting with fasting, in sackcloth and ashes.

What a reward! Savonarola, in the Middle Ages, saw in Italy a city repent under his impassioned preaching. Few others have had so wide a response.

But after the glory came the trial. After the rare mountain heights came equally deep valley depths. A reaction set in, for are not these earthen vessels very frail?

So we see the impassioned preacher, the burning evangelist, when the wave of prophetic utterance has subsided, and he is very human now, indeed. No longer on the crest of a wave of glory, he is now deep in the ensuing trough. He, like Job, covets death.

"Now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live." Jonah 4:3, 8.

But the end of the Lord? Ah, it was pitiful, gracious, tender in mercies. There was the guard for a shelter. Then, much more comforting than a mere transitory gourd, were the whisperings of the Lord. He reminded Jonah

not only of the great city that had repented, but of that which touches the depths of his heart, the little children, so helpless, so young, so immature they knew not the right hand from left. These, in great numbers, had been spared. Was it not worth while? Certainly the troubled, expended prophet, was comforted.

All eternity too, will bear a reward for Jonah, for did not the divine Son of God take even his failure, to eternally symbolize Christ's own death, and resurrection, saying in words that can never die:

"As Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matt. 12:40.

*ELIJAH'S life established a testimony.*

Who among God's prophets scaled higher spiritual heights, or plumbed deeper depths than he? Gigantic of faith, heroic of action, of penetrating vision, he can never be forgotten. But afterwards there was that period of reaction; of acknowledging expended energy. Even Jesus acknowledged after the working of a miracle, "Virtue had gone out of Him." So it is not to be wondered at, that, after praying rain from heaven, after praying fire from heaven, we find Elijah sitting under a juniper tree, praying that he might die. I Kings 19:4.

It is touching to see where this occurs.

Not only was Jezebel revengefully seeking his life, but even physically he was exhausted. The last verse of the preceding chapter tells of his running a distance of seventeen miles. From Carmel to Jezreel is seventeen miles. Enough to weary anyone.

## An Established Testimony

**"And they were all with one accord. . . . And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people." Acts 5:12. "The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul. . . . With great power gave the apostles witness. . . ." Acts 4:32, 33.**

**"And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following. Amen." Mark 16:20.**

**"And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul." Acts 19:11. "None of these things move me, so that I might finish my course with joy." Acts 20:24.**

"And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah: and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel." I Kings 18:46.

Many an evangelist and prophet of the Lord in our own day can trace a similar story. Wrestling with God until the heavens have opened. Under the mighty Hand of the Lord, girding one's loins and running a supernatural run.

Then the time of retrospect follows.

It was just here Elijah prayed to die. God, however, did not see fit to answer that prayer. If He had, Elijah's body would have been resting in the earth some twenty-eight hundred years. Instead, God had a wonderful plan ahead. The whirlwind. The chariot of fire. The translation, after leaving his mantle to a worthy successor.

Elijah, in his moments of trial and weariness could not have foreseen all these tender mercies, nor how one day he would be honored to stand, with Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration with Christ, strengthening His pure soul for what lay ahead. Only those who have gone through great battles can strengthen the soul of others, when their hour of great trial approaches, and fortify them to endure.

How honored were you, Elijah! What a testimony he established!

In that darkest moment, how little could you have dreamed of the heavenly honors, the tender mercies, that a watchful heaven yet had in store for you. Nor do we, if true, rightfully measure what God yet may have in store for us. We can well take heart.

Yes, we may well take heart.

If we are honored, in our day and generation, to establish a testimony, that others, noting, are encouraged to set their hope in God, what matter it that beside our mountain-top experiences are often found deep vales?

It was when alone, communing with God, Job or Jonah or Elijah would have a right perspective eventually break upon their souls. So it is with us.

Remember, it was God who had originally whispered this secret to Elijah—a tremendously sweet secret:

*"Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward and hide thyself by the brook . . . and . . . thou shalt drink of the brook."* I Kings 17:3, 4.

That hidden life. There we drink. There wings from above convey to us bread. There we obtain a strength to force unknown privileges that may yet confront us. There we become ready, in our generation to "establish a testimony" that others may see, and thus dare, too, to set their hope in God.

To conclude: Job! Jonah! Elijah! Highly honored. Then plunged into situations apparently useless, and certainly puzzling. But unknown to them their greatest ministry lay yet ahead. And you? If there are fewer at the altars, nowadays, some of the boys to whom you testified in days gone by may now, on distant battlefields, or ships at sea, be passing on the witness for Christ.

God values a testimony.

Our latter rain witnessing is from the Holy Spirit. Only eternity will reveal its full significance in the program of God. Our vision need not be bound by what appears visible at this moment. A faithful testimony, once established, goes on forever.

# THE VICTORY OF PRAISE

GEORGE DEMPSIE, FORMER MISSIONARY TO JAPAN

THE telephone bell rang that morning rather early—before breakfast really—and the message that came was that one of our Bible School students—a delivered soul and rather promising—had taken her departure during the night without saying good-by! At once we sensed the reason for this hurried exit; it was discouragement. She had been set an examination, and not feeling that she had done as well as she wanted to, she became discouraged at the thought of it, and decided to clear out rather than face the failure before the other students.

No sooner had the message been received than we could feel that the atmosphere was becoming thick and heavy; the color of things seemed to be changing, the tone of the worker's voice was uncertain and tinged with disappointment; and all the past efforts to take that soul on in God looked, in a moment, like a huge waste of time and energy. All this was the devil's game, of course, to bring about a state of utter discouragement so that *we would not be eligible* to take part in that day's holy activities.

Someone has said that "discouragement is the devil's visiting card," and probably it is, but we know it to be much more than that; it is his big gun on the mission field to lay the missionary low, if he can be laid low. Some warriors we have met are not going to be put down; they know how to take Christ's victory in that hour when the hosts of darkness are out against them. They know very well that discouragement is followed by quite a brood, such as depression, doubt, darkness, and the devil himself, and they know he is no companion for souls on fire for God and the salvation of the lost. They also know that to be discouraged means that there is a fainting heart somewhere near, a sacred look, a down-in-the-mouth expression, and an apologetic tone of voice, and these are not on God's program for man or the woman He has called to join Him in this war against sin and devils.

But to return to that morning when the bells rang! How did we get on after being attacked? Well, just at that moment the Lord gave us this message—and what power He put into it, as well as glorious victory!

*Hell's foundations quiver  
At the shout of praise!*

This was His call to us to praise Him right under the very nose of the enemy; and we did! Two of us stood right there on that room floor and gave, in faith, the shout of praise. At the same time also we praised Him with loud voices for the victory He had given us for the girl. Quicker than it can be told the enemy was routed; the atmosphere was cleared; we were through; the Lord was glorified, and we knew the girl was coming back. Hallelujah!

We never realized before how much victory there was in the shout of praise. "As the men

of Judah shouted, it came to pass that God smote . . ." It was when the people of God shouted that the walls of Jericho fell; when Paul and Silas shouted the praises of God in the prison He gave them a revival. Oh, Lord, give us this shout of praise all the time! It is true that, "Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise." The shout of praise is not a kind of little popgun; it is an earthquake in the power of the Holy Ghost that shakes hell's foundations and puts the enemy on the run. Hallelujah!

Later on He gave us mighty encouragement from Revelation 19, where the hilarious ones in the glory shout "Alleluia" four times, and with wonderful results. After the praising was over John says, "I saw heaven open." Yes,

## PREACHING WITH APOSTOLIC POWER

RETOLD BY ETHEL FUSS

We had left the Bethel Mission in Shanghai to be carried on through August by the younger evangelists and Bible School students, while we got rest and spiritual uplift enjoying the sea breezes on the coast. On our arrival a letter came. It was from Andrew Gih.

Andrew Gih! How the remarkable scene at the marriage of this young firebrand stood out in memory's halls. We recalled the scene. After the solemn wedding ceremony had been completed in the chapel in the presence of a large number of heathen friends of the bride and groom who were utterly out of sympathy with anything Christian or Western, a loud call was made for a song by the bride. The newlyweds responded by singing a duet, "Jesus Is All the World to Me." Then, in response to a "call for a speech," the smiling young groom said, "Shall I tell you a story?" He told the story of how he, Andrew Gih, had been saved from his sins by Jesus. Then prayed, gave an altar call and forty of his relatives were converted.

Breaking the seal of the letter, we wondered what new thing would amaze our eyes in a letter from Andrew Gih. Here is the letter:

"After you left, the Lord laid upon my heart the necessity for my taking the Sunday preaching services in the Tabernacle this month. You see I shall be away all of the year, and I am so happy to do this work. We have had good crowds attending the services. All the seats were taken. But this week the Lord has laid an added burden on my heart for our neighbors and their souls' salvation, and so last Sunday we started special evangelistic meetings for them.

John, praise gives the saints an opened heaven. "And I saw an angel standing." We see—like Stephen—the Son of Man standing for us when we praise. "And I saw the beast" . . . "and the beast was taken." Yes, he is taken every time when we have the shout of praise. Praise the Lord for ever. Miracles wait to be performed in the lives and in the circumstances of those who will praise the Lamb. There is too little, far, far too little, praise.

Three days later the girl came back. After that she went on with God in a way she never did before. Is that all? No, certainly not! The message

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At the shout of praise!*

went round the mission, and everywhere it went there was mighty blessing. Praise His Name! Once more God has shown us that the thing for us to do at all times is to Praise.

*It is better to shout than doubt;  
Better to rise than fall;  
Better to let the glory out  
Than to have no glory at all.*

Hard-pressed comrades in the fight, and tempted to discouragement—PLEASE REFUSE IT.

"We went out in the afternoon to invite them to come to the evening service. We had thousands of printed invitations that we scattered everywhere for miles around. After supper again we went out and stood on the road, the boys with their instruments, to invite the people to come in. Soon the church was packed to the doors. They were all the working people from the factories and looms near here. When the service commenced even all the window seats around the Tabernacle were crowded.

"I was indeed happy and praised the Lord, while Mr. Ling led in the singing. That night there were over *eight hundred* who *heard the gospel for the first time*. At the close of our appeal to turn to Jesus, more than three hundred jumped to their feet in response! My faith was too small to invite that great crowd to the altar! I felt they could not have understood correctly, so I dismissed the meeting asking only those who wanted to definitely find Jesus to remain. To my great joy one hundred were at the altar kneeling very seriously confessing their sins. Oh, it was such a joy to see these weary workers rise from their knees with lighted faces rejoicing in salvation! I wanted to reach you on a telephone that night to tell you the good news. I could not do this so sent you the telegram of revival at Bethel.

"Although late, we took the names and addresses of every convert. Last night was our second night, and victory. Again a crowded Tabernacle. We knew many were there who had heard the message and call to repentance the night before. We called the names of the one hundred, and eighty-eight were present.

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# THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

## A RESOLUTION

At our recent General Council the following important Resolution was adopted:

Whereas, we have witnessed in this generation an almost universal increase in Anti-Semitism, and this has resulted in the greatest series of persecutions perpetrated in modern times; and

Whereas, even in the United States there has been an alarming increase in Anti-Semitism;

Therefore be it resolved:

That we as a General Council declare ourselves as being opposed to Anti-Semitism, and that we disapprove of our ministers becoming identified with those who proclaim this propaganda.

That the editor of the Evangel be instructed to prepare an article including Section I of this resolution and stating our position in the matter, and that it be published in the Evangel.

## GOD'S WORD CONCERNING ISRAEL

What is our position in this matter? That which is set forth in the Scriptures of truth, which we have taken as our sole guide for faith and conduct. We do not fail to recognize that God has redeemed the children of Israel unto Himself to be His people *for ever*. David was inspired of the Spirit of God when he declared, "What one nation in the earth is like Thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to Himself. . . . For Thou hast confirmed to Thyself Thy people Israel to be a people unto Thee *for ever*." 2 Sam. 7:23, 24.

## GOD'S LOVE FOR THEM

It was not because Israel was a great nation that He chose them. Moses told them, "The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the *fewest* of all people: but because the Lord loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn unto your fathers." Deut. 7:7, 8. Even though the children of Israel proved themselves, like many of us Gentiles, stiff-necked and rebellious, yet God loved them nevertheless. And He tells them, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love." Jer. 31:3. Should we as children of God hate those whom God our Father loves?

## GOD'S GOODNESS AND SEVERITY

"But," some say, "have you not read the many stern words God has spoken through His prophets concerning Israel? and don't you see that He has cast them off?" Yes, we have read these prophecies. But in these very prophecies we see God's eternal love for His people. "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth," and Israel has been going through centuries of the most severe chastisement for their unbelief and disobedience. But despite all Israel's failures, the Spirit of God tells us they are still "beloved for the fathers' sake." Rom. 11:28. And the promise is given that He who has scattered them will gather them again unto Himself. Jer. 29:14; Ezek. 34:12, 13. It

is true that through unbelief Israel has been broken off the olive tree of God's blessing, but Paul argues that if some of us Gentiles have been "cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?" Rom. 11:24. God will graft them in, and Israel will yet bear fruit for His glory.

## ISRAEL'S RESTORATION

Every child of God who finds joy in the revealed will of our Father, delights in the glorious promises of Israel's restoration. Read carefully the promises in Ezek. 37:24-28; Ezek. 39:25-29; Jer. 32:37-41; Jer. 33:7-9. The Lord says to Israel, "Lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid. For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee." Jer. 30:10, 11.

## THE EXTENT OF THE LAND

It was no small territory that God promised Abraham when He said, "Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates." Gen. 15:18. From the Nile to the Persian Gulf on the Euphrates is nearly twelve hundred miles. Says D. M. Panton: "Jehovah's promise to Israel was vaster than Israel has ever received. The promise given to Abraham (Gen. 15:18) and the boundaries foretold in Ezekiel cover a territory which includes the whole of the Arabian Peninsula, a territory of 1,000,000 square miles—and, in that day, 'the desert shall blossom as the rose' (Isa. 35:1)—an area more than sufficient to include England, Scotland, France, Spain, Germany and Italy. Palestine, Syria, and Transjordan are all in it. Ultimate extension of the boundaries was promised to Moses three times over: 'The Lord thy God shall enlarge thy borders as He said unto thee;' 'the Lord thy God shall enlarge thy coast as He hath sworn unto thee;' 'from the river of Egypt to the uttermost sea (the Persian Gulf) shall your coast be.'"

## A WARNING

God gives solemn warning to those who hate and persecute Israel. He says in Jer. 2:3, "All that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them." He says further in Jer. 30: "All they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil." Pharaoh sought to devour Israel, but he met his destruction in the waters of the Red Sea. Haman desired to destroy the Jews, but he himself came to an untimely death on the gallows he had erected for a Jew. Hitler is the last example of the Jew hater; and if Count Bernadotte, who as head of the Swedish Red Cross negotiated the peace treaty with the German leaders, is correct, after living for months under uncontrollable rage, Hitler

poisoned himself. God's promise is still true concerning the seed of Abraham, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." Gen. 12:3.

## APPROACH TO JEWRY

At one of the meetings of the Presbytery of the Assemblies of God, Brother Perkin asked whether we could not do something very definite on the line of the evangelization of Jewry. Several spoke of what they were doing. Among them was Brother Ness, of Seattle, Washington, who told of his line of approach to the Jews. His textbook is the Old Testament, which is full of the gospel message from the first page to the last. He related how he was in a Jewish rabbi's home, and together they read the Messianic promises in Zechariah. As they were reading, Brother Ness was so moved that he shouted "Hallelujah!" to which the rabbi responded "Hallelujah!" and then the rabbi's wife followed up with her own "Hallelujah!" Many Jews have their hearts open to receive the gospel these days. Brother Ness told of having a special meeting for Jews in Tacoma, Washington. He noticed many of them weeping, and he asked the rabbi the cause. The rabbi answered that they were touched because of the kindness shown to them—in striking contrast to the shocking unkindnesses that are manifested to them on every hand.

## PRAYER FOR ISRAEL

The apostle Paul wrote, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." Rom. 10:1. And he wrote to the Gentile converts, "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." Phil. 4:9. Like the apostle Paul, we are all called to be intercessors for Israel. It is written, "Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give Him no rest, till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." Isa. 62:6-7. Such prayers will speed the day spoken of in Rom. 11:12-15, "If the fall of them (Israel) be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? . . . For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving (gathering) of them be, but life from the dead?" We have a strong basis for praying in faith in the promise in Isa. 54:7, 8, where God says to Israel: "For a small moment have I forgotten thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid My face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer."

## WHY LOVE JEWRY?

The greatest reason why no Christian should be anti-Semitic is that our Savior was a Jew. Gentiles came to Him at His birth and worshiped Him as "King of the Jews." On the cross it was written, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." The angel Gabriel brought word to Mary concerning Him: "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever: and of His kingdom there shall be no end." Luke 1:32, 33. God raised Jesus from the dead, and in giving His world-wide commission of evangelism to

His disciples, Jesus first thought of His own people. He said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8. On the day of Pentecost three thousand devout Jews yielded their lives to Him, and today there are many devout Jews whose hearts God is meeting. One who has proven of unspeakable blessing to the writer is a devout Jew who would frequently rise and go through the whole 150 Psalms before he would break his fast. He did this before he knew Christ. But God saved him and filled him with His Spirit and made Him a great blessing to many. Thank God, we have many such in our fellowship. May He give us many more.

#### JEWRY'S OPENNESS

There is a changed attitude in Jewry. Not long ago, Dr. Chalmers printed the following

in the *Jewish Missionary Magazine*: "Recently in one of the orthodox synagogues of Brooklyn, during certain days of repentance and prayer, Jews were seen lying on their faces before God, crying to Him for protection upon them and their persecuted brethren, especially in Russia. One elderly Jew lifted up his hands toward heaven, and in an agony of soul, cried out: 'Oh that THOU wouldest rend the heavens, that THOU wouldest come down . . . 'LORD,' he said, 'send our Messiah, and should the JESUS of the Gentiles be the one, grant us a sign that we may be sure that it is really so, and forgive our guilt toward HIM.'"

Let us remember the word, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem," and the promise attached: "They shall prosper that love thee." Psalm 122:6. If you pray for the people represented by Jerusalem, you will never be guilty of being anti-Semitic.

## Utter Dependence on the Holy Spirit

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came down to earth below to reveal God, not only in His divine, matchless expression of truth, but also in His loving service in ministering. Jesus was God manifested in the flesh. Notice, will you, the emphasis the writer seems to put upon the consciousness of Christ in His marvelous condescension. He says, first of all, in the thirteenth chapter, the first verse, that He knew—"Jesus knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own which were in the world." And then again, in the third verse, Jesus knew "that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He was come from God, and went to God." Jesus had consciousness of His exalted position in glory. Nevertheless, He stooped and humbled Himself to the place of a slave in a household of the Orient. Jesus, the King of glory, seeking to display the nature of God, stooping to the lowest depth to meet man. Hallelujah!

In the second chapter of Philippians He is portrayed, by another apostle, as descending from the highest heights of exalted glory to the lowest depths of humiliation and shame, dying like a criminal upon a cross. Jesus alone, in the flesh, was God's means of expressing the divine nature, His exalted, heavenly character, to the world. We are told that as He is, so are we in this world. God now has an instrumentality—Jesus having left—through which He seeks to express Himself just as perfectly as He did through Jesus. That present instrumentality is His body, the body of Jesus Christ. And you and I together constitute that body. Just as Jesus was in the world, giving expression to the sentiments of God, giving expression to the divine truth, just so you and I are here in this world, not as individuals only, as He was—God has changed that aspect of it—but as a united body through which He speaks to the world.

We are told, at the end of the first chapter of Ephesians, that the church is His body, the fullness of Him, so that Jesus—the invisible Christ, eternally sitting at the Father's right hand in the glory, is expressing Himself to the world as if He were here, through you and me collectively. Perhaps we do not fully appreciate

this—we may never be able to understand until we come face to face with Him, the significance of the body. We are many members but one body. We are here where Jesus was. It is through us that God would reveal Himself to the world as He did through Jesus. We are His body.

When God would speak forth now His sentiments to the world He speaks through the body. When God would display now His goodness, His ministrations to the sick, and the needy, and the destitute, He seeks through the body to express Himself.

Jesus over and over again protested that He did nothing of Himself. He did not speak from Himself. His activity did not originate with Himself, but He depended momentarily upon the Holy Spirit. Now, no matter how beautiful the theory of the body's functions, and its relationship to the world, and its position between Jesus the Head and the world in its destitution and need is, it is absolutely dead, and of no value, unless the Holy Ghost is abundantly within us, quickening us, having His way, actually controlling us. There is no other way. God does not make use of our lives because of our testifying what we are, nor because we have received some experience. God makes use of our lives in revealing Himself to the world because we give place to the Holy Spirit of God, because we yield ourselves to the divine operation of the Spirit. What a marvel that God should so limit Himself in the manifestation of His divine nature. When I think of my stupidity, my nonresponsiveness to God, when I think of the poor way in which I comprehend spiritual things, I wonder that God should condescend to reveal Himself through me.

It might appear that in such a method there is no place for individuality, but there is a place for individuality, just one place—in the body, submerged, saturated, so that the individuality is clothed with God. Then it becomes the expression of the body, and the expression of the living Head of the body. Individuality unclothed, in its natural nakedness, is like a sore thumb on the body. It gets in the way. If somebody has a hobby to ride, an ax to grind, it hinders the working of God. Individuality has to be submerged in the body, it has to be filled

with the Holy Ghost, it has to be clothed with God.

In His relationship to God, Jesus is not exercising His own divine prerogative as the second Person of the Godhead. How does He maintain an absolute dependence on the Spirit of God? There is no secret about it. He arose at an early hour, before day, and went alone to pray. He moved out into God continually. He thus kept clothed with the Spirit of God. Thousands of people have been receiving the Baptism in the Spirit through the years, who have never gotten higher than the initial experience. Some of them do not even keep that. We are baptized with the Holy Ghost that we may enter into communion with God, that the Spirit may move upon us, and that we may live and move in the Spirit of God.

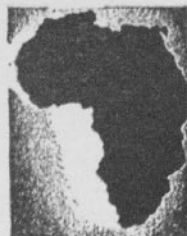
We get the idea that carnality is morally wrong conduct. Paul accused the Corinthians of being carnal, and then he said, "Ye walk as men." There is nothing wrong about the way good men walk. But there is something better than this. Oh, the tragedy when people who have been filled with the Holy Ghost walk merely as men. This would be acceptable if there were not a mighty, surging, overwhelming, saturating, submerging in the Spirit.

And just as Jesus Christ maintained His relationship to God through waiting on God, seeking God, praying to and pleading with God, so it is necessary for us to do. It is much more necessary for us to be so under His control, through waiting on Him in unceasing prayer, that God can manifest Himself clearly. I think many of the manifestations of God through us must to the world seem very hazy and blurred, because of the human elements being there. The only way to properly balance the human elements is by having recourse to the secret place of prayer. Then, too, there is a definite place for united prayer, for praying together. When the body—the disciples—prayed, they prayed together until God came forth. They even prayed, "Stretch forth Thine hand." That was not just figurative language. They were a part of the body. They were that body. And they prayed God that Jesus Christ, the Head of the body, would stretch forth His hand, a part of His body. That was not stretching forth an invisible hand out of heaven, it was the stretching forth of the hand of the body on earth. Here, then, is our need.

It is not a flattering commentary on our spiritual state that so few members of our assemblies gather for prolonged seasons of prayer. Nor is it complimentary to have such small quarters for the places of prayer. Our prayer rooms should require space enough to accommodate the entire congregation. All of us should be eager to unite in prayer. In the congregation that does not pray members are walking only as men, not living and working for God. If we are to occupy for God we must seek His face together for His mighty, daily anointing upon us.

By and by, Jesus is coming to gather this body to Himself, and together with those already in His presence, we shall be united eternally, rid of all the imperfections and limitations of the human, to provide God with an eternal vehicle for the expression of His marvelous divine nature. Let us give Him the opportunity He seeks today to reveal Himself to the needy world about us.

Our



## MISSIONARY ADVANCE

# Studying French in Montreal

H. B. Garlock

A NUMBER of missionaries and workers have been studying the French language in Montreal, Canada, in preparation for their future ministry in French-speaking countries.

Through the kindness of W. L. Bouchard, Principal of Berean French Bible Institute in Montreal, the facilities of the school were placed at the disposal of our Missions department this summer. Since 80 to 90 per cent of the people in Montreal speak French, it is an ideal place to study this language which is now practically demanded of all missionaries going to French territory in Africa. There are radio broadcasts and also newspapers in the French language. Best of all, there is a French Assembly where our missionaries may worship, thereby encouraging the French brethren and also putting to practical use the language which they are studying. At the Bible School, too, all subjects are taught in French.

Mrs. Tasse, a former nun and teacher in the schools of Canada for many years but now an instructor in the French Bible Institute, kindly consented to remain during the summer to instruct our missionaries. Other French-speaking Christians also aided our workers in various



ways. We are deeply grateful to each one for the part he has had in preparing laborers for the harvest field.

Among those who have been studying French in Montreal during the past few months are the following missionaries: Mr. and Mrs. George Flattery, Mr. and Mrs. Ray-

mond Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Simmons, Amelia Schewe, Marie Johnsrud, Mable Schaefer, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Furman, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petrosky, Henry Dahlberg, Edna Peterson, and Eva Radanovsky.

Mr. and Mrs. George Flattery and their two children have already left for the French Ivory Coast. Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Furman with their two children, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Petersen with their three children are now in New York completing arrangements to leave for the Congo. A number of the others will leave for French West Africa this fall and winter.

Please pray that God will help our missionaries as they prepare for an effective ministry in the "regions beyond."

## News Flashes!

Saul Benjamin and family have arrived in the States again for their furlough, according to a telegram just received by the Missions Department. May God bless them and refresh them, both in body and soul.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis G. Long and Martha Kucera are scheduled to sail on the HAWAIIAN SHIPPER of the American Export Line, leaving Baltimore, Maryland, on October 4, and going direct to Karachi, India. Mr. and Mrs. Long will join our missionary force in the Ranchi District area of North India, and Miss Kucera will return to her former field in South India.

Everything vital to the missionary enterprise hinges upon prayer.—John R. Mott.

The missionary enterprise is not the church's afterthought but God's forethought.—Henry van Dyke.

Every church should support two pastors—one for the thousands at home, the other for the millions abroad.—Jacob Chamberlain.

## Our Ukrainian Branch

Fred Smolchuck

WE have much for which to praise the Lord! God is continuing to bless the efforts of the Ukrainian Branch of the Assemblies of God in publishing new gospel literature, which is constantly being used in evangelizing the many unsaved Ukrainians in this country. Our monthly 20 page magazine, "Evanhelski Palomnyk" (The Pilgrim Evangel), is issued on the basis of free will offerings. Though the cost is \$200 or more per month, yet the Lord, through His people, supplies the need. At present we are working on the translation of R. A. Torrey's excellent book on Personal Work. We expect to publish this book in the Ukrainian language the early part of next year.

With the co-operation of the Home and Foreign Missions Departments, a school of Ukrainian language and grammar has been

opened for Bible School graduates who are looking forward to gospel work among the Ukrainians, here and abroad. These young people are studying hard, and are praying that the Lord may open the doors of service for them. We sincerely believe they will be a blessing, for there is much work to do among these long neglected people.

The Presbyters of the Ukrainian Branch of the Assemblies of God are looking forward to opening new works, and in this we especially ask the prayers of our Christian brethren. We realize that all of our efforts will be fruitless unless backed up by the Holy Spirit. We are not a large group, nor are we a wealthy or influential group, but we have God and God's people on our side. Have we not reason to believe that victory and progress in the field of Christian endeavor shall be ours?

## Preaching With Apostolic Power

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These we sent over to the Bible School where Pastor Liu preached and taught them to pray, distributed the Gospel to each one, and while this was going on we were preaching to the unsaved in the Tabernacle and saw seventy-eight more converted that night. We shall continue this plan every night.

"Our students are preaching daily at fourteen centers in Shanghai, conversions every night. My heart is turned into praise for His grace to enable us in His strength to do this work.

"Later. Last week was a time of ingathering of souls. We had three hundred conversions in the Tabernacle, seventy-three in Nantao, twenty more in one Street Chapel and thirty in another, besides a large number of converts in the prisons. The fields are surely white to harvest. We have organized the three hundred converts at Bethel into Bible classes every night

in the week. As the factories are shut down for the night shift because of hard times the new converts are free to come every night, and they crowd all of the classrooms and when the hour is over, very reluctantly leave us to go back to their intolerably hot mud huts for the night."

This was written before the war came and hindered the gospel work in Shanghai and other Chinese cities. Andrew Gih escaped to Chungking and has continued his evangelistic ministry. Pray for him and his coworkers as they pick up the burden threads of their scattered work. Pray also that once more the gospel may be sounded out from powerful radio stations in Shanghai as in the past. Also that the Lord will enable us to fulfill the vision that is in the heart of our missionary, Howard Osgood, the speedy sending of 200 missionaries to China, the establishment of at least three Bible Schools in that land, and also of a strong full gospel publishing house.

## BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

Christ said: "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?"—Luke 11:13.

God commands you to be filled with the Spirit. "Be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18. It is your duty,—because:

1. You have a promise of it.
2. God commands it.
3. It is essential to your own growth in grace that you should be filled with the Spirit.
4. It is as important as it is that you should be sanctified.
5. It is as necessary as it is that you should be useful and do good in the world.

Why many are not filled with the Holy Spirit:

1. They live a hypocritical life.
2. They have so much levity.
3. They are so proud.
4. They are so worldly minded, love property so well and are trying so hard to get rich that they cannot receive the Holy Spirit.
5. Others do not fully confess and forsake their sins.
6. Others are neglecting some known duty.
7. Some are resisting the Spirit of God.
8. Others do not really desire the Spirit.
9. Some neglect to pray to this end.—From *Revival Lectures* by Chas. G. Finney.

## Coming Meetings

POUND, WIS.—October 31—; Evangelist and Mrs. C. Merrill Johnson, Peoria, Ill.—John Timm, Pastor.

PUYALLUP, WASH.—October 16—; George Hays, Houston, Texas, Evangelist.—W. F. Morton, Pastor.

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS—Oct. 30—Nov. 18; Wm. Stevens, Evangelist.—Oria R. Bray, Pastor.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—4401 W. 14th St., October 27—28; Robert Cummings, Central Bible Institute, special speaker.—Robert C. Sellers, Pastor.

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.—220 S. College; Oct. 14, for 2 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. Philip Johnson.—C. E. Turner, Pastor.

LINCOLN, NEBR.—Twelfth and D Sts., October 14—; Evangelist and Mrs. James Call—Lester W. Dickinson, Pastor.

CARLINVILLE, ILL.—October 15, for 2 weeks or longer; W. A. Gardner, Evangelist.—K. E. Squires, Pastor.

ORANGE, TEXAS—Third and Cypress Sts., October 14—; Harold Ansel Evangelistic Party, of Austin.—R. L. Davis, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—705 N. Quaker; October 18, for 3 weeks; Fern Huffstutler, Evangelist.—M. D. Hartz, Pastor.

OSWEGO, KANSAS—Fellowship and Homecoming, all day, October 26. Basket dinner. V. G. Greisen and other speakers.—C. F. Hayes, Pastor.

JOPLIN, MO.—Chitwood Assembly of God; October 21, for 3 weeks; E. C. Lagmay, Filipino Evangelist.—Tolbert S. Farris, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—915 Massachusetts Ave. N. W., Oct. 23—Nov. 23; R. S. Peterson, Oshkosh, Wis., Evangelist.—B. E. Mahan, Pastor.

CHESTER, PA.—1139 Edgemont Ave., October 23—28; John E. Ward, of Philadelphia, Evangelist. Albert Lazar is pastor.—By Evangelist.

ST. CLOUD, MINN.—October 14, for 2 weeks or longer; Ivar A. Frick Jr., Solon, Ohio, Evangelist.—Fred R. Gottwald, Pastor.

ANACORTES, WASH.—Pentecostal Assembly of God, Oct. 14—; Wm. F. A. Gierke, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelist.—John A. Westman, Pastor.

WAYNE, MICH.—5403 S. Wayne Rd., Oct. 14—28; Evangelist and Mrs. R. W. Prince, Boston, Mass.—Ernest A. Manley, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO—Massillon and Kumroy Roads, Oct. 16—Nov. 4; C. S. Tubby, Ontario, Canada, Evangelist.—Eugene W. Benjamin, Pastor.

HAMMOND, IND.—Full Gospel Tabernacle; October 16, for 2 weeks; Jean Benefiel, Detroit, Mich., Evangelist.—W. J. Cox, Pastor.

LONDON, ONTARIO—555 Dundas St.; September 30, for 2 or 3 weeks; Theodore E. Ness, Minneapolis, Minn., Evangelist. Jack Saunders is Pastor.

GOSHEN, IND.—Mill and Third Sts.; meeting in progress; Jean Benefiel, Loveland, Colo., Evangelist. Broadcast Saturdays, Station WTRC, Elkhart, Ind., 5:00 p.m.—Joseph and Helen Dunets, Pastors.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Palm at Jefferson, October 16—; Arthur S. Arnold, Evangelist.—Henry Hoar, Pastor.

LOS GATOS, CALIF.—Gospel Lighthouse, October 17—; H. F. Bretschneider, Evangelist.—L. E. Bersinger, Pastor.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA.—501 Virginia Ave.; meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. E. V. Berquist.—H. M. Strickland, Pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—Hollywood Temple, Oct. 14—Nov. 4; Otto J. Klink, Evangelist. Henry H. Ness is pastor.—C. E. Butterfield, Presbyter.

C. A. CONVENTIONS  
Rocky Mountain District C. A. Conventions: Pueblo, Colo., October 23—26. Cheyenne, Wyo., Oct. 30—Nov. 2. Paul S. Boyer, Wilmington, Calif., speaker at each convention.—Harold I. Maley, District C. A. President, Boulder, Colo.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Church Dedication Services, Chicago Gospel Assembly, 1042-46 N. Damen Ave., October 27. Services 10:00, 3:00 and 7:30. All friends invited to attend. Dinner and supper served to all guests present. Good speakers and interesting programs throughout the day.—Philip N. Green, Pastor.

### PRAYER CONFERENCE

YORK, PA.—Prayer Conference, First Pentecostal Church, 474 S. Pershing Ave., October 23—25. Karl Steffens, Brooklyn, N. Y., night speaker. For room reservations write Pastor A. Skymer, 471 S. Pershing Ave.—R. F. Bender, Prayer Conference Leader.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.—First Assembly of God, October 14—; Joseph Higgins, of Ft. Smith, Ark., and Minor Higgins, of Ft. Worth, Texas, Evangelists.—W. J. Higgins.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Fifth annual Missionary Convention, Bethel Tabernacle, 1421 25th Ave., Oct. 28—Nov. 4. Glenn R. Horst principal speaker. Meetings daily, except Monday and Saturday, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, beginning with Sunday School 9:45, there will be an all-day of services, with fellowship luncheons between services.—R. H. Moon, Pastor.

### INDIANA MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

MARION, IND.—Indiana Ministers' Institute, Shawley Memorial Church, 1005 East 29th St., October 29—31. Main speakers: A. G. Ward and G. F. Lewis. Some meals served on freewill offering plan, others provided as far as possible. For reservations write B. E. Hillman, Host Pastor, 1005 E. 29th St.—Roy H. Wead.

### NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The North Dakota District Council will convene for business, November 7, 9:00 to 10:15 am, and continue each morning at that hour through Friday, if necessary. Members and delegates urged to attend. Decisions to be made relative to permanent Camp grounds. Credentials committee will meet with candidates for credentials.—Herman G. Johnson, District Superintendent.

### DISTRICT AND C.A. CONVENTION

The North Dakota District Council is sponsoring a District and C.A. Convention at Bismarck, N. Dak., November 5 to 9. Opening rally in charge of K. E. Olson, C.A. President, November 5, 7:45 p.m. C.A. sessions Tuesday, including election of officers. Great Missionary, Inspirational and Evangelistic services through, November 9. Write M. C. Miller, Host Pastor, 401 Eleventh St., Bismarck, when you are coming and how many will be with you. Free rooms to ministers only.—Herman G. Johnson, District Superintendent.

### MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—Hagerman, N. Mex. "We have accepted the pastorate here."—Orville W. Gilbert.

NEW ADDRESS—106 Stratford St., Houston 6, Texas.—W. S. Barham.

NEW ADDRESS—5 Cayetano St., Watsonville, Calif.—Edward B. Byram.

NEW ADDRESS—309 S. Creek, Holdenville, Okla. "We have resigned the church at Wilson and have accepted the pastorate here."—Pastor and Mrs. R. M. Catlett.

WANT TO BUY—Gospel tent. Send full description and price.—Fred V. Honeycutt, 4217 West Central Ave., Albuquerque, N. Mex.

FOR SALE—Hohner accordion, 120 base, man-size; in fair condition. Would like to sell, or trade for a smaller sized accordion.—Mrs. George Hadley, Route 2, Rock Falls, Ill.

FOR SALE—Trailer house, electricity, pre-war tires. Will sell for one-half down, rest on terms. Write Ralph Fleming, South Covington Sta., Covington, Tenn.

BROADCAST—"Gospel of the Air," Station KHSL, 1290 kilos, Saturdays, 9:15 p.m., by remote control from Bethel Temple, Red Bluff, Calif.—Everett Morga, Pastor.

NEW ADDRESS—General Delivery, Mt. Vernon, Ill. "We are planning to open a new work here. Those having friends in or near this city, who are in the Council or Council-minded, please contact me."—Evangelist Daniel S. Percival.

FOR SALE—New gospel tent, tabernacle style, 30 x 30, heavy and waterproofed. Price \$250.00 cash. Lumber, if wanted, mostly new; electric block wiring and outside pole, box for shutting of current, etc., \$30.00 additional. For complete information write Mrs. T. Pence, Route 4, New Castle, Pa.

NOTICE—Evangelist and Mrs. George Davis will be at the following Assemblies in the interest of Sunday Schools: E. C. Allen's Assembly, Shreveport, La., October 16—28; Robert Sellers' Assembly, Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 4—11; E. L. Tanner's Assembly, West Monroe, La., Nov. 13—18. All-day Rally, Augusta, Ga., Nov. 22.

FOR SALE—"The Pulpit Commentary," a 52-volume set; brand new, never unpacked. Cost \$59.00 cash; will sell for \$50.00. Will give absolutely free to purchaser, a \$7.50 book entitled "Hoyt's New Encyclopedia of Practical Quotations," by Roberts. This also brand new. Write Evangelist Bessie L. Fisher, 1910 Madison Ave., Memphis 4, Tenn.

### OPEN FOR CALLS

#### Evangelistic or Pastoral

Coley H. Jacobs, 259 Oakdale Ave., Akron, Ohio—"In General Council ministry for some years. Was pastor of the S. Cumberland church in Maryland 4 years. Resigned to enter the service. Have just been discharged from the Army after spending 27½ months overseas."

#### Evangelistic

W. L. Blair, 1843 Fifth Ave., San Diego 1, Calif.—"Am conducting meetings in East San Diego Assembly. Open for calls after November 1."

# The Passing and the Permanent

## A CHAPLAIN'S AWAKENING

Said one Army chaplain: "How can I lead my men to God? I have not found my own way to Him. I have not been a Christian; I have just been a clergyman." War has brought many chaplains a spiritual awakening. Some have said: "After the war my life in my parish is going to center on my knees, not in being a good fellow, no matter what my people insist upon." God grant it may be so!

## A LESSON IN DATE SETTING

The world has had another lesson concerning the folly of setting a date for the end of the world. A California preacher named Charles Long declared that God had shown him that the world would end through atomic dissolution at 5:33 p.m., September 21, 1945. The newspapers publicized his prophecy and when it failed he must have felt ridiculous. As Jesus said, "No man knoweth the day nor the hour"—not even Charles Long!

## HUMANITY'S RALLYING POINT

Says Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia: "Today, man sees all his hopes and aspirations crumbling before him. He is perplexed and knows not whither he is drifting. But he must realize that the Bible is his refuge, and the rallying point for all humanity. In it man will find the solution of his present difficulties and guidance for his future action, and unless he accepts with clear conscience the Bible and its great message, he cannot hope for salvation. For my part, I glory in the Bible."

## AMERICA FACES FASCISM

Leland Stowe, noted war correspondent of the *New York Times*, in his latest book says, "Very few of us, I gather, are ready to face the fact that America can defeat Fascism abroad in this war, but will still be in serious danger of having an antiliberal, and guilefully 'American' brand of Fascism established inside our own country within 10 or 15 years after peace comes. When the reaction comes in the U. S. it may well come with the brutality and force of a tornado. There will be such a day—and almost inevitably within our lifetime."

## "THEY SHALL TAKE UP SERPENTS"

Many misguided folk have special services in order to prove the truth of Mark 16:18. They sincerely believe that God is pleased when they deliberately handle poisonous snakes in order to test His promise. Recently a number of people were killed in this way, and a good deal of unfavorable publicity for Holiness people was the result. Is it not written, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God"? The devil referred to Scripture in order to try to get Jesus to cast Himself down from a pinnacle of the temple and see if the angels would not protect Him from harm, but Jesus wisely refused. We fear that the devil has used the same tactics to get these good folk to tempt God by handling snakes, and they have not been wise enough to resist.

## DEFIANT ZIONISTS

Said David Ben Gurion, Jewish Agency executive, upon his arrival in New York from Palestine: "We in Eretz Israel have made our country what it is—we have recreated it out of nothing so that now it is ready to receive those of our brethren which Europe did not succeed in murdering. We are determined that they shall find a home in this country we have made. We can never acknowledge as valid any law that prevents Jews from coming to Eretz Israel." Zionists will have greater success when they quit depending upon their own powers and humble themselves before God, accepting His Son Jesus as their Messiah. Not until then will there be a mass return of the Jews to Palestine.

## VENTURES OF FAITH

Every year American industrial corporations spend nine tenths of a billion dollars in research seeking new inventions, better production methods, and lower production costs. This is more money than is spent for all the ministers of all American churches, church colleges, Sunday schools and distinctly religious institutions combined. Why does industry venture such a sum? Because it has faith it will pay in the end—and it does. If Christian people had faith to venture out on the same scale, think how the Kingdom of God could be advanced.

Our Government "gambled" two billion dollars on atomic research and it ended the war. If the churches would invest that much money in foreign missions in the next three years it might well end the church's warfare and bring back the King who said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

## ARE ALL MEN BROTHERS?

The avowed purpose of The Protestant Council of the City of New York is to seek "a continually closer relationship with the Catholic and Jewish faiths in the belief that the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man spread across all sectarian divisions." Jesus did not teach that all men were sons of God. To certain ones He said, "Ye are of your father the devil."

## "I BELIEVE IN CONVERSION"

The late William Jennings Bryan said, "I believe in conversion. The most important conversion is the conversion of the individual from sin to righteousness. Among the nations the most important conversion is the promised conversion of the swords into plowshares, and in business I know of nothing better than the conversion of an alcohol plant into a factory for the production of something which is helpful and wholesome." The best way to produce conversions of the second and third kinds is to pray for more conversions of the first kind.

## HOW COMMUNISM FAILED

David DeForest Burrell, writing in *The Presbyterian*, says that the Communistic experiment in Russia failed along every line. "Communism has brought to the peoples of the Soviet Republics no freedom, but regimentation. Away back in 1931, Russia formally gave up the principle of 'equal division of unequal earnings,' and today she has a large group of 'proletarian millionaires' and other privileged groups, whose members enjoy special pensions, whose children attend special schools. From the economic point of view, Communism has failed in Russia. From the point of view of personal liberty it has failed. And its effort to stamp out religion from the life of the people was a pronounced failure before it had fairly begun. Our nation should and can keep on good terms with Russia; but our people should see clearly that Communism, as a form of government, as an economic system and as a religion, has no rightful place in America."

## Servicemen's Day -- Oct. 28

Authorized by a resolution unanimously passed at the  
General Council of the Assemblies of God,  
September 15, 1945

### ITS PURPOSE:

- To honor our servicemen.
- To pray that spiritual victories may follow the conquests of war.
- To encourage giving for the continuance of our ministry to the armed forces.

A GREAT TASK yet remains in helping our sons in service find their place in Christian living at home. We must guide them until secure in our local churches.

## Their Tomorrow -- Our Responsibility

Watch next week's Evangel