

The Latter Rain Kvangel

The days of Heaven on Earth

Blessed Are the Weak

A NEW Beatitude for this day of boasted strength and power! John Wesley discerned the need of ever confessing our inability: "To Thee my weakness I must show, my insufficiency!" So the lines of his hymn run, and we may know that his power for good was only measured by his daily prayer confessions of weakness.

There are many more such beatitudes buried in the mine of the Bible, as dear as the Blesseds that dropped from the beautiful lips of Jesus. And who was ever weaker than He?

He said and practised, "Resist not evil."
He did not "strive nor cry;"
His voice was not heard "in the streets."
He said, "I gave my back to the smiters,
And my cheeks to them that plucked the hair;
I hid not my face from shame and spitting."
"As a sheep before her shearers is dumb,
So He opened not His mouth," to His accusers.

He is called "a tender plant," "a worm," "a lamb." What similes better represent weakness? He exclaims through the mouth of David in Psalms 102: "He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened my days." Yea, David experienced His feebleness in II. Sam. 3:39, "I am this day weak though anointed King." Paul states, "He was crucified through weakness." II Cor. 13:4. His enemies said of Him, "Himself He cannot save." But it was a willing weakness, a supreme power to choose God's will. Are we like Him, who in ourselves are so mighty, so resourceful?

Let us not forget, "God hath chosen the weak things of this world," for "the weakness of God is stronger than men," and because we believe "my strength is made perfect in weakness," then we may say, "When I am weak, then am I strong." Blessed are the weak, for "He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength." Isa. 40:29.

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Closing Twenty-one Years

FOR twenty-one years *The Latter Rain Evangel* has had a ministry of uninterrupted service to God's children in all parts of the world. This issue closes the twenty-first year.

When the beloved founder of The Stone Church and Editor of the paper, Wm. Hamner Piper passed away in 1911, the paper was just four years old. His dying words were, "Go on with the paper." It seemed a tremendous undertaking to us, without his guidance and direction, but God who had called us to this ministry as definitely as He has called some to preach the Gospel, promised His guidance and direction, and with fear and trembling we sent out the printed message month by month craving only the smile and approval of Him who had called. After twenty-one years we still send out the printed page with fear and trembling—fear that it may not be all that God would have it to be, and trembling at our own weakness, but with each issue we say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

In these twenty-one years more than twenty-five million printed pages have gone forth to the ends of the earth. It is only as a tiny grain of sand to the vast quantities of secular and religious literature that are being printed on thousands of presses, but this tiny grain of sand has, thank God, had an influence in the world that is not to

be despised. It has been the means under God of adding to that innumerable company which no man can number. Heaven will be peopled with men, women and children from every nation on earth because of these twenty-one years that the little white messenger has spread its wings and flown to thousands of readers, keeping the fire of God's love burning on the altar of their hearts and spurring them on to witness to our great salvation.

The lonely, isolated ones who have no spiritual fellowship find through its pages a fellowship with God's children that reaches around the world. The printed message has made them kin, spiritually, to the toiling servant in the Congo forests, to the lonely missionary in the Brazilian jungle who has not seen a white face for months, and to the isolated ones and twos on the Tibetan border who are often laboring in the midst of dangerous mobs.

The printed page carrying a recital of the happenings in benighted lands, and of the Gospel light that shines in darkest heathendom, makes the whole world kin and starts a prayer-chain that goes from heart to heart throughout the Christian world. Through *The Evangel* making known the needs, the busy housewife, as she stands at the ironing board, prays for this missionary
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Contrasting the Faithful and Evil Servants

A Picture of Present Day Conditions

Pastor B. C. Mahan, Jeanette, Pa., in the Stone Church, Aug. 4, 1929



WE invite your attention to a portion of God's Word as found in Matt. 24:38-51, speaking for a little while this afternoon on *The Two Servants* mentioned in the latter part of the chapter.

The one mentioned in verse 45 is called "a faithful and wise servant"; the other, mentioned in verse 48 is called "an evil servant." You will notice the setting of this portion of Scripture. All Bible readers know that this 24th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel deals with the signs of the time preceding the Coming of the Lord. This chapter speaks of "wars and rumors of wars, famine, earthquakes in divers places," "the beginning of sorrow," etc. a dark picture of world conditions and of apostate conditions religiously just preceding our Lord's Coming, and following that description we read of the two servants representing two classes of people. Some one likens these two servants to two preachers, the first a pre-millennial preacher looking for the coming of the Lord before the Millennium, and the second a post-millennial preacher, the servant who says the world is getting better, and the reason is because of what he preaches and teaches.

I notice the first thing it says about this first servant is that he is "faithful." The inspired Apostle Paul looking down through the ages, by the Spirit, speaks of this age end. First he speaks of world conditions, pictures to us the religious life, a dark picture and then says the Lord will not come unless there be first a falling away. Jesus said "When the Son of Man cometh shall He find faith on the earth?" The "falling away" means apostasy, declension, lukewarmness in the religious world. It means a great deal for the man who stands in the pulpit to be a faithful servant in these days of apostasy and declension. I feel that there never was a time when the preacher needed the prayers and cooperation of the people more than he needs them now. For this apostasy has not only affected the pews, it has also affected the pulpit. Many who were faithful shepherds of the flock, who believed the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, believed in the atonement and the vicarious death of Christ, have, I am sorry to say, departed from the faith and have been caught in the grip of the apostasy and turned to modernism. I believe I am safe in

saying that the greatest enemy of the church today is not on the outside but within her gates. Two thousand years ago Jesus Christ sent out the Church to preach the Gospel to every creature. Not what they thought about the Gospel or not part of the Gospel, but the whole Gospel in its purity and power; this Gospel that gets hold of the hearts of men, that clusters around a real cross. We have this same Gospel today, not a dead Gospel but the Gospel of a living Christ, a Gospel that meets a man's whole need.

I notice this first servant is a "faithful" servant. To be a faithful servant these days means to be unpopular, for to stand true to God and walk in the old paths is not popular. People accuse us of being too narrow, too fanatical, but the drift of the times is not towards fanaticism. It is toward formalism, "having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof," and the inspired apostle writes, "from such turn away." It means a great deal to go into the religious market today and get God's best. There never was a time when there was so much on the religious market as today, so many isms and schisms of multiplied origin. But thank God that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit we can go into the religious market and get the real thing and pass by the spurious.

Then I notice he is not only a faithful servant, but also "wise." You remember when Jesus sent out the twelve disciples He said they were to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. I am sure we need the wisdom of the Spirit to win men and women to Jesus today. Perhaps we fail in this because of a lack of wisdom. I pass on to you something I read in *The Gospel Herald* years ago. An evangelist was called to a certain church to minister and he was entertained in Bro. So-and-so's home. While they were at the dinner table the family began to discuss their preachers. They said, "You know the first pastor we had we didn't like very well. He wasn't at all popular with the young people, wasn't a good mixer and held himself somewhat aloof." Then they brought up the second pastor the church had. They said, "We didn't like him very well either. He was too narrow. He didn't believe in dancing or theatre-going, or card-playing and we were glad to get rid of him."

Then they discussed the third pastor *pro* and *con* at the table before the children. After din-

ner was over, the father called the evangelist aside and said "We are glad to entertain you in our home and I wish while you are here with us that you might speak to our children and help them to find Christ. They are growing up and it will not be long until they will be out in the world." The evangelist said "I do not feel that I can do anything for your children. At dinner time in their presence you discussed the faults and failures of every pastor you ever had, and I dare say your children do not have much confidence in the servants of the Lord." Beloved, there is a message in this incident for your heart and mine. Many a boy and girl have lost confidence in the church and in the ministry because the faults of each have been aired in the presence of the children. Husbands and wives for whom we have prayed a long time have been kept outside the fold because church business and the faults of the members have been discussed in their presence. Beloved, let us watch our lips.

This servant in the Word was a *wise* servant. We need the wisdom of the Spirit if we want our husbands, our wives and our children brought to Jesus Christ. I notice here it says "faithful and wise servant whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season." The preacher has only one message and that is the message of the Bible, the message that circles around Christ crucified—Christ the Savior, Christ the Baptizer, Christ the Coming King. This servant's duty was to give out meat in due season. The message of Christ is the one message that will bring a revival to a community. When Philip went down to Samaria he preached Christ to them, and it is said that they gave heed to the preaching of Philip and the result was the sick were healed, demons were cast out, and people were saved. This faithful and wise servant was giving out meat in due season, and he made him ruler over all his house. The steps to the throne are steps of sacrifice, cross-bearing, suffering with Christ, being willing to be misunderstood, but some day the journey will be over and our stewardship at an end.

Let us look for a moment at this other servant. The Word calls him an "evil servant." He is an evil servant first because he says in his heart, "My lord delayeth his coming." The great truth of the Second Coming of Christ has a very important place in God's Word. It is mentioned directly or indirectly about 318 times in 260 chapters. About one out of every twenty-five verses in the New Testament bears upon the coming of the Lord, and yet this evil servant, which

is a type of God's ministers, says, "My Lord delayeth His coming." Peter looking down to this day said, "In the last days scoffers shall come, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming for since the fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." Beloved, what have you and I to look forward to outside the coming of Jesus? That is the goal of the church. We will never be crowned while He is in rejection. While the world rejects Him they persecute His church, but when He is crowned we will reign with Him. Many people today want the applause and the approval of the world, but the true followers of Jesus Christ will never get it. The true follower of Jesus Christ is not of this world. If we were of this world the world would love its own. We are pilgrims and strangers, foreigners, sons of God. The evil servant says, that the world is growing better. He points to our great institutions of learning, to the progress of science, and to many natural improvements. But when we look at the spiritual side, it is declension; instead of spirituality it is formality.

I am talking to people this afternoon whom it has cost something to follow Jesus. You are strangers to me, but I know God has taken us all the same way, through the cross. When you stepped out for Jesus you were misunderstood, you were set aside, not appreciated. Some of you lived in divided homes, ungodly communities; some carried a heavy cross, I am sure. What is it that lights up the future? The truth that some day Jesus will come and we will be forever with Him. I take you back to that familiar character of the Old Testament, even Job in the land of Uz. Stripped of his natural possessions, covered with boils from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet, he sits on the ash-pile and scrapes himself with a potsherd. His friends came from afar and sat with him in silence. Then they reasoned with him, pointing out that he was a sinner or God would not so have punished him. In his darkest hour his wife turned against him and told him to curse God and die. What encouraged him in that dark hour? Ah, as he sat on the ash-pile he looked out into the future and said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." He looked forward to the coming of Jesus his Savior. It is the coming of Jesus that encourages us to press on and be faithful. It is the hope of His coming that enables us to sacrifice and be true. The evil servant would rob us of that hope; he would

steal from us the hope of being in that bridal company.

But I notice something else. The Word says he begins to smite his fellow servants—not with his fist, not with a weapon, but today he is a type of those who smite with their tongue their fellow servants, the other preachers; those who do not believe as he does. From his pulpit he criticizes his fellow servants, calls them old-fashioned and narrow and fanatical. He says, "My Lord delayeth His coming, and he begins to smite his fellow servants." Oh that we might have fervent charity one toward another! The time will never come when we will all see eye to eye, but I feel it is not the will of God for us to disfellowship other Christian people when they are real children of God. We ought to love one another with a pure heart, fervently. Are we big enough, as children of God to appreciate the good in other people? God has dear people outside the fold of Pentecost who have never had the light. You and I have been blessed by this deeper revelation of truth, but let us put on fervent charity, the bond of perfection.

Then this evil servant does something else. One thing leads to another. He begins "to eat and drink with the drunken". In other words he is departing from the spiritual and entering into the social life now, eating and drinking with the drunkard. Is it not so that our religious life of today has for the most part drifted down on the natural plane? In many places we have departed entirely from the supernatural and brought our worship down on the natural plane. We do not see souls born into the kingdom, neither are believers baptized in the Holy Ghost, and the church drifts into social life. In this same chapter we read, "As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in the coming of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered into the ark"—a picture of the social life of today. When you want people to come together in a religious gathering, in many localities, it means serving a supper or you will not have the people. This evil servant has backslidden now and is eating and drinking with the drunken. But "the Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for Him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." It is sad enough when folks in the pew fail God but much sadder when God's servants fail.

If you review Israel's history you will notice when the king held up the standard the people were blessed, but when the king departed from the truth and went into idolatry the people suffered. So it is in the church of Jesus Christ today. If a man is a faithful and wise servant, he may not be popular, but he will lead his people to God. Of the evil servants, the Lord will appoint them their portion with the hypocrites; they will be left behind at His coming. Let us, as children of God, gird up our loines spiritually, and let us like wise virgins keep oil in our lamps and vessels, and if we are faithful and wise we will be among those who will hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." May God comfort us with this hope!

A Mission Scene

THERE'S a silence and a sadness on the mission yard tonight. The boys are subdued, the missionaries are weeping and praying and a little huddled group of girls is gathered about the bowed form of one whose heart is torn with sorrow and fear. Yesterday, a bright, care-free school girl, joining with the rest in prayer and praise, a Christian mission girl, a happy little pilgrim on life's journey. But today. What a change in a few moments since the missionary called her and explained sadly that she had been sold! Sold for her heathen father's debt and unless the money be produced at once she must be carried away to be just one more wife to an entire stranger until, perhaps, such a time as he might tire of her and sell or trade her to another. How she begged and wept for some one to help her! The missionaries shook their heads at the thought of seven pounds—funds so low—rice almost gone. Yet maybe if the man would only give them time they might make it up and save another soul from being forced back into a life of sin! So they weep and pray with the sorrowful little one, looking to One who surely will hear and answer prayer.

Thank God for a few who are being lifted from a life of degradation to better things! Thank Him for those who have some one to help them in times of sorrow and need! But oh, will you not pity and pray for the sad hearts still bound by sin and the awful practices of heathenism? pity them as God pities them tonight! Help them even as He gave us an example who said: "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring."

—E. L. B.

Dove Dominion

The Life Under the Wings of Silver and Gold

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PICTURE the aged prophet Noah standing at the opened window of that great rugged ark he had taken one hundred and twenty years to build. Events had all confirmed his wisdom, courage and foresight. His gigantic ship had weathered without interruption or stay at port of call, one of the longest and most dangerous sea voyages recorded in history. Before him spread in endless expanse the immensity of the blended oceans whose enormous depths had entombed and obliterated all the clamour and the confusion, the arrogance and the wickedness of the antediluvian world. Ever since the massive boat had gracefully grounded on the rocky ridges of Ararat's mountain but one desire filled the good Patriarch's heart. Daily he diligently searched the distant horizon for tokens of the sea's abating. The encircling purple rim had rewarded his hungry eyes with the summits of a far-away mountain range that gradually grew in size and outline. But nothing else had appeared to encourage his hopes. Now in order to disembark, a further and more extensive investigation must be made. The degree of the decline of the waters must be known. It is not possible for Noah to leave his appointed place, another must be called into service. He must commission a reliable messenger with this sacred mission. One who possesses a clear and crowning vision and be able to traverse the heavens swiftly and return promptly to report on the subsiding of the flood. Behold! In the patriarch's bosom, gently fondled, lovingly cherished, the sweet harbinger of peace, the swift herald of hope, the chosen handmaid of love! The dove is to be the trusted courier.

As anxious as Noah was to land so God has always desired to establish a permanent abode on earth among His creatures. And nowhere may we find a more sublime image of the Creator than that of the grand old seer caressing and pressing the dove to his heart ere it departs upon its glorious errand. What a beautiful picture of God the Father and the Holy Spirit issuing from His bosom to descend upon earth below seeking a resting place for His Foot. And the great quest the bird's flight foreshadowed is still on today. God must ultimately "land"—He will yet dwell with man in the fullest sense. At present

the Holy Spirit, His servant, is entrusted with the supreme mission of preparing us, you and me, and the ones not yet converted for that final overthrowing of the powers of darkness. As Noah appointed the dove, so God has sent Another, yea, none other than "the Spirit of truth which proceedeth from the Father." John 15:26. Is He a welcome guest in this throng tonight? Has He "nested" in your heart?

Notice this! Nowhere in this inspired account do we find a reason given for the despatch of the raven, no, not even by inference; whereas the white-winged ambassador was sent out with a particular ministry, though it was the same hand that set the one at liberty and the other at work! Though the Scriptures are very silent concerning the reason God permitted evil to come into the world, they are blessedly definite about the coming and operation of the Spirit of Truth, whose message is a direct appeal from God's own heart to our hearts. Raven-Rule is a negative force, blighting and corrupting, serving no good except indirectly as it offers a contrast with its opposite, the Spirit of God. It is useful to God's people in that it affords an enemy to conquer, an evil to overcome, a devil to resist, and even in God's provision may be made by Him to serve us and wait on us as did the ravens on Elijah by the brook Cherith. Dove-Dominion is the positive, purifying, constructive power and reign of the Spirit of God already at work in human hearts in this age ere the millennium ushers its universal sway. Now which power shall govern you? Which spirit shall control your heart and the issues of your life? The Raven's or The Dove's?

Did you ever question Noah's wisdom? Did you ever think that out of the countless kinds of birds in the ark it is extraordinary that the dove should have been given preference? Oh! there must have been many that excelled in their way! Some whose plumage was a riot of color as the parrots and love-birds; some most beautiful and impressive like the peacock or Chinese pheasant. Still others gorgeously delicate in color and variety like the birds of Paradise. Many could have made a good bid on account of their strength and size as the eagle, the stork, the albatross or the falcon. Now just why did the choice fall to the dove? I will not impose a mere naturalist's recital on a large intelligent audience

such as this but though some of the dove's characteristics are generally known, many are quite unrecognized and all of them throw light upon the nature and personality of the Holy Ghost, and teach us many blessed lessons. Oh, may they graciously affect our hearts in this solemn hour!

The Hebrew word for "Noah" means rest; the Hebrew word for "dove" is "yonah" and means warmth or love. And the two things this poor troubled world of ours needs most today are rest and love! The dove is to the bird world what the lamb is to the animal world. Most prominent in Jewish sacrifices throughout the Old Testament, it was the favorite offering of the poor classes who could not afford lambs.

The Scripture draws attention to the dove's color. Speaking to Israel, through the Psalmist's lips, Jehovah says to the people He brought out of Egypt's bondage: "Though ye have lien among the pots,"—meaning the flesh and meat pots representative of the old sensual, earthly, unspiritual life they had lived in Goshen—"Yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove, covered with silver, (that is, brilliantly white). "And her feathers with yellow gold." Shining silver and bright gold! That's quite a contrast to the drab mourning cloak of the raven! Silver white speaks of light, yellow gold of wealth and power. What a beautiful illustration of the dominion of the Dove of God! Illumination! Understanding! Truth and light under the reign of God's Spirit soon scatter the deceits, lies and illusions of Satan, and instead of the wages of sin to look forward to when life is done and desire is gone, there is wealth untold, *riches* that moth cannot destroy nor thieves secure! Oh! will you not come under the Wings of Silver and Gold? Israel proved this promise and statement true, when they broke the Raven-yoke of Pharaoh, and through faith forsook the land of oppression. They stript Egypt of its gold and treasures, added to these the booty of victorious wars and possessed the land flowing with milk and honey. And as to light! Among the heathen nations they became the only beacon of truth and revelation. Do as they did! Exchange the rags of raven-rule for the dowry of dove-devotion—the wings of silver and gold!

The Bible calls the dove a clean bird in Deut. 14:11. And in the Song of Solomon draws attention not only to its beauty, but its purity, "my dove, my undefiled." How can we suppose that the Holy Ghost is any but a Holy power purging us of all sin and uncleanness? Quick is the work of fire and its best use is in cleansing, kill-

ing germs, and sterilizing. God is sending the Dove, my friends, to hearts that are willing to be "thoroughly purged." The Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire implies for you a consecrated and sanctified life. The Dove comes from heaven—Heaven is undefiled by the pollution and corruption demoralizing us all about! The pure in heart shall see God—that's possible here on earth. If you permit the spotless Dove entrance tonight, how soon will your heart be as white as snow, your mind transformed and renewed, every impure depraving imagination cast out and thoughts of love, unselfish service, joy, God and heaven keeping it in perfect peace!

Again do you think that all the war and strife of the nations, the blows and bloodshed among men have anything in common with God's Dove? No! No! No! The Raven—the contentious quarrelsome crow inspires it all! He was responsible for the hatreds and hostilities of the last war. He inflames the fleshly passions and sets the best of friends at variance! I have been scorched by the breath of his rage when they violently seized me and threw me under guard of two brutal soldiers who stood on both sides with loaded rifles and instructions to shoot me down if I'd move. And all because I believed that the true Christian under Dove-Dominion cannot go to war nor fight with carnal weapons, for did not Jesus say: "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and *harmless as doves*"? (Matt. 10:16). And, how can we believe that the meek and gentle Dove, the Spirit of God, sanctions all the abominations and slaughters of war! The apostle James exclaims, "The wisdom that is from above is first *pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated.*" You notice he speaks first of purity, then peace. In other words, no purity from sin—no peace and rest! He proves here, *sin to be the cause of all strife and discord.* When the Dove descends, his first work is to point sinners to Christ till they know their guilt removed, then He floods the soul with a peace passed understanding; then we have peace with God and with one another. Oh! I know a laborious, exhaustive effort was made to reconcile Christianity with the great World War, but *true loyal* Christianity follows Christ, who said, "Put up thy sword," "Resist not evil," and "Love your enemies." Oh! my friends we are under Raven-rule if the quietness of our homes is broken with brawling and dispute, hatreds and fightings, for "He that loveth not, knoweth not God." (I John 4:8). And did not the Saviour say "By this, shall all men know ye are my disciples"—by the

love ye bear one for another? Oh! how many angry spirits here need the calm of the cross! Oh! peaceful Dove come! Come down and shed abroad in our hearts the white-heated passion of the Love of God!

The Scriptures repeatedly point to the dove's secure habitation. Hark! to the Bridegroom addressing His Beloved in the Song of Songs. "O my dove, thou art in the clefts of the rock" (S. of S. 2:15), Here is a graphic symbolic picture! In Palestine, many of the deep valleys that cut the rugged mountain ranges are crowded with doves and pigeons nesting in the rocky cavities of the cliffs. Ah! 'tis only the Spirit of God can teach us the beautiful elevated life high-hidden in the Rock Jesus Christ! That is the sublime Refuge-dwelling of the lowly believer!

Many allusions are made in the Bible to the dove's disposition to mourn. Though inwardly happy and content, the really Spirit-filled Christian groans and mourns in the Spirit. Like his Master, "a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" he fellowships the sufferings of Christ, in weeping and crying conflicts in prayer against the forces of darkness. Besides does he not sense the increasing sinfulness, the audacious rebellion and exaltation of modern Babylon? Its exceeding filthiness, its abominations and sorceries, so widespread and contaminating, cannot but cast the godly soul in grief and lamentation, in prostration before the Lord, crying, "How long! How long!" Yes, we shed tears and say in anguish like Isaiah "I did mourn as a dove; mine eyes fail with looking upward." (Isa. 38:15). But praise God for the upward look! "When ye see these things begin to come to pass," said Christ, "then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh!" You see the difference—outwardly sorrowful, inwardly filled with joy, with an upward gaze, awaiting our Lord's coming. The world is opposite—outward glee and frolic—within the gloom of guilt, the torment of terrible judgment to come!

The sweet emblem of innocence, tenderness and constant love is released from the embrace of Noah. Ravishing sight! It deftly poises on the ocean breeze and immediately departs with a whistling sound to the motion of its silver tipped wings. Without the least trepidation but with intense interest, its patron watches its flight as it soars higher and higher, until, an infinitesimal speck, it vanishes into the azure blue of those sunlit skies. He never doubted that this little bird was in every respect qualified and equal to the task. He knew every one of his proteges.

He was their benefactor! For years he had gathered these animals from the ends of the country and studiously tended them in captivity, their wants had been supplied, and their traits and characteristics mastered in those days before the Deluge. Noah knew! He had well discovered what the world has since learned, that the dove, as well as the pigeon, to whose family it belongs, for direct flight, for swiftness in the air and for the honing instinct is without a rival in the bird world. Its uncanny habit of finding its way back to the cote alone, is nothing short of marvelous. And remember well, that in this memorable flight, its return to the hand that sent it was all the more astounding since, that once completely out of sight of the ark, it had absolutely *no land marks* to guide it. Nothing but the roll of a million waves, naught but the immeasurable vast main for a hundred leagues in every direction. Yet not one moment was it at a loss in that infinity of blue space! No hesitation! No deviation! Oh! delightful vision of glory! A little white dot of hope and comfort over that frowning waste of waters. Never swerving, like a stream of golden silver it wings its spirited course, slighting the threat of the ominous deep, of the variable winds and clouds, straight and steady in an eternal sweep of exploration! Oh! I can see everything in this picture! Everything for you and me! I can hardly forbear shouting and praising God! Look, there it flies. Oh! radiant, triumphant, heavenly vision! Trembling heart, can you not see the Holy Dove? Then cease to doubt and cast yourself in confidence and trust upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Weak hesitating soul, behold, here is strength! Here is purpose! Here is diligence and resolution! Let the Dove direct your sin-wearied soul out of its Raven-ruin into the straight and narrow way. Let the Dove be your gracious Guide, and delicately lead you victorious in all the tests and trials that must confront you, overcoming all the onslaughts of the Raven, till you reach the great dove-cote in Heaven above, the Home of *Noah*,—REST. The Dove returned! Will you not trust Him? He is faithful. Let Him come into your heart!

Compare for a minute the sphere of the two birds. Ah! here is as wide a divergence as possible. The raven's range is so loathesomely limited, sated with carrion, as the sinner is satisfied with sin; he sits here, he hops there, the rank decaying cadavres the extent of his flight and fascination! Horrid hideous, disgusting picture! But look at the soaring noble aspect of life and interest the Holy Spirit gives! What an eternal outlook! What an inspiring viewpoint *as broad*

as the earth and as high as the Heavens is the exalted flight of the Dove!

In contrast to the raven's irresponsible desultory flying, the dove's is a model of determined aviation. Neither too large, nor too small, it happens to possess from its Creator's Hand the exact dimensions of girth and wingspread necessary for the greatest speed and perfect poise in flight. *The strength of a dove is in its wings!* And the inspiration of the Scripture emphasises this in the cry of David, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest . . . I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest" (Ps. 55:6,8). *Strong* are the wings that overshadow us tonight. They lead those that put their trust in them to perfect rest, as the dove flew back to the bosom of Noah, the type of Almighty God. *Speedy* are those wings—full of Healing and Blessing! Can you not hear their flutter above your heart's troubled waters. They are brooding over you as the Spirit of God over the waste at Creation!

Upheld by her powerful pinions, the nature sage tells us, the dove's progress is so rapid that pursuing birds of prey cannot overtake her. They may be strong and much larger, but their very bulk makes them cumbersome and hinders them attaining such speed. Hallelujah! Not all the powers of darkness, not the fleetest demon in hell, no swift calamity or curse or evil can ever outstrip the Spirit of God. It is ahead in the conflict every time. Why then your baseless fears? Why? Why? If God be for you who can be against you? Escape now from the threatening storms and tempests! Awake! it is time to ex-

claim as David, "Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings," "I will trust in the covert of Thy Wings." For "Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler . . . He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust." (Ps. 17:8, 61:4, & 91:3,4.)

But the most amazing fact about the dove is, that *it is the only bird* in creation that has no gall. Ah! there is no bitterness in the Holy Spirit, in the Perfect Will of God, in a fully surrendered life! No bitterness, no anguish, no tears of remorse! Housewives preparing fowl for the oven are always careful to remove the gall sack lest its bitter contents ruin the meat, but if it is a dove that must be cooked, save yourself the trouble, there is no such thing in its anatomy. That is one reason for its gentle disposition, for naturalists consider the gall as one source or fountain of contention supposed to infuse itself into the spirit. Oh, there's gall, there is contrariness, there is an unforgiving spirit where the Dove is not Lord. How many families are divided, how many homes broken with the little ones set adrift, because the gall of bitterness has separated the most devoted parents and wrecked the aspirations of the most promising couples! What the root of bitterness causes in the church of God, once it gets a footing! Every evil work follows its train. The Holy Ghost must be taken in! Into the heart and home, and you will have peace, purity and power. No more fear or aimlessness in life, no hardness of heart, no bitterness of spirit, but surety, soul liberty and final rest in the bosom of God.

Out Where the Heathen Rage

THE Moslem rebellion in West China is still unchecked. Only recently a thousand of them rose up in Toachow, Old City, took the city and established a government of their own.

"Crops have again failed because of drought in parts of Kansu Province," writes Mrs. Simpson, and another year of famine seems inevitable. "The situation is unspeakably horrible now and it is hard to think of another year like the one we have passed through or perhaps worse." They daily face problems and trials that would daunt the stoutest heart were it not for the Lord's sustaining grace.

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While famine is stalking abroad, the Church at Wei Hsein, Hopei Province, is thriving. Ninety-two have recently been baptized in water;

forty-eight in one station, thirty-five in another, and eight in another, and still other stations have converts to be baptized. "The locusts have now reached this section and taken all before them," writes Miss Brann, "and the future looks dark to thousands." While the earthly harvest has failed, there has been a harvest of souls.

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The Famine Orphanage and Evangelistic Bands at Yuanchow, Honan Province, are doing aggressive work for God. Mr. Hermann Becker writes their Women's Evangelistic Band has been doing splendid work for God. Souls have been saved and signs have followed the preaching of the Word. One remarkable case was that of a heathen woman who had trouble with her eyes for sixteen years, and the last six years she had

not been able to open them. Six years in total darkness! When the Bible women spoke to her she opened her heart to Jesus and broke her idol vow. They prayed much for her and one day decided they would fast as well as pray. During the night she had a vision and saw the Lord who said to her "Tomorrow I will open your eyes." The next day the Bible women met to fast and pray again, not knowing that the Lord had spoken to the woman. While they were praying she entered the room and her eyes were instantly healed; for the first time in six years she was able to open them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leader, Gombari, Congo Belge, recently visited the Pygmy settlement and held a service, the first one they have held in the Pygmy settlement. The pygmies are a despised race, even the blacks placing them in the same class as the animal world, but they are some for whom Christ died and the Leaders gave them the Gospel with real joy. Bro. Leader writes that the villages about the station of Gombari are systematically worked every day in the week and there is a decided change of attitude on the part of the people toward the Gospel message.

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Bro. Plymire on the Tibetan Border writes: "Since our last letter it is estimated that some twenty thousand hungry and starving people have come to Tangar from other sections, hoping to be kept alive. From morning until night the cry of these poor, hungry people is ringing in our ears. At this moment (June 11th) a lot of hungry children are at our door crying for food and clothes. Many have not sufficient to even half cover their bodies. They sleep out during the night, and our nights are by no means warm. Many families have been separated and the little children have to look out for themselves or die. These cries are so terrible they are very hard on nerves, yet we have to hear them night and day and can help but very few. Since February we have been dressing the most awful wounds without any rest. It resulted in my having to go to bed, and Mrs. Plymire has been dressing wounds for some days, as I cannot get about. This nervous strain is terribly hard on us both. It is just more than we can bear. We should have help here without delay, a married couple to help in the work. Then we should have several thousand dollars to get grain to keep these people from starving, but we have not got it. The strain is so terrible you cannot possibly conceive of what it means to us to be here.

God's Reprimand

Oh that we in America might have the simplicity and be as sensitive to the Holy Spirit as some of those who have recently come from heathendom. Had they half the teaching that we have had, they would often put us to shame. An old Chinese woman at Wei Hsien who had scarcely any teaching, went to the missionary and said, "Oh teacher, this morning I was telling a relative how happy our home was since my grandsons and their wives became Christians, and now that I was a Christian too, and added that all were Christians but my oldest step-son, and went on to tell of how mean he had been to us. Suddenly my back doubled up and a pain struck me, and I cried out, 'Father, what is this suffering for?' The answer came to me 'You are a child of God, a new creature and are not to talk and act as formerly. You must not use your tongue to obey the old corrupt man but pray for those who spitefully use you love those who persecute and illtreat you.' I dropped to my knees and asked the Lord to forgive and cleanse me in His precious blood, and how I did pray for my step-son! I feel sure he will be converted. When I had finished my back was as well as ever." If the Lord would let us be afflicted every time we talked about anybody, it could well be said of us, "For this cause many are weak and sickly." The Christians of America can well learn from the simple grandmother, recently a worshipper of idols, but now taught of God.

Entering Tribal Districts

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, who have been studying the language and doing Gospel work in Yunnan Fu, Yunnan Province, China, are making arrangements to go into the interior and intend, D. V. to open up work in Lunan and the surrounding villages which are tribal. They learned that these villages had never before heard the Gospel, and "up in the hills for miles around there are thousands of these tribal people who know nothing about Jesus Christ. The people are very friendly and after prejudice is broken down and a friendship established there is no doubt that these tribal people will accept the message of the Savior. They are not idolators and not bound up in any ancient religious sect such as Buddhism, Taoism, etc. We preached a few times in Lunan and sold Gospels and gave out tracts. We met many tribal people who seem very friendly to us. From what we learn there is a great district still unevangelized.

"The Pentecostal Church in England, in whose territory this town is, has turned over the whole Lunan district to us, which must be at least fifty miles square. It will be our own mission station and mission field, and there has never been a resident missionary in that town or the district roundabout. The Lord has certainly undertaken for us in a remarkable way and opened to us a great unevangelized district. It has been our desire from the beginning to work among the tribes peoples." Brother Johnson also writes that a new American aeroplane has come to Yunnan Fu, and that it will be only a question of time when the planes will fly to all important points in Yunnan, which is much better than trying to build railways through the mountains. He says, "Soon the missionaries can ride up country to their stations in less than half a day. It takes almost a month to reach the northwest of Yunnan while a plane can get there in three or four hours."

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The Bible is filled with events of the supernatural. It was used to turn people to God in Bible times, and is a power today to prove that God is real and that the Bible is the Inspired Word. When the people saw the signs and wonders, many believed on the Lord, and the Word has still the same power today. Nothing is such an antidote for infidelity as the miraculous. Miss Eva Beach wrote of a little incident that happened in her work at Sultanpur, India:

"Our dear Shushila who had returned only two weeks before from the T. B. Sanitarium, received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in a meeting we held. What joy! We were all praising our precious Savior who is so worthy, and Maryam, our chief intercessor, was beaming over the victory in prayer. That was April 11th. On the following evening I was called to her bedside. She had been taken with a siege of cholera and was screaming with pain. Her eyes were deeply sunk and already she had the stamp of death so conspicuous in this ghastly disease. I was at her bedside all next day, and at 5 p. m. she waved her hands that she was going, and said, 'Salaam!' My heart was saying, 'Lord I love Thee,' with the thought flashing through my mind that I would so miss her. But she seemed gone and her jaws were set. In about five minutes she opened her eyes and said she went up to Jesus and He showed her heaven and its beauty and then told her to go back to the earth for a while longer and gather the people together and tell them what a beautiful place Jesus is preparing and that He does not want anyone to be lost but all to repent, be saved and come up there. She preached quite

a little sermon and then again became delirious. But she is with us today. Our blind girl spent a day and a night in prayer for her."

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and that; as she stands over the hot stove she thinks of those toiling under India's burning heat, and prays that God will be a shade to them. The man at the plow as he trudges along the furrows lifts his heart to God for his brother in distant lands preparing the soil, and prays that furrows may be dug deep for the Gospel seed. The army of men and women who travel on the cars, to and from their occupations, have brought to their remembrance the struggling peoples of the earth, and pray as they go, for the brother who needs a new building, the orphanage that needs funds, the missionary that needs a car to reach the distant tribes. So we rejoice that we can be the means of linking together the Christians at home and the great company of missionaries beyond the seas.

The money received monthly through the paper has enabled our co-workers to give the Gospel to thousands and to feed many who would otherwise have starved to death during famine. Our readers through their gifts have put up many buildings on the mission field, helped to construct homes for missionaries, school houses, chapels and furnished funds to carry the Gospel into remote parts.

So looking back on what God has done, we take courage and covet the continued co-operation of our loyal constituency. Without their faithful help this would be our last year, but with their continued support we trust to go on until Jesus comes. We have often wondered, when someone discontinues the paper whether that person realized how necessary his or her subscription was to the carrying on of the work, the missionary interests, etc. \$1.25 per year is a small amount for each one, but in the aggregate it has kept the paper going these twenty-one years. We know too that it has meant something for some of our readers to continue on our list as they have little of this world's goods, but whenever possible we have sent the paper free to some who could not renew, trusting in the liberality of those who *have* to help for those who have not. We appreciate contributions to our free literature fund, and know that God will reward those who give that the Gospel message may continue to go forth.

We thank our readers for the kind expressions of appreciation of the many articles and

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Our Spiritual Equipment for the Fight of Faith

Every Christian Should Be Anointed for Service

Paster James D. Menzie, Gary, Ind., in the Stone Church, Aug. 13, 1929

Ephesians 6:10-24

II. Cor. 10:3-5



WISH to take for my text the fourth verse of II. Corinthians 10, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." None of us who have been Christians any length of time are not aware of the fact that the Christian life is a fight, a warfare, and that it is no child's play but the work of sincere, consecrated men and women to be followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. I know the people of the world have an entirely wrong impression of this matter but how can they know who have not tasted of heavenly verities? We have tasted and seen and handled with our hands as John says and we know whereof we speak. We are not playing with toys, but the Christian experience is a real warfare. We have enemies attacking us on every hand, and inasmuch as they are of a spiritual nature we need to be on the lookout and recognize that we are not sailing with the tide but pushing against the stream, fighting the good fight of faith.

You will notice in the word a number of references to fighting. We are called in one place "wrestlers"—"we wrestle not with flesh and blood." A wrestler is a very active person, always on the alert. In another chapter we are exhorted to be *good soldiers* of Jesus Christ. The Christians are also spoken of as *runners* (running a race) and again as *warriors*, fighting the good fight of faith. In this text before us Paul is speaking of the nature of our warfare. Our weapons are not carnal or natural, but spiritual, is inferred, "mighty thru God to the pulling down of strongholds." The meaning of "weapon" is more than just something with which we can defend ourselves but rather to make an aggressive warfare upon our enemies, an instrument with which to inflict bodily harm. In other words the sword is for the aggressive one to wound the enemy, while the shield is a protection to ourselves. Our weapons in the Christian warfare are not fleshly but spiritual. This is essentially true because our enemy is not a natural or fleshly enemy, but a spiritual one.

I am glad that when God saved us and called us into this wonderful army He made ample

provision for us so that we would not be defeated. He gave us the right equipment and put us under the protection of the blood-stained banner of the Lord Jesus Christ. I think in this connection of the time when David waxed bold and said he was not afraid of the giant. Saul the king thought he needed some equipment and took him aside to get him equipped; but Saul's armor didn't fit David. God has given us an armor to fit all our needs, sufficient to withstand all the fiery darts of the enemy. When we get saved God offers us this equipment that we be not overcome but fight the good fight of faith and inherit the blessings He has promised.

As I said our enemy is spiritual. The heavens are infested with demon spirits and demon powers and the spirit of the wicked one is working in the earth very diligently, because, as the Scripture says he has only a limited time to work. We today are in the throes of a great Spiritual battle; a great spiritual warfare is being waged and I hope God will awaken us to the situation and that every spiritual Christian will be out with his Sword in his hand in an aggressive fight. Not just a defensive one. It is commendable to hold your own; that is better than losing but let us be on the aggressive. A number of the churches today have recognized that they are losing. A year or two ago they were said to have lost 33 per cent. Some are not making any inroads on the powers of evil, but are, at the most, standing still. God wants us to make an attack upon the power of the enemy and not just be on the defensive.

Let us look for a little while at our spiritual warfare. I have read in Ephesians 6 about this equipment. The Apostle says, "Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil . . . Stand having your loins girt about with truth." The garment of truth is cast about the child of God. This garment embodies more than merely speaking the truth to your friend or neighbor, and having them rely upon the things you say as true. There is a deeper sense of truthfulness. You and I have a testimony to bear, the testimony that Jesus Christ is the Savior of mankind. We all bear that testimony. Paul says, "Let us depart from iniquity," and inasmuch as we name the name of Christ we are holding up a standard. Let our actions be in harmony with our testimony. I am not

speaking just of a testimony you may make in a public meeting, but that testimony that goes out from our lives inasmuch as we have taken on the name of Christ and have said we are followers of Him. Let us wear the garment of truth and live what we preach. Do you know what the word "Christian" means? It comes from the word "Christ" which means "Anointed." Christian, means the "anointed one." I believe that God intended Christians should be the anointed ones; not as average people going about with natural power and natural ability, but anointed with the Spirit of God. Not even in a sense of once being anointed, but constantly filled with the Spirit of God, and having His anointing resting upon them. You remember at the death of King Saul, when David was mourning over his death he said "Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon"; for he said, Saul is "as though he had not been anointed with oil." Beloved, I wonder if that is not the experience of many of us today. I wonder if some one might not draw an illustration from us and say, "They are as though they had not been anointed." May God help us to put on the garment of truthfulness and live what we profess. We in the Pentecostal Movement claim a standard higher than any other I know of, whether we possess it or not. May God help us.

Take the weapon of the *breastplate*, which is given to protect the vitals of one's body. I know of nothing that is a greater protection to a Christian than a holy, separated, sanctified life—the breastplate of righteousness. A life of holiness, a life set apart keeps a person from many temptations that he otherwise would have. A life of separation keeps you from going to questionable places—a life of separation, a life of sanctification is the secret of victory and endurance for the Christian life. I'd far rather be considered exceedingly narrow along the lines of Christian experience by my church and by my pastor, and keep the victory than to be careless in my Christian experience and think all is well who thinks well. There is the breastplate of righteousness we can wear that is one of the greatest protections to Christians in every-day life. Listen! young ladies, who go into an office job and never let them know what you believe; you are open to temptation from worldly people; but if you take the first opportunity to let them know you are on the Lord's side you have driven a stake, have put around yourself an armor that will be a protection as long as you live. That testimony will spread like wild-fire,

and those who otherwise would tempt you, will leave you alone.

The mistake we make is hiding the light under a bushel and thinking nobody will know we have it; pretty soon we will not have it. A breastplate of righteousness is a real protection. It makes one as bold as a lion. What is it that makes a Christian bold to stand for righteousness? It is the knowledge that he is living right with God. Look at Daniel yonder in Babylon. "Daniel, do you know you will be cast into the den of lions?" "Yes." "Do you know it will happen today?" "Yes, sir." "Do you know it will happen because you prayed?" "Yes, sir." Daniel was bold as a lion because he had been living right before God. He knew God was able to deliver him, and if He didn't he would be safe anyhow. God will take care of those who have on the breastplate of righteousness in the time of crises. It was the same with the three Hebrew children, and with Paul and Silas. Their godly lives, clad in the breastplate of righteousness, made them absolutely fearless in the face of their enemies, and when asked if they would compromise they were always ready to say "No, I would rather die if need be." Listen, you compromisers. "If you lived right before God, instead of being like whipped dogs when people taunt you about your church, you would be able to raise your head and say, "Yes, sir, I am one of them. They preach the standard of holiness higher than anything I know and by the grace God I will have it." If you were living the holy life, had on the breastplate of righteousness, you would not be ashamed to acknowledge it.

Then we read we are shod with *the gospel of peace*. He gives us a pair of new shoes for this warfare. Talk about your rubber heels, cushioned soles, etc. I do not know what happened to your feet but there was something that happened to mine. I never wanted to preach before; I was always afraid I would have to, but the moment God saved me my feet were like hinds' feet. I wanted to run to the ends of the earth with the Gospel message. Why it is these Gospel shoes that cause our missionaries to run to Africa, India, China, Japan and South America. God equips them; they are shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, and they say like Jeremiah, His Word was "like a burning fire" shut up in their bones. God shod them with the preparation of the Gospel of peace.

Then we have the "*Shield of Faith*," which is a means of protection. It is something you can thrust to shield any part of the body that is not

protected with the other armor. If you really have faith it will meet every dart aimed at your life, no matter whether it comes from above or from below; from either side or underneath. This shield of faith is removable. When the devil comes in and tempts you, attacks you in any way, faith resists the attack. With the shield of faith you ward off his fiery darts. There is nothing protects us like a real faith in the Word of God and in the good will of God; and to know that He has our best interests at heart. When the circumstances of life crowd in upon us, and Satan tempts us by, "This is what you get for serving God," then faith looks up and says, "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord." Then the devil will leave us for a season. The devil is a very real person whether you believe it or not and it is well to recognize him and not be blind to his machinations.

Then the next part of this equipment is the *Helmet of Salvation*. This salvation we have is the righteousness of Jesus Christ. It is blessed to be clothed with the helmet of salvation. If you and I had only our own righteousness to clothe us we would not be able to stand, but clad with the righteousness of Jesus we can go forth and nothing can harm us. This helmet of salvation is a crown of rejoicing even in the hour of death. I think of a man who was brought before a king because he was a Christian. The king said, "I will exile you for your faith in Jesus Christ." The man looked up, clad in the helmet of salvation, and said "King, you cannot exile me from Jesus Christ." The king said, "I will take your property away from you." The man answered, "You cannot do that. My treasures are in heaven." Then the king said, "You are a knave, a fool. I will kill you." "You cannot do that," answered the man. "I died forty years ago. My life is hid with Christ in God." Then the king said in disgust, "What can you do with a fool like that?" Nothing, of course. Beloved, nothing can harm us when we are clothed upon with the weapons of God's warfare. We need to have our heads covered with this helmet to shield us from all the *isms* that are abroad in the religious world today, and the teachers that would mutilate the Word of God and rob us of our belief in its inspiration. One ounce of experience is better than ten thousand lbs. of theology. Creating a new heart is a greater miracle than creating an inanimate body, such as the earth. A man who has been born

of the Spirit has certainly tasted of the supernatural power of God and the power of the world to come. If you did not get that kind of salvation you dig deep because there is none other, and you will know it when you get it.

..Then we read we are to take the *Sword of the Spirit*, which is the Word of God. This is not only for preachers, but every child of God should be equipped with the Word of God. We should have a working knowledge of the Bible so that we would be able to make some inroads into Satan's kingdom and help men and women. You never win a man to Jesus Christ by starting in and telling him how wicked he is, but by telling him of a Savior and the love of God. The Word of God is inspired and it will not return void. Let us go out with the Word of God. While it is good to give your personal experience, you should always clinch everything with the Word. The Sword of the Spirit is a two-edged sword; it cuts both ways, and a man equipped with this weapon is well fitted out. He can go out and make aggressive inroads on the territory of the devil.

I wonder about our homes and the communities in which we live. Every Christian ought to be a soul winner. If you have been saved a number of years and do not know of one single person you have led to Christ, you need to be equipped anew. God intended every Christian to be a soul winner and you can be if you go out like David of old with a sling and five stones. Not every one will accept Jesus but some will.

Now we come to the clinching verse. We are fully equipped but in order to use the Sword well we need this verse. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." The enemy is so subtle he changes his tactics every day. If we would make an attack on his kingdom today we would have to vary it tomorrow. We need prayer in order to use the Sword of the Spirit successfully. To refer to our text, "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty thru God to the pulling down of strongholds." Do not forget it is *thru God*, by His help and His wisdom. They are "mighty" and if we wield them with prayer, we can break down the strongholds of Satan and bring men and women to Jesus. People are handicapped. There are sins in their lives, almost legion. They have wrong impressions of Christianity. You have to take the Sword of the Spirit and cut away false notions, false

opinions. Many belong to church and they are not saved. But let us be wise in dealing with people. Do not tell them because they belong to church it doesn't mean anything. It does mean something, but depending upon the church to save them will not do. They must be born

again, and if they are depending upon works of righteousness that is a mistake. Not by works of righteousness are we saved, but according to His mercy. God wants us to take ground for Him; snatch men and women from the clutches of Satan and bring them into the kingdom.

The Sword that Pierced the Heart of Mary

An Appeal to Mothers to Stand by the Cross

Mrs. Ben Hardin in the Stone Church, Aug. 4, 1929



IN the 19th chapter of John and the 25th verse we find these familiar words, "Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother." The story is so familiar to every Christian man and woman—this scene of Calvary and the events that preceded Calvary. You remember how Jesus was left alone when He went to Pilate's hall and then when He started up the road to Calvary how Simon of Cyrene took His cross and carried it up the hill. It was a heavy cross and Jesus was human. When they reached the summit of the hill, Jesus Christ who knew no sin and had never committed one sin, took the place of the greatest malefactor, with a thief on either side of Him, and there on the cross He hung between earth and heaven and became our Mediator between God and man. During all this time there were a few who had followed Him afar off but His mother and some of the other women stood right near the Cross. Words could not describe the feelings that burned in His mother's heart; the sorrow, the anguish and pain.

I was thinking of a time, thirty-three years before, when the angel appeared to Mary and said, "Mary, this thing that shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God"—the "Savior of the world." I am sure that she, as well as all the other Jewish maidens had acquainted herself with the Scriptures concerning the coming Messiah. And then you remember how on the eighth day when she came to the temple with this Babe, the old prophet Simeon was there and he took the Babe in his arms and blessed Him and said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace . . . for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." Then he turned to Mary with the words, "This child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel: Yea a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also." I am certain that Mary never surmised what that sword would be; she knew He had been born of the Holy Ghost

but she could not understand what the sword would be that would pierce her heart. She must have pondered all these things in her heart as she went through the years for she knew Simeon was a prophet of God. But I believe as she stood there beneath the cross of her Son, her mind went back over those thirty-three years and she must have said, "Now I know that this is the sword of which Simeon spoke."

And as I thought of Mary standing there, I thought how all of us who have taken Jesus into our hearts and have determined to be sons and daughters of God, if we are true to our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, will find a sword in our lives. There is something about the Gospel of Jesus Christ that becomes a sword; many of you know that this sword has divided your home and separated loved ones. When you first found Jesus you thought all you had to do was to tell your brothers and sisters and they too would accept Him; but sadly you found that was not the case. Instead of them coming your way there was a sword that divided you, according to the words of Jesus. "I came not to bring peace but a sword." In the life of many a Christian He has brought a sword.

As Mary stood there beneath the cross I am sure her mind went back over the years, to incidents which she did not then understand in the life of this Man who was her Son. She thought over the Scriptures regarding the Messiah and thought of that one that spoke of Him reigning as King over Israel but as she looked up at the cross and saw Him dying she said no doubt within her heart, "Now what does it all mean? Here He is, dying on the cross." Her heart must have wondered at it all. And no doubt among those who wagged their heads in derision saying, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save," some must have looked at Mary and said, "There is His mother. She thought He was the Messiah, but little did she know." She heard their railings and bore the reproach in silence. If you will willingly and humbly stand by the cross of Jesus Christ

it will mean a reproach in your life. It became a reproach in Paul's life but he said, "Gladly will I count everything else in the world as dung for the sake of the Cross of Christ. I will gladly lay down my wisdom; I will gladly put everything down and count it as nothing but a heap of refuse in order to gain the cross." As Mary stood there beneath the cross it became not only a sword but also a reproach to her. You need never think that everyone will speak well of you after you take up the cross. No, it will be a reproach in your life.

Another truth about the cross is that it identifies you with Christ. Those women and that man who dared, in spite of the multitude that were against Jesus, to stand beneath the cross, identified themselves with the death of Jesus Christ and said, "Whether He is an impostor or not, we will stand by Him." If you will stand by the cross of Christ it becomes a means of identifying yourself with Christ. There are many people who try to identify themselves in some other way but there is no other way save by standing at the cross. Some of the disciples who had looked forward to Christ reigning as King were keenly disappointed and to them His death looked like a complete failure. They had left their fishing nets and their means of livelihood and had identified themselves with Christ and now here He was hanging on the cross between two thieves. They said, "It looks like failure." They even went so far as to go back to their fishing-nets and said, "Perhaps we have been wrong after all."

If you will observe the times we are living in, you too will see that sometimes it looks like failure. People are saying, "If Christianity is what it should be, why all these wars and all this trouble?" As far as the nominal church is concerned it looks like a failure; she has forsaken the doctrines of the church and the creeds upon which the church was founded and I confess it looks like failure. But was it a failure when Christ hung on the cross? No, thank God! The darkest hour always comes before the morning and that which we consider a failure many times, is victory with God. They never realized that right there, hanging on Calvary's cross, the Man who said, "It is finished!" and gave up His life, had completed the greatest victory that this world has ever known or ever will know. And today it looks as though the church were a failure but out of this seeming failure is coming a great victory. For out of the church with all her

failures and inconsistencies God is selecting a bride; and one of these days there will sound forth a voice which no one will hear save those whose ears are attuned to hear that voice saying, "Come up higher." And out of the seeming failure God will make for Himself a bride. If you are willing to identify yourself with the cross of Jesus Christ it will be a reproach and a failure in the eyes of the world, but it will be a victory for Christ and a glorious victory for you. The apparent failure of the cross led to the glorious resurrection. They took Him down from the cross and tenderly laid Him in the tomb. Then there came that wondrous resurrection when the Son of God came forth from the grave. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." And if we are true to God many of us will never taste death, because of the wonderful victory that came out of that seeming failure on the cross of Calvary.

"There stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother."
Friends, what are you doing about the cross? It is easy to stay off at a distance and watch what is going on, as I believe Peter did. I am convinced that he and some of the other disciples must have watched that scene but no one knew they were anywhere in the crowd. It would be easy for you and me, as children of God, in this day and age when things are going hard, to stay in the background. But let us be willing to stay right at the cross even though it seems like defeat, and say, "Praise God, there is victory!" One of these days Jesus will come from heaven and take us out of it all.

Then as I thought of this Scripture in another connection I said, "Oh God give us mothers who are willing to stand by the cross!" I listened recently to a lecture on psychology and the facts which that man gave about the age we are living in and the great part which the mothers play in the future of their children, were amazing. Today we have mothers who are doing everything but standing at the cross. I am not talking now about cigarette-smoking mothers or dancing mothers, but mothers in the church. God is calling out of the church of Jesus Christ mothers who are willing to stay at the cross. There is a picture of a mother given us in Second Samuel. She is not very well known, but two of her sons and five other young men, her kinsmen, had been condemned to die because of Saul's sin against the Gibeonites. They killed these seven boys in the Spring time of the year and they were not allowed to be buried until November. And that

mother went out on the hill-side and stayed with those seven corpses from Spring until Fall and spent her time keeping the buzzards and the beasts of prey away from those corpses. You ask, what has that to do with this lesson? Listen friends, there are boys and girls and some of them right in our own families who are dead, as far as God is concerned, and if we can only get mothers who are willing to let other things go and stand before God in intercession to keep the things of the world away from their sons and daughters, God will answer prayer and give life. The artist has tried to paint a picture of this mother as she chases away the flies and the buzzards but no artist could ever picture the pain that was down in that mother's heart. God is asking of you and me whether we will be willing to stand beside the cross of Christ and keep the things of the world away from our children.

Moses had such a mother. In spite of what it would mean should he be discovered, she dared to take that boy and hide him; and he was not only wrapped up and laid in the ark of bulrushes but he was also wrapped up in days and nights of prayer. If you will wrap your children up in a blanket of prayer the devil will never be able to reach them with many of his temptations. But many mothers are so busy and taken up with other things that the devil has come in and taken away the boys and girls, making them do a lot of things that they would not be doing had the mothers wrapped them up in a little more

faith and prayer. May God help us to stand by the cross and pray through for our children. It may seem a little out of date, they may say we are old-fashioned, but let people think we are old-fashioned enough to keep them before the throne of God night and day, and one of these days God will see that prayer is answered. I believe that this wonderful salvation is for us and our house and although it may sometimes be a long way around, God will bring them into His fold.

Stephen Merritt of New York City was the means of bringing Sammy Morris, of whom we have all read, to the Lord. It was to Mr. Merritt that the little colored boy came and asked about the Holy Ghost. Stephen Merritt had consecrated his only son to God but this boy went out into sin and caused his father much worry and anguish. They didn't know where he was and could find no trace of him and the boy became worse and worse, and although it seemed that his prayers would never be answered Stephen Merritt stood right on the promises of God. One day the boy took very sick and was taken to a hospital. They called his father. The boy was still unsaved but just before he passed away he cried out for mercy and God saved him. It may take just that to bring your children. If we as mothers will identify ourselves with the cross of Christ and be willing to bear the reproach, God will do the rest and we will find ourselves an unbroken family before God.

The Pentecostal Outpouring in Norway

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HERE have always been periods in the Christian Church when God's children longed for a deeper life in God and a more close and sweeter fellowship with Him. There have always been those praying for an outpouring of the Spirit upon the thirsty land. But never in the history of the church of God has there been a more united, strong cry for a revival all over the world than that which followed the great Wales Revival Year 1904-05. The news about the great work in Wales created a deep hunger in many a heart and the saints began to pray: "God send us Pentecost; Send us a revival!"

HOW IT ALL STARTED

In 1906 the Norwegian people read in the Christian magazines about the revival at Los

Angeles: "Pentecost afresh. Los Angeles is now visited by a revival that reminds us of the revival described in Acts 2."

This account gave many a thrill in Norway and prepared the way for what was to follow. A great many were crying for Pentecost and ready all over the country to pay the price whatever it would mean. The Lord has His instruments and messengers to carry the truth to His people. Pastor T. B. Barratt, a Methodist pastor in Christiania (Oslo) where he was doing a great work for the Lord, went at that time to America to collect money for a great hall in connection with his special work in the Methodist Church. He was in New York, having recommendations from the Bishops and leading men in the Methodist church, but instead of raising funds for his great Temple ("Haakonsborgen") in Oslo, the Lord met him and made him a temple for the

Holy Ghost, hallelujah! He received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, and that completely changed his whole life, work and methods. He writes about this in his paper in 1906:

"I dared to accept full cleansing on the last day of September (Sunday) a 5:30 o'clock, and exactly eight days after this, on the same spot and at the same hour, the fire fell on my soul. The workings of the Spirit in my body commenced before five o'clock, but I suppose were at highest tension just between 5 and 6 o'clock. Still, the time is not important, but the fact!"

He sent an account of the struggle and the victory home to Norway which was published in the papers, as follows:

"Hallelujah! It took place yesterday, Sunday, October 7th between 5 and 6 p. m. Praise the Lord! My heart is burning! It seems to me that I am the happiest man in the world. Everything has become new. I am filled with peace and joy and love to God and men. Yes, indeed the Lord's ways are truly unfathomable. His leadings with me have always been most wonderful, and there has always been a cry in my heart: 'Forward! Forward!' Ever since my serious illness over twenty years ago, there has been a constraining power in me to go forward . . . I understood that the dear Lord was after me! I had prayed by the hours for help towards Haakonsborg until I became quite dumb and was obliged to lay it all down at His feet. Then the Spirit got hold of me in a new way, and was searching through my whole being . . . I had asked the Lord to give me the Baptism of the Spirit in such a way that I would always be sure that it was not human feeling merely or the work of men, but the supernatural power that touched me and went through my whole body, soul and spirit. And now I got the assurance of that. God's Spirit was upon me and permeated my whole being!" Thus runs the story of the mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost in those days.

When Pastor Barratt came back from America, the soil was already prepared by the accounts published in his paper and other Christian magazines. The revival broke out in Oslo and other parts of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, England, Germany and other countries. It began with the Christians who were seeking holiness and a deeper life in God. The hall of Oslo was crowded every night and the Spirit fell, souls became convicted of their sins and saved, and many

got baptized in the Spirit and spoke in new tongues.

The fire was spreading all over the country—like fire on the prairies. The enemies tried to stop the movement by giving out false reports through the press, but instead of fencing in and quenching the fire, it spread all the more. Many a hungry saint of God found his way to Oslo in those days as he received the good news. They got the fire and went home, and it began to burn all over the place. It was a revival from Heaven and no one could stop it. Some of the religious organizations—because they were not used to such demonstrations of power, denounced the whole thing, and even condemned it as the work of demons.

More than twenty years have passed since the Pentecostal Movement started in Norway. The revival has not been superficial, but has gone deep down in the hearts. A storm of opposition has risen against the Movement from time to time, and the organized church fight it with all their strength even today, but in spite of all this, the Lord is leading His people forward, and thousands today are praising God in Norway for the Pentecostal Revival of recent years.

Today we have a Pentecostal work in almost every town and in many villages and country districts. In Bergen where the writer is pastor in charge we have in the last few years opened Pentecostal missions in ten surrounding districts. The work in Bergen is only eight years old with a congregation of nearly 600 members. In Oslo where the work first began they have a church of nearly 1200 members and many others attending the meetings. In several other towns of Norway too, there are good Pentecostal works with many members.

The paper "Korsets Seir" (The Victory of the Cross) published by Pastor Barratt has always stood for the truth, and it has been the only Pentecostal paper in Norway that has not lowered the standard as to the blessed truth of the baptism of the Holy Ghost with tongues. This paper is the official organ of the Movement in Norway and it is keeping all its readers in touch with the work at home, on the mission fields and in other lands.

THE FOREIGN MISSION

Even from the very start of the movement in Norway, the need of the heathen lands has been put upon the leaders, and missionaries have been sent out. But as the work grew something more

definite had to be done. In 1915 a Missionary Convention was held in Oslo, and all who desired a more combined Missionary Work were invited. It resulted in the formation of "Norway's Free Evangelical Mission to the Heathen." Pastor Barratt was elected president. At present we have work in four lands: China, India, Congo and Swaziland (South Africa) with a staff of 30 missionaries on the fields.

Pastor T. B. Barratt has been the leading man in the movement from the very start. Gifted as he is in many respects, the whole country is still feeling the great influence going out from him, and in fact in some extent—the whole world. He has been run down in health the last year because of too much work, but we will pray that the Lord will spare him for many years yet for the sake of the great Kingdom.

It was with great expectation we received the good news that the late General William Booth's grandson was coming to Oslo to a revival campaign in Pastor Barratt's assembly. And thank God our greatest expectations were fulfilled. Such crowded meetings we have never witnessed in Oslo. The people stood packed outside the hall hours before it was open. Crowds were turned away and there was no hall large enough to hold the people. Brother Booth-Clibborn is a revival preacher like his grandfather and his dear mother whom no sinner could withstand when she pleaded with him to yield to the Lord. He is strong in his preaching, sometimes too strong for many, but the effect and the results were marvelous. Sinners came flocking to the altar at every meeting. About 200 came to the altar in Oslo during the week our Brother was there.

Many towns and districts in Norway were represented at these meetings and the influence was felt all over. I being his interpreter, had my hands full in order to deliver all the precious truths. However we had such close fellowship in the Spirit that we helped each other beautifully and became very close friends.

THE OUTLOOK

The great work has got its root deep down, it has been founded on the Rock and thus has withstood the storms and the wiles of the devil in the years past. We are going forward, longing for the soon coming of the Lord, putting on the raiment of needlework and clothing of wrought gold to stand before the King of Glory. May we all meet there!

Pestilence Follows Famine

BRO. W. W. SIMPSON writing on June 5, from Minchow, writes that famine funds have enabled them to receive over 300 helpless, starving children into four homes they have been able to secure through the united efforts of Christians all over the world. The preaching of the Gospel has been maintained, \$2,000 (Chinese money) have been distributed to Christian families to keep them from starving, and three new preaching places have been opened, two of which are walled cities. Some counties are almost depopulated because of the famine which increases in intensity every day. In some places \$1.00 (Chinese money), will buy 2-2/3 pounds of flour; in Minchow the price is \$1.00 for 5-1/3 pounds. Still two months to harvest and no grain to be had. He writes:

"A terrible epidemic is now raging, killing thousands of people, especially young children. Some families have lost all their children, and whole villages have been depopulated of children. We have had over a hundred cases among the famine children of which about twenty per cent were fatal. Our own daughters had it but the Lord spared them to us. For over a month this plague has raged and devoured, filling all hearts with gloom and sadness. Just before the epidemic began we had special meetings for these famine children and practically all of them confessed faith in the Lord Jesus. It was beautiful to see them praying with deep earnestness, many in tears confessing their sins and crying for mercy. We are comforted when we think that our receiving them into our Homes was not in vain, even for those who were taken from us in the epidemic, for they heard of the love of Jesus. Many are waiting at the Beautiful Gate to welcome those whose gifts enabled them to hear the gospel and accept salvation."

A tremendous difficulty facing our missionaries and the Chinese Christians is the inability to get funds into the interior. The famine, Mohammedan rebellion, brigandage, pestilence and outrageous taxation have almost wrecked business. There is very little money in circulation and none being sent to the coast to buy merchandise, as the people are unable to make purchases. The Shanghai Post Office will no longer sell money orders to Kansu as they have been stolen by bandits. The following paragraph from Bro. Simpson's letter is something for the Christian nations to think about. Millions for non-essentials, but how little for the suffering and starving!

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Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

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HAVE you noticed how very brief is the record given us of Christ's ministry in Jerusalem? The Sacred Records tell us of but two nights that He spent within the City and describe the events of only five days exclusive of His childhood and the Passion Week.

The reason for His spending so little time in Jerusalem is clearly understood when we realize the force of the Royal decree in Psalm 2:6, "Why do the nations tumultuously assemble and the people imagine a vain thing. I have set my King upon my Holy Hill of Zion". By Jehovah's decree Christ had thus been given the throne of His father David but "The Times of the Gentiles" and the treading down of the Jewish people were not yet completed, and though on two occasions, in a moment of great enthusiasm, the people would have taken Him and made Him King, yet each time He withdrew from them, because His anointing was from Jehovah, and His enthronement was to be by Divine decree, and could not be brought about by man's efforts.

The cruel Slaughter of the Innocents, as carried out by order of Herod, indicated the united opposing forces of darkness arraigned against Him, even before He had been brought to Jerusalem as a helpless Babe; forces so antagonistic that the simple question of the Wise Men, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?", suggesting as it did the thought of Christ's reign on earth, brought about immediately the most inhuman outrage of all history and which culminated, thirty three years later, in His death on the Cross. This was at the request of the Jews and enacted by the Gentile powers, exulting in the contempt they could bring upon the Jews by placing the title upon the cross, "The King of The Jews". Both Jews and Gentiles were united in their open rejection of Jehovah's anointed King and instead of taking His place as Jehovah's anointed upon His hill of Zion, He is lead forth out of the gate on the opposite side of the City, a King crucified without the city walls.

But let us read again the brief record given of those two nights and five brief days, momentous days in the history of Jerusalem. Christ was born in Bethlehem, the city of David, which is but an hour's walk from the Zion Gate of

Jerusalem. Forty days later He was brought up to Jerusalem and Luke wrote 2:22-38:

"When the days of their purifying according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord. And behold there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon Him and it had been revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple and when the parents brought the child Jesus, that they might do concerning Him after the custom of the law, then he received Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, Mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel. . . . Behold this child is set for the falling and rising of many in Israel and for a sign which is spoken against. And there was one Anna a prophetess, and coming up at that very hour she gave thanks unto God, and spake of Him to all them that were looking for THE REDEMPTION OF JERUSALEM." [A. R. V.]

This is the record of His first day in Jerusalem and contains the Divine announcement, "a light to lighten the Gentiles, the Glory of Thy people Israel, and the redemption of Jerusalem". Luke tells us that, "His parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the passover," but does not mention Jesus being with them until the twelfth year. "And when they had fulfilled the days as they were returning the boy Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem. . . . And it came to pass after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both hearing them and asking them questions". And His answer to their solicitous question was, "How is it that ye sought me? Knew ye not that I must be in My Father's house?" *His Father's house*, and yet He is not permitted to remain longer and a record of silence covers the next eighteen years, until in January A. D. 27 when He is baptized of John in the Jordan.

Soon after the beginning of His public ministry He entered Jerusalem for the Passover Feast and John the Beloved disciple tells us that His first work was to cleanse the temple—His Father's house. "And He found in the

temple those that sold oxen and doves, and the changers of money sitting and He made a scourge of cords and cast all out of the temple, both the sheep and the oxen, and He poured out the changer's money, and overthrew the tables, and to them that sold doves said, Take these things hence, make not *My Father's house* a house of merchandise." His first public word in Jerusalem at this time was probably the declaration of His death, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it up." But He spake of the temple of His body, and neither the Jews nor His disciples understood what He meant. "Now when He was in Jerusalem at the passover, during the feast many believed on His name, *beholding the signs which He did*. But Jesus did not trust Himself unto them, for He knew all men, and because He needed not that any one should bear witness concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man." What were the signs which He did during this feast? And what were men asking of Him? The Sacred Record does not tell us and it also seems to imply that He did not remain in Jerusalem during the full eight days of the feast. It was during this feast that He had the night interview with Nicodemus and this night, and the one of the last supper, are the only two where mention is made of His being in Jerusalem over night.

Christ came again the second year to the Passover Feast but His stay in the city was evidently very brief, as very soon afterwards He was again in Galilee where He spent so much of His earthly ministry.

In the year A. D. 27 He evidently did not come down to the passover feast nor is there other reference to His coming to Jerusalem until the Feast of Tabernacles in October. While in the temple on the last day of the feast "He stood and cried, If any man thirst let Him come unto me and drink," and before He left the city at that time He preached that wonderful sermon on the Light of the World. He returned again to Galilee for a few days and then went across to Perea (Trans Jordan) where He remained some weeks, then coming down to Bethany for the memorable feast where Martha was left by her sister to serve alone, perhaps it was November of A. D. 29. A few days later while in Jerusalem the blind man was healed.

Please note the significance of these two miracles of healing, the only two in Jerusalem which are described in detail, the infirm man, (Jno. 5), and the blind man (Jno. 9). In Josh.

10:1-28, we read that the King of Jerusalem allied with four other kings, came out against Gibeon because they had made peace with Israel, Joshua came speedily to the help of Gibeon and these kings, including Adoni-Zedek, the first mentioned king of Jerusalem, were captured and hanged on a tree, their dead bodies afterwards cast into a cave and the cave sealed; but there is no mention of Joshua having taken the city. This was to be David's appointed task, and was accomplished as recorded in II Sam. 5:6-10. But David's approach to the city was met with the mocking challenge to take first "the lame and the blind" within the city. And do not these words remind us of those mocking words hurled at the Christ on the cross, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save"? And the striking fact as spoken of before is that the only two miracles Christ wrought in Jerusalem which are described in detail were the healing of the lame man and the blind man.

Matthew 21:15 tells us that again after His Triumphal Entry into the City, "The blind and the lame came to Him in the temple and He healed them." The "lame and the blind" were the challenge flung scornfully out before David when in the name of Jehovah of Hosts he came to take Jerusalem. It is the "lame and the blind," these two classes and these alone, that are twice mentioned as having been the special objects of Christ's healing touch within Jerusalem. And it is the "lame and the blind" that make up a large part of the vast horde of beggars in Jerusalem today, and who seem to be a mocking challenge to the faith of every child of God ministering Christ to the unsaved world within the city.

How wondrously the Christ has met every taunt, every jibe, every attack of every kind from the devil and his hosts of evil spirits, that has come to the leaders of His people down through the ages! And He is moving forward, conquering and to conquer, and some day we will see Him on His throne for Jehovah has declared, "I have set my King upon my Holy hill of Zion."

Christ evidently spent most of the time from the Feast of Tabernacles in November A. D. 29 to the Passover Feast in April A. D. 30 in Trans Jordan. His last return to Jerusalem is through Jericho where He heals the two blind men and dines with Zaccheus. Then He came on to Bethany and we see Him at supper in the house of Simon the leper. On Palm Sunday which was perhaps April 2, A. D. 30,

was His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the fulfillment of the prophecy,

"Tell ye the daughter of Zion, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and riding upon an ass." The people cried out, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! And when He was come into Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is the prophet, Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee." And we ask ourselves, Was there not one in all that vast multitude who knew He was Jehovah's anointed King?

Jesus probably entered the temple area through the Golden Gate and, as His first public act in the city three years before was to cleanse the temple, calling it then "My Father's House," so now His last public act was again to cleanse the Temple but calling it this time "My House," and declaring it must be "A place of prayer for all nations." The children evidently continued the cry of "Hosanna in the highest!" as they moved down into the midst of the temple area for the rulers became so agitated that He could not remain long in the city, but withdrew in Bethany for the night, coming back into Jerusalem for Monday and Tuesday, but spending the following nights in Bethany or the Mount of Olives. On Thursday He came into Jerusalem for the Passover Feast, and sent two of His disciples before Him to prepare for the Last Supper which He said He had "desired with great desire" to eat with them. The Passover Feast as instituted by Moses was now fulfilled and God had prepared Himself a Lamb for the sacrifice. Christ is now manifested as the Lamb of God and "Him who knew no sin God made to be sin for us." That man might be brought to "reign in life through Him" He tasted death for every man. The Last Supper is eaten with His disciples and together they go out to Gethsemane. Doubtless as they wend their way together down to that garden they sing Psalm 118. How deep was this revelation of His fellowship with His Father that remained unbroken until that hour of darkness on the Cross. "Jehovah is God, and He hath given us light: Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. Thou art My God and I will give thanks unto Thee."

Christ prays alone in Gethsemane, and then, betrayed by Judas, He is taken by the soldiers back into the City to the Judgment Hall of Pilate, the governor, and each of the Gospel writers

record Pilate's significant question, "Art Thou the King of the Jews?" Christ's answer was, "Thou sayest." At length He is taken to Herod's palace on the Hill of Zion, yes, to the very Hill God had chosen for the enthronement of His King. And "Herod and his soldiers set Him at naught," and in mockery they clothe Him in the scarlet robe of a king, and a crown of thorns is placed upon His head, and they hail Him as "King of the Jews." Did Herod know the decree in Psalm 2:6, and was all this in open defiance of Jehovah God? Or was he but a tool in the hands of Satan who was thus retaliating because Jesus had refused Satan's offer of world dominion at the time of the temptation in the wilderness?

Christ is then taken back to Pilate who gives to the clamouring crowd the choice between Christ and Barabbas, the murderer and robber. Barabbas is chosen, and the Christ is lead outside the city to the place of execution, the Hill called Calvary, Golgotha, the Place of a Skull, the place that today is a Moslem Cemetery. There on a cross erected between two thieves He died, while upon God's Holy Hill of Zion one of the rulers of this world's darkness continued to dwell. Outside the city in the midst of the wicked, as "one from whom men hide their face," and one from whom God had hidden His face, the "Lord's Anointed" died. No wonder that the sun hid its face in darkness for three long hours, and that the whole earth was rent with a mighty earthquake.

After the resurrection Christ appeared twice to the assembled disciples in Jerusalem. On the evening of the first Lord's Day, as they were assembled together behind closed doors for fear of the Jews, He entered unannounced, and reproved them for their unbelief; and again later He came to them when Thomas was present. "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed," was His message to Thomas that night, and His last message given in Jerusalem. By appointment they met Him on the Mount of Olives at the end of the forty days and there just before His Ascension they received His commission to tarry in Jerusalem until they be endued with power from on high. Today as I write this, June 14, 1929, the Jews are celebrating their Feast of Pentecost, the giving of the Law by Moses. As a nation they do not yet confess that the time of "Pentecost has fully come," and that the law which was given to Moses and could not be kept by man,

has been fulfilled in Christ, and according to His New Covenant the Holy Spirit was sent down to write God's laws in the heart and in the mind of all His people. Yes, the Feast of Passover, the Feast of First-fruits, and the Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost, have all been fulfilled in Christ and but one feast yet remains, the Feast of Tabernacles which will be fulfilled in Christ's return for His own.

The time is now fast approaching when God's direct dealing with the nations will begin, for 'He will speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure,' and Christ "shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Ps. 2:5,9. Then shall Jehovah's decree be fulfilled, and all shall see that Christ is the One of whom Jehovah spake, "I HAVE SET MY KING UPON MY HOLY HILL OF ZION!"

We have traced the double current of God's mighty power working through the Christ's earthly life, God's power controlling and directing every movement of Satanic power that was put forth against the Lord's Anointed, so that whatever the attack was it was lost in the fulfillment of God's supreme purpose in Christ being offered as the Lamb of God, a sacrifice that must take place that sin might be done away. Along side of this is the mighty current, revealing Jesus Christ as God's Anointed King, and though set at naught by both Jew and Gentile even as was foretold by the Psalmist, yet Christ rose from the grave triumphant over all the concerted forces of Satan, leading "captivity captive" and the "Gates and Everlasting Doors" of Glory were lifted up to let Him enter as the all victorious King of glory. Satan was long ago cast out of heaven because he would reign as God; again all his forces were used through thirty-three long years to make it impossible for Christ to redeem man that He might take man back to the throne to reign with Him. But Christ openly made a show of all the forces of darkness, and triumphed over them. It was Victory! Hallelujah!

And now what wait we for, and why pray for the peace of Jerusalem? God's decree recorded in Ps. 2:6 is eternal, and Christ must return to God's appointed place for Him upon Mt. Zion, and each time we pray for Jerusalem we are praying for the fulfillment of all things that must take place before Christ can begin His earthly reign here in Jerusalem. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

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