

The Latter Rain Evangel

The days of Heaven on Earth

Prophecies and Their Fulfilment in Palestine

THE amazing fulfilment of Prophecy regarding the Land of Palestine should thrill the hearts of all true Christians and stir up the indifferent to know the portent of the deepening shadows that are gathering o'er all the earth.

Joel 2:23 says of the last days, "He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain." The Land of Palestine which for centuries has lain desolate under the heel of the Turk, is being watered from heaven, and the barren wastes have given way to fertile plains.

Isaiah 35:6, 7, says, "In the wilderness shall waters break out and streams in the desert... In the habitation of dragons shall be grass." All wild animals have left Palestine and grass is springing up everywhere. On March 2, 1927, the Jews celebrated for the first time in centuries, the overflowing of the Pools of Solomon, which contain more than six hundred million gallons of water.

Isaiah 35:8 says, "A highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness." Today, on the railroad from Joppa, the engine steams up to Jerusalem over a road which the Arabs call, "Tek el Kods," a name coinciding with the Hebrew "Derach Hadokeh,"—The Way of Holiness. Could anything be more significant?

The tremendous wealth of the Dead Sea almost staggers our imaginations. Dr. Thos. H. Norton, editor of "Chemicals", states that a "modest estimate" is twelve hundred and sixty-seven thousand billions of dollars—\$1,267,000,000,000,000, more than all the wealth of the world. A concession to exploit these resources has recently been granted to Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., London, England, the head of which is a Jew, Sir Alfred Mond.

No fish can live in the Dead Sea and no vegetation along its borders, but the time is coming when trees are to grow along its banks and "a very great multitude of fish" will inhabit it. The Palestine Electric Corporation, is about to put into operation a plan of electrification for Palestine and Mesopotamia, to harness the Jordan, and build a tunnel 40 miles long to carry the waters of the Mediterranean Sea—the "great sea"—1400 feet below the sea level, under neath Jerusalem, into the Dead Sea. So the waters will issue "from under the threshold eastward", (Ezek. 47) healing the deadly water, "and everything shall live whither the river cometh."

Ezek. 47:11, "But the miry places thereof and the marshes shall not be healed: they shall be given to salt." The engineer, M. Hiorth, proposes that large salt works shall be erected near the southern shores of the Dead Sea, which are the places where the "marshes" are found. How wonderful!—What of the Night?

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Special Revival Campaign

THE Special Revival Campaign at the Stone Church with Evangelist and Mrs. A. Watson Argue (April 30-May 17) was a time of great blessing. It was largely a salvation campaign for every night there were souls at the altar seeking salvation from sin, as well as for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. On the Lord's Days the Evangelist preached to packed houses, and the meetings were times of refreshing to all. "My soul was greatly blest," said a returned missionary. "To me it was a revival of old-time power."

On the last night of the campaign, Bro. Argue gave the story of his conversion and call to the ministry, paying a tribute to godly parents and thanking God for the heritage of prayer. The story of preparing for his first sermon is an interesting side-light. He said in part:

My father and I were holding an evangelistic campaign in Canada, and one Monday morning at eight o'clock father said to me, "Well son, I will let you preach tonight. I will tell you in time so you will have all day to pray." I thought he showed good judgment to give me Monday night, when the crowd is usually small. After breakfast I said I was going out. From my father's books I took a concordance, a Bible Dictionary and some evangelistic tracts, and taking a walk I came to a hospital. Walking around to the back there was a drop of four or five feet, and it seemed quite secluded, and there I knelt down and spread the books out before me and made my outline. First the introduction, then the

first point, and the second, and so on. I felt that if the Lord helped me I would have a great sermon. Then I thought I would have a little rehearsal, and would stand there where nobody could see me. So I got up and began, "You will find my text in the Gospel of Matthew." Then I put my Bible down and went at it, and seemed to be getting blessed. After preaching quite a while, making gestures, etc., I happened to turn around and looked back at the hospital. There were three or four nurses and a gentleman, presumably a doctor, standing in the doorway. I wondered if they were watching me, but they seemed to be looking in an entirely different direction and I continued preaching. Every once in a while they would look out and then turn away again. I went ahead preaching at the top of my voice, and then I thought I would turn around again, and I saw a sight that almost made my heart stop beating. Two doctors and three or four nurses had opened that door and tiptoed out on the grass, and there they were about six feet away. You can imagine how I felt. One of the doctors walked up to me and said, "How do you do?" I said, "How do you do?" He said, "It is a nice day, isn't it?" "Yes," I said, "it is a beautiful day." He asked, "How long have you been out here?" I answered, "I have been here an hour or so." "Well," he said, "I'd like to ask you something. Do you feel all right?" I said, "Yes, sir, I feel fine." He said, "That is good. You have been out here an hour or two? Let us go back in." I said, "What?" "Let us go back in," he repeated. I said, "You do not think I belong

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First Century Persecution Repeated

Revival Fires in the Storm Centers of Europe

Paul Peterson, President of the Russian & European Mission at the Young Peoples Rally,
April 25, 1931



WE OFTEN speak of the Apostolic days and of the wonderful times in the First Century when the Gospel was preached to all the then known world, but I wonder whether we fully realize what kind of days those really were and what kind of experiences the Christians had in that period which we so long to see repeated. Their experiences were similar to those that our brethren and sisters are having in Russia at this time. What took place in the early Christian era? We read that one man was stoned to death, another beheaded and still another placed in prison, simply because they were true to Jesus. It is in times when there is no persecution, no trouble, when we have it easy and comfortable, that the church weakens. If we had the persecutions and trials such as they had in the Early Church we would also see the revival that we so long for, because persecution and revival go hand in hand; when you separate them and do away with persecution you will find the revival spirit waning. Persecution accounts, in a large measure, for the wonderful revival in Russia and Eastern Europe today. God's people are facing great hardship and tribulation over there, and especially is this true in Soviet Russia and Siberia.

I want to tell you something of the suffering of the people in that part of the world, and also of their heroism and strength, their steadfastness and willingness to go through with God at any cost. Let me say that in our day we have martyrs for Jesus Christ, hundreds, yea thousands of them. In the days of the Apostles the Christians were scattered abroad because of persecution and they went everywhere preaching the Word. It was because of this scattering that the Gospel penetrated the different parts of the then known world. That is the great blessing of persecution. We have had a scattering in Russia for the last thirteen years, a dispersion that has meant much for the work of God and which has been caused not only by religion but also by policies of the government. Because of the political situation in Russia many thousands, yea millions have been dispersed to the four corners of the earth, and many in this way have come in contact with the Gospel. There are now about a million Russians

in France, and Gospel work is being done among them. In America, England, Germany, Switzerland and Manchuria there are thousands upon thousands of Russians and they also are coming under the influence of the Word of God.

Some doubt that there is persecution in Russia, believing that people in that land are privileged to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. It is supposed to be so, but actually the persecution throughout the Soviet realm has been so intense during the last two years that many have been sent into exile, and the opposition seems to be increasing steadily. Do you know that the Society of the Godless in Russia has set for its objective the closing of every house of worship in Soviet Russia by 1934? They may come to us here in America some day, these people who do not believe in God, and insist upon our churches also being closed. You may not believe this now but there are undercurrents in the United States which are working for the destruction not only of the church and the Christian religion but of our very nation. One of the strongest of these is the Four A Movement (American Association for the Advancement of Atheism), a body which is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, and which is working day and night to undermine the church and to lead our young people away from God. It is a fact that the school books, from the Primary on up through the grades and in the High Schools and Universities as well, are tainted with atheism. Most Christian people in America are asleep to the real situation and do not realize what lies just ahead. The Four A Movement is distributing its literature outside of our schools, circulating it among the boys and girls on the playgrounds and engaging children to scatter it among other children and young people.

In Russia, one of the first blows struck against Christianity was the decree that no one under the age of eighteen should receive religious instruction. That meant that there would be no Sunday Schools or religious training of any kind for the youth, with the result that by the time they reached eighteen they would be so full of atheistic teaching they would have no desire for God. A Christian man in Russia met his boy coming home from school singing an atheistic song. He remonstrated with him and the boy responded,

"What do you want me to do, father, report you to the police? I'll sing anything I like." This is just a sample of the rebellion against God which is common in Russia at the present time.

The Communist Party now numbers about two million. It is very difficult to get into that party and those who are in its ranks are watched very closely. Do you know what you must be before you can be a Bolshevist or belong to the Communist party? One of the essential requirements is that you are an atheist.

The Word of God tells us that in the end time "iniquity shall abound and the love of many shall wax cold." Iniquity is abounding in America and we are letting down spiritually; the thermometer is not rising but dropping. About 75% of our preachers are Modernists and these men in the pulpits are simply fostering the spirit which will make conditions ripe for atheism to get a firmer hold on our country. Do you know that the books written by Harry Emerson Fosdick are being advertised in Russia as some of the very best for the furtherance of atheism? He holds the people spellbound by his flow of language, his diction, but what he tells them will never convert a single soul and some day we shall find ourselves in a very precarious position because of these teachings.

We must go to Russia for an illustration of what the outworking of such a spirit is. I want to bring you some concrete illustrations to show how very dangerous this is. It is something we must fight on our knees for that is the only way we can stem the tide in America today. A few months ago a young man came to our office and showed me a poem written in the Russian language. He had received it from his brother in Russia but couldn't understand why his brother had sent him a poem of that kind. It told of Spring time, the birds singing, flowers blooming, etc. Two or three weeks later, however, he received a brief note from his brother saying that if he would read the first letter of each line of the poem he would get the message he desired to convey. Upon deciphering it he found it stated that the Christians were being persecuted so severely that many were turning back to the world, but that the great majority were standing true to God. Why did he write the poem? Because he didn't dare pen the message openly. When our brethren communicate with us they must be very cautious indeed for their lives are often in jeopardy simply over the writing of letters. One reason for some of the Christians turn-

ing back was that they had not been given ration cards. If one does not have a ration card he cannot buy and cannot live in his own dwelling place or secure work; and besides that, the government taxes the Christians very heavily. What does the government care? They think the sooner they are rid of the Christians the better it will be. A certain leader of a missionary body in Russia was called before the authorities and was reprimanded because of the Gospel work he was doing; they told him that they would wipe out all the Christians eventually and get rid of all the missionaries. He didn't take this very seriously but about six months later this man and all his co-workers were killed. Take away the fear of God from the heart of man and he becomes a beast; he would just as soon kill you as talk to you.

Many of our brothers and sisters in Siberia are fleeing from that country to get into Manchuria, where we also have missionaries. Our Brother and Sister N. J. Poysti are laboring there. Brother Poysti has written us that the men and women who possibly can get to a deserted place on the Siberian-Chinese border, cross into Manchuria under cover of darkness. They come when it is 20 and 30 degrees below zero, some of them clad only in burlap or straw. Brother and Sister Poysti have taken some of them into their home and write to us for help that they may be able to feed and clothe these destitute people who are fleeing from "the red terror" existing in Russia and Siberia. Bro. Poysti has recently sent a picture of the choir in Blagoveschensk, Siberia, and states these young men were lately arrested and imprisoned for Jesus' sake. One of the young ladies in the group was imprisoned for making a few copies of a song which they wanted to use in the assembly. At the close of the letter he writes that in that very assembly where they have been so cruelly persecuted, sixteen received the baptism of the Holy Spirit the week before. Men and women are standing true to God though they are being exiled and sent far north to the Island of Solovetsky in the White Sea or to Siberia where it is 70 and 80 degrees below zero in the dead of winter. They are not murmuring or complaining but bearing it all gladly for the sake of Jesus. And remember that the wives and children are left at home with no one to provide for them, no one to care for them. There is suffering such as I cannot describe.

I have said again and again that there are no people on earth who deserve to have the Gospel

more than the Russians because they have suffered so intensely for many years. Our hearts bleed and we cry to God to thrust forth more laborers to help us get the Gospel to these hungry multitudes; to the millions of white people not only in Russia but in the countries of Eastern Europe.

It is reported that on the Island of Solovetsky nine thousand died last year. The food given to the prisoners here consists of soup prepared from a species of dried fish and the odor from it is so terrible that unless one is famished he will not even go near the stuff. Our brothers and sisters have to eat it and then work twelve to sixteen hours a day in the lumber camps—all this because they are true to God. And yet in America some of us feel like giving up the Christian life when someone looks askance at us, says a hard word to us or misunderstands us! We need some real persecution to make us appreciate the salvation which Jesus purchased for us at so great a price. It is of little value to us because it costs us so little; in fact it is not appreciated because we are not paying much for it. They pay a price for it over in Russia. I wish you could have been with me to see how the people gather together from far away points, to hear the Gospel. They walk ten, twenty and even fifty miles to get to a Gospel service and many of them go barefoot over ice and snow.

The persecution is not confined to Russia but is in other parts as well. In Latvia where we have a number of workers, God has been blessing and so the enemy has gotten busy also. In the city of Riga the Pentecostal work has been growing stronger the last few months and many people have been coming to the services. A newspaper reporter came to a meeting and wrote his observations in about this fashion: "When the pastor enters the people shout 'Hallelujah' and clap their hands. They begin to sing and after a while something strange takes place for some fall on the floor and they seem to be having a conflict. The preacher sits and smiles just as though he were enjoying it. He preaches with these people still on the floor and no one seems to pay any attention to them. When the service comes to a close these people get up. They all call each other 'brother' and 'sister' and say 'Praise the Lord.'" Through that report in the paper many new ones came to see what it was like; in fact it was such a good advertisement that they could not accommodate all who came to the next service.

At the close of a meeting in Riga there were two boys under the power of God and someone

reported to the police that strange things were happening in the hall. The Chief of Police and some of his men came and looked at the boys and asked the missionaries what ailed them. They tried to explain the Word of God to the police and why the boys were lying on the floor. The chief said, "Well, we will arrest this Holy Ghost." After a time they sent for an ambulance and doctors and nurses came to take the boys to a hospital. The mother of one of the boys was present and said, "No, you cannot touch him." They went to the other boy, felt his pulse and found it normal, opened his eyes and looked at them with the aid of a flash light and saw that he was all right. They were bewildered, but finally four of them got hold of the boy. Just then the power of God came afresh upon the lad and he made a move which so frightened them that they dropped him and wouldn't come near him anymore. They finally departed without taking anyone to the hospital or police station but after that the difficulties increased and some of the meeting halls were closed.

In Bulgaria there is persecution. We received a cable recently asking us to have the Department of State intercede in behalf of our work and workers there. We have done this and the Department of State very kindly helped us. We have received a letter which indicates that the meeting halls are being opened again. The powers of darkness are so strong that even the authorities will not follow the instructions of higher authorities. Our missionaries in one district were falsely accused and the meeting halls closed. They laid the case before the Minister of Religion and the governor of that province was ordered by him to open the mission halls, but he wouldn't obey orders. The only thing we could do was to fight the battle on our knees and now it seems that the governor has heeded his superiors. Pray that God will give complete victory. The Church of Jesus Christ does not thrive in times of peace; it thrives when there is persecution. We have men and women over there who are strong, valiant soldiers and who will go through anything for Jesus Christ.

I want to mention another point which may be of interest. In Moscow there has been established a radio station which I am informed, is so powerful that they can broadcast not only in Russia but to Germany and England, and they broadcast in both German and English in order to get their teaching to other nations. Another brother and I had the privilege of speaking to one of the foremost radio men in this country a few months

ago. He told us that the Christian men of America ought to go to President Hoover and ask for permission to erect a powerful station, centrally located, to broadcast the Gospel all over this country, for something must be done to counteract the spread of atheism. It must not be just an ordinary message but a vital one that will help to stem the tide of atheism.

The Russian and Eastern European Mission has at this time in Russia, Manchuria and Eastern Europe ninety full time missionaries who are preaching the Gospel faithfully and hundreds are being saved, healed and baptized. The fields are white unto harvest. The Russian Christians say of us over here that we are asleep on the pillow of bourgeois Christianity. This is true, for we do not realize what it means to be a Christian in the truest sense of the word. One has said that the Russian believers have come out of a burning building and that we are in that same building, only one story higher up. We are caught in a conflagration and the spirit of atheism is getting the world ready for the Antichrist. America is not yet ready, but Russia is fast ripening for his reign. Atheism has swept over that land and those who are Christians have been tried in the fire. Russia has vowed not only to do away with

religion but also with culture and civilization. She is working for world revolution and plans to do away with our present form of government, yea with civilization itself and usher in something new which is controlled by the spirit of anti-God. What we are having in Russia is just a little taste of what we will have all over the world when the Antichrist comes.

It behooves us to be on fire for the Lord. Half-way Christianity is a curse, blights our lives and makes us unhappy. We must go all the way with God. The Russian Christians count the cost before they enter on the way and when they step out for Jesus everyone knows where they stand. Europe is the storm center of the world and when we see the suffering we realize that Jesus must be coming soon. The Christians in Soviet Russia sing of Jesus' coming and earnestly long for Him to appear because His coming is their only escape from suffering; when they say, "Lord Jesus, come quickly," that is a cry from the depths of their hearts. He is coming soon and it is for us to be on fire and go out into the highways and byways and win lost men for God. There are serious issues at hand and we must change our lives and our attitude and do more for Christ if we would be ready when He comes.

Heathen Towns Give Up Idol Worship



OD is working in a very precious way in Liberia, and we praise Him especially for what He is doing in our district. He has laid evangelistic work on our hearts and we have great joy in going into the many villages with the Gospel message. During the past few months we have sown the seed in about twenty towns, visiting some of these a number of times. We have opened three outstations, placing some of our most consecrated native Christians as workers. They are all doing well and God is working among them. In one of these stations the devil doctor recently surrendered all his jujus and medicines. He has been very sick for some time and finally called for prayer at the same time giving over his objects of worship; while his wives stood by pleading that he keep at least one of them. But he said, "No, they must all go." We are claiming this man for God. He is the second devil-doctor to surrender. The first one, saved about three years ago, is standing true and attends the Sunday services in the mission regularly. About three weeks ago the priest of this man's town was saved and removed all his medi-

cines from his house. This led to the burning of the big town juju, together with many others. Praise the Lord, the town of Giduka is now an open door to the Gospel. Many are seeking the Lord. Among the more recent ones is a leper, who now has joy in the hope that he will soon be in God's country.

Last week, together with Miss Bingeman and Miss Martin, I went to Farrika, another large town of our parish, a place we have been working for several months. Praise the Lord we have seen some blessed fruit from our labors there! We had some good meetings in the fine, large chapel recently completed. When I say "fine" I mean from an African standpoint. It is built of poles, mud and leaves, but has six windows with shutters. The heathen people under the supervision of the native worker, erected the building and they are so proud to have a church of their own, for it is built in the town.

Before leaving Farrika the chiefs brought their very important *juju* named "Ivory," an elephant's tusk filled with medicine. The old

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What About 1934?

Will It Usher in the Last War?

Nathan Cohen Baskin in Chicago, April 14, 1931



AM calling your attention for a pre-text to Leviticus 26:28, "If ye will not hearken unto me, Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins." We are living in the day of mergers when all the governments are uniting into a United States of Europe; when the little store unites with another little store and they become one chain store, and then two chain stores unite and become one great chain store. By and by a few men will get control of the wealth and the politics of the world, and thus the world will finally be divided into two groups: on one side a group that will control all the politics, all the wealth, and all the business of the world, and on the other side a small group of people who have tried everything but failed, and then finally finding they are deceived on every hand they will look to God. Then will come the final culmination and the final war which will be known as The Battle of Armageddon when the great armies will encamp around the little group of faithful ones ready to devour them. But then the Lord will come with ten thousand of His saints. He will conquer the armies of the world, establish a reign of righteousness and peace upon the earth, and for a thousand years there will be no more wars. This will be the last world war. When will it take place? I know not when it will end but I believe I have an idea as to when it will begin—in 1934.

I am starting with Floyd Gibbons, one of the world's greatest war correspondents. He has what the newspaper men call "a nose for war news." In a current magazine he ran a serial story which he called "The Red Napoleon." It was based partly on facts, and the striking feature of this story was that in it he had a world war beginning in 1934. Very strange that Mr. Gibbons who knows international politics, should start his war in 1934.

The Chief of Staff of the United States Army sometime ago said that the United States has been at war every twenty-two years. I am not an army officer nor war correspondent, but I say by actual figures it is every twenty years. Our first war was in 1776; the next was the war of 1812. The next was the French and Indian war; then

followed the Mexican war, and after that the Civil War. Then came the Spanish-American War and after that was the World War. How many have you? Seven. When did we enter into the World War? In 1917. When did we start our first war? In 1776. Deduct 1776 from 1917 and you have 141. Divide this by seven and you have a war every twenty years.

So though the Chief of Staff says we will have a war in 1939, I believe it will be in 1937 when we will get into it. But someone says, "But, Mr. Baskin, you said 1934?" The last World War began in 1914, but we got into it in 1917. According to the same figures, if we get into it in 1937, it will start over there in 1934.

I was speaking before the University of Toledo on the next world war, and one of the professors of that university became quite angry, and said that wars could never exist anymore because the world had become too civilized. I said, "Indeed? We have four wars going on right now. The Versailles Treaty gave Fiume to Jugo-Slavia, and gave Wilno to the Lithuanians. But what happened? General Pilsudski took Wilno from the Lithuanians and there is a state of war existing between them. They cannot fight because the Lithuanians are too weak. War No. 2: Our good friend, Gabriel D'aminzio, an Italian Jew, with a handful of Italians entered into Fiume and took it away from Jugo-Slavia, to whom it rightly belongs. By *might* it is Italian now. Jugo-Slavia cannot fight because she is not big enough. But wait until she gets some more alliances. Right now there is a state of war going on between the English and the Hindus in the Orient, which is War No. 3. The fourth war is between Roumania and Russia over Bessarabia."

The professor kept on heckling me. I asked him what was his idea. He said, "If another world war should take place it could not continue very long, because the Russians have invented a material which in twenty-four hours would destroy every living being, animal or insect in a city the size of New York. There is enough bacteria in one sack to kill every living creature. They have invented a gas in Germany which, if they should drop it from an aeroplane, would be a thousand times more poisonous than any poison gas that we have, and would wipe out a continent in a few hours." He also said that they had in-

vented a ray that absorbs all heat and thus freezes all animal life. They are using it now in the cotton fields. They let a ray of that heat upon a cotton field, and in one split second, every boll-evil is frozen to death. And if they turn a ray like that upon a large city it will freeze every human creature in just a few minutes.

Then after he got thru talking he said, "Of course, history repeats itself, and perhaps even as Rome, when it became strong and defiant, was invaded by the armies of the barbarians, which conquered them, so we may be headed for destruction, and then a new civilization will start, and they will have no more war." I shouted out "Amen!" right in that State University, and said, "That is exactly what will happen. They will have one great big war which will wipe out all civilization, and then there will be a new reign in which there will be no more war, for Christ will be at the Head."

Now I want to quote our friend Mussolini. Mussolini said in 1929 that he must rule Italy for five years longer. In that time he will have established such a wonderful organization that even if he were to go, Italy would still be the mistress of the world. By 1934 he expects to have an army of 5,000,000 Italians and a united Rome. He also expects to have an army of fifty million taking in the whole Roman Empire. They are amalgamating right now. Turkey has already become an Italian vassal. Mussolini did something that no other man has ever done and gotten out alive. He went to the Balkans—and no one who ever stuck his fingers into the Balkans came out of it without a war—but he went and took Zog, a Mohammedan, made him become a Roman Catholic, as I have read, and now King Zog of Albania is simply a subsidiary king of Mussolini.

Bulgaria is disgusted with her former allies of the Turkish War; Rumania and Jugo-Slavia have turned against Bulgaria, and Mussolini is patron saint of Bulgaria. Rumania, on the other hand, knows that she is not headed right, and is looking for someone to protect her. That someone is Mussolini. And Hungary is looking for someone to take her under their wings, and she is looking to Mussolini. Mussolini expects to have fifty million soldiers and they would include Turkey and all those nations in alliance with Italy. He said that everything points to the world confessing Rome as the mistress of the world in 1934. To do that he made an alliance with the Pope, so that now the Pope is again king. Have you read the "Apostles' Creed" of Mussolini?" It is:

- I. I believe in Rome, the Eternal, the mother of my Fatherland.
- II. And in Italy her firstborn.
- III. Who was born of her virgin womb.
- IV. Who suffered under the barbarian invader, was crucified, died and was buried.
- V. Who descended in the sepulchre and rose again in the Nineteenth Century.
- VI. Who ascended to heaven in her glory in 1918-1922.
- VII. Who is seated at the right hand of Mother Rome.
- VIII. Who will come thence to judge the quick and the dead.
- IX. I believe in the genius of Mussolini.
- X. In the Holy Father, Fascism, and the communion of its martyrs.
- XI. In the conversion of the Italians.
- XII. In the Resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire.

This is Mussolini's "Apostles' Creed" read in the churches of Italy with the blessing of the Pope. Let me repeat that Mussolini claims that by 1934 Italy will rule the world.

Now let me tell you what my friend, Stahlin of Russia, says. Dr. Jenkins, pastor of the Christian Church in Kansas City, Mo., was sent by the Federated Council of Churches of America to investigate conditions in Russia. He said he had expected, when visiting Russia under Soviet rule, to see the titled and the professional people, poor; he had expected to find the merchant class poor but he had at least expected the working class and the soldiers to be prosperous. Instead of that he found these working people living on a wage of less than a dollar a day. And they were compelled to work at the point of a bayonet. Allow me to digress long enough to say that to my own knowledge the lumber manufactured in Russia and exported to America is produced by convict labor.

This Dr. Jenkins went from man to man, asking "What is the matter? You have had a revolution; the Tsar is killed, the rich people have been put under and everything is turned over to you working people. Why aren't you rich and prosperous?" And they all answered him in this way, "We know about the world on the outside; England, America, France and Italy are an armed force and they are getting ready to invade Russia and so we must have a strong army, a strong navy and a strong air-force to protect us from our enemies." He said, "That is strange. I am from America and have been a chaplain in the American reserves and we are not preparing to fight you Russians, as far as I know." Finally he got an interview with Stahlin and Dr. Jenkins said to him, "I can understand why the merchants are kept down and why the professional people are kept poor but why are the working people poor?"

Stahlin said, "Don't you know that the world powers are uniting their forces and getting ready to crush the life out of Russia? That is why we are obliged to have a large army; and why we cannot spend money on higher wages." And then his black, Oriental eyes kindled with fire as he said, "But wait! If we can only keep them back 'till 1934, we will be ready for them by that time. By 1934 Russia will have a standing army of seventeen million, also a militia of five million men and three million women and we will have the strongest air force of any nation. Yes, if we can keep them back till 1934, let them come for by that year our country will be electrified, nationalized and industrialized. By 1934 we will have all the credit and the gold we need; we will have the greatest army and the greatest navy in the world!"

What is Russia trying to do in the meantime? To make herself strong she must make us weak and that is why our poor farmers are burning their wheat. They say, "What is the use? We don't get the price of the cost of production." Russia needs machinery and credit from America. Every farmer in Russia pays his taxes, sometimes as high as 75 per cent in wheat; they put this wheat on the steamer, bring it to America and sell it at a price less than it takes the American farmer to produce his wheat; then they buy American machinery and American guns and send them back to Russia to get ready for 1934.

General Ludendorff, war time Chief of Staff of the German army and one of the leading geniuses of the German Army said that in 1932, or thereabout, Germany would be involved in another war, which will start on the Polish border and will finally involve the whole world. In this war, according to Ludendorff Germany will be wiped out as a great power and in its ruins some dark-skinned nation will triumph.

Dr. Adam Clarke, the eminent Methodist divine and commentator, whom John Wesley called the greatest scholar of his day, and whose commentary on the Bible is considered as one of the two outstanding of all time, referring to the twelfth chapter of Daniel in regard to the 1,290 days and the 1,335 years, starts the time of desolation at 612, the beginning of the Mohammedan religious wars, thus bringing the end of the first date as of 1902, and the end of the second date in 1947 as the time when the last war will be fought and the reign of righteousness begin. I do not altogether agree with him, but it is interesting to note how closely this great and good man comes to our date of 1934. (Note! Our date

—1934—is the beginning of the war while Dr. Clarke's—1947—is the ending of the same.)

And now as to the Bible. God makes a covenant with the Jews in the wilderness: Leviticus 26th chapter. If they would keep His commandments and statutes He would give them peace and temporal prosperity, but if they would break His laws He would bring terror upon them, would break the pride of their power and they would be slain before their enemies and WOULD BE PUNISHED SEVEN TIMES for their sins. And if they would not be reformed by this then He would make their cities waste and their enemies would dwell therein; He would scatter them among the nations and would punish them thus SEVEN TIMES; and then He would remember His covenant with Jacob. Now the Bible year is 360 days and a day is a year in prophecy, thus we see that God promises to punish Israel twice and that each punishment is to last seven times 360, or 2,520 years each. Now the first punishment started in 606 B. C. and ended in 1917 ($2520 - 606 = 1914 + 4 = 1918$). The second punishment started in 589 B. C. when the Temple was destroyed and the Jews were scattered among the heathen, so this second punishment ends in 1934 ($2520 - 589 = 1931$). As there is a mistake in the Christian chronology of four years, we must add four to 1931 which gives us 1935. There is a difference between the Jewish New Year and the Christian New Year of several months so this brings us to 1934.

In our schools and colleges we now have organizations such as, The Society of the Damned Souls, The American Anti-Bible Society and The American Association for the Advancement of Atheism. All over America they are organizing the Young Crusaders. You have sent your children thinking it was some kind of a Boy Scout Movement but it is an atheistic, anti-God society. They teach them there is no God. Where do they get their money to spread their teaching? Where did they get their money two years ago when they organized the "Red Thursday"? Senator Brookhart testified that one of our prominent men, Mr. Foster, spent seven million dollars in one day to spread anti-God literature throughout our land.

Our churches have sold out. Dr. Fosdick and Dr. Parkes Cadman are the official preachers of the Federated Council of Churches, and these two men have not as much religion as some of the Hottentots of darkest Africa. Yes, our churches have sold out and atheism is sweeping the country. The American home is broken down, and our morale is being destroyed. While America

and England are being lulled into pacifism, the dark races of the world are uniting and preparing for a great upheaval. Mussolini says the world is split in two; Fascism on one side and Bolshevism on the other. We are living in a country of striking contrasts: six million men out of work and forty thousand men who had an income of a million or more dollars last year! How long will this condition last? Either the working people will take things into their power or there will be a general dictator. The world will be split between Communism and Fascism and one or the other will conquer and then that group will rule the world with a rod of iron. Then religion, Christianity and godliness will be pushed to one side. Then what?

Then the devil will take absolute control of this earth, and he will be like a raving maniac because he knows his time is short. Then will come the final war which I believe will start in 1934 and this will end with the Great Battle of Armageddon. In the meantime, hell will rage; there will be no prayer meetings and no revivals; in fact there will be no churches. That which is taking place in Russia today will be prevalent all over the world; all churches will be closed and the devil will reign supreme. This is what we call the "Hour of Jacob's trouble."

But I have good news, for I believe that ere the devil gets complete control and before the Antichrist takes full possession of this world, the trumpet will sound and the living will be changed and we will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, to escape the awful Tribulation that is coming upon this earth. I am glad that there is no one within the sound of my voice that needs to worry about these things because there is a way out.

A friend of mine was conducting a revival meeting and a young man who was converted in that meeting told of an experience he had during the World War. He said, "Did you ever hear of the Lost Battalion? I was in that lost battalion. We were out there, cut off from our main army and all around us were Germans. Our food gave out and then our water, and at night we would crawl on our stomachs to lick the moisture out of the mud. Every once in a while a German courier would come with a flag to say, 'Surrender. We told him we were not that kind, that we would never surrender. Our ammunition gave out until we had only one shell left. A council was held as to what we should do with that one shell. It was decided we would use it as a signal. We turned the cannon till it would face straight up and then at night we put in the shell. We

prayed and then pulled the trigger and up went the shell, bursting into a great flame. How we hoped the American soldiers would see it! The next morning, bright and early we saw an aeroplane circling round and round and we knew it was one of our own planes. Soon it came very close to us and dropped us some canteens of water and some loaves of bread and then followed a note with the words, 'Hold on! We are coming!' It went away. By and By more aeroplanes came and circled around, dropping us more canteens of water and more bread and another note, 'Hold on! We are coming!' That continued for several days, and then all at once we heard cannons roaring and we knew there was a fight on. It wasn't long until our armies came and took us back to our lines." As I heard that story I said to my friend, "That is exactly the way it will be with us. They are asking us to surrender on every hand, but we are not made of that kind of material. We will never surrender! We have been firing at the enemy but in these closing days we need to use our last cannon to signal the skies. The Lord will not let us be without our food and water, and then He will send this little note:

"'Hold the fort, for I am coming,'
Jesus signals still.
Wave the answer back to heaven,
'By Thy grace, we will'."

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chief told us that it was brought into the town 52 years ago, and up until a few months ago was worshipped by the people. Now they have no longer use for it since "God's word" has come to them. Can you imagine what it means for these people to surrender what has been for all generations their only hope? It means that the power of the Gospel can break every stronghold of the enemy, and our hearts rejoice as we see the dawning of a new day among the benighted millions of this vast continent. Everywhere we go we see the people losing faith in devil doctors and their *jujus*, and there is a hunger for the Word of God. This is even true of the Bwebo tribe, which a few years back was hostile to missionaries. It is time for us to go in and possess the land for Christ.

God has also answered prayer in regard to government affairs, and we praise Him for peace. At the Cape we have a good work started. Mr. and Mrs. Wallin in charge there opened meetings around Christmas time, while many of the newly arrived missionaries were with them. The result is that many have been saved and the interest is

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Where Are the Dead?

Will We Know Each Other in Heaven?

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IN THIS message, "Where Are the Dead? "I feel led to speak on other related questions which I believe will be helpful. Will we know our loved ones in heaven? Where is that sainted mother of yours? Where are the Old Testament saints, Abraham, Moses, Daniel; the New Testament saints, as Paul, Peter, and John? Where are men like Moody, Spurgeon, Finney, etc.? The best text I know for this subject in the entire Bible is found in Job 14:10, "But man dieth, and wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?" Where do people go when they die? Someone may say, "I do not think it is any of our business to find out where people go after death. We should not attempt to try and find out," but I believe the scriptures warrant us in looking into this matter. In I Thess. 5:13 Paul says, "I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep." There is no need for ignorance on this subject for God's Word enlightens us.

In the 37th chapter of Genesis we find the first passage in the Bible telling where a person goes after death. Jacob when he heard that his son Joseph had been devoured by a wild beast, said, in the 35th verse, "For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning." Now from this verse it would look as though he were saying he would go down into the grave where his son was, but he did not believe his son was in the grave; he believed him to be in the stomach of the wild beast. What did he mean? You will see by the Revised Version he did not mean he would go where his son's body was, but where his spirit had gone. The Revised Version says, "I will go down to *Sheol* to my son, mourning."

Now it may seem a little strange to talk about righteous people going to *Sheol*. Jacob and Joseph were both righteous men, but we will see what the Scripture teaches on this line. From the Scripture it will appear that all who died until the time of the resurrection of Jesus Christ went into *Sheol*. *Sheol* is an Old Testament Hebrew word for the place people went after death—the unseen world. In the New Testament there is a word that is equivalent to this—the Greek word *Hades*. It simply means the place of the departed spirits.

Not only did the righteous dead go to *Sheol*, but the unrighteous as well. Everybody who died before the resurrection of Jesus Christ went into *Sheol*, but they didn't all go into the same division of *Sheol*. Now in the King James version we find the word *Sheol* translated "grave," "hell" and "the pit." The word is used 31 times "grave," 31 times "hell" and 3 times "pit." It is possible the translators made this mistake because it was hard for them to see how the word *Sheol* could apply to the abode of both the righteous and the unrighteous dead. Consequently they used these different words, the grave, hell, pit. It simply means the abode of the spirit after death.

Now what kind of a place is *Sheol*? In Luke 16:19-31 we have a picture of this place. In this paragraph we find a picture of two men living on the earth. One was rich and "fared sumptuously every day"; the other was the beggar Lazarus who "desired to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table." They both died and went to their separate abodes after death. Where did Lazarus go? You remember it was a place called Abraham's bosom or "Paradise." In Paradise the beggar Lazarus was comfortable. The rich man, Dives, didn't go to Paradise, but to a place called "hell," a place of torment. They both went to *Sheol* but to different divisions in *Sheol*. One compartment was known as Paradise, or Abraham's bosom, and the other Hell, or the place of torment.

The Scripture says there was a great gulf fixed between, and yet we read they could see each other, and could talk back and forth. The rich man lifted up his eyes and saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. But someone will say, "Bro. Argue, that seems very clear from the Scriptures, but I'd like to know where that place is." I do not hesitate to say without a question of doubt, it is in the heart of the earth. In the Old Testament there are 65 passages referring to *Sheol*; 30 of these refer to this place as being "down." The others do not give any direction. Now we know that "down" is toward the heart of the earth. We have already referred to Gen. 37:35, where Jacob says, "I will go down into *Sheol*." Then in Ps. 63:9 we read, "But they that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth." Numbers 16:32, 33, is a very important reference showing that *Sheol* is in the heart of the earth. In this chapter we

read of a company of people who rebelled against Moses, and God punished them by causing the earth to open up, and they all "went down alive into *Sheol*." The Word says, "The earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up," and they all went down into the pit.

Now remember that up until the time that Jesus died, everybody who died went into *Sheol*, into the heart of the earth; the righteous into Abraham's bosom or Paradise, and the unrighteous where the rich man went, hell, the place of torment. When Jesus died on the cross where did He go? Into the heart of the earth, into Paradise. It is believed that He also made a visit to the other division of *Sheol* declaring what He accomplished on the cross of Calvary. On the cross the thief said to Christ, "Remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." And Jesus turned to him and said, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Their spirits both went into the heart of the earth.

How do we know that Paradise is in the heart of the earth? Jesus tells us in Matt. 12:40 that "as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights *in the heart of the earth*." This is positive proof that Paradise was in the heart of the earth. The "heart of the earth" is the center of the earth, so while the body of Jesus was in the tomb, His spirit was down in the heart of the earth. Jesus went there on a very important mission. Peter tells us "He went and preached unto the spirits in prison" (I Pet. 3:18), but He did not stay there. In Acts 2:25-27, 31, Peter refers to what David wrote in the Old Testament, who, speaking of Christ, said, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption." Jesus went into *Hades* and was there three days and three nights, but His soul was not left there, neither did His body see corruption. He went into the heart of the earth, and when He came out a tremendous event happened. He completely emptied one division of *Sheol*, but He didn't take with Him those who were in the other compartment. Where did He take the righteous dead? Up into the third heaven, but the unrighteous dead are still in the heart of the earth. Someone asks, "In the Old Testament days did not people go to heaven when they died?" No, they went into the heart of the earth. In John 3:13 we read, "No man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." Turn now to Ephesians 4:8-10, which will help us to

see that when Jesus died He went into the heart of the earth and led captivity captive. Here we read that He that ascended is also He that descended first into the lower parts of the earth. And He that descended is the same that ascended up far above all heavens.

Now let us turn to Matt. 16-18, where Jesus said "the gates of Hell" should not prevail against His church—the body of Christ. The "gates of hell" shall not prevail against the people of God. Up to the time of Jesus even the Old Testament saints had to stay in *Sheol*, but now in the Church Dispensation the dead in Christ do not go to Hades. If the gates of hell prevailed against them they would, but thank God, the Lord has the keys. Rev. 1:18 says, "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of Hades and of death."

Now another little proof that we are to be with the Lord is the Scripture, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." In II Cor. 12:2-4, which was after the resurrection of Christ, Paul tells us of a time when he was caught up to the third heaven. I have already proved that Paradise is in the heart of the earth, and if Paul had gone to Paradise in the spirit, he would have gone down and not up. But after the resurrection of Christ they "went up." If you have studied along this line you will see that the Scriptures seem to distinguish three heavens. Dr. Scofield makes this distinction: First the lower heavens or the regions of the clouds; second, the planetary heavens; and, third, the heaven of heavens. In I Thes. 4:14 is another proof that the righteous dead are now with Christ: "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." If He brings them with Him when He comes, they are with Him now. Now where is heaven? Someone will say, "I believe heaven is *up*." If you believe heaven is "up" and go on the other side of the earth you will still call it "up," but yet you can see that *up* would be *down*.

I want to bring you a little thought I found on this line some time ago. A number of Bible students have wondered if heaven, the abode of God and of the righteous dead, the place called Paradise, is not somewhere up North. I do not give this out as a positive truth, but it is something to think about. Such a noted Bible teacher as Dr. Wm. Pettingill, the Dean of the Philadelphia School of the Bible, has written a remarkable article to the effect that the third heaven is in the North, and here are some of his arguments:

North is *up*, up in the United States, in India and in China. Any place you go the needle of the compass always points north. Isa 14:12, 13, says, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning . . . for thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, *in the sides of the north*." Now the Revised Version says "in the uttermost parts of the north." It looks from this that heaven may be in the uttermost parts of the North. In Ps. 48:2 we read, "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the *sides of the North*, the city of the Great King. We believe "the sides of the north" is the top. There is the New Jerusalem.

While we may not be able to prove dogmatically just where heaven is, we do know that it is a beautiful place. And it is a prepared place. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you." It is a prepared place for a prepared people. There is a lot of sin in the world, but there will not be sin in heaven. There is poverty here, and sorrow untold, but there will be none in heaven.

Do those who have gone on ahead know what is taking place? I believe they do. From the story of the rich man and the beggar Lazarus one would judge that we shall know. The rich man said to Abraham, "Send Lazarus that he may warn my five brethren who are sinning, lest they come to the place of torment." The rich man seemed to know that his brethren were sinning and rejected the message of Moses and the prophets. But do those in heaven know what is taking place? Luke 15:10 says, "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." If your loved ones are up with the angels, and the angels are having a good time, don't you think they would know the cause of their rejoicing? I believe that mothers and fathers who have gone on before and who have prayed for their boys and girls rejoice when they come to the Lord. Some time ago a young man wandered into a mission and was gloriously saved. As he stood up to testify, he started to weep. The pastor said, "My boy, you should not weep. You should rejoice." The young man said, "My mother died a short time ago. She had prayed for me to be saved, and now she does not know I am saved, and that is why I feel so badly." The pastor said, "I believe your mother *does* know," and he quoted to him that passage in the tenth chapter of Luke.

Now a few Scriptures on whether or not we

may know each other in heaven: In the 17th of Matthew we read where Jesus took Peter, James and John and went up on the mount, and there appeared Moses and Elias. The disciples seemed to know Moses and Elias, and yet they didn't know them on earth. Now if they knew these who lived a long time before, we would surely know our own loved ones. The Lord says, "Now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face." If we know when we see through a glass darkly, how much better when we see "face to face." We have known of people on their deathbeds seeing those who had gone before. Sometimes they have had glimpses into heaven and seen their loved ones there. If they would recognize them even in this life, how much more when they get over yonder. There is a story told of Queen Victoria who when she was dying saw her husband who had died some time before. She cried, "Albert! Albert!" and in a moment she was gone.

One of the comforting Scriptures on this subject is this: "I shall be satisfied when I awake in His likeness." We could not ask anything better than that. But I hardly think we would be satisfied unless we knew our loved ones in heaven. I am happy when I can go home and see dear old dad and the little mother, my brothers and sisters, and I believe this joy will be increased when we get up yonder.

If we are expecting to go to heaven we will have to make preparation and reserve space ahead. Some time ago I went to Edmonton. I heard there was only one good hotel in that place; there were a lot of gambling houses and places of sin, but to get a good place one had to reserve space ahead; because there was just one good hotel it was always crowded. I sent a wire reserving space, and when I got near the hotel I saw a long line trying to engage rooms. When it came my turn and I gave my name, the clerk said, "I believe we have your name on our books." I said I hoped he had. He looked up the records and came back with the key to my room, but many were disappointed to find there was no room. That is a little picture of what it will be if you do not reserve a place in heaven. You will be disappointed. There are many mansions up yonder. Jesus has one for you, but if you would possess it, you must have your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life. You can go to the other place without reservations, but to get to heaven you will have to make reservation.

Death is on the track of every person here.

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The Crossroads of Life

The Result of Saying "Yes" to God

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HERE is a rock in the western mountain ranges where waters flowing down from the springs and melting snow are parted, one stream going eastward until it mingles with the currents of the Atlantic and the other in the opposite direction to be finally swallowed up in the mighty Pacific. The streams of human life flowing from their sources just as inevitably come to the Rock of Ages, which divides them and sends one onward to the boundless Sea of God's Love, while the other rushes on to be lost in the Abyss of Darkness.

Looking over the past we may see days, hours, moments, in our lives when we met the parting of the ways on things that are of eternal value. Our lives have often been turned on an apparently insignificant event. The pivot on which God swung our life heavenward was very small in the course of human action, but underneath it all was the unseen but potent dynamic of the cross. The cross is the Great Continental Divide of the Universe by which God is appraising every man at his true worth. Men imagine that human life is swayed and impressed by its Nebuchad-

nezzars and its Cyruses, but beyond all the rulers of the world is the power of the cross, which says although "they have not known me, I have known them," and "I will be exalted."

Thus I can see how God in overruling Providences has led me step by step, and has brought crises in my life, which have required me to make decisions. It has taken an infinite amount of patience on His part to lead me out into the present place of spiritual vision and enlightenment which has been granted to me, but whatever I am I owe to His loving guidance.

The first impress on my life by the hand of God was made through the prayers of a sainted mother, who, like Hannah of old, gave me unto the Lord before I saw the light of day. I knew little of this until after her death, when I found the Prayer Covenant written in a little book which she had treasured until called to her Heavenly Home. To this more than all else I owe a debt of gratitude for whatever has come to me in spiritual progress.

Living in a small town in Missouri, she made sure that I attended Sunday School and Church services in the Baptist Church. Here in due time came my first clear call to follow Christ, although from my earliest recollection I prayed. During a revival I was deeply convicted by the Spirit, and at the age of twelve yielded my life to the Saviour with inexpressible joy. The church having no baptistry I was taken to a small stream and after the ice was cleared away I was baptized in water. It was a happy day. Here the course of life was directed toward God. Then came varied experiences when the new joy was somewhat dimmed.

About this time my mother stepped out into the light of Divine Healing, which brought some persecution from former friends, as this was considered nothing short of heresy in those days. This was another moment when the crossroad of life was moving my destiny toward the fuller light. There were strong inward struggles at this time, as the world was bidding hard for my soul. I longed for freedom to move with the current of the world's life and enjoyment, yet could not be satisfied. During these experiences God spoke with a clear, inward voice several times, telling me that there were gracious things He would do, if I would surrender all to Him.

Then followed an incident which was to shape the whole course of my life for the work which God had for me. At the age of twenty I received a letter from a relative living in the National Capital to come, as he hoped to get me a position in the Government Service. I accepted the invitation and in this step God's purpose was carried out. I was now in the city where He wanted me to work for Him, although my only thought at the time was a better position and more money. Here I was invited to the leading Baptist Church and joined a Young Men's Sunday School Class, where later I found myself pressed into the position of teacher.

Another link was being forged in the chain of Providential circumstances, which would determine my work for God. First entering a large mercantile establishment in its accounting work and later accepting a responsible position with the U. S. Government. I tried to be happy in the company and pleasures of the many acquaintances I made through business contacts. Probably one of the strongest influences for good occurred soon after coming to Washington when I was married to my present companion and co-worker, whose faithfulness to me and to God has helped to sustain me in many trying hours.

She has truly been a gift from the Lord.

During these years of business life, I maintained my attendance at the church, but gradually drifted into the whirl of the theater and worldly pleasure, yet the more I tried to be happy in these the more dissatisfied I became. During this period my wife became critically ill, and her life was de-

spaired of by the physicians. In great desperation I sought God to spare her, and renewed my consecration to Him. He answered my prayer, and for a while I walked very close to Him, witnessing several instances of healing in response to prayer. One night after leading a young woman to Christ in our home, my wife and I felt very happy. We retired for the night, and while lying in bed and rehearsing the events of the conversion, I suddenly began to shake with an uncontrollable joy, and my lips began to quiver

and tremble so that I could not speak clearly. My wife began to pray for the Lord to deliver me, and asked if I felt badly. I said, "I feel happy, but cannot control this shaking." This was several years before the Holy Spirit fell in California. There is no doubt that God had put a precious anointing upon me, but we did not understand it fully then. About this time a brother came to visit Washington fresh from the outpouring of the Spirit in California. My mother, with several others who had been active in the Alliance work, at once accepted the testimony, and



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after tarrying received the Baptism of the Spirit. This was about the time the power fell in the West. She gave us her experience, telling of the supernatural work that had been wrought.

But I had again grown cold and I did not want to hear the message, even though I had confidence in her. I had many friends in the world and did not want to be disturbed. So I shut my ears against the truth for a while. But God was still working to bring me into His plan. While

engaged in the work of the church, I was afflicted with an aggravated case of eczema, finally seeking relief from a physician. He treated me but I continually grew worse.

Here I was facing another crisis in my life, and I came to the place where a decision would completely change the course of my life. My mother who was then looking after the Pentecostal Assembly and living in the residence where it was meeting, urged me to come to the next service and have prayer offered for my healing. I did not want to go, and tried in every way to avoid it. But God was moving upon me. I felt I could not go for healing and refuse the Pentecostal message. On the other hand, I was in great need. Finally, and largely because of the intense suffering from the disease, I consented and went to my first Pentecostal service, held in a small room of a residence. There I was anointed and prayer was offered for my healing. No immediate result was noticeable, but when the next meeting was held I found myself going. Realizing that the Pentecostal baptism was a Scriptural truth, I began to pray for it. Then came a struggle with self, pride, ambition, in which God took me to the very bedrock of complete surrender and consecration. I had a large circle of prominent business men and religious workers, who would think I was losing my mind to become entangled in such a movement. But God was calling, and after six weeks the Heavenly Outpouring came with a flood of glory and blessing that was indescribable. Tongues, prophecy, and vision, all fell upon me and I felt that I was in a new world. Hallelujah! I was.

Healing followed quickly. Prayer meetings followed in my home in Maryland and soon a group had received the baptism. I was also asked at times to preach the message in the Washington Assembly where we attended, and gradually God was drawing me into the Pastorate of the Assembly. A number of evangelists came and tried to oversee the work, but all soon left, and I would find myself in the pulpit again. I was still in a fine office in the Government and was urged to keep my position, but while the temptation was strong, the Lord put such a burden upon me that I could not resist and resigned to give all my time to the ministry.

The work began to grow and crowding out the little upper room on Water St., where we then were, we moved to Pennsylvania Ave., into a much larger hall with large tarrying rooms. About this time the work was fully organized and

incorporated in the District of Columbia, and I was given ordination by the General Council. Soon this building was too small, and we rapidly accumulated a building fund, which was used in the purchase of the fine church and residence from the Methodist Society, at the corner of North Capitol & K Sts. This is now our home and is within a short walk of the Union Station, City Postoffice and the Capitol building. Here God has blessed mightily with hundreds saved and baptized in the Spirit, and healings and miracles manifested through the Name of our Saviour. A membership roll of over 700 is gaining new names each year and we are already in need of larger quarters.

At the last Sunday evening service as this is being written, under the ministry of an evangelist, Miss Mae Pennington, several hundred were turned away from our doors, while the vestibules, stairways, and church were packed to every available space. After the first week of Sister Pennington's meeting we were compelled to take the Masonic Temple Auditorium, to care for the crowds. We are expecting Him to open the way for a great National Gospel Temple here in the National Capital to care for the thousands who visit the city continually.

We extend an invitation to friends everywhere to come to the Capital of the Nation for the great Bi-Centennial Celebration of the Birth of George Washington, to last throughout the year of 1932, and at the same time attend our Tabernacle Gospel Jubilee, when the 25th Anniversary of the Outpouring of the Spirit and the Founding of the Full Gospel Tabernacle will be observed with a year of Evangelistic, Missionary and Convention events. Brethren, pray for us. The peace of God and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

As we go to press we are in the midst of our Twenty-second Annual Missionary Convention. We are having blessed meetings and a number of ministers and missionaries are helping to make it one of our best conventions. Full reports of the meetings will appear in *The July Evangel*.

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When a Man's Steps Are Ordered of the Lord

The Spirit of Lawlessness Abroad

Noel E. Perkin in the Stone Church April 26, 1931



I WANT to call your attention to the 119th Psalm, verses 129-133. We find the Psalmist talking here with the Lord. It is as though he pulled aside the curtain to let us catch a glimpse into his private association with God. After all, what we really are, is what we are when alone with God. You may give a glowing testimony, make a big showing when others are around, but the experience we need is that which makes us shout when there is no one but God to hear. I have heard it said that there is a period in fasting when all desire for food seems to leave one; and how true it is that people starve themselves today for lack of the Bread of Life without which, Jesus said, no man should live. I believe God spoke to me about the necessity of regularly feeding upon the bread of heaven and He seemed to say, "*Three meals a day.*" I haven't always had these three meals a day, but I can say that I am stronger spiritually when I am as observant of my spiritual needs and take time for three meals a day on the Word, as I am to see that my physical being is nourished. Indeed, the spiritual is more necessary than the physical for the body may perish but the soul lives on forever.

We find the Psalmist making this prayer. "Order my steps in Thy Word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me." He is perfectly satisfied with God, and let me say, that is a most blessed place to be in. Aren't we foolish many times to take the second best? To take the creation instead of the Creator? The polluted stream instead of that pure crystal stream? In His presence is "fulness of joy" and at His right hand "are pleasures forevermore." So the Psalmist says, "Now, Father, order my steps in Thy Word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me." The soul that makes a prayer like that in all sincerity, I believe, will be ready for anything; he has lost all desire for independence, and is willing to abandon himself absolutely to God.

There is a spirit in the world today which is seeking to throw off all restraint; it is the spirit of lawlessness. In the beginning of the age, just before God's judgment came upon the earth, a man named Enoch evidently made a similar prayer; he asked God to order his steps.

Now we know that this spirit of lawlessness is working in the world. It is taking a very definite form in some countries and in my opinion one of the greatest things that is hindering the spread of the Gospel is this force of communism, which is deeper and more far-reaching than many of us realize. It is a mass movement and has for its objective the conversion of the world to its ideas. Indeed, so deeply rooted are the convictions of its leaders that they feel nothing will stop them from putting it into effect. When you consider their underlying principles, they are in a sense the same that should govern our efforts for souls, for Jesus has instructed us to tell the story to every soul: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." There should be a restlessness in our hearts to get this Gospel to every creature. Christ gave the commission to the church and not to an individual; the responsibility is ours, yours and mine, to see that every creature gets the Gospel and has a chance to accept Christ.

But this spirit of lawlessness today aims to throw off all authority. In Russia and the European countries and in this country as well, the principles of the advocates of communism are that they must overthrow capitalism and the monied classes in order to bring about equality among all. And in order to do this they say they must stamp out religion which is the opiate of the people; so to overthrow religion they have gradually been depriving the people of their liberty. But their system which is supposed to bring people into liberty is bringing them into far greater bondage than they ever had before; they will have to do what their dictator says or it will mean death. That is just what is happening in Russia today, for at this moment while we are worshipping the Lord in freedom our brothers in Russia are having to suffer in dark dungeons because of their loyalty to Christ. Indeed, the preacher of the Gospel finds it almost impossible to buy the necessities of life. They are not allowed to teach religion of any kind to their children under the age of eighteen. If they are found gathering a little company together the authorities consider it a Sunday School and arrest them for doing this, and send them to prison for one year. They have cut down the publications of the Baptist denomination until they now have

a circulation of less than 2,500, whereas they formerly had one of over 25,000. Those who come out openly to preach the Gospel are in jeopardy of their lives. The authorities are turning the churches into moving picture shows.

Not only are they opposing Christianity but also Judaism; there is a Jewish communist association whose object is to stamp out Judaism and everything that has any connection with God. They have tried to deprive the people of their Jewish food by putting such a heavy tax on the passover bread that the people simply could not afford to buy it. Of course they still claim they allow religious freedom, but by these measures they make religious liberty impossible. One of the bishops of the orthodox church was called in for examination. He had been teaching some children and they asked how many children he had gathered together. He answered that sometimes he had two or three or as many as ten. They said, "Then that is a school." He told them it was not, and was steadfast in saying he had not broken the law, but nevertheless they banished him and he is in exile today because, they claim, it is on the basis of a violation of the law.

Trotsky in his defense of the reign of terrorism said that anything was justifiable to accomplish his end, and he claimed that by killing a few ring-leaders you could terrorize the rest; therefore it was necessary to kill as many as would bring about that effect and then the minority could rule the majority through a reign of terror. The majority of the people are fearful as to what it may involve, for that spirit means that all government shall be overthrown. What foolishness it is for a man to think he can thwart God's plans! In Thessalonians the Apostle encourages us and says, "When ye see these things begin to come to pass, look up, for your redemption draweth nigh."

The lawless spirit is spreading in Europe. Our missionaries have been banished from Hungary and it is only as we continually appeal to Washington and because they are deeply indebted to the United States that we are able to hold them there at all. We remind them that there was a treaty entered into whereby religious freedom is permitted and we take our stand that our missionaries are entitled to stay. When they are sent out we get a permit to get them in again but on the slightest pretext we will get another cable that they are out again. It just shows what forces are at work to crush out the Gospel right from the source where Christianity first began. This spirit

will spread and spread until the lawless one has complete control. It is high time for us to look up and pray, "Order my steps in Thy Word."

I visited the wonderful planetarium in this city and saw the marvelous reproduction of the heavens; the lecturer showed us how they could calculate the position of the heavenly bodies one hundred years from now. They have learned something of the laws of the heavenly bodies which God has established and they can tell one hundred years hence where everyone will be located. Think of these planets following their own orbits, none of them envying the other but just quietly going on in absolute harmony and majesty! It is no wonder that David marveled when he considered these things. Yes, order is in the plan of God and true liberty comes to the life that is abandoned to Him.

You say, what has all this to do with missionary work? I believe it is at the foundation of missions. There will be stars shining in India and others in South America; some in China and in Africa, when our steps are ordered of the Lord and when our sole ambition is to be submissive to God. That is liberty. No longer am I a bond slave to my own inclinations and desires, but I am a willing bond slave to God. As for the Lord, His law is perfect and that means we cannot do anything better than to put our lives into His hands for His plan is always the best for us. There is a sense in which this world is groaning for a manifestation of the sons of God. Those who will shine in the place where God wants them, move in His order. Some people come into our churches and if everything is not done to suit them they will leave and go somewhere else. Friends, God has established order in the church and He expects us to pull together. Many feel they could disburse the money in a far better way than the church does, but when the individual brings the offering to the church his responsibility ends there and the church is accountable for her stewardship of that money. The Scripture tells us to be subject one to the other and that requires more grace and more real salvation than to run things our own way. Even the Apostle Paul who had had that wonderful revelation from heaven did not want his own way but when a controversy arose he said, "Let us see what the brethren have to say about this." Paul with his great intellect and deep experience still saw the need of the body of Christ and of working together in harmony.

Here is the Psalmist praying, "Order my steps

in thy word." *My steps.* You do not need to wait from one Lord's Day to another to get guidance from Him for He goes right along by your side. Wherever you go God wants you to be a missionary for Him. No man liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself; God expects us to transmit Christ wherever we are. We can do the most menial services of every day life as a service unto the Lord; the house work, the office work and the work in the shop may all be done as unto Him. I believe God wants more young-practical missionaries, those who are willing to serve God right in the midst of worldly associations. I have sometimes thought that if I were starting out afresh I would like to go down to South America as an employee of some firm and be a missionary right amongst my fellow workers. The firm would pay all the expenses and I could preach Christ to those around me. This Gospel must be preached and if you and I do not do our part He will have someone else to do it. There should be the motive behind every life, What can I do to send this Gospel out? If you pray for God to order your steps you will have a part in it. This is a big business on hand. We may need to make some money to get along, but that money should be turned into native preachers and missionaries. God wants to work through our hands, through our minds and our voices. When Christ was here He said, "I am the light of the world," and everyone was drawn to Him; He attracted men for there was something in Him that was different, and if we associate with God there will be something about us that will be different. We should be radiating Christ, who said, "Ye are the light of the world."

I have often found that it is not the big things in life that stagger us but the little things. These great trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific liners are made up of a multitude of small bolts and nuts and ties which hold the great machinery together; let one of these little bolts be lost and the whole thing is wrecked. There are many Christian lives wrecked because they fail in the little things. When they come up against some great emergency they get hold of God in prayer and He takes them through, but they forget to pray about the little things, forget to pray about their daily walk that can make life either sweet or bitter. I believe it was Stanley who said it was not the lions but the mosquitoes that gave him the greatest trouble in Africa. I have known of some precious missionaries who have given up everything for God, given up loved ones and a com-

fortable home to endure the enervating climate of a tropical land and then when they got there, it was just so small a matter as a difference of opinion as to how the bungalow curtains should hang that gave trouble and it developed until there was a real breach between the workers; all because one couldn't give in and let the other have her way. Even so we trip on the little things which will cause great damage all because we fail to walk submissively before the Lord.

What a wonderful power Moses had when he came down from the mountain! He had been up there alone with God and when he came down he wist not that his face was shining. He didn't have to give any testimony of holiness because everyone could read it in his face; they could see the God-likeness. If we could only cultivate more fellowship with God then our faces would shine with His glory. This business of being a missionary is a tremendous task and not to be rushed into. A young person will come and say, "Brother, I am called to the foreign field; I must go at once for souls are dying." I suppose they consider us very slow and say we have lost the vision because we hold them back, but I have tried to point out the necessity of really moving in God.

We thank God for the results on the field that come from those who have gone out in God's order and are working in the power of His Spirit. I do not mean to say that anyone who is not having results has not gone out in God's order, but we do thank God that He has blessed and poured out His Spirit in the different fields. We had a very precious experience in connection with the Congo field, where Bro. Leader of this church laid down his precious life. I want to relate this incident to show how God orders our steps. We received a letter from a lady who stated that she wanted to give an amount of money for a Memorial Church to be built in Africa. She wrote, "Do you know of any place where such a church could be used?" and expressed a desire for it to be used in the Congo. I replied that I believed I knew just where it was needed. On the other side of the world dear Bro. Leader was praying that God would supply the means for a chapel and at last they came to the conclusion that they would build it in faith. They felt it should be a Memorial Chapel for someone, but did not know for whom. So our letters crossed; my letter bringing them the news of the money for the chapel and Bro. Leader's letter saying, "We have started to build the

chapel." When this lady found out about it she was so happy and said, "I feel like putting up another chapel. Do you know of any other needy place?" I said, "Yes, I believe I know of another field." She said she would leave it to me. I did not feel quite certain about this, but wrote to the French Sudan and asked if they were in any real urgent need. They wrote back saying that the government had just passed a law forbidding the holding of any more meetings in private homes and that they must build. And so a chapel has gone up in the French Sudan, the first chapel as a memorial to someone who has gone on. The sister is very happy about it and is now sending a missionary out to Liberia. It is so encouraging to see God directing our steps.

Then the Psalmist prayed, "And let not any iniquity have dominion over me." Sin may come knocking at the door, but if our lives are to count for God we must learn the secret of meeting that monster through the power of the Spirit. God once seemed to give me a vivid picture of this. There was a time when sin reigned in our hearts and it was the controlling power. Many people follow the dictates of self and fail to step out for God because of what they might lose. As if we had anything to lose by serving an All-wise and heavenly Father! It is short-sightedness, lack of vision that makes us do that. But how different it is when Christ comes into the heart! Then sin gets dethroned and Christ reigns within. Of course there will be temptations. As we consider the challenge of the unevangelized world there is a temptation to pity ourselves. This is an age of luxuries and we are so prone to consider ourselves first instead of accepting the challenge. I believe there are scores of young people ready to respond, but the responsibility rests with the church to see that they are sent; the responsibility of the church of Christ is to get back of them and sacrifice that they may go forth.

I was touched by a letter from someone in Idaho. We had sent out an appeal to ask people what they could do, and this lady replied, "I fell down on my knees before God and asked what I could do. I have five children and am living on a farm, doing the majority of the work. My husband allows me \$3.00 a week to look after these children and feed the family. It doesn't seem I have a penny to spare." And then she went on to say that she had a very choice rosebush which was the only thing she could turn into money. So, though it meant a great sacrifice, she dug up the bush, sold it and sent the money for missions.

I believe that woman will be repaid a thousand times for her sacrifice. This is the kind of thing that will count. The day will come when all unreality will be swept away and the all-important question will be, Will I serve the Lord? It may cost us our *all*, and I believe many of us will have to face that. I trust God will not have to send persecution to drive us to it. The life that is *worth while* is the life that is ordered of God. I hope the time will never come in our Movement when we will consider places and choose the most desirable, but that God will always keep our preachers moving where He wants them to go. Elijah was a man like that. When he was at the Brook Cherith some, no doubt, said, "You ought to have a tabernacle and preach to thousands," but Elijah remained in the place where God wanted him. I remember how the Lord sent us to a little place way off in the hills in Eastern New York, where there was no one to whom to preach; but we preached around in the farm houses, and while there I had time to get off into the woods alone with God. After a while I graduated from that school and He sent me to another and larger place of service. God was teaching me the lesson to have my steps "ordered of the Lord." It was Elijah, the man who had been down at the Brook Cherith, who eventually conquered the hosts of Baal. He had not considered himself and now he was in a place to win a great victory. "Order my steps in Thy Word and let not any iniquity have dominion over me." That is a life of glory, a life of victory, a life that will be ready for translation. If you make that prayer in all sincerity you will be ready to meet the Lord.

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growing. People are getting hungry for the Pentecostal experience. The churches have stood with us and rather encouraged the opening of a place of worship.

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in there, do you?" "Well," he said, "aren't you one of the patients?" I said, "No, sir. I am just a young preacher, preaching tonight for the first time, and I came out here to practice a little bit. Maybe you have heard about my father. He is conducting a campaign and I am helping him." I explained to this doctor as best I could and invited him to attend the meeting. All the time I was speaking that night I thought of that incident that happened back of the hospital.

Has the Cock Crowed in Your Life?



IN LUKE 22:31-34, 60-62, we have the prediction and story of Peter's denial. In verse 34 Jesus said to Peter, "The cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me." How good of God that He had a cock to crow in Peter's life, and wake him up from his self-sufficiency! Here was a man God had called from his fishing nets. Andrew had brought him to Jesus, and he asked, "Where dwellest Thou?" Jesus said, "Come and see." Peter and Andrew left their nets and became His disciples. Things went on well for three years. Peter, James and John lived close to Jesus; they were His bosom companions, and were with Him on every occasion. But they had not been tested.

As they were nearing the hour of trial for them all Jesus warned Peter, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat." I fully believe it was at a time when Peter felt most spiritual. He looked up into the face of the Master, and no doubt in all sincerity and honesty of heart he said, "Though all men forsake Thee, yet will not I." That was the beginning of the downfall of Peter. Some of you may be just as spiritual as it is possible for a man or woman to be, but never allow Satan to get you into that trap where you would boast, "Lord, I am ready to go with Thee, both into prison and to death". Beware of such a braggadocio spirit, for it always leads to a fall.

Jesus said to Peter, "Peter, you do not know your own heart. Before the cock crow thou shalt deny me thrice." Do you not think that was a startling revelation to Peter? I am sure it was. After three years of living in the presence of Jesus, Peter never believed it would be possible for him to deny Him. But Jesus knew the frailty of the flesh.

They go out into the Garden of Gethsemane, the little company, and Jesus said to the three disciples, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." But while Jesus was in agony of soul Peter goes to sleep. It is a crisis time in the life of Jesus, and here was one of His most spiritual followers asleep. We are in a crisis time in the world today. The Holy Ghost dispensation is about to close, and the church of Christ is asleep. Jesus is saying to us today as He did then, "Can ye not watch with Me one

hour?" Alas! there are very few, just the "little flock" who are able to resist this drowsiness that has come upon the church. Satan has lulled her to sleep.

Peter forgot the admonition of the Master to watch and pray. Oh the importance of watching and praying in these perilous days! See Peter as he goes down to the Judgment Hall. If today you are not in such close touch with God as you once were, I believe I can put my finger on the secret. How is your prayer life? "Oh," you say, "I am getting along fine!" You may be, but a testing time like that which came to Peter will prove your spiritual condition. A failure to pray in temptation's hour will sap the strength from your spiritual life and leave you helpless.

The soldiers leave the Garden, taking Jesus to the Judgment Hall. What has become of Peter? Failing to watch and pray, he, like many a Christian, followed "afar off." Yes, he was following Jesus, but not so closely as when he was on the Mount of Transfiguration. That close fellowship when he was daily in His presence, was gone. Perhaps you are a follower of Jesus, but like Peter are following afar off. We must walk close beside our Lord if we would stand in these days. The very forces of hell are arrayed against the Church, and if you follow Jesus at all you must follow Him closely, or you will be swept off your feet.

Next we find Peter where God's children are sometimes found—warming himself at the enemy's fire. Jesus, the best Friend that Peter had, was on trial in Pilate's Judgment Hall, and here was Peter warming himself at the enemy's fire. I do not need to tell you of the fire at which you are warming yourself tonight. The Holy Spirit will do that.

Then the fear of man came upon Peter. As someone has said, this fear of man is a foul-mouthed creature which stands before the child of God in all its hideousness and prevents him from testifying for his Lord. You say, "I will give my testimony to that crowd with whom I associate," but the fear of man says, "Don't do it." Fear will cause you to say like Peter, "I really do not know Him."

Peter said to the maid, "Woman, I do not know this man," and denied Him with an oath. Then the cock crew, and Peter was aroused to his sinful state. God will let you go just so far, and

then in His faithfulness, He will let the cock crow, and arouse you to your condition. You never realized that you were failing God in associating with the enemy until God let the cock crow in your life.

You remember the story in I Samuel fifteenth chapter, when King Saul was told to destroy the Amalekites utterly, and not to spare their cattle. When the Prophet Samuel came to the king to reprimand him for disobedience, Saul said, "Yes, I have performed all the commandment of the Lord." But Samuel said, "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" How gracious God is to let the sheep bleat in our ears and warn us of danger. Some of us would go on for years and deceive ourselves, if God didn't have a Samuel who could warn us of the danger. How often we try to hush up sin, but it will make a noise! In these days of man's invention we have done away with the old fashioned ways of working and traveling, and I sometimes think we have gotten away from the old fashioned way of getting to God, of repentance and weeping over sin. God forbid that we should ever get away from the good old Book which uncovers **sin!**

God is saying tonight, "There is a sheep in that man's life," and He is letting the sheep bleat so as to awaken him to his need. Is God letting the "cock crow" in your life to let you see how far from Him you have wandered? Jesus is looking at you with that tender look of love He gave to Peter. As John Newton said, "He didn't need to speak a word, but just turned and looked at him." If there is a cock crowing in your life, thank God. With tenderest love Jesus stands ready to receive you back to Himself.—*Mrs. Ben Hardin in The Stone Church, Jan. 25, 1931.*

The Rising Storm

STATESMEN and men of the world are everywhere asking, What does all this uncontrollable and universal antagonism mean? They stand puzzled and bewildered. They know not what to make of it, or what is its cause, or what to do. *No human remedy is in sight.* In fact, there is not a government on earth which is able to cope with the situation as it exists today. They all stand absolutely helpless before the rising storm. H. G. Wells, a noted writer, says: "Destruction is not threatening civilization; it is happening to civilization before our eyes. The ship of civilization is not going to

sink in five years' time, nor in fifty years. It is sinking *now.*"

But God's Word throws light on this terribly dark situation. It tells us of an evil day when men's hearts will be "failing them for fear, and for looking after these things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:26). It warns us of the *advent of a mighty personage* on earth in the last days, a man who will be energized and filled with satanic power—a superman. His name is *Antichrist*. In describing his character the Apostle Paul says: "For that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and *that man of sin* be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God, * * * whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish" (2 Thess. 2:3, 4, 9, 10.)

This coming world-ruler will, next to Satan, be the greatest deceiver and impostor that ever lived. He will be a monster of iniquity. He will exercise universal and despotic sway over the whole world, and will be the outcome of a widespread departure from God and all things divine.

Perhaps the greatest forerunner of Antichrist on earth today is the mystery man of Italy, Mussolini. He certainly is preparing the way for the superman. All his antichristian and blasphemous utterances give signs of this. Mussolini's purpose, repeatedly expressed, is his desire to reconstruct the Roman Empire, and he undoubtedly looks forward to the day when Rome will control the world. "I would join forces with the Antichrist," he has said, "to give tranquility to Italy," and a world view seems to be in his mind.

Back of all this dark picture of Atheism, Bolshevism, Modernism and all forms of lawlessness, are "the rulers of the darkness of this world," pulling the ropes. Under the leadership of Satan *they are the cause of all this universal trouble.* They are the active agents who are secretly, but surely, driving men and nations on into deeper and still deeper depths of hellish strife. In every country of the world, among all classes of people, in church and state alike, by night and by day, they are working with feverish haste to accomplish their diabolical purpose. What is that purpose? Awful as it may seem, it is nothing less than to fill the world so full of uncontrollable antagonism and unspeakable horrors that men *will actually wish a superman would appear on the scene* and straighten things

out, or, in other words, their aim is to bring around such a dreadful condition of things as to make Antichrist a desperate and awful necessity. That explains all these unmanageable forces now sweeping over the earth; they are part and parcel of a great diabolical scheme to get the world ready to receive "the man of sin."

Some years ago, the late Lord Koseberry, a noted British statesman, a man well acquainted with world affairs, referring to the terrific tangle in international relations which existed even then, but are tremendously acute today, said that "a strong man," meaning a superman, was needed to handle the situation.

The unbelieving world indeed is crying out for a superman, one who can give a beneficent and stable government, under which the world can live in peace and happiness. Many of the world's renowned thinkers, such as Conan Doyle, Count Keyserling, and others, have repeatedly declared that *the world today demands and is anxiously looking for and expecting a superman*, and they thus agree with what Lord Salisbury said, many years ago, when he declared, "The world will never be governed rightly until governed by one man." Their utterances harmonize with Scripture, but they do not appreciate that the superman they demand and expect is named the *Anti-christ*, and that his rule will be but for a season, and the end, black chaos and despair. Doomed indeed they are to disappointment until the day of the arrival of the Prince of Peace, the Man of Sorrows, our Lord Jesus Christ, who alone can bring in the reign of righteousness.

All of this is fearful to contemplate, but it is true. The people who scorned, rejected and crucified the Son of God will be the very ones who will receive Antichrist with open arms and enter into a seven years' covenant with him. Our Lord foretells this when in speaking to the Jewish people on one occasion, He uttered those memorable words: *If another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive*" (John 5:45).

Oh, the depth of satanic cunning in all this fearful business! What a harvest of woe Satan is preparing for this Christ-rejecting age! Yet, alas, how few there are whose eyes are anointed to see behind the screen and behold the master hand at work. How absolutely necessary to be ready!—A. Sims.

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Sometimes it is hard to realize this when we are well and strong, but it is true. Every ache and

pain you have tells you that your body is subject to death. Every grey hair reminds you that time is slipping by. Every funeral procession which passes, every time you see crepe on the door it reminds you that some day you too will be gone. Some day you will close the desk in the office for the last time; you will drive your auto for the last time; some day your place in the home, in the office, in the school room, in the pew or the pulpit will be taken by someone else and you will be gone. Where? I hope you will be with Jesus, and if so you can be restful about it, for to be with Him "is far better" than living on this earth. Outside of Christ, death is indeed a terrible thing. Death has a terrible sting, but not for those who are in Christ. It is said of the bee, it stings only once and leaves its stinger behind. Death has a sting, but when Jesus died on the cross of Calvary He bore the sting for us, and those who die in Christ will never feel the sting of death. So we can look up and shout, "Oh death, where is thy sting?"

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2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

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