

The Latter Rain Kvangel

The days of Heaven on Earth

How Much Off the Night?

THE passage found in Isaiah 21:11 and 12, is very impressive: "The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come." These two geographical terms link this prophet's burden with the land of Edom and students of the Word of God have taken it that the one mentioned is possibly an Edomite watchman calling across the great chasm to an Israelitish watchman over on the other side, for the two lands were separated by vast chasms in the mountain.

God's prophet had been predicting dire judgments to come upon Edom and it would seem here that the Edomite watchman asks the question in a poetic form. What he really says, perhaps, is not, "Watchman, what of the night?" But, "Watchman, what off the night?" Or some have translated it thus, "Watchman, how much off the night? How near has the time come to the fulfillment of these predictions? How much of the night has already gone?" And the answer comes from the watchman over on the Israelitish side of the camp, "The morning cometh, and also the night." For when the morning comes for the people of God the darkest night this earth has even seen, will fall upon those who have rejected the testimony of the Lord.

And then, based upon this solemn declaration, is the earnest entreaty which comes down to us through all the centuries, "If ye will enquire, enquire ye." In other words, In view of the approaching fulfillment of the prophetic word, be in earnest, face the issue squarely and look to God for divine instruction. "Return! Come!" It is the voice of the Lord pleading with the wayward people who have turned their backs upon Him and have wandered away. He is saying, as it were, In view of the near fulfillment of these things so long predicted, if ye will enquire, enquire: return. Come back to God while He still waits in grace to save.

—Dr. H. A. Ironsides.

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The Rumbings of War

WHAT is that rumbling? Is it cannon drawing up? What is the meaning of those sharp barks and that clanking?"

It is the rumbling and the clanking of oncoming wars. The dailies and the current magazines are increasingly warning us of the imminency of war. Some are making a desperate effort to educate the people against war. Two of the leading dailies of Chicago are sending out uncensored photographs of the great World War in all its hideousness, with the purpose of molding public opinion and stripping war of its "false glory." They believe that by picturing war in all its hideousness they will tear the mask from the eyes of the ignorant, from the new generation that only knows war thru waving flags and band music, and thus avert another great war. Will they avert it?

We quote from *The American Magazine* of March, in a striking article, "Can America Keep out of the next War?"

war? The answer to that is, YES. The American people do not yet realize how inevitable it is. But I doubt if you could find one single European statesman who would deny, in private conversation, that there will be war again in Europe.

"All the rulers of Europe are conscripting, drilling, and maneuvering every man they can lay their hands on. They are laying down titanic concrete barriers of forts across and up and down the Continent. They are building tanks and guns and battle planes. They are building bombers, cruisers, submarines. They are doing all this even in the midst of depression, when the economic system is already straining and cracking, and despite the staggering taxation involved."

Over and above it all we hear the prophetic words of the Son of God, speaking of these last days: "There shall be wars and rumors of wars." Not until the final battle of the nations, The Battle of Armageddon, will the nations cease to learn war. Then will come to pass the words of Isaiah 2:4, "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into

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The Battle of Armageddon

"After the Tribulation of those Days"

Sermon by Niels P. Thomsen in the Stone Church, Jan. 14, 1934

"The hordes from the North are preparing even today by great armies and immense stores of ammunition; and their fleet of airships is probably one of the largest in the world."



THE subject this afternoon is The Battle of Armageddon and it is our purpose to see what the Word of God has to say concerning this battle. There is only one place in the Word of God where Armageddon is especially mentioned in connection with this battle and that is found in Rev. 16:16, "And he gathered them together into one place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

Undoubtedly, this word in its present form has come from the Hebrew *Har-meghiddo*, which means, the Mount of Meghiddo, which is found in the northern part of Palestine about sixty miles north of Jerusalem. It was in this place that Sisera was defeated by Barak under the leadership of Deborah. Here also Josiah was fatally wounded in the battle with Pharaoh. Many other notable battles have been fought in that place, but the above are two outstanding ones given us in the Word.

In dealing with Armageddon one must also take a brief look at the Antichrist, for he is inextricably connected with this battle; in fact he is in charge of the hosts gathered there at this particular time of which we are speaking. He is the one who will lead the hosts against Jerusalem and who at Armageddon will be slain and cast into the lake of fire. So with such a definite connection it is difficult to speak about the one without referring to the other.

The Antichrist is called the Assyrian in Isa. 10:24 and in this chapter he is linked up with Armageddon for we read in the 28th verse of happenings that will take place in the battle of Armageddon. But he is in power for only a little time—while the "indignation" is on, and when the indignation ceases his power will be no more. He reigns only during the tribulation and his power will cease with the ending of the tribulation. Therefore this connects the "Assyrian" very definitely with the tribulation period and consequently, with the time that is yet before us. In Daniel 7:8 and 24 he is called

"the little horn" and these passages plainly tell us that the Antichrist is not a system but a man, and he is so considered throughout the Word of God. The very fact that the 24th verse of Daniel 7 reads, "the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise," proves that God's own interpretation of the matter is not *ten systems* or *ten nations* but *ten individual kings*. We read further in the same verse, "And another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings." That is another king. Here is a picture given us of the Antichrist. In Daniel 8:23 we find him again called a king—"a king of fierce countenance and understanding dark sentences." This passage has definite reference to the Antichrist because we read in the 25th verse, that "he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand." This is not an ordinary personage who stands up against some earthly king or opposes an earthly power, but he is one who regards himself as on an equality with God, filled with the spirit of the enemy of our souls who one day said, "I will be like God," and was cast out of heaven. So also this man will arise some day and say, "I will be like God." We read of him having his image in the temple and speaking great, swelling words, but he too will be cast down. He will not be able to stand. He shall be broken—and notice this, for it will happen at Armageddon—"he shall be broken without hand." The Antichrist, in that day shall not be smitten by any cannon ball or bullet. We read that he "shall be consumed with the brightness of His (Christ's) coming." This has very definite reference to the Antichrist at the time when he stands up against God's people and that is what the Battle of Armageddon really is—the hosts of the nations under the leadership of the Antichrist arrayed against God's people, the Jews.

In 2nd Thess. 2:3 we read, "That day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." No man, up to the present time, has fulfilled that scripture, but the day is coming when one will sit in the temple, "showing himself that he is God," and as such he will endeavor to receive worship. Here he is called,

“the man of sin.” In Rev. 13:4-10 the Antichrist is referred to as the beast, and receives worship as God: “And they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war against him?” We read further, “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

To aid us in our study of this subject, let me ask you, Why Armageddon? Why is the battle there? What is its purpose? Why do we find it so strikingly mentioned in the Word of God? There are two sides, man's side and God's. Man's side is clearly portrayed in the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel. There may be questions arising as to the fact that Gog and Magog are so prominently mentioned here. They are to come forth at the end of the millennium when Satan is to be loosed for a season and the hordes of the North will again make themselves felt. But from the Scripture it would seem as though Gog and Magog are also definitely connected with Armageddon. These hordes from the North are preparing even today by great armies and immense stores of ammunition; and their fleet of airships is probably one of the largest in the world today.

Today Israel is being gathered out of the nations and into the land of Palestine. It is a remarkable fact that there is no depression in the land of Palestine; they have money; their grapes and other fruits are plentiful and there is an abundance of everything. Money is being poured into their treasury and the Jews are working on the land until it has already begun to blossom as a rose. But the hatred against the Jews will not be confined to one nation only. It will grip the hearts of every nation. This feeling is strong in Germany and in Russia today, and has also begun in Canada. After the nations have driven the Jews back to Palestine and see their prosperity while they themselves are suffering under an economic depression, they will become envious and endeavor by conquest to wrest their wealth from them. The many unwallled villages will seem an easy prey.

From the material side, it is the plentifulness in Palestine that will attract them but back of it all will be the opposition against God. What is the trouble in Germany today? Is it the presence of the Jew which is causing the trouble? No. They have told us that very plainly. Their difficulty is that there is a God who is mentioned in the Bible, with whom they will have nothing to do. They want neither

the Jew nor his God; they want neither God nor His people. The whole trend of events today is against the people of God. Whether it is a Christian or a Jew it makes little difference; they will be opposed to you if you line up with God. Germany began by throwing out the Old Testament and ended by discarding the New also. They are fighting anyone who believes in the principles of the Lord Jesus Christ. That is the spirit that is gripping the hearts of men today; a spirit sent by Satan himself. It is the spirit that will fill the heart of the Antichrist in a very marked degree until he is filled with hatred towards anything that is connected with God. The final conflict will be in Palestine when Antichrist and his cohorts will say, “Let us fight to a finish.” That is man's side.

But what about God's side? The passage in Ezekiel 38:16 to 23 is a very definite statement that this gathering together must surely take place before the millennium; it cannot be after, because during the millennium all will know the Lord from “the least of them even to the greatest.” He is to begin His great work of making His Name known to all the nations of the earth by the tremendous event that will take place at Armageddon, when He definitely wins the victory over the Antichrist and his hordes. We find in Isaiah 31:5 that the Lord speaks of defending Jerusalem. Armageddon is the place where the Lord will fight for Jerusalem, and “defending also he will deliver it.” He is coming not only as a Defender but as a Deliverer, “and passing over He will preserve it”; so He is coming as a Preserver also. Nevermore will the enemy be able to put his foot there; nevermore will he be able to rise up against that city.

I refer you also to the passage in Isaiah 63:3. Does that refer to the time of Armageddon or not? I believe it does. This is not the day of the Lord's vengeance but the day of His grace; He still holds out an invitation bidding all who will to come. He gladly welcomes us, but there is a day of vengeance coming when it will not be so pleasant to meet the Lord unsaved. We read further in the 4th verse, “For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.” This has nothing to do with Calvary. It was love that triumphed that day, but the day to which He now refers is the day of His fury. The wrath of the Lamb is come. In Revelation 14:18-20 we read another passage which refers to this time. This does not speak of a gathering of the children of the Lord, not the vine of His planting, but it refers to the gathering of the clusters of the vine of

the earth. They are not gathered into His presence to rejoice with Him, to enjoy His presence throughout eternity, but they are cast into the winepress of the wrath of God; so the battle of Armageddon, as far as God is concerned, is a time when the world is to be harvested, to receive of the Lord punishment for what it has done. The winepress was trodden without the city.

In Revelation 19:15, 16, we read where the Lord comes to reveal Himself as King. Turn also to a reference in Zech. 12:8. Here God reveals to us that one of the purposes in Armageddon is to defend His people and in their defense slay their enemies, thus rending from their hearts the cry that will bring upon them the spirit of grace and of supplication when Jesus will be revealed to them as their Messiah.

Now I want to bring you to the battle. All this has just been preparatory. In Isaiah 10:28-32, we are given a picture of the march of the army towards Jerusalem. Speaking of this same Assyrian to whom we referred in the beginning, we read in the 28th verse, "He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages." This is just a little north of Jerusalem, not much more than ten miles and perhaps only eight. It is difficult to get the exact mileage for it is hard to tell how circuitous those roads run. From Michmash he begins the steep climb. He cannot carry so much luggage so arranges the camp down there and takes the rest of the army to move up towards Jerusalem. They take their journey a little westward and then take up "their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul is fled," that is, he wipes it out on the way. Now picture the invading army moving on with that bitter hatred against the people of Jerusalem. They are only a mile or two outside of the city of Jerusalem and here the Antichrist makes his stop temporarily. We read that "he shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion." I have been told that Nob is one of the first places from which you get a good glimpse of the city, as you come up over the hill. He sees the city before him and in his hatred and anger he shakes his fist against it. Has there been any army up to this time concerning which the above facts could be stated? I believe not.

Turning to the New Testament again I would refer you to Matthew 24:29, 30. This refers, not to His coming to rapture us but it is the sign of the Son of Man coming to reveal Himself, when He puts His feet upon the earth.

This is the time when He comes in glory. It also especially refers to the tribes of Israel and this takes us back to that which we read in Zechariah, how the spirit of grace and of supplication is to be poured out upon them when they see Him whom they have pierced. In Revelation, we read that every eye shall see Him; they will cry unto Him in contrition for their rejection of Him, and then their hearts will turn to God and their Messiah. But notice, this occurs "*after the tribulation of those days.*"

Let us get the picture. We have the army at Nob, a mile or two outside of Jerusalem. Now it would appear that the Antichrist reached the city and that he even entered it. It would seem from the Scripture that he ravished it and took captive some of the people, and then something happened that he couldn't complete his victory. What happened? Just what we were reading about in Matthew. The tribulation has ended; his time is up; God settles the matter. He has gone as far as God will permit. How will the Lord drive him back? Listen! "The sun shall be darkened, the moon shall not give her light; the stars shall fall from heaven," and this army shall quake in terror and rush down those mountain sides. The sun has turned to blackness and in their confusion they fall back into the field of Armageddon where they again muster themselves for battle.

In Zechariah 13:8 we read, "And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein." Who is to do the cutting off? The Antichrist. In 14:2 we read again that "half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city." If they were still in the hands of the enemy he would have cut off their entrance. Those whom the Antichrist had not been able to reach before God delivered, are free to go and come—that is the remnant.

I want also to refer you to Ezekiel 38:14-23. God has used the heavens in times gone by to send forth terrible hail upon His enemies when He wished to aid His people, and He will do it again at this time. Antichrist is mustering his hosts at Armageddon—those who have been scattered by the awful confusion and it is here and at this time that the Lord Himself descends. Notice that Christ does not put His feet upon the earth at Armageddon but the Antichrist is "consumed by the brightness of His coming"; a sword proceeds from His mouth. As far as the Antichrist is concerned he will not be slain by any weapon but by the

Word of God which proceeds from the mouth of the Lord and He is simply passing over on His way to the Mount of Olives where He is to plant His feet.

Occasionally we meet a person who will try to tell us that the battle of Armageddon was fought at the time the British Army under General Allenby walked into Jerusalem, but I will give seven reasons to show that this battle has not yet been fought.

1st, Allenby and his army came and delivered Jerusalem, whereas at the time of this great battle it will not be *friends* who strive to enter the city, but bitter enemies who seek its destruction.

2nd, The invading army does not gain the victory at Armageddon; the invading army is defeated and slain. General Allenby's army was victorious.

3rd, The Battle of Armageddon is not won by human means. There has never yet been a war in which human means were not the chief source of the conflict. At the Battle of Armageddon the Lord Himself will come and slay the leader, the Antichrist "with the brightness of His coming."

4th, At the Battle of Armageddon the coming of the Lord in glory is the cause of the victory. The Lord has not yet come in glory.

5th, After the Battle of Armageddon the Antichrist and the false prophet are cast into the lake of fire. We do not know that anyone has yet been cast into the lake of fire.

6th, At the Battle of Armageddon there is to be a great host of dead. In Ezek. 39:4, 12 we read that Israel will be seven months burying the dead. Has there been any battle where it has taken seven months to bury the dead? Another reference, is Rev. 19:17, 18; here the Lord Himself issues an invitation to the birds of the heavens to gather together "to eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, etc." Out in those Oriental countries it doesn't take many birds to clean up a carcass. I have seen an old cow, that had died during the night, stripped bare in a short time. When the Lord can issue an invitation to the birds of the air to come from every direction to a great supper it is something out of the ordinary. It means there will be a tremendous pile of dead.

7th, In Ezek. 39:9, 10, we read that they shall come from the cities and gather the weapons for fire-wood for seven years. When we scrap all our armaments and burn up these weapons of war it will take seven years to dis-

pose of them. People will use them for kindling wood and save the trees. There is your reforestation that the Lord will create. There will be seven years when we will not have to chop down a tree for we will burn the instruments of war the nations have been creating all these years. Isa. 2:4 says the weapons of warfare are to be destroyed thruout the world; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks; there will be no more military schools, no more destructive devices invented, for "nations shall not learn war anymore."

These passages of Scripture are incontrovertible proofs that the Battle of Armageddon is still in the future. But before this time of awful conflict takes place we expect our Lord to come *for* His bride to celebrate the Marriage Supper in the air. Then we will come back with Him and view it all from the air, giving to Him the glory due His Name.

Raised from the Dead

WHILE on my first term on the field I saw an old woman raised from the dead. She had been very seriously hurt and someone had brought her to the mission to see what could be done for her there. We had been taking care of her for several days when early one morning one of the girls came running, calling, "Come, the old grandma is dying." Miss Dobbins, who has since gone to her reward, immediately ran out, though it was early in the morning. I followed a little later but Miss Dobbins met me and said, "She is dead. There is no sign of life in her. I have examined her thoroughly." I knew the old woman was not ready to meet the Lord as she was a heathen woman, and such a feeling of dismay came over me. Hardly knowing what I was saying, I prayed in my heart, "Oh God have mercy on that woman, give her another chance to be saved." Then I turned to the people who had gathered and said, "Stop your wailing; let us go down and ask God to give this woman another chance. She was not ready to die." The few who were saved knelt down and we prayed for about a half hour when suddenly this old woman began to move a little. I said, "Praise the Lord, keep on praying, the old woman shall yet live," and just then she opened her eyes and asked for a drink of water. With that she sat up and before long she declared she

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How to Reach the Unsaved

The Fruitfulness of Personal Work

J. N. Hoover in the Exposition Building, Pueblo, Colo., July 27, 1933

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THIS kind of work demands SYMPATHY on the part of the one who is willing to serve. You can lead many to a gospel service, but you cannot make all realize their lost condition even by way of sympathy, yet there is no one so low who will not stop somewhere, sometime, and consider a kind word or a loving deed.

Out in a field, near a public highway, was a company of men who did not dare return to the old home, or come in touch with a loved one all the days and years yet allotted to them. The morning was like the evening, for it brought no ray of hope. Noon was midnight, for death and the grave were continually before them. In their loneliness and sadness they heard of a Nazarene who spoke in parables and healed the sick, but this brought no comfort for they could not go to Him and He must not come to them. Again and again they looked upon their decaying flesh and cried the cry of the helpless. Listening they heard the tramp, tramp, tramp, like the sound of a marching regiment. They heard the people shout "Hosanna! Hosanna!" As the company drew near they saw Jesus, and began to cry, "Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us!" He looked on them with compassion and said, "Go show thyself to the priest." This to be sure seemed an unreasonable demand. But they started, and as they went, their sores disappeared, their flesh and strength returned, for they were delivered from the power of leprosy. O the compassion of Jesus! How He sympathized with the sick and those in need! Happy is that one who can sympathetically adapt himself to the one in distress and lead him out of his trouble. If you would reach the unsaved, you must do so by the way of adaptability and sympathy, and this system demands a

SACRIFICE.

Adaptability and sympathy without sacrifice are powerless. Faith without works is dead. You can reach the unsaved only as you adapt yourself to their environment; not that you become one with them in their sin, but by word and deed lead them into the Christian life, and this you may be sure demands a sacrifice. When

you consider who Jesus Christ is, and what He gave up to save you from eternal death, you will then have a better understanding of the word *sacrifice*. Few people enjoy the blessings which come through sacrificing for the salvation of the unsaved.

I knew a missionary secretary who went everywhere in the Southland calling for volunteers for mission work on the foreign field. One day at the close of an earnest appeal for workers a young man came forward and like Isaiah, said, "Here am I, send me." It was a time never to be forgotten by the secretary. He had seen hundreds of men and women do the same thing, but never was he so moved with sympathy and thankfulness. He placed his arm around the young man and drew him tenderly to him; he could not speak, the tears he could not hide. You ask why? Ah, it was his own son! His going forth meant a separation, a sacrifice. Fathers and mothers, are you willing to give your son and daughter to be used of God? The Father in heaven gave *His Son*, and the Son gave *His life*. What hast thou given? Young men and young women, are you willing to be led of God in reaching the unsaved, that they, too, might have the joy of salvation? Your success in reaching souls will be in proportion to your loyalty to Christ. Whether in your home town or with the millions across the sea, you must adapt yourself to local conditions, you must manifest a spirit of sympathy, you must, if necessity demands, willingly sacrifice before you can reach the unsaved.

In order to reach the unsaved we must do

PERSONAL WORK.

Jesus is more interested in the salvation of souls than we can possibly be, and therefore has instituted a system, which if faithfully followed will make us workers in reaching the unsaved that need "not to be ashamed."

God's call is a three-fold command. "*Come unto Me*": "*Tarry ye*" and "*Go ye*." His message in all ages, in all places, and to all people has ever been the same.

As Moses stood watching the fire which did not consume the bush, he heard the voice of God calling, "Come now and I will send thee unto Pharaoh that thou mayest bring my people

out of Egypt." And Moses said, "O my Lord, I am a man of slow speech and of a slow tongue." And the Lord God said unto him, "I will be with thy mouth and teach thee what thou shalt say." It is not what we think we can do, but what we are willing to undertake, that God wants. The Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from the dead should fill and thrill every heart to greater loyalty, for such a life is destined to bring about a revival and a work of regeneration in any community.

How to reach the unsaved? Listen: The Master said, "I must go through Samaria and tell the woman at Jacob's well of the water of life. I must stop at the pool which is near the sheep market, and say to the man who has been an invalid for thirty and eight years, 'Take up thy bed and walk.' I must hurry on to the little city of Bethany and speak words of comfort to sorrowing Martha and Mary," and oh there is no work so sweet, so beautiful and powerful as personal work! The people loved Jesus because He came to them in their distress. Let us get a real Christian experience, and do the work of an evangelist. I have gone into some churches in midsummer and felt the need of an overcoat before I got out. I went to a town in southern Kansas to conduct a revival meeting. It was growing cold and seeing no stove I asked the janitor, "How are you going to heat this room?" In reply he said, "Oh, we expect the preacher to warm us up!" That is the way with a lot of folks. They expect some one else to do the work. I said in my heart, "If it is warming these people need, I will start the circulation," and I tried to lead them out of a cold and formal social service program into an evangelistic atmosphere of soul-saving.

You ask how to reach the unsaved? Listen: In a narrow path I see a weary traveller; the sweat is on his brow, his feet are sore and dusty. He walks like one carrying a death message, turning neither to the right nor the left. Now he breaks into a run, for the end of his journey is in sight, and the message committed to him must soon be given. Yonder on the public highway is a company of honored servants of the queen of the Southland. On the high and honored seat of the royal chariot is the queen's treasurer. In his hand he holds a scroll, from which he reads but does not understand. The weary traveller has now reached the company and shouts to the man in royal robes, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" And he said, "How can I except some one should guide me?" And commanding the

chariot to stand still, he invited the weary traveller to have a seat by his side. Now the place in the Scripture where he was reading was this: "He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so openeth he not his mouth. In his humiliation his judgment was taken away, and who shall declare his generation, for his life is taken from the earth." And the keeper of the queen's money said, "I pray thee of whom speaketh the prophet thus, of himself or of some other man?" Then the weary pilgrim opened his mouth and beginning with the same Scripture preached to him, Jesus; and as they journeyed, Philip, the weary traveller, delivered his message, and the eunuch, the queen's treasurer, received Christ as his personal Saviour. That is personal work.

I would not give the snap of my finger for a church that does not believe in evangelism. I would not want to be a member of a church that did not occasionally engage in evangelistic meetings. Evangelism is the best system by which to keep the local church alive and active. Jesus, the Christ of God, whom we love and whom we serve, was an evangelist, for He went everywhere preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom. Oh, there is no work so great, so important!

How to reach the unsaved? In the back room after an auction sale, a lover of art was rummaging through discarded paintings of various kinds. In a broken frame he noticed a painting all covered with dust. There was something about it that attracted his attention. He turned on the light and began to remove the dust and at once discovered it was coarse and gaudy. He was about to cast it aside when he noticed there was something beneath the crude work. Carefully brushing away the dirt, he saw a name he well knew, and his heart leaped with joy, for he felt sure he had found the lost work of a great artist. He paid the price, took it home with him, and carefully removed the rough painting which covered the beautiful work. Then with his own fingers he applied the oil and continued to rub until there appeared before him the master painting of a master artist, as bright and beautiful as the day it was made. This lover of fine art was out seeking, and finding the master-piece of a master-artist he brought it back to be of service in the house of fine arts. He did it because he loved the painting, and wanted to honor the artist.

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Sixteen Reasons Why Christ Is Coming Very Soon

Is our Interpretation of Bible Chronology Correct?

Watson Argue at Zion, Ill., Feb. 4, 1934

"Many people find fault with the Jews for rejecting Christ's first coming, but some of these very people are rejecting His second coming."



THE subject announced for tonight is, "Sixteen Reasons for Believing that Christ Is Coming very, very Soon." We do not believe in date-setting. I would not have anyone say that the evangelist said that Christ would come in 1934, but I do say there is a great possibility that He will come in 1934. Our text is found in Luke 21:28, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

These words were spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. He told us to lift up our heads when certain things *begin to come to pass*. I believe we should now be lifting up our heads, for His coming "draweth nigh." From the Scriptures and from events in the world today there are many indications that He is nigh, even at the door. It is very true, the Bible tells us that no man knows the day nor the hour, but we may know approximately, for Paul tells us in 1 Thess. 5:1, that "of the times and the seasons" we have no need that he write. We can tell what season of the year we are in by looking at the signs all about us. We can tell when it is Summer, by the harvests, etc., and when it is Fall by the leaves falling from the trees, and the signs of the Second Coming of Christ are equally apparent. Again Paul says, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that *that day should overtake you as a thief.*" We should know the Word of God and not be overtaken unawares. Abraham knew that Sodom and Gomorrah were about to be destroyed. Noah knew the world was to be destroyed by a flood. Simeon and Anna knew about when Christ would come the first time; and I believe there are many today who will live to see Christ coming the second time.

When you are motoring in New York there are signs all along the way. You can tell by the signs when you are a thousand miles away; then as you get nearer, when you are fifty miles away, and when you are just outside the city limits. When the signs were foretold in the

Word, the Second Coming of Christ was a long way off, but as these signs are being fulfilled, we see His coming getting nearer and nearer, and now it is even at the door. The next great event may be the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many people find fault with the Jews for rejecting Christ's first coming, but some of these very people are rejecting His second coming.

Now for the sixteen reasons: The first reason is that many students of Bible chronology who have accurately foretold other events, feel that some big event will take place very soon. I want to call your attention to the statement of one of these outstanding scholars, Dr. H. Grattan Guinness, who in 1886 wrote "Light for the Last Days." He says, "Thoughtful readers will weigh the facts and draw their own conclusions, asking themselves in the light of all the chronological facts mentioned in this work, if the year 604 B.C. witnessed the rise of the typical Babylon, the supremacy over the typical Israel, what event is the corresponding year in this time of the end likely to witness? There can be no question that those who live to see this year 1917, will have reached one of the most important . . . of these terminal years of crisis." He continues, "We are not able to attempt any prediction of the specific events which may be expected to occur in these years of crisis (*i.e.* 1914, 1917, 1923, and 1934) but no chronological prophecy of the Scripture indicates any date whatever beyond 1934."

Dr. Guinness gives four dates, 1914, 1917, 1923 and 1934, as important prophetic dates. What happened in 1914? The World War began. In 1917 Jerusalem was taken from the Turks; in 1923 sanction was given to the Jews to return to Palestine and establish a national home. Dr. Guinness was right in three of his dates, and it remains to be seen whether he will be right about 1934.

The second reason for Christ's soon return is that the scriptures foretelling His return declare in the last days "there shall be wars and rumors of wars"; we are also told there shall be "distress of nations." These prophecies have been strikingly fulfilled, without a doubt. In the great war of 1914-1918 we are told that ten million were killed and twenty million

wounded. When I was abroad in 1925 after holding meetings in Great Britain I traveled on the continent, visiting the battle fields, stood in the trenches in No Man's Land, visited Chatteau Thierry and other devastated cities, and I saw thousands and tens of thousands of tombstones. The different nations had different colored crosses; the American, the Canadian and the English had white crosses, the German black, and the Italian green, each one marking the grave of a soldier. Here was a cemetery of black crosses, there one of green crosses, and yonder rows and rows of white crosses. As I stood there and realized that under every cross lay a soldier boy dear to the heart of some loved one, I could but weep, and I closed my eyes and breathed a prayer that the Lord would return before another great conflict like the great World War. The greatest war the world has ever known has happened in your life and mine, and there have been many minor wars since. Christ said, "There shall be wars and rumors of wars." Today the world is filled with rumors of wars.

Reason No. 3: The scriptures tell us there shall be pestilences. Right on the heels of the greatest war the world has ever known, there came the greatest plague in the form of the Spanish influenza. The World War took ten million lives in four years; the Spanish influenza, twelve million in a few weeks. Medical science could not cope with the situation, and before we realized it death had taken its toll of twelve million lives. It is claimed that since the World War over forty million people have been taken by epidemics.

Fourth reason: "Earthquakes in divers places." In San Francisco in 1906 there was an earthquake in which five hundred people were killed; the news of it sent a shudder of horror thruout the world, but that earthquake in San Francisco has been like a drop in the bucket compared to the great catastrophes the world has seen since that time. In 1908 there was an earthquake in Italy in which seventy-seven thousand lives were lost. In 1920 there was a tremendous earthquake in China; a fanatical Mohammedan took a crowd of followers up a mountain and while there the earthquake took place, with a toll of two hundred thousand lives; mountains were moved out of their places, lakes were formed and whole areas wiped off the map. In Japan in 1923 two hundred thousand were killed thru an earthquake, and one hundred thousand injured. Thousands of homes and buildings were destroyed. We

have had the greatest war, the greatest pestilence and the greatest earthquake in our day, and these all speak loudly that the coming of our Lord is very near.

A fifth reason: The Word says that in the last days there shall be famines. This generation has seen the greatest famines the world has ever known. Reports have come to us thru the papers that in Russia people died of starvation at the rate of twenty-five thousand a day. That is quite a good-sized city. Oh the famines in Russia! Even now, we hear they are facing a tremendous famine. In 1920 China suffered from an awful famine, in which twelve million people perished by starvation. It is said they actually dug up bodies from the graves, and ate bodies of those who died with disease, people were so crazed with hunger; they killed their own children rather than have them die the torturing death by starvation. We have not experienced these things in this country but it has only been the mercy of God that has stayed the hand of the destroyer.

Sixth reason for believing that Christ is coming very soon: We are told that in the last days "iniquity shall abound." There never has been a time in the history of the world when lawlessness has been so unleashed. Such immorality, such iniquity as abounds today, is appalling. We are told that sixty thousand girls drop out of sight in the United States every year. We were holding a campaign in Minnesota, and they told us a bank was raided every ten days in 1933. The following editorial appeared in a recent newspaper: "Does anybody question whether the gangster does all but own America? A few days ago Senator Vandenberg said, 'We are opposed by an annual crop of 40,000 criminals, who perpetuate 12,000 killings a year, 50,000 robberies, 3,000 kidnappings, 100,000 assaults, and 5,000 arsons.'"

And I believe that the bringing back of beer and liquor will not help the situation, but on the contrary deepen the crimes. "Iniquity shall abound."

Seventh reason: The great apostasy! The Word says of the last days people shall have "a form of godliness but deny the power thereof," and they "shall be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." This is shockingly true today. You can find many churches, costly structures, with expensive equipment, but no power; year after year not a person getting saved. Last year we held a campaign in South Dakota, and the pastor said, "There is a church

right here in this town that put on a supper. They had it jammed and crowded; a night or two later they had six at a prayer-meeting." More will turn out to a show or a dance than to a prayer-meeting. "Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." Take the young ministers who are turned out of the Theological Seminaries of today; many of them deny the inspiration of the Scriptures, the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, His atoning blood, and know nothing of a "born again" experience. I am glad that we are a company of people thruout the world who believe in the verbal inspiration of the Bible and in the blood of Jesus Christ to save from sin.

Eighth reason: The sign of scoffers, 2 Peter 3:3, "There shall come in the last days, scoffers." An article appeared in *The World's Work* sometime ago on Atheism and its spread in the world. They quoted President Smith of the A.A.A.A., as saying, "We are going to undermine the churches of America." "We can do it," said Secretary Hopwood, "because the churches are already slipping. We have found putting over atheism in America much easier than we anticipated." Today some of the churches are scoffing at Jesus Christ being the Son of God. Many are scoffing at the idea of a hell, but they will change their scoffing and plead for mercy before very long. Some time ago a paper in Pittsburgh, *The Christian Advocate* (so called) speaking on that grand old hymn, "There is a fountain filled with blood," said, "It is a gory theme. Why do we have such nonsensical, silly, foolish and altogether banal hymns in our church services?" Can you imagine a paper calling itself *Christian*, scoffing at the blood of Jesus? "There shall come in the last days scoffers." Not only are atheists and infidels doing the scoffing, but men who stand behind the sacred desk.

The ninth reason, is the sign of the Jew. God said He would give Palestine and the surrounding land to the Jews forever, and today they are going back to their land by the thousands. The Jews in many ways are compared to Jonah. Jonah was swallowed by a big fish but was not digested. After three days the fish vomited him up. The Jews have been swallowed up by the nations of the world, but they have always maintained their individuality. They are a distinctive people, though scattered to the ends of the earth. Recently they have been dynamited from their moorings, in Germany and other countries, but it is this very thing that is making them go back to Palestine. And

they are going back very fast. In Tel Aviv one day the paper said the population was 75,000; the next day it was 80,000, giving the idea how fast they are coming in.

The Tenth Reason is the inability of the world's leaders to solve the world's problems, and the world's cry for a great leader. Many thought that The League of Nations would solve the problems, especially in regard to war, but the League seems to be a great failure. When the trouble was on between Japan and China sometime ago, the League could not save the situation. Japan withdrew from the League, also Germany, and there is a possibility of Italy withdrawing. President Norman, of the Bank of England, and recognized as a great financier, and who has been in this country conferring with President Roosevelt, recently stated that as far as giving a solution to the present financial crisis, he was as helpless as a child. Many will be eager to follow a great leader who can solve the world's problems. There is plenty of money in the world but it is not in circulation. There is plenty of food yet millions are hungry. There is every evidence that a world crisis is on and a need for a superman to take hold of the reins.

The Eleventh Reason, is the recent rise of dictators: Mussolini in Italy, Stalin, the dictator in Russia, Hitler in Germany, and even in this land, President Roosevelt seems to be filling the office of dictator, tho he may not be called that to the extent others are. People seem to like having a dictator; the world is rapidly becoming accustomed to it, and the way is surely being paved for the Antichrist, to whom these dictators will delegate their power. *The Chicago Tribune* published an article a week ago saying that Mussolini was bidding for the control of Europe.

Twelfth Reason, the great Chain Store System and the various combines throughout the world. Today the food supply and other commodities of the world are getting in the hands of a few. Chain grocery stores, chain clothing, five and ten, and so on. There are 59,000 chain grocery stores, and the little individual store is almost a thing of the past. Not long ago I was talking to the manager of a great chain store, and I said, "What about this other chain of stores with one near yours? They give you quite a little competition, do they not?" "Yes," he said, "but we do not care. People think we are two different companies, but we are all under one control, financed by the same

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The Pulse of a Dying World

Evangelist William Booth-Clibborn

New Incense. A Church in which smokers may indulge, opens soon in Paris.

Soviet Palace. The world's tallest building will tower 1312 feet, topped by a 500 ft. Lenin statue.

Lord of League. Mussolini proposes to strengthen the League of Nations, entirely divesting it of its Democratic parliamentary character.

Monkey Meat. In respect to our distant ancestors, the serving of monkey meat or monkey brains is hereafter prohibited in Canton restaurants, China.

Muller Muzzle. Luther advised pastors "not to obey bishops in cases where they err," so 4000 pastors repudiate Reichsbishop Muller and resist his muzzling the Church.

Bolshevist Bullit. Upon the occasion of his reception in Moscow as the first ambassador to Communist Russia from the U.S., Bullit said, "We have very much to learn from you."

Puffs of Poison. 17 deadly poisons are contained in every cigarette smoke, the worst of which are Nicotine, Prussic Acid, Ammonia, Carbolic Acid, Acrolein, Carbon Monoxide, Formic Aldehyde, Methyamine, Marsha Gas, Furfural and Parvolin.

Sterilization Disturbs the Vatican. "Public magistrates have no direct power over the bodies of their subjects," said the Pope, denouncing German sterilization. But when war must support "his holiness," then things are quite different, and Christians can fight!

Film Firmament. For 1932 there were 91,924 movies for the whole world, 36,955 of which show talky films. Europe has 30,623, whereas the U.S. has 25,688 (16,570 are for sound) Russia, 29,570; Germany, 5,071; England, 4,951. Our nation spends one billion dollars yearly at the picture palace's gates.

Methodist Modernism. Rev. F. L. Crowson of Florida is on trial by a committee of 13 of the Methodist Church for his daring book "Anarchy Unmasked." In that book he put Methodist Modernism on trial so thoroughly and convincingly that they are all after him in the latest heresy hunt. "Hypocrite, first cast the beam out of thine own eye" (Matt. 7:5).

Glory of Guns. "The false glorification of war, the old narcotic phrases about its ennobling influence, its purifying antiseptic powers, its toughening of the moral fiber of the people—all that is now exploding," shouted Rev. J. S. Steward of Aberdeen, Scotland. The sermon, widely circulated in England, encourages hundreds more ministers to join the movement against war and all militarism.

Fasting and Prayer. Fasting is not practiced by Christians as it used to be and is deserving of attention in preaching and practice, for the table may be said to kill more spirituality than anything else in the church. Jekisel Laib of Grodno, Poland, fasted 6 days a week for 30 years, eating but the simplest meal on Saturdays and sleeping on the floor. For his spiritual food, he repeated major parts of the books of the Psalms every day and was a man renowned for his wisdom and sagacity. (I Cor. 7:5).

Fast as Sound. The design of an airplane to fly approximately 600 miles an hour, very close to the speed of sound and 180 miles beyond the world's record, has been announced from Langley Field, Virginia. Its creator, John Stack, claims at one stroke to have defeated all the expensive protective ordnance invented since the close of the war to detect the flight direction of an airplane from the hum of its propellers. "It will arrive at its target before its own sound," said the inventor smiling. So Christ will have come the moment we hear the trumpet sound, "Quickly."

The German Job. For a sample of Nazi insanity, nothing can exceed the latest mystery propaganda play released by the "Minister for Enlightenment"! Limping Dr. Goebbles stumbles all over Scripture, twisting the Bible's oldest story to serve the Reich. The German is Job who has been stripped of everything by the World War, his plagues and poverty symbolic of Germany's post-war troubles. Michael, to Satan: "The world is to be new-born through the German." God, to prostrate German Job: "Your land is to be the fountain of the world . . . the whole earth I give you to rule it. Up, oh, German! Return to your kingdom."

Great Disasters. The close of the year 1933 saw a rapid increase in automobile fatalities on American highways, a jump of 3½% from the 1932 figures. In England there was a jump of 4% net. France witnessed the most shocking disaster in the history of railroading, 217 people killed outright and hundreds injured, in the collision of two express trains. A London Imperial Airways plane lost in the fog over Belgium broke its wing on a radio mast and crumbled in flames, incinerating 10 passengers. A 4-ton trimotor giant airplane named Emerald fell at Carbigny, France, exploding and killing 5 high French officials and 5 other persons. A giant Moscow airplane crashed in November last, killing 14 of the highest Soviet air officials. This was the second fearful airplane smashup within a month in Russia.

A Ridiculous Cathedral purporting to the expression and main symbol of Protestant religion in the United States of America is The New York Cathedral of St. John, the Divine. A galaxy of chiseled figures that are to be installed about its entrances are statues of supposed saints and martyrs which guard the door

of the leading Protestant church of these United States. The list in part: St. Joan of Arc. St. Vincent of Saragossa, the Spanish patron's saint of wine growers. St. Thomas A. Beckett, the Archbishop of Canterbury canonized three years after his murder in 1170. St. Alban, beheaded about 304 A.D., St. Catherine of Alexandria, who was condemned to die at the wheel, which at her touch was destroyed. After she had been beheaded, an angel carried her body to Mount Sinai where a famous monastery was dedicated to her. Thus, the chief Protestant Church becomes a symbol of superstition and identifies itself with the most glaring Roman Catholic errors.

Silent Science. The 93rd meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, representing 139 scientific bodies with a membership of 20,000 savants met in Boston this New Year to listen to 1,400 papers, the greatest outpouring of new scientific knowledge ever heard. What was the greatest pronouncement of the august body of these learned leaders in every field of human endeavor and research? Just what any humble Christian might expect from men who are "ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." 2 Tim. 3:7. Professor Wm. M. Davis declared, "Reverent science is Christianity freed from myth and miracle... religion is a natural production of the human mind... existence is an *unfathomable mystery*. Reverent science devoutly refrains from assuming to know the nature and thoughts of a supreme being... it stands *humbly silent* before the expanding mystery of the universe and discredits certain reported events known as miracles which interrupt natural law." Thus science gropes in an impenetrable fog and God still chooses to perfect His praise in the mouths of babes and sucklings.

The Sacerdotalists' Version. Those seductive leaders of the church who by the thousands have departed from the simplicity that is in Christ and clamor for the restoration of Roman practice in Episcopalianism, insist that the Apostle Paul could not celebrate the Eucharist without his famous cloak. That is why, they assert, he wrote to Timothy. The cloak that he left at Troas with Carpus "when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments." This cloak was a special vestment in which he was accustomed to garb himself to administer the Lord's Supper. Of such importance was it to him that he could not perform without it!!! —To what lengths these insane ecclesiastics will go. By the same process of acknowledgment and identification, we may suppose that the books and parchments were his apostolic certificates, prayer books, and altar manuals. To such straits are these Roman devotees reduced to prove their point, that like drowning men, they grab at every straw. What a treat if we might be granted of God a sermon of Paul on the rigmarole of ecclesiastical tomfoolery which infests religion with the futilities of sacerdotal vestments in flaming colors with chasubles and dalmatics, stoles and copes, and the whole absurd spectacle of prelates and dignitaries in mirth-provoking attire, but, alas! Paul's sermon would be of no avail because he had not been episcopally ordained.

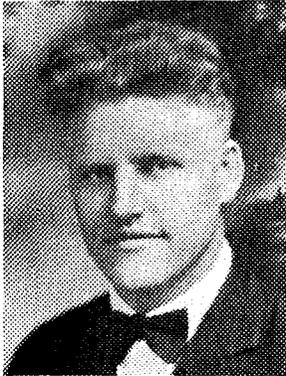
Nations and His Name. An unfortunate and perceptible decline may be noticed in the last half century of the mention of the Name of the Lord or the acknowledgment of God in all important papers of State in Europe as well as in the U.S.A. This Republic was founded by men who not only believed in God, but took God as their nation's strength and shield. Some critical Christians might assert that all of these appearances of God's name in state documents was but a gesture that the formal piety of the age demanded. Nevertheless, it can be easily countered that the fear of God was more commonly present in the politicians who were the originators of these U.S., than the type that dominate it at present. Witness the compact of the Puritan fathers made on board the Mayflower at Cape Cod on November 11, 1520, signed by 41 immigrants. It commences with the solemn words "In the Name of God. Amen"; it continues, "having undertaken for the glory of God, and the advancement of the Christian faith... a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia, we... do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body, political, etc." Later in 1643 the New England colonies in their Articles of Confederation began with the clause "Whereas we all come into these parts of America with one and the same ayme, namely to advance the kingdome of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to enjoy the libertys of the Gospell in puritie with peace." In the Declaration of Independence representing 13 states, signed by 55 men on July 4, 1776, they affirm that all men are "endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights," and they call upon "the Supreme Judge of the world" to witness the rectitude of their intentions and declare their pledge "with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence." The Thanksgiving Proclamation of the Continental Congress of 1777 is written in the warmest Christian terms, but would be too long to quote here in full. These Thanksgiving proclamations have been issued year by year since the first President, George Washington, called on the people of the United States "to give thanks to the Almighty God for His goodness to them." President Cleveland's Proclamation of 1896 was extraordinary in that it struck a note of humiliation, saying, "nor should they ever refuse to acknowledge with contrite hearts their proneness to turn away from God's teachings and to follow with sinful pride after their own devices." This proclamation introduced a very bold and Christ-honoring attitude in the words "and let us, through the mediation of Him who taught us to pray, implore the forgiveness of our sins and the continuance of Heavenly favor." There is not a president since Cleveland who has made bold thus to mention the Name of our Lord and Saviour in proclamations. The law courts acknowledge the Almighty, but the written Constitution of the U.S., originating in 1787 and added to since, has no acknowledgement of God whatever. This age shows a decided tendency to ignore the deity, its doings and deliberations. The creative papers of the League of Nations have no mention of God, and almost without exception, it is true of all state documents since 1900.

The Get Acquainted Page

Conducted by Watson Argue

Presenting the story of the Christian Assembly at Zion, Illinois, Finis J. Dake, Pastor. Brother and Sister Watson Argue have recently conducted a month's campaign here.

IT was hard for us to believe at first that God wanted us in Zion, mainly because Mrs. Dake and I were evangelistic in vision and purpose.



Finis J. Dake, Pastor

Evangelism was woven into the warp and woof of our being and from all appearances there was little chance for evangelistic pastors in Zion! But we had accepted an invitation from the Board to visit the Christian Assembly with a view to taking the pastorate, and try our best to see possi-

bilities in this very religious town.

When the evening arrived for our decision, we started from our room expecting to say "No" to a further stay in Zion. Before I reached the door a feeling came over me that maybe we were looking at things in the natural and basing our decision solely upon what we could see. I dropped to my knees and called my wife back.

"Let us pray," I said, "and be sure that we have God's mind in this matter." Mrs. Dake said later that when she turned and saw me on my knees she was sure that our answer to the Board would be "Yes" instead of "No."

And so it was.

This was in June, 1932.

Our greatest desire from then on was to see a revival among the saints and a harvest of lost souls. We became convinced in a short

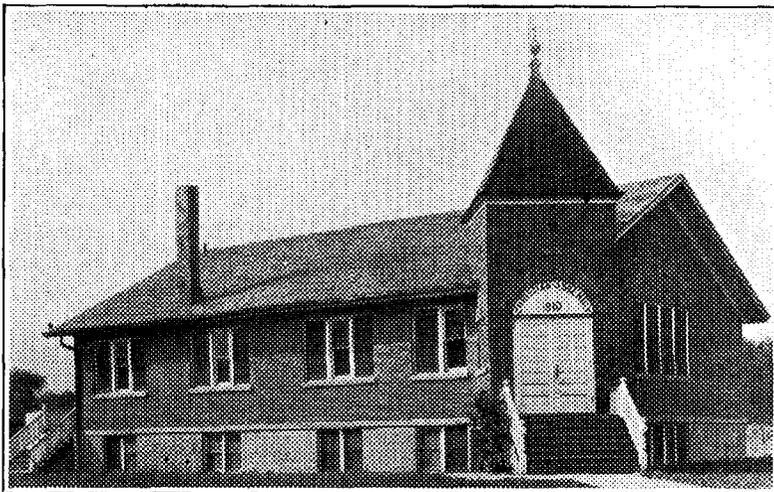
while that there were many in the town who needed John 3:16 and others who could be blessed by Acts 2:4, even though the place was loaded down with religion.

But our desires did not become realities over night. Discouragement was the weapon used by the devil on some of the other pastors and he used the same on us. But this time discouragement was not defeat, for it drove us to our knees. Not only days of fasting and prayer were announced but at one time three weeks of prayer continued day and night in the church; always there was someone there crying: "Lord, send a revival to Zion." Some days or nights we were but two in number who could spend the time in prayer, but that was enough, for we find the required amount to be "two or three" gathered in His name.



Mrs. F. J. Dake, Evangelist

Shortly after that time we began in faith to call evangelists, organize a Young People's Chorus, Orchestra, String Band, and outline a course of Bible School training for our young workers. Little by little at first, the congregation



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grew and we could see that we were gradually climbing up the hill to a peak which we viewed through the eye of faith.

I ventured to announce one Sunday morning

that I was praying and expecting God to fill every seat in the building. A few said, "Amen" while many others looked up in surprise. But once again God answered prayer. It is not unusual now in our revivals for the building to be packed out, with extra chairs in the aisles and sometimes an overflow crowd in the basement auditorium. This was especially true in the four weeks' campaign conducted here during the month of January by Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue, when even week night crowds often filled the auditorium to capacity. During that time we purchased an amplifier so that overflow crowds might hear the sermon through a loud speaker in the basement. It looks now as if we shall have to add to our present building. Already money is coming in for this purpose.

Our Sunday School which had grown from its average of 85 when we came here to about 200, received special benefit from the recent Argue campaign and broke previous records in attendance. The Evangelists took special interest in that department and it increased in numbers until there were 325 in Sunday School the last week of their revival effort in Zion. The church in general was also blessed by their ministry. On some occasions the long altars were practically lined across the front with sin-burdened people seeking Christ. During the campaign, 24 were baptized in water and 36 new names were added to the Assembly roll. We shall long remember the ministry of our Brother and his wife in Zion.

—Finis J. Dake, *Pastor*

The Buried Corn of Wheat

W. R. Williamson

SOME years ago when the Holy Spirit first began to fall in our U.S.A. and people were hearing the call of God to the regions beyond, a young man answered and came to South China. He was little known, and were I to mention his name few would have heard it. He was not very popular and was even considered a bit eccentric, but he sowed the Gospel seed which is now bearing fruit in 1933, and methinks he is today looking over the portals of heaven rejoicing in the sight he beholds.

While he was in this great city of Canton, China, in the portion known as Big East Gate, not far from the horrible execution grounds, he rented a small hall and preached the Gospel. It was here that an obscure Chinese, Yau Cheung Yan, heard the truth and decided to cast his lot with the despised foreigner and follow the lowly Nazarene. This lone missionary, not long after, went out into the country districts to sell Gospels, where he was shot by some irresponsible soldiers. When a search was made for him, he was found in a badly decomposed condition, covered with a few inches of earth. The sacrifice made by this one missionary made an impression on Yau Cheung Yan, which was lasting, insomuch that now, nearly twenty years later, God caused him to remember that sacrifice that he might have the Gospel. During these years that he followed the Lord he has prospered in business, and when God laid upon his heart a church in Canton he was not slow to obey.

Now on one of the main thoroughfares of Canton, which was once a narrow stone slab street, stands a beautiful church, erected to God's glory, and dedicated on Nov. 22nd. Could you look into this veritable sea of yellow faces sitting still and orderly as the Gospel goes forth, and hear them as they join in praises to our King, you, too, would rejoice in what God has done. Three times each day, 7 A.M., 12 Noon, and at 7 P.M. several hundred people turn their faces and their feet to gather here for worship. That life so willingly sacrificed more than twenty years ago is now bearing fruit an hundredfold. Do missions pay? Eternity alone will tell how largely they pay.

The Church is very uniquely laid out in that many features are in the shape of a cross. Back of the platform are a set of windows in the shape of a cross. The floor is fashioned like a cross, and also the pulpit and the steeple. We feel the Lord has led Mr. Yau in planning it, it seems so complete. There is a lovely prayer-room, well screened, so one can pray as long as he wants to without being tortured by mosquitoes. This prayer-room is equipped with moveable, canvas stools to kneel by, and mats upon which to kneel, because the floors are of tile. Upstairs are two small bed-rooms for visiting preachers, and one small room in which guests may sit, which is also screened. You at home cannot appreciate these screens as we can, for we are continually annoyed by mosquitoes; besides, they carry malaria, which

is far more serious. A prayer tower is under construction, where there will be continuous prayer.

On Sunday, the poor, the old and the blind gather with us to worship the Lord. What a praise it brought to our hearts to see these welcomed within this beautiful edifice, as we thought of some beautiful churches where only the rich, the famed and well-dressed are allowed.

If you could have been with me tonight while on the way to meeting and could have seen the shining face of a little woman whom I met, I know your answer to the question, "Do missions pay?" would be the same as mine. I happened accidentally to bump into her, and when I excused myself, instead of cursing me, she only smiled. As we entered into conversation I learned that she was going to this very same 'Jesus Mission'; that she had been saved seven years ago and she asked me to pray for her husband who was walking just ahead. I also learned that this woman was from Hoh District which is joined to Waitsap District where we labored so many years. I could not help but think that she probably was saved while we travailed for lost souls there.

Night after night, hungry hearts, like this little woman, wend their way to hear the Gospel message given by dear Bro. Yeung from Pekin. When the altar call is given there is a ready response. Every night the altar is filled with hungry souls. One night I went into the prayer-room while the message was going forth and I found an intercessor agonizing before God in true Pentecostal fashion. She told me how the Lord had healed her and then called her to a life of prayer. She prays at all hours during the night. Her children, who have been very rebellious and stubborn, have been moved upon, and her son is now training for the ministry, and her daughter in a Girls' Bible School. The meetings are growing in spiritual power from night to night, and we are expecting God to do great things for us.

Burned Out

One of the hardest tests that missionaries have to meet, has come to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morrison, living at Lau Ping, in the interior of Yunnan Province, West China. While away from home their house burned to the ground, and practically everything they had was lost in the fire. The following excerpts from a letter from Mrs. Morrison will give our readers a glimpse of what they have been passing thru:

"We had taken two of the children with us, leaving two at home, and had gone to visit the Chinese official at Shang Pa, as he had often asked us to come down. We had just been seated in the official's guest room when a soldier rushed in telling us that our house was on fire. We live on the mountain-side and as we rushed to the door of the yamen we saw the flames from our house leaping high into the air. Our first thought was of our two children so Mr. Morrison rushed from the yamen up the mountain, but he soon met them coming down as fast as their little legs could carry them, their eyes swollen from crying. He rushed on in the hopes of saving some of our goods at least but he was too late to save a thing. The bedding that was on the beds and our typewriter had been carried out by some of the natives, which is all that was saved. This is a stunning blow, as winter is just about upon us (this being the last mail we shall be able to get out before Spring) and we cannot get in supplies for at least six months. Immediately after the fire we dispatched coolies to both Wei Hsi and Lau Ping to buy in flour, potatoes, and such other supplies as might be gotten.

"The missionaries at both places have been very kind, dividing with us some of their own warm clothing, and sending such other old clothes as they thought could be made over for the children. So between the two places we can manage to get out enough for at least a change of clothing, for which we are very thankful. Besides this they shared with us some dishes, notions, stationery, towels, etc. Even the native Christians have given wheat, cooking utensils, etc., which has been a real sacrifice for them.

"The fire was caused by the Chinese girl we left at home having the draft on, the pipes became too hot and set fire to the grass roof. Everything was so dry that in less than 15 minutes the whole house lay in ashes.

"The Lisu Christians have come to our help wonderfully, giving material to erect another Lisu house of two rooms, also putting it up for us so that in a few days we will be able to move into it. At present we are living in one small room of the workers, which is at the extreme end of the property and wasn't burned. For three weeks now we have been sleeping on the floor and eating out of doors in the cold, frosty weather.

"We trust that God will send in funds sufficient to erect a "mud" or frame house which will be a little more fire-proof. We do not want an expensive building, the Lord's coming is too soon for that, and we would still be willing to live in a "mat-shed" as before if it were not for the fear of fire. Please pray for us during these long, cold, shut-in months of winter. Surely we have been 'tried by fire,' but we hope that we shall come forth as pure gold."

In the Midst of Plague

Here is another picture of missionary life when pestilence rages: "It has been a trying year," writes Brother Stoddart of Poona, India. "All year the Plague has raged in the Poona area. I went out to the village of Bhozeri

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Among the Natives of South Africa

A Parish of Six Hundred Believers

Miss Maude Gross in the Stone Church, Jan. 7, 1934



As a basis for my message I want to read just one verse of Scripture, found in 1 Corinthians 3:7, "So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."

In the year 1908 I was converted, not in a church or a mission, but in my own room. I attended the Baptist Church at the time, but somehow was never saved while a sermon was being given. But in my own room God convicted me that I was a sinner, and kneeling before Him I gave Him my heart.

Shortly after that my sister sprained her ankle through a fall. Up to this time we had not heard of Divine Healing, but that same week I visited the old Stone Church and there I heard the very first message on this subject, given by Pastor Piper, and thru that I became enlightened on God's way of healing for our bodies. Directly after that I requested prayer for my sister, and she was marvelously healed so that she was able to run about the room and use her ankle. Before this it had been so swollen that she had not been able to use it for weeks, and she was obliged to have it in a plaster of paris cast. To God we give all the glory for that remarkable healing.

After my conversion I felt called to the work of God, and not knowing of any other way to be active in His service I joined the Salvation Army and went into training. After I was commissioned I was appointed to go to Canton, Ill., and it was there I first heard about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some women had come into our meetings and spoken of the Baptism, and I became very desirous of receiving this experience, for as I searched the Word of God I was convinced that it was scriptural. Often I went out into the wood-shed to pray because the captain with whom I was stationed hindered me from praying in the house. She opposed me bitterly as I sought the Lord, and I hardly knew what to do. I began to pray that the Lord would remove her, and in about two weeks she went to her home on a furlough, which left me at the Corps to carry on the meetings. Later, God filled me with His Spirit as I waited in His presence, in accordance with Acts 2:4. Praise His Name!

I then resigned from the Army and continued on in Full Gospel work. At that time I felt a very direct call to Africa but did not know how it could ever be realized. However, I prayed and God made it plain that it was not yet His time; so for fifteen years I waited for His call to be worked out. Many a time I encouraged myself in the Word of the Lord; the verse in Hab. 2:3 was of special blessing to me, "For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." Many things came into my life during those fifteen years that would have caused me to turn from the vision had I not held fast and kept looking unto Jesus. Then when I had almost given up hope, God opened a way. I had determined in my heart that I would not say anything about my call but one day my pastor came to me and said, "I believe you have a call; we want to send you out and will stand by you on the field." You can imagine the joy that came to my heart and I began to make preparations.

I had always planned that I would like to go with a lady friend but that did not seem to be the will of God, so I sailed alone from New York to South Africa. I shall never forget how lonely I felt, not knowing a single person on board that ship. As the steamer pulled out and I saw my sister for the last time I thot my heart would break, and I went into my cabin and wept before the Lord. Then I heard the voice of Jesus saying, "My presence shall go with thee and I will give thee rest"; so I knew His grace would be sufficient.

I arrived in Cape Town in about a month and from there I went to Basutoland, this being my first appointment. I remained there for two years and then the station was sold. During my stay in Basutoland my health began to break as the high altitude affected my heart so I was advised to go to Durban to the Sea Coast for a short vacation. To my great surprise I found a group of about fifty Europeans there who were Pentecostal. When my vacation ended, the pastor said he believed I should come and work in Durban, that God had a work for me to do there. I replied that I was just acquiring the language in Basutoland and had learned to love the natives and felt as though my work

was to be among them and not among the white people. At the time I visited their work I saw no native work at all. Shortly after returning to Basutoland I was informed that a change was to be made on the station and that I should pray for an open door. Every time I prayed, in the few months that followed, Durban came before me continually, and although in my heart I rebelled against going, I nevertheless said, "Amen" if it was the Lord's will. But I desired to prove the Lord, even as Gideon of old, so I told Him that if He wanted me to go down to Durban He should send me fifty Pounds (\$250). Perhaps it will surprise you that I should ask for such a large amount but I felt that if I asked for half that amount it would not definitely prove to me it was His will. About two weeks after I had prayed along came five or six checks from various places; one contained twenty-four Pounds and another about the same amount; this with the smaller checks amounted to more than the stipulated \$250. However, I didn't yet feel quite satisfied, so I prayed again, "Lord, I haven't heard from the pastor at Durban for a long time and if You want me to go to Durban, put it in his heart to write to me." Just one week later I received a letter from him that he was opening tent meetings and asked me to come and help in these. I knew it was in answer to prayer and I could doubt no longer. Bidding farewell to the dear native believers I packed my trunks and left.

I found no work among the natives in Durban so I began to pray that the Lord would open a door here. Just a few months after this a young native man came from Bakers' Limited saying that the native Christians there had started some little meetings and they wanted a missionary or some worker to come and help them. I was asked if I would go and as I sought the Lord's guidance He made it very plain that that was my work. When we first commenced meetings we had twelve believers but God began to bless. There were many things at this place in the natural that were undesirable; huge roaches would fly around and one couldn't seem to get away from them. Then, near the barracks were stables and the terrible stench that came from them was sickening indeed. But we worked hard in the service of the Lord and He began to increase our numbers.

I remember one night when we were singing a Zulu hymn one of the young boys came thru

speaking in tongues—the first to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Gradually these boys gave their hearts to the Lord and came into the Pentecostal experience. Our congregation grew and we needed larger quarters. The manager of Bakers Limited offered us a large hall but we found that they were having movies in the hall for their employees and we didn't feel it advisable to conduct our services there, fearing the boys would get mixed up with worldly things. We secured another place about two blocks away and from the very start it seemed we had surely cast our "net on the right side," for God marvelously undertook and many souls were saved. Several who were converted at that time are preachers now.

It was a custom at the barracks for the women to come and visit their husbands, tho they would not stay long but had to return to their homes. They became saved on these visits and filled with the Spirit, and then went back to Zululand and gathered the people together for prayer-meetings. God poured out His Spirit upon them until it seemed all Zululand was afire with the Full Gospel message. Many became very anxious about their souls and traveled miles and miles to hear the Gospel. Thus God wonderfully blessed these wives who had come down to Durban.

At the same time the Lord continued to bless in a remarkable way in Durban. We felt the work was becoming too much for us so we prayed for a native pastor. They say the Zulu man is very deep and one cannot always fathom him, so we prayed very earnestly for God to send us a man after His own heart, and He sent a man named Job, who is now in charge. He has proved to be the man of God's choice and has stood faithfully with us in the work.

Later on, we felt God was calling us out of Bakers Limited because we were not privileged to have any outsiders come into the meetings. We prayed that God would give us a hall in another place, which He did. The hall we secured is right near the native location and hundreds of boys pass by on their way to work so we were in a splendid place to reach a greater number. It was just one room with a small aisle, seating about ninety people. This place was extremely hot in the summer and the ventilation was very poor, but from week to week it was packed and many received the Baptism of the Spirit. Just about the time we opened this hall, there came into our midst four local preachers from different churches—Presbyte-

rian, High Church of England, and from the M.E. Church. They had been saved but had never heard of the Baptism of the Spirit. They sought and received and then joined us in the work. The little hall was so crowded that we had to throw the doors open so that the people on the sidewalk could hear the Gospel. We remained in that hall for nearly two years, and then asked the Lord to give us a larger place.

I want to tell you about two boys who came from Nyasaland, to work in the kitchens of the white people. These boys were very reliable and their employers desired very much to keep them. But one of the boys, after he was converted, said to his boss, "My heart is burning for my own people. They have never heard the Gospel message and I want a leave of absence so I can take them the message." He was granted his wish. He took the money he had saved and boarded the boat for his village. After a few months we had a letter from him saying that God was mightily blessing; souls were being saved, and about twenty-five had received the Baptism of the Spirit. He had not been baptized in water so he felt the Lord would have him to come back to Durban so that he would be "more fit to carry on the work of the Lord." So he got on the boat, but the Lord began to speak to him. In a vision he saw the Lord in a beautiful, white garment who said to him, "If you love me, feed my sheep." He was much touched and said, "How can I go to Durban and leave these sheep to be devoured by wolves?" So he went back, and in the months that followed over a hundred were saved and baptized in the Spirit.

Then persecution started among the people from the chiefs of the village. They rose up against this young man and wanted to expel him because he was stirring up the people. However, the commissioner stood by him and said, "You have as much right to preach the Gospel as any other church," so he promised to give him a certain territory where he could carry on the work. He established a work in this new territory and gathering his boys together they built a church without any help from the missionaries.

For about two years we prayed that the way might be open for someone to go and baptize those boys. The one in charge of all the work went to the government and asked if our native pastor could go and baptize those believers, but they told him we would have to deposit \$250 as a premium. We didn't have the money

on hand so that plan was dropped, but after two years of praying the way was open for some of our missionaries to go by motor car right into that territory. It took them about two weeks to make the trip. They were the first Full Gospel missionaries that ever visited this district, and you can imagine the great joy of those believers when they saw these white men come to help them. I believe eighty-three were baptized in water, and one was ordained to be an evangelist and is now carrying on the work.

From time to time the boys who had come to our little mission would go home to their kraals and carry the Gospel message back with them. I urged them to have prayer-meetings among their neighbors which many of them did, and in this way a little work was commenced. God blessed and poured out His Spirit; people were saved and baptized, until today we have over six hundred believers in Durban and the outstations. This is not counting the 130 in Nyasaland and 150 in another station. Lately we secured a larger hall for our work at Durban, in a more suitable location.

I want to thank God for the marvelous way He has undertaken all along. Truly His dealings with us have taught me never to "despise the day of small things." God gave us perseverance and helped us in the hard places, and when everything seemed dark He gave grace to push the battle on. I give to Him praise and glory for all that has been accomplished, and for all the native workers who have received the Baptism of the Spirit. When you pray for Africa do not forget the work in Durban. I am glad to say that they have learned to give. We prayed very definitely about having the native work self-supporting, so taught the boys how to give and although they earn just about \$10 a month in their kitchen work, they give very faithfully. Today we are able to pay the native pastors and also the rent of the mission from the offerings of the boys. I praise God for all He has done in our midst and give Him all the glory. It is not "he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."

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The Broken Lamp

The Spirit's Victory Over Temper



WHILE attending the Female Seminary at Steubenville, Ohio, at the age of sixteen, I was suddenly told of the death of my dearly-beloved father. The shock was so great that I fell to the floor prostrated by the blow, striking my head on my trunk. This resulted in nervous prostration, and many years of suffering, which became the opportunity for Satan "to sift me as wheat." With naturally a sensitive disposition, he made good use of the circumstances and the natural heart to fasten upon me a very ungovernable temper. A match never took fire quicker than this phosphorescent "bundle of nerves." Time would fail to tell the soul efforts, the soul agonies, the cries, the tears, the prayers that went up for deliverance; but all to no purpose. Many were the times the writer would come downstairs, from her knees, crying to God to be kept for the day, only to fall to pieces over a burnt biscuit or potato, or any other trifling thing. Do what I would there was always "a law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, bringing me into captivity to the law of sin" (Romans 7:23).

Upon the occasion that caused unusual disturbance, in a state of helpless hopelessness, crying to the Lord for deliverance, four points were clearly given me by the Spirit, as a guide to the coveted blessing:

First: "Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin" (Romans 6:11).

Second: "Reckon yourselves alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:11).

Third: "Yield yourselves unto God as those who are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" (Romans 6:13).

Fourth: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure" (Philippians 2:12, 13).

With a heart full of gladness and thanksgiving, I felt these four points were four keys, which, if used by the Spirit, would bring the deliverance sought.

First key: I was to reckon myself dead to temper.

Second key: I was to reckon myself alive unto God in the sweetness of love.

Third key: I was to yield myself unto God.

Fourth key: I was to let God work the temper out, and the love in.

But, as always, when truth is received, it must be inwrought into our being, to be of any practical use; so a test came that worked the truth from the head to the heart.

A few days after, I was awakened by a heavy crash in the hall. Half asleep, I groped my way to the head of the stairs. Looking down, I saw my dear husband, in attempting to take the lamp from its place in the hall, had let it slip from his hand, and, to my horror, I saw kerosene oil streaming down the stairs and over the hall carpet, with broken glass everywhere, and my husband frantically trying to repair the damage, all unmindful of my presence. In an instant I was thoroughly aroused, inside and outside, and notwithstanding all my "reckonings," etc., I was "mad." The old-time habit of "giving a piece of my mind" on such occasions promptly presented itself for utterance.

I felt I must say: "Now, George how could you be so careless?" with the proper emphasis on "could."

But a Voice whispered: "Yes, but that would not be Christ-like."

"I know," I responded; "but I think I ought to say something that would make him more careful in the future."

"Yes, but that would not be Christ-like," repeated my faithful monitor.

"True, but I want to say something."

"Yes, but that would not be Christ-like," again uttered the gentle voice.

"Sure, but I must say something, or he will break all the lamps in the house, and ruin everything."

"Yes, but that would not be Christ-like. Have you forgotten the four keys I gave you?"

I went back into my room. In a moment, like Christian, I remembered, and I began to "reckon myself dead" to those thoughts that came rolling like sea billows over my soul, and seemed determined to force out the unkind word, and I "reckoned myself alive" to the love that would say the kind thing. But still no relief. It was "all of self and none of Thee." Then I said: "I yield myself unto Thee, O Heavenly Father. Thou must work the wrong things out, and the right things in, for I cannot." Instantly, like a flash of lightning, it

was done. Every desire to say an unkind thing was taken away, and my heart was brimful of tenderness and love. I went to the top of the stairs and called down in the sweetest of tones, for they came out of His heart: "Hello, George, what is the matter down there?"

With a look of agony and expectant reproof, he said: "I was trying to take the lamp down, and it slipped from my hand. Oh, it's too bad!"

"Yes, it is quite a mess," I said; "but never mind, we'll fix it up after breakfast."

A more relieved man never breathed. He looked up to see whether it could possibly be his wife, and the look spoke volumes of gratitude.

The "reckonings" and "yieldings" had given the Holy Spirit a chance to get the victory. From that moment the power of sin was broken, and these four keys have been the means of entering and closing many a door that before had been an open entrance to the enemy.

For not only was it victory for me, but my daughter also. As she came down to breakfast, she whispered: "Oh, mamma, do you see what papa did?"

"See here, Fannie," I said, "papa feels badly enough about this; suppose you and I do not say anything to him about it."

"That's so," she said, and went away happy and satisfied.

Well, after all, the "cleaning up" was not so formidable as it seemed, because the Spirit kept working, while we kept reckoning and yielding, and the result was one of the happiest of days, because the Lord Jesus had had the "right of way," and He always leads in ways of pleasantness and peace.

It has been a most blessed experience ever since, to apply these principles to everything in Christian life where there is conflict, and "thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15:57.)
—*Author Unknown.*

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pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

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We call the attention of our readers to two timely articles in this issue, along this line, "The Battle of Armageddon," and "Sixteen Reasons for Believing that Christ Is Coming very, very soon."

In view of the tumultuous floods in which the nations are engulfed, and the increasing distress on every hand, should we not exert every effort to warn men and women everywhere of the on-coming storm, and that their only safety is in Jesus? Send your loved ones and friends a subscription to *The Latter Rain Evangel*, beginning with the March number, so that they may be unmistakably reminded of the shortness of time for them to be saved. Send the paper out for a birthday or other gift, and we will be glad to send the recipient a card telling them that the gift is from you. Subscription price \$1.25 per year, 65c for six months. Three new subscriptions for \$3.

If I Could

IF I could carve in any stone,
All human woe and smile and aim,
I'm certain sure I'd be alone,
None other's art could match my fame.

If I could fix on canvas spread,
One evening hour of cloud-flecked gold
Or rising sun's courageous red,
The Angels all would strive to cope
The skill my soul, my hand, would hold.

If I could voice the silver notes,
The prairie lark doth trill and trill on joyful wing,
My given name would thrill the world,
And thru the ages far above all others ring.

If I could yield to have deep stamp upon my mien,
The Father's holy, sacred seal,
And hear His voice and know His will,
All earthly glory wanes to phantom fire-fly gleam.

If I could by my faith and prayer reveal
The fact, that Christ's abode within is real,
If I could fragrance from my life,
His Holy Spirit's incense, sweet and choice,
What then is canvas, stone or thrilling voice?

If I could vision you the Christ who's here,
If He, thru me, could draw thee near,
No greater realm—nor jewels crowned,
Nor fame, nor honor could such glory bound.
—*Frances Edgerton Spooner.*

NORTH BERGEN, N.J. Evangelist Stanley Cooke of Hagerstown, Md. will be speaker at our Spring Convention, Beulah Heights Pentecostal Church, 4741 Hudson Boulevard, April 3-15 inclusive. Young Peoples Rally, Tuesday, 3rd. Meeting every night. Co-operation of Assemblies in the vicinity appreciated.
—Pastor, J. E. Kistler.

How God Paid the Rent

Among the visitors at the General Council Meeting of the Assemblies of God in Philadelphia last September was Evangelist Babcock, now engaged in pioneer Gospel work. He was formerly a fisherman on the far-off Coast of Labrador till he answered God's call to become a fisher of men. Here we are given just a glimpse into his faith life, so replete with answers to prayer:

It was when we were pioneering in full Gospel work in Cambridge, Mass., that we were severely tested for funds to pay the rent on the assembly hall. We cried to God but the days went by with seemingly no answer. There was a lady in the city who had a serious infection in one foot as a result of sugar diabetes. We had never met her but the Lord brought us and our need before her and when she definitely sought the Lord for healing He spoke to her, telling her to sacrifice a certain amount of money and give to us and He would heal her foot. She promised the Lord she would do this and just a few moments after making her vow she found, when taking off her shoe, that all the swelling and infection had disappeared and she was completely healed. The sum of money had arrived at the last day of grace. But our God did not permit us to be put to shame. We paid the rent and thus were enabled to remain in the building where we held some very precious services and souls found their God.

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was hungry and wanted something to eat. They brought some rice which she ate.

The startling news soon spread all over that countryside and I believe that experience spoke more loudly to the people than anything which had taken place for a long time. The Lord did a wonderful work in that old woman's heart. Crowds of people would come to hear her tell what God had done for her. She told the people how she had died and God had brought her back to life.—*Mary Martin.*

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Friends, in a corner somewhere in God's big world, and it may be near you, is a soul covered with sin, helpless and ready to die. Are you seeking to rescue the perishing? Then stop and help your fallen brother rise. Pay the cost whatever the sacrifice. Bring God's masterpiece out of the rummage of sin and help him the new life to begin.

Jesus, the Christ of God, whom we love and whom we serve, was an evangelist for He went

everywhere preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom. Oh, there is no work so great, so important and blessed as winning souls for Jesus! "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth salvation." An evangelist is one whose heart is on fire for the salvation of souls. The greatest evangelist this world has ever known is the Lord Jesus Christ. He knew how to sacrifice; He knew how to get close to the people; He knew how to tell the message of His Father to dying men and women; He knew how to rebuke the proud in heart and lead the gentle in spirit; He knew how to die that others might live. Blessed be God for Jesus Christ, who opened the first evangelistic campaign against Satan, who fired the first revival gun, who gave the first altar call, and with the sacrifice of His own life, blazed the way to the gates of Heaven. Don't you want to be an evangelist? Don't you want to lead a soul to Jesus? Don't you want the joy bells of salvation ringing in your heart? I know you do. Then let us kneel before our God; let us pray as did the disciples of old, and we will have not only a real Pentecost, but from our number will go consecrated workers into the North and into the South, and into the East and into the West, publishing the glad tidings of Salvation to lost and perishing souls.

How can I reach the unsaved? In answering your question I can only say, ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to the one to whom you should speak, and speak to that one even though it may seem to be inconvenient. God will not lead you wrong. Somewhere within your reach is a blessed soul seeking salvation, a broken heart that needs to be comforted. In the name of the blessed Redeemer I bid you go to them with the words of eternal life, and give them the sweet message of Heaven.

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to see Brother Evans, who I heard was sick. I found him delirious, his eyes gleaming red, high fever and headaches. It looked like plague but I brought him home, also his wife and baby. My house has been a hospital for the past month. He thought his time had come and we too feared he would go, but Miss Lockhart prayed the prayer of faith for him. His fever broke and I rolled him up in blankets. Then his wife became ill, also his baby and the

nurse girl, with flu. After they recovered Miss Lockhart, who lives next door, became very ill with the same thing that Brother Evans had. We believe it was plague as there were dead rats in the back yard. Two weeks ago the deaths for the week were over 1,000 in the Poona district, fourteen died in Bhozeri village where Brother Evans was working. Over 100,000 people have fled from Poona; it is like a dead city. The people are living in the fields under tin, canvas, and grass huts."

Brother Stoddart praises God for the young soldiers who have been saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost. One especially is called to the ministry and is already a fine preacher. Quite a number have entered the ministry thru hearing the Gospel in the military camp in Poona. Bro. Stoddart's work there and in the hospital has born much fruit.

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company." They are two of the leading chain grocery stores in the country. You can see after a few get hold of the food and clothing how easy it will be for the Antichrist to control the whole business and people will not be able to buy or sell unless they have the mark of the beast.

The Thirteenth Reason is the NRA. I do not believe this is the mark of the beast, but I believe it is a bending straw that lets us know which way the wind is blowing. One principle is to boycott those who do not have the sign, and the mark of the beast, when it comes into power, will work on that principle. Lloyd George says the world is watching the United States and the NRA, and if it is a success other nations will follow.

The fourteenth reason for the near return of the Lord is the different marks other countries are using for their commercial sign. We have in the United States the *NRA*, in Germany they have the *Swastika*, in Italy the ax and the bundle of sticks, and in Russia the hammer and the sickle. It is claimed that in different parts of Russia today in order to get work and food it is necessary to have the hammer and sickle tattooed on a person's flesh. The world is becoming accustomed to marks; one wonders if the next one will be the mark of the beast.

The fifteenth reason is, conditions in Russia today. It looks like a foretaste of the great tribulation. Adolph Hitler's leader, Herman Goering, says, "Murder is Communism's first commandment. Cruelties are nowhere so bestial as when the Communists are in a position to torture the people."

It is claimed that as many as 56 churches have been destroyed in a single day. In five years 180,000 Christians have been sent to the prison camps in Northern Siberia to work in the mines and pulp wood forests, where in winter the temperature is 80 degrees below zero. They are there because of the testimony of Jesus, and it is said that the camps are so crowded some of the Christians have had to sleep out in the open sheds with the result that many are frozen to death.

I have a story of a fourteen-year-old girl who secretly went to a Gospel service. Her father beat her, but having a desire to find the Lord she secretly went again and gave herself to Jesus. The father found this out and he beat her until she died. He was taken into custody but when he claimed that he beat his child because she was a Christian he was set free.

It is claimed that a decree was issued some time ago saying, "On May 1, 1937, there must not remain on the territory of the U.S.S.R. a single house of prayer to God, and the very conception of God will be vanished from the boundaries of the Soviet Union."

One more reason, the sixteenth. Jesus said, "When ye see all these things, know that it is nigh, even at the doors." He also said, "This generation shall not pass away until all be fulfilled." He could not have meant the generation that was living back there in His day. I believe He had particular reference to the generation that was living when these signs were being fulfilled, and that this present generation will witness the return of the Lord Jesus for His loved ones.

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