

# THE WEEKLY EVANGEL

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THE FAMILY

## The Christian's Symphony

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TO BE CONTENT with such things as I have, to seek ever the Kingdom of God and not the things of earth, the riches of His grace rather than the wealth of the world; to walk worthy of the Lord rather than to endeavor to win the approbation of man; to trust in Him with all my heart rather than lean on my own understanding; to be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; to study to be quiet; to hearken diligently to the voice of the Lord at all times, to be careful for nothing, to be thankful for everything, to be praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit; to fight a good fight of faith, ever overcoming the enemy by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of my testimony, loving not my own life unto the death; in a word, to let the indwelling Christ day by day manifest His love and grace and power through me, this is to be my symphony for the new year.

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## A New Year's Wish

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May this New Year be unto thee  
A time of true prosperity—  
A blessed hallowed year;  
    A year of health,  
    A year of wealth  
In things Eternal—near,  
For Christ will soon appear.

D. Wesley Myland.

### THE WORK OF THE LORD IN KOREA.

The men, women and children lately converted in Korea have been an example to us all in their zeal for spreading the good news. A missionary writes, "Some of them were so poor that they had to go hungry in order to give to missionary work, but gladly did it. Many hundreds of Korean families are of their own free will living poorer, harder lives, that they might have a larger share in the coming of Christ's kingdom.

"They have also had marvelous success in winning souls at home; in fact, nothing like it has been seen in the world of late. The first underlying principle seems to us to be the place the Korean Christians give to the Bible as *God's living message to them*. They believe that Jesus lived His life amid human surroundings very similar to their own, and that He meant them to *live His life after Him*. They do not look upon the Bible as a book of impossible ideals, to be read and turned away from with a sigh, but as exhibiting a standard of life according to which they are to fashion their own. With an absolutely merciless honesty, they are always measuring their life by the life and teaching of Jesus, and because they come infinitely far short of that standard they are always humble, and always striving to get nearer to Him. Their personal Bible study is thus a tremendous factor in their spiritual life.

"Another factor is their *united Bible study*. Many congregations come together and spend the whole of Sunday morning in definite study of the precious Word. A crowd of two thousand women will fill the church for this purpose, and as soon as they leave, two thousand men will gather for their study class.

A little Korean girl named Okpuni was sold by her heathen parents into cruel slavery. Her owners so brutally starved, beat and neglected her, that in the severe winter both her hands and one foot became severely frost-bitten. She was found by a missionary doctor, and both her hands and one foot were cut off, just in time to save her life. As she was now of no use to them, her cruel owners allowed her to remain in the care of the missionaries, where she learned to know and love Jesus.

When one of the workers was going home to America on furlough, Okpuni said, "When you see the boys and girls over there who send us nice presents for Christmas, tell them I send them my love and many thanks." "But how will they know who you are?" "Oh," said Okpuni, with a beaming smile, "Tell them the happiest girl in Korea thanks them." "But why are you the happiest girl in Korea?" "Because I have no pain now; I am never hungry now; no one beats me now, everyone is kind to me, and best of all I have the dear Lord Jesus

Christ. It is His love in my heart that makes me the very happiest girl in Korea."

Okpuni afterwards learned to write, with a pencil tied on to the stump of her right arm; and she sent a letter to the same missionary, saying, "My heart is full of the joy of Jesus, and I have nothing to complain of."

In Korea many of the converts had great persecution from their own families, but they persisted till they won their persecutors. Others were beaten by those to whom they preached, but they went again and again till love broke down all the opposition. Others were wrongfully accused, imprisoned, beaten and tortured in every way; but they prayed for their persecutors and remained true to their Master Christ.

And these are the people into whose country not one Pentecostal missionary has gone as yet. May the Lord stir up the hearts of His children to arise and take the glad tidings of the Latter Rain outpouring to these humble, earnest Christians in Korea, so that receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire they may be all the more red-hot with love for Christ and for the souls He died to win.—A. E. L.

### WHERE EVERY NEED IS MET.

"God's grace is a very precious theme, and in fact nothing else is of any use to sinners such as I. Being by nature unclean, and not having any suitable offering to bring, both the priest and the Levite were compelled to pass me up. Neither Law nor Ordinances could meet my need. I was utterly ruined and without strength. Stripped, wounded and half dead. But after being passed up by the Priest and Levite, a certain *Samaritan*, as *He* journeyed, came where I was: (not half way nor nine-tenths of the way, but all the way) and when *He* saw me, *He* had compassion on me, and came to me, and bound up my wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set me on *His* own beast, (gave me *His* place, 2 Cor. 5:21) and *brought* me to an inn, and took care of me. And on the morrow when *He* departed, *He* took out two pence and gave them to the host, and said unto him, "*Take care of him* (this poor, helpless, naked, sinner that the Priest and Levite could do nothing for) and whatsoever thou spendest more, *when I come again*, I will repay thee.

Now, I want to say, aye I long and love to proclaim, that He has met the sinner's every need, placing him in a position of *security, rest and blessing* with a mighty assurance that He is *coming again* to receive him unto Himself. Hallelujah! This is the kind of a Saviour that down and out, failures, really helpless sinners, in whom dwelleth *no good thing*, must have or else they are doomed to perish. Then of necessity boasting is excluded; they can glory in nothing but the work of the *good Samaritan*. All they can say is *Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!* In the same school with the prophet Jonah we learn and boldly declare, "*Salvation is of the Lord*." Praise God, help has been laid on *One* that is mighty, *mighty to save*. *Glory! Glory! Glory!*

"The great trouble with us is to really despair of ourselves. We continually expect something from ourselves. This is proven by the measure of disappointment that we experience when failure is manifested. The failure is not the real trouble but the manifestation of it. In our hearts we had determined to persuade God to have faith in us, instead of being content to have faith in *Him*. This lesson of utter despair of self is a tremendous one, and until it is learned, we are fit subjects for the death dealing blows of the Law until the very mouth of our wretched heart is stopped and we fall helpless and incurable at *His precious feet*. Then we will find Him to be the Wonderful Saviour who provides everything for us."—A. W. S.

### THE HUMILITY OF THE LAMB.

#### An extract from a letter to a missionary friend.

I have known the thick darkness of the enemy's oppression this past year as never before. I believe it is thickening everywhere, for the time is at hand when Satan will come down having great power, and doubtless great hordes of his followers are already on the ground. If one's eyes were opened to spiritual beings, we should see tremendous things these days—great wrestling, and a greater war than is on in Europe just now. But, "They that be for us are more than they which are against us." Oh how that "sure word of prophecy" stands out in this dark hour, and we know the outcome, the power of Satan *shall be cast down*, "He shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly." Yea, shortly!

The Lamb's wife shall make herself ready. Victory is sure, because John saw her clothed in purity, and riding forth on the steeds of victory in the Bridegroom's train! Oh if we could but learn to stand still and see the salvation of God in these times, when all seems lost. His Word can never pass away. These things must all come to pass, because He has seen them to be already. As never before, all *seems* lost to me, all *seems* failure, defeat, ignominy, brought to naught, not only in myself, but in God's people and His plans; so much division, so much error, heresy, everything! But those of us who know God's word, *know better*. God's word is settled in the heavens, His sure word of prophecy.

John says, "I saw the bride, the Lamb's wife, hath made herself ready. I saw heaven opened \* \* \* a white horse \* \* \* Him \* \* \* Faithful and True. I saw the armies of heaven," (we see the armies of the world, but John saw armies, yea the whole armies of heaven clothed in victory, precious blood-bought victory! "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, and a new Jerusalem, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.")

Praise God; His Word says, "I saw her prepared and made ready; he saw you and me prepared; he saw the souls you are travelling for prepared, and His Word is yea and amen! Oh, did not our blessed Ishi pass the way of seeming failure, defeat, ignominy, and failure, and must not all have *seemed* lost? Oh Calvary, dark Calvary! Yes, I believe in this dark hour, when hell seems about to triumph, the bride of the Lamb, the Lamb's wife, is passing through Calvary and the tomb of His silence, but the stone must roll away, and His glorious life be manifested in His bride. I believe she will ascend out of glorious blood-bought victory to meet Him in the rapture, and not out of this tomb of darkness. She will have had her "forty days" at least between the tomb and the ascension. Oh my soul, be silent unto God, and let Him mould thee; be still and see His salvation. The tomb is a place of silence, but where God works resurrection.

You asked me about this doctrine that "Jesus is the only real person in the Trinity so to speak, the Father and Spirit being only manifestations of Jesus," as one writes me. We know how the Father and Spirit both delight to see us center on Jesus, and He showed me last year that was why His name was placed central, (not just second) in the Trinity, because the Father always beholds the face of His anointed, and the holy dove's vision always is focused on the Beloved Son.

To leave out or minify some of the blessed Trinity seems awful to me. This verse came with such power to me yesterday from 1 Cor. 15, "When all things shall be subdued, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all." Does not this refer back to the God of verse 24, "God, even the Father." Now this verse surely points

us forward past the millennial reign of Jesus to the ages of ages, and it clearly points out the existence of both the Father and the Son through these endless ages; and the Spirit is named the eternal Spirit, ever-existent. There were the separate manifestations of each member of the Trinity at the baptism of Jesus, and Stephen, through the Spirit, looked up into heaven and saw *Jesus* on the right hand of *God*. Daniel saw the Son of Man brought to the Ancient of Days to receive the Kingdom. John saw the Lamb receive the book from the One that sat on the throne, and the seven Spirits before the throne. Surely if God intends us to understand anything by His Word, He means us to recognize, honor and adore the three separate persons of the Trinity.

I know that verse, "He shall be called the Everlasting Father," and I believe there is a wonderful and deep meaning in it yet to be unfolded, but that meaning will never tear down the great testimony of the Word as a whole to the blessed Trinity. Yes, blessed mystery to be unfolded in the ages to come, when we too shall understand what it means that the eternal Son shall choose to be subject to the Father through all the ages of eternity, clothed in humility, the Lamb slain from eternity, even through eternity! The *little* Lamb in the midst of the Father's throne! In the Greek, they tell me, it is diminutive, and means *little* Lamb! His worship and adoration of His eternal Father is such, that He chooses eternal submission to Him. Can it be that His love for His bride is such that in order to be more wholly one with her, He would humble Himself yet further, that through eternity He might be subject with her? Oh mystery of mysteries! This is humility surpassing all—infinite! The eternal Son humbled Himself to be man—yet more to be a Lamb through eternity—forever subject; and He has said, "Humble yourselves, submit yourselves one to another I send you forth as lambs." The Lamb's wife must be a lamb! Oh Jesus work quickly in me to be one with the Lamb's humility! Does it not seem that the Father has placed His (the Lamb's) name central to show us that humility is the divine center, the most infinitely adorable of all God's attributes?

May He bless thee and keep thee 'neath the "Trinity of Love."—Mildred Edwards.

#### THE MORNING ACT OF FAITH.

I believe on the Son of God, therefore

#### I AM IN HIM,

having redemption through His Blood, and Life by His Spirit.

#### HE IS IN ME,

and all the fullness is in Him. To Him I belong by Creation, Purchase, Conquest and Self-Surrender. To me He belongs for all my Hourly Need.

#### THERE IS NO CLOUD BETWEEN MY LORD AND ME.

There is no difficulty inward or outward which He is not ready to meet in me today.

#### I BELIEVE I HAVE RECEIVED

not the spirit of fearfulness, but of Power, and of Love and of a Sound Mind.

#### THE LORD IS MY KEEPER.

Amen.—Sel.

## THE EVER-DEEPENING RIVER.

### A New Year's Message.

"He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:38.

Have you ever considered to what Jesus was referring when He said, "As the Scripture hath said?" Where have the Old Testament Scriptures told us about rivers of living water? Surely our blessed Master, who was ever feasting on the Word of His Father and teaching His disciples its spiritual meaning, was referring here to the wonderful vision of Ezekiel 47:1-12.

Just as Jeremiah is the prophet of the Father—bringing out the loving, yearning, tender heart of our Father God, mourning over His faithless, backsliding children—and Isaiah is the prophet of the Son, telling us of the sufferings and glories of the coming Messiah; so Ezekiel may be called the prophet of the Holy Ghost, and we can best acquire the teaching of his book by studying it from the point of view of a *life abandoned to the Spirit of God*. It is just at the close of this marvelous prophecy that we find this Old Testament picture of Pentecost—the ever-deepening river of the Water of Life, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb (compare Rev. 22:1, etc) into the parched, desert places, bringing life and fertility wherever its waters came.

Jesus has told us in John 7:39 that this river refers to the Holy Spirit, and that He could not be manifested thus in His fulness until after the ascension and glorification of the Son of Man. On the day of Pentecost His word was fulfilled; and our glorified Lord, having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, shed Him forth upon the waiting disciples in the upper room. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Let us now turn to Ezekiel 47 and trace how the prophet's vision pictures to us the life and experience of one who has received that blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost, the one true equipment for Christian service.

Notice in verse 1 that the river issues from "under the threshold" of the house—a *very low place*. How many have been kept from receiving the baptism because they could not pay the price: they were not willing to come down low enough. The waters issued "out of the sanctuary"—(v. 12) where God's throne was—and the Holy Ghost could not be given in Pentecostal fulness until Jesus was glorified. Is it not even so in our individual lives? Only when *Jesus is glorified*, when the heart is made His sanctuary, His throne, can the Living Water begin to flow.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is not a goal, not an attainment: it is only the *beginning* of our life of service for Jesus, the starting point of an ever-deepening experience of His power. At first the river trickled out like a tiny brook; and as the angel brought the prophet through, "the waters were to the ankles." This speaks to us of what will always be the first result of the Spirit's power in us, viz., a *consistent walk*. The world is looking out for a practical religion, for Christians, who will really "live like they talk;" and the world has a right to expect this of those who are baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Guest comes in as Master, to control every detail of the life, every word of the lips, every thought of the heart; and to bring forth the blessed fruit of the Spirit in our everyday life—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control.

But we must not stop there: the heavenly messenger

beckons us on, and a thousand cubits farther down we find, "the waters were to the knees." Here we see the next result of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, viz., His control of our *prayer life*. The crying need of the Christless world, the apostasy in the church, the onslaught of the hosts of evil in these last days—all constitute a situation far too intricate for *our* power of prayer to deal with; and the sooner we recognize this fact the better, crying out with Paul, "We know not what we should pray for as we ought." (Rom. 8:26.) But immediately comes the blessed provision God has made for meeting this impossible situation (from a human standpoint)—"The Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us \* \* \* according to the will of God." Jesus, our great High Priest before the throne, ever liveth to make intercession for us (Heb. 7:25); and His Spirit comes in to draw us into fellowship with that ceaseless intercession, to breathe into us the petitions of Jesus, which are but the expressions of the will of God for the whole great world which He loves; thus giving us the wondrous privilege of partnership with our triune God in this ministry of prayer.

How much do we know of this "*praying in the Holy Ghost?*" (Jude 20.) If we have come into the waters to the ankles, proving the power of the Spirit in a holy life and walk, let us press on into these knee-deep waters, giving up all attempts to pray in our own strength, and yielding to the Holy Ghost that He may pray through us, and may teach us daily fresh lessons in His school of intercession.

Now again the angel takes the prophet on; and bringing him through, the waters are to the loins (v. 4). All through the Bible the loins seem to be used as a symbol of strength (Job 40:16), also the girding up of the loins expresses attention, readiness for service. (Lu. 12:35.) This is clearly the next result of the Spirit's power in our lives: strength of character manifested, also a detachment from earthly things, and a readiness of mind to serve the Lord and run on His errands. There is also a deeper lesson, as brought out in Rom. 7:4; the blessed union with Jesus by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:16, 17), which results in life for other souls; that spiritual travail of which St. Paul knew so much (Gal. 4:19), in order to bring forth fruit unto God.

Oh how much is signified by these waters to the loins! How much do we know of it? God wants us as His Pentecostal people to have *strength* of character, not to be moved hither and thither like the waves (Jas. 1:6-8), or carried about with every wind of doctrine (Eph. 4:14); but to be established, strengthened and settled (1 Pet. 5:10). How He needs *pillars* in His church in these days: those who are not only able to stand alone, without being propped up by outside helps, but who are able also to hold others up. (Rev. 3:12.)

From the very beginning of the Bible (Gen. 1:2) to its close (Rev. 22:17) we find the blessed Holy Spirit moving on the face of the waters, brooding over men, wooing them, yearning with a jealous earnestness to bring them back to God (Jas. 4:5 R. V.). It is this blessed work into which He desires to lead us on, that He may put into us something of His love and yearning over lost souls (Rom. 5:5), so that we may be ready to suffer and endure, ready for the soul travail that is inevitable if Christ is to be formed in others, and ready to follow the Master in humble, willing service wherever He calls us.

Yet even this is not the end of the river of the Water of Life. Oh what a glorious fulness there is in this Pentecostal experience upon which we have entered! How far short we have come in possessing our possessions since we received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The angel led Ezekiel on for another thousand cubits, and he says (v.

5), "It was a river that I could not pass over, for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over."

Here we see for the first time a picture of utter abandonment to the Spirit of God. In the waters to the ankles, to the knees and to the loins, Ezekiel's feet were on the ground, he was standing to some extent in his own strength and volition. But in this last picture his feet are right off the ground: no more dependance on self, on past experiences, on his own ideas as to where he wants to go or his own theories as to God's service—he is just lifted by that mighty rushing river, and carried along wherever it goes.

How often we have grown somewhat cold in our service, and our ministry has seemed to dry up, just because we have not let the Lord lead us on into those "waters to swim in." He has begun to use our testimony mightily, and we have gone forth in His service expecting that He would use that same testimony all the time. But to our grief and disappointment we have found the souls not getting saved as they did at first, the signs not following as in the early days after we received the baptism. We have perhaps tried to put the blame on the people—"they are so much harder than they used to be, the devil's opposition is so much more powerful"—whereas the fault lies in ourselves all the time. We have neglected private prayer and Bible study, have lived in meetings all the time, have failed to get a *fresh* message and a *fresh* anointing every time we spoke to the people, and this has caused our ministry to dry up. The Lord wants to bring us into these "waters to swim in," where we shall be so utterly given up to the Spirit that we shall be just like helpless little children in ourselves, entirely dependent on Him for every move we make, every word we speak; then there will be a freshness and power in our ministry that will never run dry. Hallelujah!

And we need never fear getting to the end of all the Spirit can teach us and do for us: it was "a river that could not be passed over"—no end to the limitless grace, the abounding power, the ocean of His love. Oh let us give up all dependence on ourselves, our experiences, our theories or our revelations, and obey our Lord's command to "launch out into the deep" (Lu. 5:4), so that He may demonstrate to the full in our life and ministry the Pentecostal power of that mighty river of the water of life.

But if we turn again to our Lord's promise in John 7:38, we shall find fresh cheer and encouragement in seeing that from the one believing soul are to flow not merely a river, but "*rivers* of Living Water." Oh what a wonderful God we have! It would be marvellous if He were to cause even one such river to flow forth from us; but His thoughts are so much higher than our thoughts, that He promises many of them: rivers flowing to the north, south, east and west, wherever there is need of them, wherever thirsty souls are found who are without the Water of Life. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not given for ourselves, in order that we may have a good time; it does not speak of rivers flowing into *him* that believeth, but *from* him, out of his innermost being. This shows that he must first have drunk deeply of that Living Water to satisfy his own thirst; and then from that filled and satisfied soul proceeds the blessed overflow—the rivers going in every direction upon the dry and parched ground. This is the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the endowment with power for service, for blessing to other souls; and this is what will never be fully manifested until we get out into those "waters to swim in."

And surely we may apply this vision not merely to our own individual lives, but also to this great Pentecostal

movement. God's plan for us is, "Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase:" but alas! we have failed to attain to the great increase, either because we have not seen the vision, or because, having seen it, we have not been obedient to it. May the Lord open our eyes to see the great things He has for us, and may the Holy Spirit find such a humble, broken, yielded people, that He can lead us on from step to step, from grace to grace, from glory to glory. He has been teaching us something of what it means to live a holy life, to pray in the Holy Ghost, to manifest the strength of manhood, the readiness for service and the travail for souls; but oh! may we not stop short of those "waters to swim in." May we as a Pentecostal people, in each assembly and in the movement as a whole, launch out into the deep during this coming year as never before. As we learn to be more abandoned to the Spirit, He will teach us what His control of our worship means, both as to constraint and restraint. He will prepare us for the coming of the Bridegroom by fashioning our meetings after the pattern of the worship in heaven. There is such reverence there that the very angels veil their faces, yea their whole bodies (Isa. 6:2, 3), while they cry to one another of the holiness of Jehovah. There is such harmony with God's purposes in their worship, that He could ordain absolute silence for half an hour, while all the time the incense of His people's prayers and a praise too deep for words was ascending before the throne (Rev. 8:1-4). These and many other precious lessons we shall learn in our assemblies when we launch out into the place of real abandonment to the Spirit of God. When the river was shallow it made a great deal of noise; but when it deepens and broadens into those "waters to swim in," there will be a greater stillness and quietness, along with a depth and impetus that is irresistible. God does not want the stillness of stagnation and dryness, but He does want a people who can be still enough to hear His gentle voice from heaven, who can give time for real worship in the Spirit, and who can so conserve His power as that signs and wonders may be done in the name of His holy servant Jesus.

See the results that will follow where the rivers flow. We never read of the Spirit as the Water of Life without finding mention near by of the Tree of Life, a type of Jesus Christ. (Eze. 47:7, 12; Rev. 22:1, 2.) The Spirit does not speak of Himself, but He glorifies Jesus (John 16:13, 14), even as the river causes the tree of life to grow. So as a result of these rivers of living water flowing from us, Jesus will be manifested to other souls. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, yea blossom as the rose. Ezekiel's river flowed "down into the desert" (v. 8), just where the need was greatest; and these Pentecostal rivers will go out first to the dark places of the earth, to the dry and parched deserts of unevangelized lands. Jesus sends forth His people to be fishers of men; and wherever the river flows "a very great multitude of fish" shall be caught (v. 9); for, glory to God! "everything shall live whither the river cometh."

Yet even in this blessed picture of fruitfulness and healing, we find some marshes and miry places (v. 11), which could not be reclaimed. We must not be surprised if even in a ministry that is filled with the Spirit's power, we meet with some who resist to the end His blessed influences, who show themselves impervious to His love. It was the experience of our Master Himself that in His own village He could do no mighty work because of their unbelief. (Mark 6:5, 6.)

And as the mighty river flows on, ever increasing in volume and power, we find continually new beauties and  
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## MESSAGES OF THE MOMENT.

### Calvary and Its Results.

The heart of the child of God has continually to be renewed. We cannot hold an abundance, we need to come to the Throne of Grace continually for replenishment. The Lord will not give us a superabundance of grace to hold, because our cisterns are broken and can hold nothing. We need to come continually, to find grace to help in time of need. Do not be afraid to come frequently, and to bring large petitions. If the veil was only withdrawn for a moment and we could see the superabundant resources and riches that are ours in Christ Jesus, we would ever worship and adore Him. And they are obtainable without money and without price. All the riches that only God can provide are all laid up in Christ Jesus. God could not provide more. And they are brought to us by the Holy Ghost, who takes of the things of Christ and reveals them unto us. We need the heavenly eyesalve to see them, all prejudice and ignorance taken away, the heart applied with the blood of Jesus, and to become like little children, so that we may believe all that God has said.

God does not want His children to be beggars. It is a disgrace to be a beggar. The King of kings would have His children walk as kings and priests. The cry of poverty and need is only mock humility. "Ye are complete in Him" says the eternal Word of God. We limit God and His resources in Christ Jesus when we think we are poor. The Spirit will take us to the place of wealth, and He who searcheth the deep things of God will show us the riches of our inheritance. Does not the Word declare we are "heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ?" Are we not assured by the Word, "Now are we the sons of God?" Do not let us limit Him, but let us tell Him, "Henceforth and forever, we will doubt thee not." For the Word declares "All things are yours, and ye are Christ's." Such an inheritance was purchased for us at Calvary.

Jesus saw Calvary from the other side of eternity, and shrank not from it. The love of God constrained Him to go to Calvary. He looked forward to Calvary, and His people will ever look back to Calvary. It is the focus of eternity. There God meets man, and man meets God. Calvary makes the distinction between those who are His, and those who are not. For one portion of the universe Calvary forever closes the door of the abyss. Satan destroyed the fair work of God, but Calvary closes his way from destroying any more of the new creation. Calvary is detested and cursed by the lost, for it is the barrier that closes hell against heaven. God forbid that we should ever glory, save in the Cross of Christ. God Himself is satisfied with Calvary.

The hands that were crucified at Calvary have been honored by the Father. He has received gifts, even for the rebellious; He has received the blessed Holy Ghost, and He has the power and the right to bestow His gift on His people. He is willing to complete Calvary's blessing by opening His hands filled with blessing. His word is *tarry* that ye may be filled with the Spirit.

### Watching for the Coming One.

The message the Lord is burning in our hearts this New Year season is the one He gave to the Philadelphian Church. "Behold, I come quickly; hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." The conviction is deepening in our hearts that the coming of the Lord is very, very near.

Before our Lord left this earth He gave the command to five hundred of His disciples to *tarry*. One hundred and twenty did so, and on the day of Pentecost they were well paid for their obedience. His command for His disciples today is to WATCH, and we are assured that those who are obedient will be abundantly rewarded.

Away over in England there are villages wholly given over to the fishing industry. At certain times of the year the men leave the villages, and saying goodbye to their wives and families, go off for weeks together. As the time arrives for them to return home again, the women and children are constantly to be seen on the wharves anxiously peering out over the waters to see if the boats are in sight, and they are watching for many days before the boats appear. Two fishermen, Jack and Bill, were returning from a fishing expedition of this kind, and were eagerly looking forward to meeting their loved ones again. Jack's wife had gotten everything ready and made up a big fire and everything for his comfort, and then putting on her clothes, went down to the wharf to welcome him. Bill's wife made everything ready, but stayed at home busily sewing. As the boats neared the shore, each man was looking to see if there was anyone to welcome him. Immediately they were ashore Jack's wife was in his arms, giving him a hearty kiss of greeting, while Bill looked around disconsolately, seeing no one to greet him. After tying up his boat he made for home. As he walked along the cliff he saw the smoke rising from the chimney of his cottage, and as he passed the window he saw a bright fire by which his wife was sitting sewing. As he walked in, his wife said, "Aye mon, so you have come back; I've been waiting for you." "Yes," said Bill, with deep disappointment in his tone, "but Jack's wife was *watching* for him."

Are you among the watching ones?

The conies take no chances, they hide in the rock at the first signs of danger, and the Scriptures say they are "exceeding wise." Do you recognize the impending dangers? Have you hidden in the Rock? Or, must you confess that you have less wisdom than the coney?

### OUR CHRISTMAS MAIL.

was laden with good things from all parts of the earth, and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our friends for their kind remembrances. Not the least important was a poem from Bro. D. Wesley Myland, and it is so good that we want to share it with others. It is entitled

#### A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

Jno. 1:14; Dan. 7:13.

'Tis Christmas-time: this sacred season  
Attends the dying of the year;  
It is most fitting, for the reason—  
The "New born" brings heaven's joys so near.

The world was dead in sin and sorrow  
When Christ was born in manger, low;  
He brought to light God's glad "To-morrow,"  
Dispelled the night of earth's deep woe.

Of Truth, and Life, and Love the bringer,  
He came with wondrous gifts to men,  
And Grace so vast inspires the singer  
To chant His Advent now as then.

Though "Peace on earth" seems idle wording  
When world-wide war prevails this hour—  
The "Prince of Peace" His sword is girding  
To "Shear the nations" of their power:

"Ancient of days now sitteth," surely—  
Is casting down the thrones of men;  
God's people, long preserved securely,  
Possess the Kingdom soon again.

Dan. 7:9, 14, 18.

### THE MESSAGE OF GOD THROUGH A "PROMISE BOX."

One of the "Evangel Promise Boxes" was sent as a Christmas present to Bro. and Sister Aubrey for their Gospel Boat. It was on their breakfast table, when a brother who was very sick, and had not been able to take anything but bread and water for some time, came along, and he was offered a promise from the box. He drew one at random, but was delighted to read what seemed to him a direct message from heaven, "He shall bless thy bread and thy water, and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." Ex. 23:25. He rejoiced with great joy and promptly sat down and ate a very hearty breakfast, and since testifies that the Lord has delivered him from his sickness.

A sister, who is about to go into Mexico, received a to give her a special promise regarding her ministry in Mexico. She drew a promise, and to her delight it was, "For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace." Isa. 55:12.

### HOW MUCH HAVE YOU PUT IN?

A young lady said to her aunt, "I cannot get interested in Missions." "No," replied the aunt, "You can hardly expect to. It is just like getting interest in a bank. *You have to put something in first, before you get any interest.* And the more you put in—time, money, prayer—the more the interest grows.

"If you are determined to live a noble, holy life, men and devils cannot, and God will not, interrupt you."

## DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY . . .

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord; because he is good, for his mercy endureth forever toward Israel." Ezra. 3:11.

There is a solemn sense as we realize the rapid flight of the days sped from us; but there is also a deep song within our hearts of praise and thanksgiving to God for multiplied mercies each day of the past year. And the song wells up to our lips, and we sing in joyful unison,

"Above the rest this note shall swell  
My Jesus hath done all things well."

Monday. "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." Isa. 4:13.

What a blessed promise for the New Year! These are momentous days—fearful days for many; but our hearts may rest confidently in the knowledge of His faithfulness—our strong, true, loving Father. "He who hath led will lead"—and every step of the untried way before us is known to our God, who speaks to us as we step forth on the new way, saying, "Fear not; I will help thee."

Tuesday. "Surely I come quickly." Rev. 22:20.

Jesus Himself said it. Hallelujah! And perhaps this will be the last new year we shall see before His coming. Are you watching; are you hastening unto His appearing? Let us keep our hearts on tip-toe with expectancy for the Coming One. We believe He is coming; we long to see Him; but are we expecting Him?

Keep the love-light burning brightly;  
Watch, for He is coming soon.

Wednesday. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thess. 5:18.

Are you in doubt as to what God's will is for you? Begin to give thanks in everything and you will soon know something about God's will that you never knew before. Never mind your situation, your difficulties, your uncertainties—**begin to give God thanks in everything.** And it will not be long till God can speak to your heart and work in you all the good pleasure of His will along those very lines over which you are doubting and hesitating.

Thursday. "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:24.

Ask largely! It is quite as easy for God to do big things as to do the meager little things we so often ask of Him. Surely His great generous heart must long that we manifest more faith in His willingness to give, by asking of Him as though we really believed He was the God of all the earth. "Ask and ye shall receive: seek and ye shall find."

Friday. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come." Acts 2:1.

Out in California they never gather the prunes from the trees, they allow them to ripen and fall to the ground of their own accord. Then they are fully ripe. For every life there is a day of Pentecost fully come: for us to hasten anyone through ahead of God's perfect time will produce an experience undeveloped and imperfect. And without doubt this very thing is responsible for the many weaklings in Pentecost today. There is a vast difference between helping souls in God's way, and rushing them through ahead of God's moving.

Saturday. "Without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5.

"Little is much if God is in it,  
Life's busiest day is not worth God's minute;  
And much is little everywhere  
If God that little does not share."

## GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

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"Where no Counsel is the people fall: but in the  
multitude of Counsellors there is safety." Prov. 11:14.

### A STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, October 2-7, 1916.

This Statement of Fundamental Truths is not intended as a creed for the Church, nor as a basis of fellowship among Christians, but only as a basis of unity for the ministry alone (i. e., that we all speak the same thing, 1 Cor. 1:10; Acts 2:42). The human phraseology employed in such statement is not inspired nor contended for, but the truth set forth in such phraseology is held to be essential to a full Gospel ministry. No claim is made that it contains all truth in the Bible, only that it covers our present needs as to these fundamental matters.

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#### 13. The Essentials as to the Godhead.

##### (a) Terms Explained.

The terms "Trinity" and "Persons," as related to the Godhead, while not found in the Scripture, yet are words in harmony with Scripture, whereby we may convey to others our immediate understanding of the doctrine of Christ respecting the Being of God, as distinguished from "gods many and lords many." We, therefore, speak with propriety of the Lord our God, who is One Lord, as a Trinity or as one Being of three Persons, and still be absolutely Scriptural. (Examples: Matth. 2:6; 8:16, 17; Acts 15:15-18.)

##### (b) Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead.

Christ taught a distinction of Persons in the Godhead which he expressed in specific terms of relationship, as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and that this distinction and relationship, as to its existence, is an eternal fact, but as to its mode it is *inscrutable* and *incomprehensible*, because *unexplained*. (That is, it is not explained as to how there can be three persons in the Godhead.) (Luke 1:35; 1 Cor. 1:24; Matth. 11:25-27; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 John 1:3, 4.)

##### (c) Unity of the One Being of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Accordingly, therefore, there is *that* in the Father which constitutes Him *the Father* and not the Son; there is *that* in the Son which constitutes Him *the Son* and not the Father; and there is *that* in the Holy Ghost which constitutes him *the Holy Ghost* and not either the Father or the Son. Wherefore, the Father is the Begetter; the Son is the Begotten; and the Holy Ghost is the one proceeding from the Father and the Son. Therefore, because these three eternally *distinct* and *related* Persons in the Godhead are in a state of *unity*, there is but one Lord God Almighty and His name one. Jno. 1:18; 15:26; 17:11, 21; Zech. 14:9.

##### (d) Identity and Co-operation in the Godhead.

The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are never *identical* as to *Person*; nor *confused* as to *relation*; nor *divided* in respect of the Godhead; nor *opposed* as to *co-operation*. The Son is *in* the Father and the

Father is *in* the Son as to relationship. The Son is *with* the Father and the Father is *with* the Son as to fellowship. The Father is not *from* the Son, but the Son is *from* the Father, as to authority. The Holy Ghost is *from* the Father and the Son proceeding, as to nature, relationship, co-operation and authority. Hence, neither Person in the Godhead either exists or works separately or independently of the others. Jno. 5:17-30.

##### (e) The Title, Lord Jesus Christ.

The appellation "Lord Jesus Christ" is a proper name. It is never applied, in the New Testament, either to the Father or to the Holy Ghost. It therefore belongs exclusively to the *Son of God*. Rom. 1:1-3, 7; 2 Jno. 3.

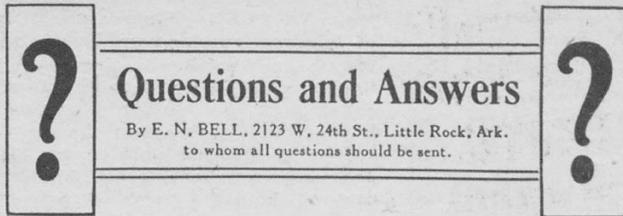
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### FAITH IN THE BLOOD.

The Lord challenges us at the beginning of the New Year with a promise, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." We at one time heard a brother say, "My greatest fear is in limiting God by asking too little." Our petitions need to be large to be in keeping with the greatness of the One to whom we make them. There is no limit to what we can receive from above because there is no limit to the preciousness and the power of the blood of Christ which has purchased all things for us.

When God's children receive, through the power of the Holy Ghost, the right conception of the efficacy of the blood of the Son of God, a new era of faith will dawn. If there is the slightest trace of condemnation in our hearts when we pray, faith is cancelled; but if in our hearts we believe there is absolute freedom from sin and condemnation through the precious blood of Christ, then have we confidence toward God and we have the petition we desire of Him. We remember a young girl receiving the baptism and a vision of the blood which was a great encouragement to all who heard of it. In the vision she was walking by the seashore, and as far as her eyes could reach there was a great ocean of blood. As she walked along she left dark footprints in the sand, but the sea of blood flowed in and quickly cleansed every step of the way. As we have the cleansed walk we have momentarily access to the throne of God.

We have a remedy for whatever comes to hinder immediate and continuous fellowship; it is the precious blood of the Son of God. Many who have read Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress will remember how the author describes in the second part of the book one of Christiana's children falling sick and needing the attendance of Dr. Skill. He made him a purge of the blood of a goat, the ashes of a heifer, with some of the juice of hyssop. Heb. 10:1-4. But it was too weak, so he made him one to the purpose: *ex carne et sanguine Christi* (of the flesh and blood of Christ, John 6:54-57), and after the boy had taken it he was healed. The physician stated it was a universal pill and was good against all diseases that pilgrims are incident to. Bunyan had found the remedy for every ill and he puts it into his allegory in his own inimitable way. As we feed on Christ this coming year, we shall become strong in Him, every petition we make will be in faith and God never fails to give the answer to the prayer of faith.—S. H. F.



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#### E. N. BELL'S NEW ADDRESS.

All questions for this department should be sent to Bro. Bell at his new address, 304 Joplin Ave., Galena, Kans. Bro. Bell has assumed the joint pastorate of the assemblies at Joplin, Mo., and Galena, Kans.

**115. Is there anything in Scripture to show us that Jesus is from all eternity the Son of God, and not simply the Son of God from His begetting by the Most High in Mary his mother?**

Ans. There are two phases of the Divine Sonship of Jesus clearly revealed in Scripture, and no effort is made by inspiration to harmonize or reconcile them. Neither do we make any such effort. The mistake of the ages has been for one man to hold to one and deny the other, while another man took the other and denied the one the first man held.

The Scriptures often assign two or more reasons or occasions for certain things. When Saul was privately anointed king by Samuel and met some prophets on leaving Samuel, the Spirit came upon Saul and he prophesied. Wherefore it is said, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" 1 Sam. 10: 12. Later on, Saul actually became king over Israel and began to hate David, and when David fled from him to the prophets at Naioth in Ramah, King Saul followed him and fell down at the gate prophesying all day and all night. "Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?" 1 Sam. 19:24.

Now, infidels and radical critics declare this proves one or the other story is wrong; but devout children of God believe both incidents happened just as recorded and that both form occasions at which the question was asked, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

Just so, Luke 1:35 says, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee (Mary) and the power of the Highest (Most High God) shall overshadow thee; therefore also that Holy Thing that shall be born of thee (begotten in thee) shall be called the Son of God."

Here the begetting in Mary by the power of the most High God is expressly assigned by the angel Gabriel as a reason for calling Jesus the Son of God. No honest, sensible child of God would wish to deny this. But this is not all. This is only one reason for calling him God's Son. This is only Deity coming into the flesh. Deity did not have a beginning only 2000 years ago in Mary. Where then are the indications of the pre-existence of Jesus as the Son? Is He called the Son in relation to any activity before His incarnation?

In Isa. 9:6 the "child" born and the "Son" given is called "The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father." Here the Deity of the Son is declared emphatically by calling the Son the mighty God. The title everlasting Father is properly translated in the margin as the Father of Eternity. If the Son is the Father of eternity, as the Word here declares, then the Son is as old as eternity or is himself eternal. He could not be the father of something older than Himself. It is not the

Father of Jesus that is here said to be the Father of eternity, but it is the Son who is so called.

In Col. 1:13-17 the pre-existence of the Son is most emphatically set forth. In v. 13 it says the Father hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son:

- (1) in whom (the Son) we have redemption;
- (2) Who (the son) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature;
- (3) for by Him (the Son) were all things created;
- (4) And He (the Son) is before all things."

If the Son is before all things and created all things, as here declared, then the Son is eternal. The Son is not created, but is the Creator, according to Paul.

The term, "first born of every creature," taken even as it stands, would make the begetting here referred to occur before all creation; and so could not be the birth from Mary long after creation. But taken in even this high sense, it seems out of keeping with the rest of the passage. It would seem in this sense to make Jesus the first created thing, who, as a creature, in turn created all other creatures—a creature creating! The passage has much troubled translators and theologians. All depends on whether the Greek word "Prototoxas" is active or passive. If passive, it means firstborn; if active, it means "firstborner," first-begetter, first-producer. Dr. A. S. Worrel declares he discovered in an old Greek book in the library at Washington, D. C., the proof that it is active in sense, and should be translated "Firstbegetter (as to creation), or first-producer or the Primal Source."

This meaning also exactly fits into the meaning of what follows. Note how sensible it reads with this meaning:

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the Primal Source of all Creation; for by Him were all things created."

Hence we see both phases of the Divine Sonship declared, one as the Eternal Son ever with the Father and creating all things, the other the incarnation of this Son in flesh through Mary, also called a begetting or a proceeding from the Father. Both phases are Scriptural, even if we are never able to reconcile them. Thank God, we do not have to.

#### IMPORTANT TO PREACHERS.

All ministers are respectfully urged to send in at once for application blank for renewal of their Certificate of Ordination and for the issuance of the new Certificate of Fellowship, ordered at last Council. The Official lists of Ministers in Good Standing will be made up early in January, and these applications should be received at once in order that all names be included in this list.

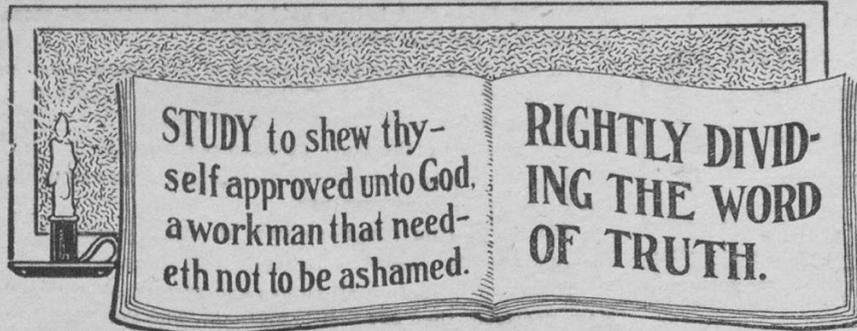
There has been some delay in answering credential letters owing to the absence of the Chairman, J. W. Welch, and the Holiday rush at the Evangel Office, but Brother Welch will be at home before this issue reaches the Evangel family, and Credential matters are expected to move along promptly from now on, and no further delays need be expected.

#### THE EVER-DEEPENING RIVER.

(Continued from page 5.)

efficacy in the Tree of Life. (v. 12.) The Holy Spirit will be continually opening up to us fresh glories in Jesus—new fruit every month, which never perishes nor grows stale; there is a daily supply from the King's table—"the fruit thereof shall be for meat;" \* \* \* and continual healing and health for our bodies—"the leaf thereof for medicine."

God grant that as we enter upon the new and untried pathway of the coming year—perhaps the last New Year we shall see before Jesus comes—it may be with a reckless abandonment to the Holy Spirit's control, and a living faith to launch out into the deep, resting on His word of promise, "Believest thou? thou shalt see *greater things*."



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

January 14, 1917.

### JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS.

Lesson Text.—John 1:19-34.

**Golden Text.**—"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

**Leading Thought.**—God hath provided a lamb. Gen. 22:8-14.

**John's testimony concerning himself.** Vs. 19-28. Passing the first thirty years of Christ's life, John opens his record with the testimony of John the Baptist, concerning himself first, and then concerning his divine successor. This lesson is the account of two remarkable days in the career of two remarkable men. Six months before Christ began His public ministry John stood forth to sound his message of repentance. As in the case of Jesus, so John's coming was in fulfillment of prophecy. Isa. 40:3-5. And John was in perfect certainty as to the nature of his mission. This fact gave him great boldness in the work assigned to him, and no doubt left a deep and lasting impression on all those who heard his divinely-inspired message. "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." What power and strength is given to that man's ministry who goes forth knowing he is sent from God. He feels the backing of all the combined heavenly hosts. This is how all the region round about was stirred through the preaching of the rugged, fearless prophet. He was a true child of the wilderness, clad in coarse garments, feeding upon the simple food afforded by the desert, and bold in the assurance that he was doing the very work for which God had sent him into the world. "Who art thou?" was the question asked of him. Now would have been his opportunity to declare his divine authority, and establish before the people his claim to great renown and honor. But listen to his answer. "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Make straight the way of the Lord." Just a voice! There was no attempt to gain any recognition for himself. He was but the forerunner, the herald of the coming Christ. He was preparing the way for the King of Righteousness, and he was perfectly

content to be lost sight of, if only the salvation of the Lord might be hastened upon the earth. Oh God, how we need such messengers today! Our Messiah will soon be revealed and it is now the time to make straight paths for His appearing. Could we not believe God had some thought of this in mind when He poured out the Latter Rain? And can we not see in this very outpouring some characteristic similar to those found in John the Baptist? He was possessed by the Holy Ghost and sent by God; he was fearless and true in declaring his message; he was simple in manner of living; he was continually pointing to Jesus and disregarding all recognition of himself. And ought not all of these things be said of a man or woman filled with the Holy Ghost today? Read all that is said about this remarkable man of God in the four Gospels and you will see more and more the closeness of the comparison. Surely we have learned much more in the past ten years about what it means to be "just a voice" for God, than has been generally known throughout the world before. "In the wilderness"—it was true literally, but it was also true of the moral desert of Israel's desolation. There were a few Simeons, but for the most part the people were sunk in sin and degradation, from the Pharisees with the self-righteous covering of the hideous iniquity of their corrupt hearts, down to the lowest servant, absolutely ignorant of God and His righteousness. And is it not quite as applicable to the world today? What was the message of the voice? Constantly of the "Coming One." Vs. 15-18; Luke 3:16, 17; Mark 1:7, 8. "He must increase, but I must decrease." May God inspire our hearts as messengers with the same unwavering testimony of the Lord Jesus as was borne by this inspired forerunner of Jesus. You have asked God to make you a voice for Him, perhaps. It will mean a life of self-forgetting, of self-renunciation beyond any conception you have ever had. But God needs such voices today, that will carry the clear message of Jesus Christ so that it will be heard above all the discord and clamor and of worldly voices today. Only the clear tone can relieve the jarring discord and bring harmony—and that clear tone must be of Christ Jesus. Paul urged the Corinthians that they give forth no uncertain sound. Keep the message true and clear for Jesus.

2. **John's testimony concerning Jesus.** Vs. 29-34. While it was true all of John's witnessing pointed to the coming of the Messiah, still there were particular aspects of the Coming One which he emphasized. This was particularly true of the next day after the events recorded in the first part of our lesson. John saw Jesus coming unto him and he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." V. 29. He further declares Christ's personality in the next verses relating the incident of Christ's baptism in Jordan and the heavenly sign which revealed to John His identity. "And I saw and bare record that this is the Son of God." V. 34. But what was the significance of those dear, familiar words, "Behold the Lamb of God?" It was prophetic, of course, but of all expressions there could have been none more suggestive to the Jewish mind. Their whole hope of salvation up to this time was based on the offering of lambs. The very word would suggest sacrifice, and for them "without the shedding of blood there was no remission of sin." But their eyes were heavy and their ears were dull and they missed the force of the picture John gave them that day of full and perfect provision by God the Father for the removal of all their sin. In all the world's history they have never been many, who sensed God's onward moving and listened for His voice. As we look backward these words of John are very sweet to us. Remember Abraham's words to the questioning Isaac as they prepared for that sacrifice, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering," deeply prophetic of God's Lamb—pure, spotless and undefiled—given as the propitiation for our sins. Think of all the word "Lamb" embodies. Meekness, yieldedness, suffering, blood, sacrifice. Isa. 53:7. Jesus manifested all this for us in His accomplishment of our salvation. Blessed Lamb of God! How precious, how sacred, how hallowed is every thought of Thee! We are redeemed! "With the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Pet. 1:19. And He is still the Lamb; and all through the ages to come we will know Him as the Lamb. Rev. 5; 14:1-5. 10. In fact the whole of Revelations is taken up with telling of the Lamb and His final triumph. Then will come the marriage supper of the Lamb and ought not those who expect to be joined to the Lamb in holy, eternal union be possessed with that same Lamb-like spirit that He manifested while here upon earth. "And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it." How can we ever express our praise and thanksgiving to this wondrous Lamb of God "which taketh away the sin of the world."

Next Week's Lesson.

January 21, 1917.

### FIRST DISCIPLES OF THE LORD JESUS.

Lesson Text.—John 1:35-51.

Golden Text.—John 1:43.

Alice Reynolds Flower.

## ILLUSTRATIONS OF GOSPEL THEMES.

We invite the co-operation of all the Evangel family in sending in illustrations that will be helpful in setting forth the truths expressed in the Gospel.

### Giving in a Right Spirit.

A little girl had two nickles given her, one for herself and one to be given to Jesus. When collection time came, her mother noticed that the child had the nickle in her little hand right up to her mouth, and she said to the child, "Don't put that coin in your mouth." "I wasn't," said the child, "I was just giving the nickle a kiss so that when it got to Jesus, He would know it came from a little girl what loved Him."

### Medicine for Cleaning Mouths.

A missionary was one day asked by a woman, "Give me some of your medicine for cleaning mouths." It seems that one of her neighbors who had always used bad language, had spent some weeks under instruction from the missionaries, and on her return everyone was surprised to hear her pure language. The result was that this neighbor came, saying, "I want my mouth to be clean like hers."

### Blind Girl's Offering.

A poor blind girl brought a clergyman thirty shillings for the missionary cause. He objected, "You are a poor blind girl, and cannot afford to give so much." "I am indeed blind," said she, "but can afford to give these thirty shillings better, perhaps, than you suppose." "How so?" "I am, sir, by trade, a basketmaker, and can work as well in the dark as in the light. Now, I am sure in the last winter it must have cost those girls who have eyes more than thirty shillings for candles to work by, which I have saved."

### The Passion for Souls.

In the early days of Methodism in America, a young preacher began to work on a circuit, with a salary of \$64 a year, and wherever he preached, souls were won for Jesus. This stirred up the opposition of the enemy, and the sinners began to persecute him in every possible way. One day a gang of them caught him as he was on his way to a village to preach. They tarred and feathered him, and he received a severe blow on his eyeball from a paddle covered with tar. He was in great pain, but he kept on praising the Lord, continued his way to that village, and preached. That very night the leader of that gang of sinners was converted.

Later on another gang succeeded in putting the young preacher into jail; but there he got his window open and began to preach. A crowd soon gathered, and one after another got saved, right there under the window of the jail. Finally the sinners said, "We had better turn this man loose, for he is

making more converts in jail than when he was free."

## PIONEER LABORERS IN WEST CHINA.

When we see the present conditions of things, we cannot but help feeling that the day of our redemption draweth nigh. How blessed it will be when He shall appear, and we shall behold the King in all His glory. Yet, while there remaineth seed time and harvest, we must be about the business of our Master. There is yet much to be done and much ground to be possessed for Jesus.

Many tribes here have never heard the name of Jesus, while there are others that are having a spurious doctrine preached to them. About ten days from here there is a tribe called the Lo-Heh. They have, as far as I can learn, never been visited until recently by the Roman Catholics who came over from Burmah. They told these people that if they accepted their religion that they could grow opium. Further, they gave them gifts of money, etc. Of course they got plenty of adherents, and this will be given out to their church at home that the people in great numbers have entered the church.

I was told this by the official here that such things had happened, and it is true, for I have just met a man from that part who told me of it. I told him that we did not believe in that kind of a religion, but ours was a change of heart, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. How blessed to be able to give them the pure, unadulterated Word of God, and a Christ which will satisfy the heart. It is not a creed that these people want, but a personal living Saviour who will be able to help them to throw off their sins, not put extra burdens upon them. I trust, as the Lord opens up the way, to get to this tribe and tell them of the blessed Gospel and of the Christ who is able to save them out of their sins, not put fresh sins upon them, for this is just what these Roman Catholics are doing, who preach that they can grow opium if they join the church.

Not, however, that China is strict about the putting away of opium, out in this province yet and in this city, it is easy to buy opium and to smoke it as well. Yea, quite a trade is done in this damning drug, which drags these people down and keeps them in bondage to the evil one. Yet what can you expect when the government deals in it, as has just been recently proved by the quantity which was found on the representatives from this province to Peking and seized at Shanghai? China needs much prayer that she may be guided aright at this time, and led to see her sins in a new light. Yea she needs Jesus Christ who alone is able to deliver her from sin.

I trust that some young lives will be led to give themselves to the work of the Lord in foreign lands. **If this Pentecostal baptism means anything it means the carrying of the Gospel of salvation to the heathen and the uttermost part of the earth.** We would very much

like an interest in your prayers for the work of the Lord here, that God will manifest Himself in a real way to these people. Yea, too, that more workers will be thrust forth where the need is so great. **We need more workers where these places still remain in darkness and without the knowledge of Jesus Christ.**

I should be pleased if you will pray for a Mahomedan who is at present in prison and who is interested in the Gospel. He has sent for our books and I have been to see him and we pray that the Lord will grip his heart and save his soul. Too, that others in this prison will, like the Phillipian jailor, cry out, what must I do to be saved. The head official has given permission to preach to them. So we must pray that the Lord will convict many of them and turn them to righteousness, that these proud officials may be convinced that the religion of Jesus Christ is not a dead religion like their Confucianism. We too need your prayers for the raising up of native workers to spread abroad the truth. Pray that a young man who is very interested and has ability will be born again and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

I would be glad to get in touch with any young people who are desirous of going out to the foreign field, and whom you would recommend. We stand for the full Gospel as revealed in God's Word, for the baptism of the Holy Ghost—Yea for the divine command to preach the Gospel to the uttermost part of the earth. We are not connected with any mission, and are trusting the Lord for the supply of all our needs, and we want to testify to His goodness, and to His faithfulness. God can be trusted, and He will never leave us nor forsake us. Praise to His name! We shall be glad to welcome any who have a love for Jesus, and who feel the call to go so strong that they cannot stay. They must be sent of Him, otherwise they will not be able to stand all the tests which they will be called to pass through.—John M. Fullerton.

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**MISSIONARY OFFERINGS.**

**Report of Missionary Treasurer.**

The following are the amounts forwarded during December to various missionaries who are out on faith lines. Many remembered the missionaries at Christmas time, but the month or two after Christmas their hard times come. Prices are high in every part of the field, but most of the workers are receiving no more than formerly. Let every one do their best to send in a missionary contribution this month.

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Total for December.....\$575.00  
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**WONDERFUL BLESSINGS IN PORTO RICO.**

Bro. Solomon Fel'cano writes, "Just a few lines to let you know that God is working here. The hungry people love to hear the Word preached. They can stand in the streets with their hats off for a good length of time. We are having the most glorious street meetings, hundreds and hundreds come out to hear us tell about Jesus. We are also having good cottage meetings, sixty-eight have confessed Jesus as their Saviour, and many more are under conviction, and many are seeking for the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

"We will have our first Pentecostal meeting in Porto Rico about the 20th of this month (December). We had \$10.00 sent to us towards the rent, and \$10.00 for chairs. We'll trust God for more money for chairs.

"Nearly every day some one comes to our house to get us to pray for them, and God has healed many sick ones. We had one of our babies sick for two weeks, but in answer to prayer, God raised Him up. Will give the Lord all the glory, for He is worthy of it."

In a later letter, our brother writes, "We have the entree to the county jail every Sunday. Last Sunday, a priest took our time, but thank God, we held services on three different corners, and in a private house, and then in the house we are living in. The first Sunday that we preached in the jail we had an audience of about 150 prisoners, and nearly half of them lifted up their hands to be prayed for; they wanted to be saved. Pray for this work."

**THE WORK IN KASHMIR, INDIA.**

Sister Edith Kirschner writes of many tests and trials in her labors at Punch. She has not only been sick herself with malaria, but her co-worker became dangerously ill at the same time, and she had to rise from her own sick bed to attend to her friend. She writes, "It has been a very bad year in Punch, not a single house has escaped the fever; in so many cases it has proved fatal, but praise God all the Christian community thus far has been spared and we were all again at meeting last Sabbath, except one of the young men who was baptized in February, who is still bad with jaundice. Prayer is going up unceasingly for him and we praise God that

his condition shows improvement this week.

"This is my seventh year in Punch, but I have never known the fleas, mosquitos, and flies to be such a nuisance and trial as they have been this year. Nor has this been all; great big black ants whose nips make one jump almost, have made things as unpleasant as possible. The rats have made our roof their tennis ground and their noisy games have kept up all night.

"One, or rather two lessons, He has taught me during this time of illness and weakness. I always thought it required only tribulation to teach us patience as in Romans 5:3, but He has been showing me that James 1:3 is yet a step higher and that the "trial of your faith worketh patience." That is lesson one. I don't know whether I have learned it yet, the tests are coming thick and fast, and I am praying that He will let me graduate with honors by His grace. The second lesson is, in Heb. 12:10, God chastising us that we might be partakers of His holiness. How it awed me when the blessed Holy Spirit revealed that to my heart. Our prayers go up to be made holy like the Father, but alas! we want it in our own way, not His. It is making many a bitter thing sweet, many a hard thing easy, and many a test a victory, just to think this is a little bit of what is going to make me like my Father in Heaven. Hallelujah! Our light afflictions are working out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

"The work is going on well. The meetings are fairly well attended considering the illness there has been in the town. Mr. Nickerson visits in the jail every week and is doing a great work among the prisoners. The clerks in the post office, the staff in the state hospital, as well as the patients, all have constant teaching of the Word.

"Wali Shah has been transferred to a place called Ihakiejala, several miles away from Punch, in the very heart of the mountains. This is a place where the Gospel has never been preached. I had a very glowing letter from him telling how eagerly the Word was being listened to. Last Sunday he was in, and the lad's face at service was just glowing with joy. God is using him there. Praise God, the lad is tasting the joys of soul-winning. The master in a boy's school nearby has asked him to teach the boys for an hour every day out of 'Your Book.'"

Sister Kirschner reports that the cost of living has gone up to practically double what it was a year ago. She sends the following requests for prayer: "That she may be fully led and guided as to what God's plan for her is for the coming year; for a second teacher in the girl's school; for the sweepers, who are most eager to be taught; for a lad with consumption that he may be completely healed; for the Bible classes for the lads, and two Hindu boys especially, and for needed funds to carry on the work; and for restoration to complete health and strength.

**ECHOES FROM THE ORIENT.**

Bro. B. S. Moore writes from Japan: "Having passed through another year of conflicts and victories, we feel very grateful to our God who preserved our lives and delivered us from sickness, cholera and black plague, which has claimed hundreds of victims; some have fallen on our right hand and some on the left, but the God of the 91st Psalm did not permit them to enter our dwelling—to Him we give all the glory. In answer to prayer, doors have opened to the Gospel and also the hearts of the people, and we can rejoice to say that God is giving results, fruit that shall remain. We have stood, and do stand for a spiritual ministry, and that all men must be "Born of water and of the Spirit," otherwise they can not see the kingdom of God. When things have looked very dark God has always proved His faithfulness, our three stations are yet open and He has enabled us to make two of them comfortable for winter and the other needs repairing badly, which will cost about \$15.00. We are trusting God to keep them running and also enable us to carry on the country evangelism, where we have recently held successful meetings.

"For one month we conducted a series of Gospel meetings under our Gospel tent. The weather at first was good, many people attended until the weather became cold and rainy, but our Lord sent in hungry hearts. The whole family who lived in front of our tent became earnest believers, also in the rear of our tent, near the platform, all but the father of the home have turned to God there, including the dear old grandma, aged 73, who gets up every morning at two o'clock and prays to the living God for one hour, for the salvation of her relatives and Buddhist friends. This is her testimony. "Hallelujah to Jesus' name! I am 73 years of age, but a strong young soldier of Jesus Christ. I was saved in the tent meeting, and God made me such a happy person, that I wake up at two o'clock every morning and pray to Jesus one hour. I feel awfully glad for His great salvation. Indeed there is no salvation, no Saviour but Jesus in this world."

The watch man, an old man, whom we had to watch the tent, got converted and his wife saw the change in him and she came down and got saved. They have taken out all the idols and prayers which are written on wooden spoons which they pray to every day. They thank God for the new light from heaven which is shining in their hearts. A number of others were saved, and many yet under conviction continue to enquire at the missions and also at our home."

In a Mohammedan country a young man became interested in Christianity, but when it was discovered that he was reading the Bible, his relatives put him in prison where he was kept for three months. At the close of that time he got out, made his way to the missionaries, and boldly confessed his faith in Christ by being baptized.

**PENTECOSTAL BIBLE COURSE**

**Lesson 4. Leviticus.**

1. The doctrine of the book is Holiness.
2. The instruction is for Ceremonial Worship.
3. The subjects: Priests, Sacrifices, Feasts. Here God speaks from the Sanctuary, not from Sinai. The approach to God is in types.

4. The key to the whole book is the great Day of Atonement.

5. The substance of the book, Sin, Atonement, Holiness.

I. The offerings, in number five. Name them. In three classes. (a) Expiatory—satisfaction for sin. (b) Dedicatory—Consecration. (c) Eucharistic—Giving of thanks. (a) Salvation, (b) Gift of self, (c) Gift of what we have. We can imitate (b) and (c), but as regards (a) only Jesus can expiate sin.

The Expiatory offerings are (a) The Lamb,—atones for sin as a substitute, (b) The Heifer,—cleanses from defilement, (c) The Two Birds, one killed, one let go—death and resurrection. This is the offering of the poor. He who was rich became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. 2 Cor. 8:9. (d) The Two Goats,—expiation and remission.

1. Whole burnt offering,—entire satisfaction, expiatory, outside the camp, Lev. 4:21, Heb. 13:12. Dedicatory offering within the camp or temple.

2. The Red Heifer,—cleansing. The ashes and water make the water of purification, the clean or cleansing water of Ezek. 36:25. The blood of the Lamb removes the guilt, the clean water removes the defilement. This type is fulfilled in the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus. Heb. 9:19.

(Be sure and read all the references.)

3. The Two Birds of Leviticus 14, the one killed, the blood sprinkled on the live one, and then it was let go. First, the death atones for sin; second, sins are remitted and a new life—resurrection life—begins. This speaks of Jesus delivered for our offenses, and raised again for our justification. Rom. 4:25.

4. The Two Goats of Leviticus 16. One goat was killed for a sin offering for the people; all the iniquities, transgressions and sins were put upon the head of the other goat, and it was sent away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness. Christ died for our sins, and bore them all away, to be remembered against us no more. Heb. 8:12.

Notice, the whole Burnt Offering must be voluntary, entire, continual. The fire shall never go out. Renewed every morning and every evening, Sabbath, new moon, at every feast and on the Day of Atonement. N. T. Truth: "Lo, I come, in the volume of the book it is written of me, to do thy will, O God." Heb. 10:7. Rom. 12:1. Every offering had to be salted, Lev. 2:13, Mark 9:49. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt. Col. 4:6. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man. Jas. 3:2.

5. The Eucharistic or Thanksgiving Offerings, (a) Meat offering, (b) Peace, (c) Drink. Giving to God the firstfruits, acknowledging God as the source of all our blessings, 1 Chron. 29:10-12; 2 Cor. 8th and 9th chapters.

II. The Feasts, seven in number, name them. Three classes, (a) Memorial, (b) Prophetic, (c) Fulfillment. (a) Passover is in memory of the Lord's deliverance from Egypt, and type of the Lord our passover being sacrificed for us. At the passover, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. (b) First-fruits, prophetic of the full harvest, the Day of Pentecost, 3000 converted, Acts 2. (c) The full harvest, the Millenium, a nation born in a day, Satan will be bound, wars will cease, pestilence and famine no more. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

III. The Priests, and antitype, the high priest, a type of Christ, the other priests and Levites, a type of God's children.

IV. The Leprosy is dealt with extensively, and is a type of sin, no cure but the power of God. Mat. 8:2, Lev. 14.

Read carefully the following passages. (a) A spiritual house to offer up spiritual sacrifices, 1 Peter 2:5-9, Rev. 1:5. (b) Whole burnt offering, Rom. 12:1-4. (c) Praise, Heb. 13:15, Col. 3:16, Ephes. 5:18-20. (d) Speech seasoned, Col. 4:6. (e) Contributions, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. Phil. 4:18, Mal. 3:10. (f) Penitential broken spirit, Psa. 51. (g) Fasting, doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly, (giving to the poor) Isa. 58:4-7, Micah. 6:1-8. God still has a controversy with the people on this point. (h) Obedience—out of gratitude—If ye love me keep my commandments. John 14:15. (i) Incense, Prayer, Psalm 142, Rev. 8:3-5.—A. P. Collins, 1509 N. Houston St., Fort Worth, Texas.

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## FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

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### TRUST.

Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him." Ps. 2:12.

God is in heaven  
And on His great throne  
Looking in tenderness  
Down on His own;  
Knowing their sorrows—  
Knowing their care,  
Guiding their feet  
To that city so fair.

Trust in Him dear ones,  
Walk in His way,  
Sing with the ransomed  
The heavenly lay;  
Bathe in the fountain  
The blood of His Son,  
Then hear the glad welcome,  
"My servants well done!"  
—Evang. Burt McCafferty.

Greetings to all our dear friends in the Fellowship in Christ. We are having much good material coming in each week, but are not able to publish it all because of lack of space. Will all those who sends in reports and testimonies endeavor to be brief, so that there will be room for the other brother's testimony and report.

### FIELD NOTES.

Brother D. H. McDowell of Scranton, Pa., writes of the Peckville work which is under his supervision. "The Lord is gathering out a precious band, and baptizing them in the Spirit, and the work is growing. Friends are earnestly desired to pray for this work."

The new Pentecostal Church building at Benton, Ill., is just about finished, and revival services are being held in it at the present time. There are about 100 members, but only a few have the baptism of the Spirit, as it is comparatively a new work. John Trout, formerly of Mount Vernon, Ill., is the pastor, and also the builder of the chapel. He has been much blessed of the Lord in his labors in Benton this past year.

Brother C. A. Lasater writes, "Just returned from Garland, Okla., where we held a twelve-days' meeting, and the Lord wonderfully blessed. Twenty-five received the baptism as in Acts 2:4, some saved, and twelve baptized in water on the 10th. The Lord wonderfully witnessed to this service. This was a new place. I held a two weeks meeting there in the summer, and I thought it was a hard place. But we saw the Lord come forth there in power, until the people were made to wonder. Left them shouting the victory. Pray for me."

Pastor E. L. Newby sends in a good report of the convention at Electra, Texas. Bro. Collins of Fort Worth and other representative preachers attended, and there was a blessed unity. He tells us that a special Bible School is to be held in Fort Worth next April. He reports that the work is making encouraging growth in Electra, and extends a hearty welcome to any God-sent preacher.

Brother M. L. Jacobs writes from Jacksonville, Fla., and wishes to announce special meetings in that city under the direction of Brother W. H. Vause, who was much blessed in his labors there last winter. Special meetings start on January 7th, and the attendance of other workers would be appreciated. Brother Jacobs used to be a drunken barber in St. Louis, and his wife was a Roman Catholic, but the Lord has graciously saved them both, and they are happy in serving Him all they can. Any information about this meeting can be obtained from Brother Jacobs at 906 Main St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Brother R. C. Opie sends in a good report of the blessing of the Lord on his labors since he left his pastoral charge in Long Beach, Cal., to go out into the evangelistic field. He and his son Earl have had a good summer's campaign with their tent, and can report many saved, several baptized in the Holy Ghost and many healed. The first Sunday in November they were in Fresno, Cal., to dedicate the new tabernacle built by Brother Will Opie. They had two weeks' services there in which several were saved, baptized and healed. He and his son Earl are now holding meetings in Phoenix, Arizona, in which state they expect to spend the winter. They would be glad to hear from those wanting help. We can highly recommend our Brother Opie as one who is on sound, straight Pentecostal lines. A letter will find him at 802 N. 7th St., Phoenix, Arz.

### THE POWER FALLING IN FRISCO.

Pastor Craig of 1536 Ellis St., San Francisco, sends us a notice of special meetings for January. Space forbids our printing this "Clarion Call to Holy Convocation," but same can be obtained from Bro. Craig. God is saving, healing and baptizing in the Holy Ghost in their midst. Bro. Craig recently baptized six men, all of different nationalities, on one night. Sister Etter has gone on to San Jose, but many evangelists, pastors and missionaries are remaining.

Will Bro. George Harrison please get in communion with Bro. W. H. Pope of Pawhuska, Okla.

### WHERE ARE THE NINE?

Gratitude costs little and accomplishes much. The Lord does much for which He receives no thanks, and so do many of His children. There are many who eagerly send requests for prayer, but when the answers come, no note of praise is heard ascending to God, and no expression of gratitude comes to encourage those who have prayed the answer down from above. From time to time, at no little expense to the Publishing House, requests for prayer are printed and published, and special prayer is made at the Evangel Home and elsewhere for these requests, but how rarely those to whom God grants the answer return with a note of praise. Let us change this and make this New Year resound with our praises to Him who hears and answers prayer.

### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

A brother in Canton, Ill., has had a stroke and requests prayer.

A sister in Landing, Miss., requests prayer for the salvation of her husband.

A sister in Hatfield, Ind., requests prayer that she may receive the baptism.

A brother in Haskell, Texas, writes, "Pray much that God will remember us and send us help."

A brother in Seattle, Wash., requests prayer that his hearing, that has become defective, may be restored.

A brother and his wife in Fountain, Colo., request prayer that they may have the full blessing of Pentecost.

Prayer is requested for the work in Grand Prairie, Texas, that many be saved and receive the fulness of the Spirit there.

A sister in Spades, Indiana, desires prayer for her complete healing, also that the Lord will save a sister who is a spiritualist.

A sister in Oswego, Ill., requests prayer for her mother, who has a cataract in both eyes, that her eyesight and general health may be restored.

A sister in Wildwood desires prayer for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and that a good work may be opened up in the district in which she lives.

The pastor of the Rush Springs, Okla., assembly requests prayer for a brother suffering with pneumonia, and for a sister suffering with catarrh of the head.

A request comes from Dallas, Texas, for the salvation of sixteen persons, that eight may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that eight may be healed, for the reclamation of a backslider, and that he and two Christian men may get work.

**HEALED OF CONSUMPTION.**

I was under doctors' treatment for consumption, taking their medicine for nine years, but when the Lord touched my body He healed me in a minute. His healing power went through me like electricity. Praise His name! It was two years last May since the Lord healed me, and by His grace I am trusting my whole spirit, soul and body in His control. The Lord has called me into the work, and I want you to pray that the way may be opened up. Pray also for my husband that He may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. A. Gray, Texas.

**A WONDERFUL HEALING.**

Evangelist Henry Walls sends us the following newspaper report which he took from the Toledo Bee:

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Does God answer prayer?

"Yes," devoutly testifies Mrs. Anne E. Norton of Seattle, with a body suddenly and "miraculously" freed of horrible disease and long drug slavery!

Twelve times she was on the operating table. Three times she was pronounced dead. One arm was amputated. Her body was covered with eruptions. Morphine, the knife and ceaseless pain had distorted the body.

**Then Tried Prayer.**

"And then," said Mrs. Norton, detailing her "miraculous" experience, "half an hour's prayer accomplished what 700 physicians said was impossible. It is a clear case of divine interposition!"

"My affliction began four years ago in Spokane when I accidentally cut my hand with a knife. Partial paralysis, blood poisoning and mortification succeeded rapidly and my whole body was affected.

"The four years of this living death I spent mostly in the hospitals of Seattle, Spokane and Portland.

**Resigned to Death.**

"That was my condition when I went to Olympia to die. The Pentecostal people found me and offered prayer in my behalf.

"In a moment all pain was gone. A wonderful healing influence surged through me. I shouted with relief and happiness. And from that hour on I have had no further desire for morphine, nor have I touched a grain since."

**MIRACULOUS HEALING OF A CHILD.**

During the month of November, 1916, my baby, who will be two years old in February, 1917, was in the Children's Hospital, affected with pus in the bladder, and continued to get worse and worse until she was not expected to live, and while waiting for her to pass away I came to Mrs. M. B. Woodworth-Etter's meetings and had her pray over a handkerchief. Leaving the meeting for home, the telephone rang and the hospital asked me to take the first taxi cab and come immediately to the hospital, as baby was very low, and might not be alive unless I made haste. Arriving at

the bedside, around which the house physician and nurses were standing awaiting the end, I placed the handkerchief on baby's stomach, and she at once commenced to quiver and shake under God's power and within four minutes sat up and said "Take me home, mamma."

"What did you do to the child?" asked the doctor as the nurses stood amazed.

"I did not do anything; the Lord did it all," I replied. The next morning she got up and was playing around. I give God the glory for her life.—Inez Broberg, San Francisco, Cal.

**SECOND ANNUAL SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

Essex, Missouri, March 18th to 24th (D. V.).

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." Hallelujah! Mal. 3:16-17.

Beloved, let us speak often one to another. "And not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Let every minister and worker in the district come to the feast of good things. Every assembly should send two male delegates or at least one. Also, let every child of God that can, come! Come expecting God to make it a time of edification, more so than the Chaffee Council was last year, where the Spirit of God was so graciously manifested.

All will be expected to pay their way to and from the council. Homes will be open for you while here.

Several important things are to be discussed in this meeting for the unity and co-operation of the saints and the salvation of the lost. Pray for the meeting that our God will lead by His own Spirit and save souls in the midst.

Write the Pastor, E. L. Banta, Essex, Mo., a few days before the council if you are coming. Remember the date, March 18-24th—Mrs. Zola Taylor, John T. Wilson, Wm. Giles, Committee.

Anyone wishing meetings, write R. A. Daugherty, Longmont, Colo., R. R. 3, or R. J. Fletcher, care of R. A. Daugherty.

**ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.**

A sister in Havana, Ark., wants all the Evangel readers to pray that she may be healed of a cancer on her breast, and also receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Bro. George Griffin of Antwerp, O., requests prayer that a Pentecostal Mission may be started in Antwerp. He would also like to get in touch with any Pentecostal saints in that vicinity.

A sister in McHenry, Miss., requests prayer that some Pentecostal people may come to that city and hold a revival meeting, that she herself may have more of the Spirit and be healed of indigestion and heart trouble.

**ARKANSAS DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

The Arkansas District Council of the Assemblies of God is hereby called to meet in Malvern, Arkansas, Jan. 23-27th, 1917, for the purpose of electing a State Presbytery for the Arkansas District, and to transact any business that may be brought before the District Council at that time.

(Signed) E. N. Bell, Chairman.  
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**GREAT TIMES OF REFRESHING AT PAWHUSKA, OKLAHOMA.**

God certainly has met with us in the last two weeks with blessed victory. Brother F. F. Bosworth and his brother were with us about three weeks. God gave us about fifty conversions and a number were filled with the Holy Ghost. The last night of the meeting several were saved and two or three filled with the Spirit, and about seventy stood up for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The work is in good shape and we expect great victory in the future. Will continue tarrying meetings every night until those that are seeking God for the promise of the Father receive Him.—W. H. Pope.

**A MEXICAN PASTOR'S TESTIMONY.**

Glory to God, and blessed be Jesus' name. Hallelujah! I was dead, but I live now, bless the Lord's name! Happy day when God baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Bless the Lord's name!

I was baptized in water years ago, but in all that long time I have never had power from God. I used to have good teaching everywhere, but none of those teachers told me about the Holy Ghost. I received nothing but good lessons, that is all. But God called me on the streets of Austin by one of the ladies preaching there, thanks be to God! Her words lit on my heart like lightning; and I say the truth, I saw a vision at another time.

After the first time of hearing the Gospel I came to the Tabernacle, and that day (Sunday), when I heard my brothers pray, my eyes turned in water, and the water ran all over my face, and my body shook all over. I asked myself, "Who made me cry?" and I never have the answer, but something was working on me, and I said, "If it is right, Lord have Thy way."

Then Pastor Scheumack said, "Does any one want to be baptized with the Holy Ghost?" I came to the place, and after awhile I said, "Glory, glory, glory!" and something dark fell down from my eyes (see Acts 9:18), bless the Lord's name, He baptized me with the Holy Ghost, thanks to the blessed Trinity!

Now I am happy, and I can see all things from my God, bless His name! Now I never think of the salary that I used to receive. My old church used to pay me with money, but the Lord's church pays me with the Holy Ghost, bless His sweet name, glory to God, Hallelujah, Amen! Now Lopez is going to live a free life, Hallelujah!

The 250 members of my old church say to me, "You have not received any money since our church turned you out," but I say, "I have received the Holy Ghost, thanks be to God, and that is worth more than gold, bless His holy name, Hallelujah!"

They also say to me, "That church has no money;" but I say, "We have the Lord, who can help us in everything." Everyone is saying to me, "You will never do a work like you did in our

church;" but I say, "I can do better work, because I have found the truth, and the Holy Ghost can lead me, Hallelujah! They all think I shall die; but the truth is I done die, and I raised up again, because Jesus brought me up, bless His holy name! I am so very glad I have found the power; and that what my older brothers think is not the truth, because they are all children and are thinking as children (see 1 Cor. 13:11).

Now I know I shall do better work, and I am ready to do any work my Lord wants me to do, and I can say, "I don't live, but Jesus lives in me, Hallelujah, Amen!"—Arnulfo M. Lopez, Del Valle, Texas.

**A VISION AND A HEALING.**

Bro. T. R. O'Bryan writes from Kentucky, "I have been going every two weeks to a place in the country, and two weeks ago I was there and preached. There was a sick boy there, about 12 years old, suffering with chills, and we prayed for him before we left. The next morning, whilst lying on his bed, he called his mother and told her he could see a King standing at his feet with a gold crown on His head, with a rod or stick in His hand with a crown of gold upon it, and by His side were five angels dressed in white. The boy said, "Lord, speak to me in the Spirit, and tell me what you want me to do." The Lord told him that he wanted him to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The boy asked about the chills, and the Lord told him that he had not been living as he should, that He wanted him to pray for the sinners and for the church members that were not living right. He asked the Lord why his father's health was bad, and the Lord told him that his father was not living as he ought to live. They sent for his father to come, and he told him of his vision and of the gates of pearl and the golden streets that he could see. He got up and began to sing and shout and praise the dear Lord, and he never went back to bed any more, and he has not had any more chills.

I was there today, and we talked with this boy, and I asked him if the Lord saved him, and he said he did, and his mother said that he has been a different boy ever since.

Sister Cora Hammond writes from Lo Pau, South China, "Our little band here has been severely tested of late, the enemy has tried to kill nearly every one of us. But, praise God, we are victors in it all. My co-worker is leaving on furlough next week; she has been in China six years, and needs the rest badly. This will, of course, leave the responsibility upon me, and I make an earnest appeal to you for prayer, as my body is not strong, and there is much to be done."

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