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WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

(Isa. 21:12.)

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." Matt. 24:7-8. See also Haggai 2:22.

"O, Watchman, faithful Watchman, please tell us of the night,
How long before the morning? How long before the light?"
The Watchman sends the warning to those who wait below:
"The time of darkness cometh, the time of pain and woe:
A mighty tribulation is sweeping o'er the land!
An awful desolation is seen on every hand!"

"And still the darkness deepens as war clouds darker grow,
I see the world in armor, prepared against the foe!
I see the nations gather to stand in stern array,
And many souls are dying—yea thousands in a day!
I see the father perish, I see the brother fall,
I hear the cry of anguish that comes from one and all."

"O, Watchman, why this darkness that covers all the earth?
And why this cry of sorrow instead of joy and mirth?
Why are these homes so des'late—these homes across the sea.
Where many souls are dying, in want and misery,
Where pestilence and famine are walking hand in hand,
Why is this awful darkness upon the sea and land?"

"If ye will ask, inquire ye, and ye shall surely know
The meaning of this darkness—this sorrow, pain and woe,
It is the day of trouble so long ago foretold
By Him who on the mountain the mystery did unfold."
"Then what shall be the ending—if ending there shall be—
Of all this tribulation beginning o'er the sea?"

"O, Watchman, we are waiting, what shall the ending be
Of all this woe and sorrow—this night of misery?"
Oh, hearken! Hear the Watchman! He speaks! What did He say?
"The morning surely cometh! Behold the dawn of day!
The day of righteous ruling, devoid of sorrow's tears,
The day of Christ triumphant, to reign a thousand years."

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PICTURES OF PENTECOST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Picture III. The Prophetic, Priestly and Kingly Anointing. 1 Kin. 19:16; Ex. 29:7; 1 Sam. 16:13.

2. The Priestly Anointing.

One of the ceremonies recorded twice over with the utmost detail in God's Holy Word is the anointing and consecration of Aaron the first high priest, with his sons who were to assist him in the priestly office. I would ask my readers before going further, to read carefully, asking for the Holy Spirit's illumination and interpretation, chapters 28 and 29 of Exodus, and also Leviticus 8 and 9. In this article I do not propose to speak of every detail of that wonderfully typical ceremony, but only of the one point which specially prefigures the baptism of the Holy Ghost. "And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him." It was by this anointing with oil that Aaron was *set apart* as high priest; and in Psa. 133:2 we read that the precious oil from the head poured down to the very skirts of his garments, a beautiful picture of Jesus, our Head, and our Great High Priest, receiving the priestly anointing, and that holy oil becoming available for every member of His body, the church. "Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath poured forth this." Acts 2:33.

There is a two-fold aspect of the work of a priest, as given to us in the Scripture. First he was God's representative to man, and in this his chief work was teaching the people the need of sacrifice for their sin, and proclaiming to them God's acceptance of their sacrifices when offered in faith, and their subsequent pardon. Secondly, he was man's representative before God, and as such his chief work was that of intercession. The priest occupied the position of a mediator—for the people to Godward, and for God to the people. "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom. 10:4), that is, all the types and shadows of the Mosaic ritual were fully and perfectly fulfilled in HIM, the one great High Priest, Mediator and Sacrifice for our sins. Not one of us can ever take the place of mediator in the sense of making atonement for sin; and yet, as workers together with Him, there is a very real sense in which we are called unto the fellowship of our Master in being priests unto God; to take His message and be His ambassadors to men, and also to be their representatives before Him, in lives of intercessory prayer.

Beloved, how much have we learned of this priestly anointing, since receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost? Has the Spirit been able to lay real travail for souls upon us? Or have we been too busy to spend whole days or nights in intercession? If there is one thing more than another which the Lord seems to be seeking in these last days, it is for a host of real prayer-warriors, those who are so humble and so utterly yielded to the Spirit that He can intercede through them just when and where and how He will. Then, in addition to the intercession, see some of the sacrifices which we are to offer in Heb. 13:15, 16; Phil. 2:17, and 4:18; Rom. 12:1 and 15:16. Note also the song of the redeemed in glory. Rev. 1:5, 6, and 5:9, 10. May the Lord make His Pentecostal people in these last days to be indeed "a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." 1 Pet. 2:5, 9.

3. The Kingly Anointing.

"Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward." 1 Sam. 16:13.

In the song of the redeemed in glory which we looked at a few moments ago, the two titles are mentioned together, "kings and priests." When we become children of God we are made members of the Royal Family of heaven, and the Father desires that His children should show forth His nature in the world, living and acting before men as becomes their kingly race. There is an old proverb of the French—"Noblesse oblige" (nobility obliges), which teaches a deep spiritual lesson. The real nobility are above the mean, petty actions that smaller men might indulge in. Their royal blood *obliges* them to live lives of rectitude, justice, honesty, purity and benevolence. And if this is true of earthly royalty, how far more true is it of God's kings—members of the Royal Family of heaven? God's children must live lives worthy of their kingship: they cannot stoop to worldliness, selfishness, anger, pride or impurity. If a child of God leans on the arm of flesh, has recourse to worldly methods in his work, or compromises with the world in any way, he disgraces his royal lineage.

And the *power* to live the kingly life is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. In His last words to His disciples, as He was going up to heaven, Jesus said, "Ye shall receive *power* after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you;" (Acts 1:8) and we see in their changed lives after the Holy Spirit came, the proof of that promise coming true. Where is the coward Peter, who shrank before the scornful sneer of a servant girl, and denied that he had ever known his precious Saviour? Gone forever: and in his place see the fearless man of rock, standing up boldly before the very Jerusalem which had crucified His Lord, and bringing their sin home to them. Hear him boldly testifying before the great council of his nation, in the face of stripes and imprisonment, "We ought to obey God rather than men." "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye: for we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:19, 20, and 5:29. See him proclaiming the Gospel to the Gentiles, and working for his Lord in one country after another—destitute, persecuted, beaten and maligned—and finally laying down his life on a cross, like the Saviour he so faithfully served. What changed him? It was the promise of the Father, the endowment with power from on high, poured forth on the day of Pentecost.)

Dear reader, have you received this baptism of the Holy Ghost? If so, pray that it may be manifested in a life of overcoming, a life of constant victory in the little things of life. The real test as to whether we have received the kingly anointing does not come in great crises, but in little things: in the friction and tiny rubs of contact with others, especially those with whom we live or work. Many a saint would gladly give his life for the truth and be burned at the stake if that test came; but he allows himself to feel a little hurt if not asked to speak in a meeting, or at some fancied slight in the intercourse of daily life. The only real overcomer is he who overcomes in little things: even as a king who could break down great castles of the enemy, would not dream of flight before a party of skirmishers. God grant that we may all become overcomers before Jesus comes again; that we may obtain the promise "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." (Rev. 3:21.)—Alice E. Luce.

Jesus! Jesus let us ever say it,
Softly to ourselves, as some sweet spell;
Jesus! Jesus! troubled spirit lay it
On thy tired heart, and it will make thee well.

JESUS CHRIST THE LORD.

By Andrew D. Urshan.

Satan believes and knows Jesus Christ is the Lord. By the host of his demons in a man he saw Jesus from afar off, and ran and worshipped Him. Here is Satan worshipping Jesus; (the sign of his faith and knowledge that He is over him) and cried with a loud voice, and said: "What have I to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of the Most High? I adjure Thee by God that Thou torment me not," (Mark 5:6, 7). And a day is coming when all people will be bound to realize and confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord, and to bow before Him on their knees; but that kind of confession which is forced upon them is not Christian confession; it is the confession of an authority over them, and in spite of their tormented will, they have to acknowledge Him as such and worship Him.

But the true Christian confession of Jesus as Lord is when we are filled with the Spirit that glorifies Jesus in our mind and life, revealing unto us His beauty and glory, and causing us to burst forth with abundant adoration to His Lordship in our daily lives. Therefore, to confess Jesus Christ as our Lord, and to sing the victorious song of His power, and to proclaim His dazzling Majesty in our life, is to be filled and controlled by His will, which is the normal citizenship of heaven. Yea, the heaven of which Jesus Christ is King.

The Glorious Benefits of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. (Read Isa. 32.)

Heaven is a place of joy and divine pleasure. Why? Because the Ruler of it is God and its Prince is Jesus Christ. We read that there is coming a day for this world, which is a day of a thousand years long. That thousand years is the reigning of Jesus over this present sinful, sorrowful, wicked, tormented world. What will happen when Jesus becomes the King of kings over this world? We read, sin will vanish away, sickness and sorrow will not be found, death will be conquered, cruelty and wildness of men and animals will be taken away; no more curse, tears, disappointment, separations, heartache and confusion. Everything will be beautiful, heavenly, full of pleasure, comforting. The sun will shine seven times brighter, and the moon will be as bright as the sun today; every body will be happy, fearless, cheerful, satisfied, full of content. The very atmosphere will be filled with the perfume of the "Lily of the Valley." The singing of birds and of men and angels will mingle in a chorus of a thousand years long. What is the secret of all this? Because *Jesus is the Lord over all.*

Then the question comes: Reader, is He on the throne of your heart and is His kingdom in you now? If this is so, the millennium has already begun in your heart. The saints of God are not looking for or longing for the millennium as much as they are craving to see their Lord in the fulness of His glorious Person, but they are lovingly and tenderly waiting to see the thousand years of blessing come, not only for themselves, but for the poor, sad, sin-stricken world through them. As Paul says, the whole creation is groaning, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God: "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." (Rom. 8:19.)

If you have Christ in your heart, and King of your life, you have joy unspeakable, full of glory, you do not want any joy of this world, but you have a great groaning that others may find the same sweet fellowship of your Jesus. You cannot help but become a messenger of this blessed truth, "Behold a King shall reign in righteousness, and the

princes shall rule in judgment, and a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a rock in a weary land. And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken, the heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly. . . . and the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever." Why? Why? Why all this? Because Jesus, that King, shall reign in righteousness with His princes (His saints) ruling in judgment.

Dear reader, God has promised us abundant peace, joy, rest, quietness, victory in the face of the devil, in the midst of this crooked and perverse generation, in spite of the multitude of trials and temptations in our daily life. We can obtain this in our present life with persecution; but the full glory of it will be when we shall see Him face to face.

When Jesus becomes our personal Saviour and Lord, just as the above Scriptures say, there may be mighty wind, but there will be a *hiding place*; there may be tempest, but also a *cover*; there may be dryness, and yet *rivers*, and weariness in life, but there is *the shadow of the Great Rock*. There may come dimness of sight, but it is written, "the eyes of them that see shall not be dim;" yea, shall see Him on the throne of their life. There may be rashness of heart, but there will be understanding and knowledge in His presence. There may be sorrow and trouble, but also fulness of joy in His presence. Oh, it pays to have Christ as our Lord in this life if there were no hereafter; but, thank God, we can have the foretaste now, and that foretaste of heaven is so strong we hardly can contain it. Therefore, rivers of grace can burst forth *NOW* as the result of His blessed control.

Let us ask ourselves just now solemnly and honestly if we are delivered from the power of darkness, and have been translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son. If truly Jesus is the King of the kingdom wherein we are born, if we are one of the children of the kingdom of God, if we are, surely we can sing: (Cols. 1:10-14.)

Since Jesus rules over my life;
Since Jesus rules over my life;
Floods of joy o'er my soul,
Like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus rules over my life.

Reader, who is your king; under whose control are you? Have you got the nature of Jesus in you by which God rules your life? Are you a member of the free family of the heavenly Father, and Prince Jesus, or are you still naturally-minded, unconverted, a nominal Christian? Can you, with truth of heart and life, looking into the face of Jesus, say: "My Lord and My God?"

God help us to answer this solemn question. For if you stay under the control of Satan in the old life, you will be forever with him, who has already been judged, and preserved for everlasting chains of darkness, and unquenchable fire of torment throughout eternity. But if you turn from sin and Satan to God, through Jesus Christ, accepting Him now as your Saviour and your Lord, you shall be delivered from sin, Satan and hell to enjoy the glorious freedom under the rule of the Righteous King of kings and Lord of lords—Jesus.

Dear reader, if your life and experience is not measuring with this truth, although you are a child of God, you need not fear or get discouraged, but prayerfully and heartily invite Jesus the Lord to take control of your heart and mind by yielding your whole life in His hands, and put your affections on Him, then and there He will keep that which you commit unto Him. Read Rom. 12:1-3.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

In ten thousand ways, and tones, the above question is being asked all around us. One might gather from that fact that people were really desirous of having the question satisfactorily answered, but in the large majority of cases, those who ask the question proceed to answer it, by giving their own views and opinions, which when they are analyzed do not even satisfy those who maintain them. But there are those, who if they once stepped upon solid rock concerning this question, would find themselves so settled, and established, strengthened, and comforted, that no hurricane of opinions, and doctrines, and views, and ideas, would ever dislodge them.

Man was made by God a thinking, and a reasoning creature, but he must have *the truth* for foundation, in order to *think* the truth. Otherwise his thinking and reasoning, however good it may seem, can only be speculative.

The young folks in our family adopted the following plan—If any word was used, as others thought out of its meaning, or incorrectly pronounced, it was challenged, and a certain agreed dictionary was appealed to, and whatever it declared was the spelling, pronunciation, or meaning of that word, was accepted, and was an end of all controversy, there being no further room for ideas, and opinions. It was counted as being the truth, on that matter—the debate was over, and nothing left to do, but to practice it. This was a very simple matter and answered well. Had the children of God done the same thing concerning their disputations, there would but have been one sect only today, and they would have been known as Christians—Christ's people.

We hear it said frequently—"Back to Pentecost"—"Back to Calvary," but far better still to be back to the Word,—Christ. Pilate was confused on this question, and asked "What is Truth?" The Lord Jesus had just told him, that to this end He was born, and for this cause He came into the world, "to bear witness unto the Truth." In our Lord's Prayer, immediately before this, He had declared "Thy word is Truth." Here we have a plain simple declaration, and unless we are willing to believe those four words, spoken by our Lord in Prayer, we may search diligently all the rest of our lives for truth, and never find it.

Settle it once for ever in your heart before God, that as for you, you will receive that declaration, and risk all your earthly and eternal happiness and well being upon it. That is the rock to put your feet upon. And be assured that though heaven and earth shall pass away, that Word shall never pass away. Having done this, we will ask, what is the Word of God? Had we been able to receive all God desired to communicate to us in one word, there is such a word that He could have used. That word is "Christ," but in order for us to get a glimpse of that wondrous Word, He has used all the words from Genesis to Revelation, to unfold to us Christ, the Wisdom of God, and the Power of God. Thus we see the Scriptures are the Words of God, to reveal His WORD. *It is the whole of Scripture that makes the Word.*

Now if all God's real people would appeal upon every question to His Word, and let Him settle it in His own words, as our family did the dictionary, there would be an instantaneous cessation of disputation,—God would be honored, and all that His people have longed for, and prayed for, and yet themselves have hindered, would be done! It is perfectly wonderful how the Scriptures deal with every phase of life in simple language which can be understood by a child. The main difficulty is, so few Christians ever know where to look, in order to find what they want. How is this? There has been no reverent,

regular, reading of the Word. No pains taken with it. It is used more as a scrap-book than a Guide, and the eternal principles of God are lost sight of. On the other hand, by the present day (so-called) Bible students, it is made of private interpretation, that is, it is divided, and sub-divided, and distributed, so much to the Jew, so much to the Gentile, and so much to the church, so much to the past, and so much to the future, that simple souls are bewildered and discouraged and cheated out of the Living Water and Rich Pasture prepared for them by their Good Shepherd. There is no doubt a certain amount of truth in some of this overdone dispensational way of carving up the word of God, but on the whole we are far better without any of it, because in studying it, or having one's mind upon it, one overlooks the eternal principles which are laid down in these very passages, and which apply to us, as much this moment as they ever did, or ever will to any one.

Whatever God says, is the Truth—Christ Himself is the Word, the Truth of God.

The Scriptures are the written Truth. Christ Himself the Living Truth, who by means of His Birth, Life, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Resurrection, and Ascension, bore witness unto the Truth of the written Word.

Now the point is, how to get the Truth of God into ourselves. Perhaps it will make it very simple, by looking to see how the lie of the Serpent got into mankind.

There came a day when the Serpent came and talked with the woman. He uttered words. And those words were "the lie," and the woman listened and believed the words, and received them into herself and acted upon them, thus showing that she believed them. And by so doing she received the nature of the Serpent, which is "the lie" into her being. It was very simple. She took in the words of the Serpent and then the lie was in her. Just so, by taking in the words of God, His nature is received, and His truth is in us.

The woman demonstrated that she did believe the words, for she acted upon them. We may always know when we believe the words of God, for we too will be prepared to act upon them.

If souls were "born again" not of corruptible seed, (the word of man), but of incorruptible seed, that is by the Word of God, which liveth, and abideth for ever, there could be no groaning over the falling away of converts, because by so receiving this incorruptible word, the nature, the life of God, would come into that soul, and regenerate it.

Words are seed, and they have the germ of life or death in them—The receiving of Satan's words produced death, for in that day the man and the woman died to the Truth—God,—and lived to the lie—Sin.

Christ urges us to take heed how we hear, and to take heed of what we hear for He understood the awful importance of Words, and how they reproduced themselves.

Think for instance of an agitator holding forth at an open air gathering.—Think of some nice bright boys and girls sauntering up to listen to what is being said, and they hear an earnest, forcible, though one sided oration upon the wrongs and oppression, of that class to which their parents belong. Up to that time they had never considered themselves ill done to. But now they have *taken in* without reserve, all that this man has been saying, the seed of hatred, and distrust towards anyone better off than themselves, has been sown in their hearts, and begins immediately to spring up and bear fruit, or rather, weeds. Whatever words *we receive* whether of man, Satan, or God germinate, and bear fruit *after their kind*.

Words which are rejected, are manifestly not planted in the Soul, whether they be good or bad. Hence, if

we do not receive the words of God, although we may hear them, and read them, we reject them. And so, though we may be able to recite them, yet they are rejected until they are believed in such manner, that we act upon them, as did Eve upon Satan's word. In Hebrew 4:2 we are told that the Gospel was preached unto Israel, but the Word preached did not profit them, *because it was not mixed with faith*, that is, that though they heard it, they did not receive it into themselves. So it did not reproduce itself in them.

Dearly beloved, settle it for ever in your heart, that the Scriptures are the Words of God, and whatever you need,

or lack, go to His Word, and find the very words that are suitable for your need, and plant them in your heart, and your life will become a delight to God, and His Peace will garrison your heart and mind, keep you in perfect rest, notwithstanding all the turmoil around you. You will have no perplexities about the inspiration of Scripture, nor the perfect, sufficient, atoning work of Christ on Calvary, nor the baptism of the Holy Ghost,—nor Divine Healing,—nor the second coming of our Lord, nor why this, that, or the other is allowed. You will know the Truth and the Truth will make you free.—L. A. Walslow.

THE CHRISTIAN AND WAR. IS IT TOO LATE?

By S. H. Booth-Clibborn

No! It's not yet too late for us Christians to consider our relation to this war question.

Yes! It is too late for the Pacifists; for their weapons, being merely political, have failed, as everything human is bound to fail.

Yes! and the Socialists have failed too, having repeatedly scorned and rejected true Christian standards for those of a stupid and godless materialism. True, we have admired their devotion and zeal for peace. For the last two tragic years their burning enthusiasm (in America at least) has put us poor sleepy (though "professed") followers of the Prince of Peace to shame! But they are now bidden to "forever hold their peace," and that's the only brand of "peace" they are allowed to hold on to; for whatever is not built on "Christ the Solid Rock" is left to the fate of "sinking sand."

But what about us? Yes, us Christians, who have been preaching this Gospel of LOVE, JOY, and PEACE so loud and so long? Now that it has come to practicing what we preach, now the fiery test will be applied—are we willing to go through with Jesus? Are we ready to "go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach?" (Heb. 13:13.)

Should a Christian Fight?

Let us examine carefully and prayerfully the principles of our Holy Faith, which principles we but yesterday rattled off so glibly, but which now mean so much!

The subject is so vast, and the space allowed so small that I shall confine myself to answering some of the popular objections to Christian Non-Resistance. However be it clearly understood that the matter is treated from the Christian standpoint only, and addressed only to Christians, the arguments being based solely on the authority of God's Holy Word!

Question. If war is wrong for the Christian, why did God Himself in the Old Testament lead Israel into battle and into victory against their enemies?

Answer. The Jews were then living in the age of Law and Judgment; whilst

we dwell in the Dispensation of Grace and Mercy! Right here is where there is an appalling amount of thick ignorance among God's own people, resulting in this everlasting muddling up of O. T. and N. T. teaching, of Law and Grace, of Judgment and Mercy, of War and Peace,—all through failing to "Rightly divide the word of Truth." We find recorded in the 17th verse of the 1st chapter of John's Gospel that "the Law was given by Moses, but Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ." God ordered Israel to wipe out in direct judgment the morally rotten Canaanites; but find me in the New Testament where Christ ever sent His followers on such a mission? On the contrary He sent them out to save men—not to butcher them like cattle. Again Jehovah openly declared himself on Israel's side, by startling miracles, both at Jericho and with Gideon, as well as at many other times and places. What nation now in the bloody mess can produce such proofs of its being in the right, or of God being on its side?

No! as far as the Christian is concerned, the "eye for an eye" system has given place to the "Turn to him the other cheek also" of Matt. 5:39-44. The reader is urged here to compare the following passages in order to realize the wide difference existing between Israel and the Church of Christ!

ISRAEL.	CHURCH.
	Difference in Calling.
Gen. 12:1.	Phil. 3:20
	Difference in Conduct.
Deut. 7:1, 2	Matt. 5:38-44
	Difference in Worship.
Lev. 17:8, 9	Matt. 18:20

Question. Oh, it's all very well in theory, but suppose a brute in human form attacked your wife and children. Would you stand by and allow it? (and having fired this broadside the patriot awaits the answer with an air of triumphant finality, while I'm supposed to rush blindly into the favorite trap. But praise God, he who is in the habit of receiving "tips" from heaven soon gets wise to such tricks; and now is for the

Answer. In the first place the illustration does not fit the case at all, for the murderous individual tries to assault my family of his own free will, whereas in this war poor harmless people are driven like cattle and quite against their will by godless governments into butchering each other. A more fitting picture of the situation would be found in a Spanish American cock-fight, where the poor benighted birds scatter each other's blood and feathers at their owners' pleasure—these latter together with the "neutral" spectators reaping all the profits!

In the second place, to substitute facts for wild supposition, thousands of humble Christian homes have never yet been broken into by a criminal of any sort: God protecting His own according to their faith; for they put their trust in Him rather than in the police.

Thirdly, if it should come to actual violence—Matthew 5 and Romans 12 would still remain true, and God's Word would still have to be obeyed, (cf. the case of the Three Hebrew Children. Daniel 3:16-23.)

Of course I have not included the many religious persecutions which down the ages have been the inevitable accompaniment of every new and powerful movement; and yet these very persecutions have set the seal of God's approval in the most striking way on the doctrine of Christian non-resistance. Those early non-resisters, mind you, were the same martyrs, of whom, in these days of inherited religion, the boast is so often heard, that "their blood was the seed of the church!" Their sublime endurance under the most exquisite sufferings should not only draw tears from stones, but silence forever our contemptible excuses for crawling cowardice!

"And he said to me, These are they which come out of great tribulation * * * therefore are they before the throne of God * * * They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more * * * For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes!" (Rev. 7:14-17.)

THE ALL-BLOTTING-OUT BLOOD OF CHRIST.

It is not our actual and our particular transgressions only; it is not our crimson and scarlet sins only; but our very best actions cry continually for the blood of Christ to be sprinkled upon them. Our sermons and our prayers, and our praises; our holiest and our most heavenly-minded exercises; all our "righteousness," as Isaiah has it; they all call aloud for the blood of Christ: Let but the Holy Spirit begin to dart in His holy light upon the motives and the movements of our corrupt hearts, and, like the prophets and the psalmists, we will always see stains of sinfulness, even in our tears of repentance, and self-display in our pretended praise of God. And thus it must be that, even as Moses in his early day sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry, even so must it be, and much more so, in our New Testament day. For, under the Gospel, there is a far deeper, a far more inward, and a far more heart-searching and heart-breaking sense of sin that demands nothing less than the heart's blood of the Lamb of God Himself. "If our hands," says Hooker, "did never offer violence to our brethren, yet a bloody thought doth prove us murderers before God. If we never opened our mouth to utter any scandalous, offensive or hurtful word, yet the cry of our most secret cogitation is heard in His ears. If we did not commit the evils which we do commit daily and both in deeds and in words and in thoughts, yet, even in the good things that we do, how many sinful defects are intermingled." But even so, blessed be the name, the blood of Christ cleanseth from *all sin*: from outward and inward sin, from sensual and spiritual sin, from legal and evangelical sin—in short, from *all sin*, past, present, and to come.

Now, at this point, take this word of warning on this whole matter from a great authority. John Bunyan, that great authority in all these matters, tells us that as time went on with him he came to see that the very worst way to take off guilt was to let it die away of itself. "Though I was thus troubled, and tossed, and afflicted with the sight and the sense and the terror of my sin, yet I was afraid to let that sense and terror go quite off my mind. For I found that unless my guilt of conscience was taken off the right way—that is to say, by the blood of Christ—I grew worse rather than better for the loss of my trouble of mind. Wherefore, if my guilt lay heavy upon me, then I should cry that the blood of Christ should take it off. And, if my guilt was going off of itself, and without the sprinkling of Christ's blood, then I should also strive to bring my guilt back again upon my heart and upon my conscience." "And, here," says our own Halyburton also, "here, in my opinion, is one of the greatest secrets of practical godliness, and one of the highest attainments in a close and continuous walk with God—that is to say, to know how to come, daily and hourly, to the fountain opened, and kept open, for sins and for uncleanness. Never to be for long, or indeed, ever at all, for so much as a moment, away from that fountain—that, that is the only safe and sure way to keep off guilt."

And to all that of Hooker and Bunyan and Halyburton I will urgently add this: Always get your new guilt taken off immediately. Even before your new guilt is well on, get it taken off that moment, and on the spot. Suppose it is a sinful word that you have suddenly, intentionally or inadvertently, spoken—well, before that sinful word has arrived at the hearer's ear, before it has had time to enter his heart, and before the recording angel, with all his alertness, has had time to get his pen into his inkhorn against you, be you beforehand with him. Be you back at the cross in the twinkling of an eye. Be you prostrate

before the mercy-seat that moment. God is said greatly to love some of our adverbs—and no adverb of ours more than the adverb *immediately*, unless it be the kindred adverbs *vicariously* and *believingly*. Well, then, that moment you fall into any sudden sin of thought or word or deed, go to God about it, and go *vicariously* and *believingly* and *immediately*. It was an old belief that when a murderer was arrested, and was brought into the presence of the murdered man's body, the blood of the dead man began to flow afresh, as if the murder had been committed that moment, I think that old belief must have had an evangelical foundation. Only, in the evangel, the ever-flowing blood of Christ speaks far better things to the arrested man than did the warm and loudly accusing blood of that old belief.

But powerfully realistic as all that is, at the same time no possible realism can come near that of the apostle who reveals to us that very heaven itself is already sprinkled, and will all be found to be sprinkled with the blood of the Lamb when we enter it. Not the penitent sinner only, and not the saint only, and not the throne of grace on earth only, and not the book of judgment at the last day only, but very heaven itself, and especially the places prepared for us, will all be found sprinkled with the all-purchasing and all-preparing blood of the Lamb. That so precious and so prevailing blood has opened for us all our doors of grace and of all other goodness on earth, and its diverse virtue will not come to its full strength and final end till it has ushered us into our purchased possession, to go no more out. Without the full assurance and the absolute seal that Christ's blood will then give us, no one of us could ever take the boldness to set a foot of ours within the heavenly glory. But, when we are taken by the hand at the golden gate, and when we are led up to the place prepared for us, and especially when we see our own names written in His blood on our own lintel, and on our own doorpost—

"Then Lord shall I fully know;
Not till then how much I owe."

My brethren, the Lamb of God will get His proper place among all His redeemed people then. They will all be sound on the doctrine of the atonement then. They will all be believers in the Godhead of the Redeemer then. They will all be forward to subscribe to Paul's Gospel of imputation then. And to Augustine's doctrine and experience of original sin then. And by that time we will all hang together in one golden chain of the truth as it is in Jesus.

"I am my Beloved's,
And my Beloved is mine;
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into His house of wine.
I stand upon His merit;
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
In Immanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garments,
But her dear bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory,
But on my King of Grace—
Not at the crown He giveth,
But on His pierced hand:
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Immanuel's land.

Do not forget that now is the accepted time. Now is the day of salvation.—Alexander Whyte, in the *British Weekly*.

Birds that fly high have no dust upon their wings.

COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE

An English Conscientious Objector's Testimony.

Early in March, 1916, compulsory military service was forced upon the country and I at once put in an application for total exemption from military service as a conscientious objector. I had been thus minded ever since the war started and wondered what I should do if compulsion actually came. I had prayed very much and my parents and brothers had been praying too, for we all had the same attitude towards war, believing that from New Testament teaching that a Christian could not go to war.

To my surprise, I found that the Military Service Bill contained a clause which allowed anyone who had a conscientious objection to war to appeal and either get non-combatant work or total exemption. So I appealed as the act allowed me to, and about the end of April a paper came warning me to appear at the Tribunal Court at

I went up and appealed on Christian grounds. I stuck to the Scriptures and gave my objection from a Scriptural standpoint. They questioned me very closely and I answered their questions by quoting Scripture. They told me that they did not want me to preach to them but to simply answer questions. They all hung their heads as I gave my objections. At last one of them asked what I would do if an enemy came to my home and was about to kill my mother. I told him I would pray. However, they proved that my objection was sincere, and that I did not give various foolish reasons as many of the socialists and others had done, but stood on solid ground, so they granted me exemption from combatant service and put me in the non-combatant corps.

At that time I could not see my way clear to even enter the non-combatant corps, so I appealed again to the Tribunal Court, but after reconsidering it, and comparing my stand with the Scriptures, I found that I could take up with the work that the Tribunal had granted me and would not be condemned in my own mind. And I knew that if I still objected I would be put in prison for perhaps a number of years and made to do work that I would object to as a conscientious objector. So I took the work.

About six weeks later I was sent to the Recruiting Office at My name was taken and in the afternoon I found myself marching to the railway station on my way to It was quite a new thing to me to be under an officer, but I soon found out that I had to be in subjection to those in authority. That night I slept in a hut on some straw with some very rough looking material for sheets and a couple of blankets. The next day was medical examination, and so I was taken into what is known as the N. C. C. (Non-Combatant Corps).

The thing that surprised me the most

was the corruptness of the men I was mixed with. Men who had come from good homes were absolutely corrupt in their conversation. I had never seen anything like it before. I was the only Christian there. Amidst the cursing and swearing of that gang of men I finally fell asleep—my first night in the N. C. C.

Surely if anyone is to live a Christian life in the ordinary barrack room he can only do so by the grace of God. But, thank God, it is possible. Paul says: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong." If ever there was a place where the young man needed to watch, stand fast, be a man and be strong, it is in the barrack-room.

The next day I was sent to another place, and to my surprise I found I was in company with many other C. O.'s, and ere long some very interesting conversations took place. I found that many of these men were Christians. What a change from last night! I also had a better place to sleep and I was so delighted to think that the Lord had worked things out so well. Our work here consisted of moving stores, handling food stuffs, hospital work, farm work and other little duties. We did not handle firearms or ammunition. It was interesting to see clerks and men of all trades handle a pick and shovel for the first time, but like me, they had to do many things for the Lord's sake and to obey those in authority if they did not go beyond what we believed to be the promise of the Tribunal Court.

We were a mixture of different religious beliefs in this corps: Church of England (Episcopal), Roman Catholic, Wesleyan, Baptist, Methodist, Strict Baptist, Peculiar People, about four kinds of Plymouth Brethren, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Seventh Day Adventists, Pentecostal, and many other kinds, besides Socialists, Agnostics, etc., all of us objecting to war.

I remember when I first came into contact with so many doctrines I had to make sure of my stand and see whether I was securely founded on the Rock. But bless God for the strength He does give those that put their trust in Him.

I might state that the reason I took the stand that I did as a C. O. I could not see any other stand to take as a Christian who is measuring his walk by the Word of God. Others may not see as I do and may be quite sincere in their stand as a combatant, but to me, according to the Word of God, it is quite wrong for a Christian to fight. Let every one be persuaded in his own mind, for the time will surely come when everyone in this old world will have to fight it out and prove where they stand and it will be seen whether their objection is sincere or not. Surely the time is short, and let every man be found doing the

things that would please the Lord when He comes.

I praise the Lord for the way He has answered prayer and kept me out of war. For the last several months I have been far away from the battle fields of Europe. I have been stationed in Ireland. I have been doing all kinds of work and not much of it has been very war-like. I believe that the Lord will undertake to the end. Pray for me that I may be found faithful until Jesus comes.

Bro. James Harvey sends us the above testimony, which he received from a very dear friend of his in England. We publish it, believing it will help many of our young men in the stand they will take at this time.

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO PALESTINE.

A correspondent sent to the Prophetic News a description of a lecture on Palestine. "Mr. Schor, the lecturer, is a Jew, and had lived amongst and visited the places he talked about. He belongs to the London Jews' Society. As the map of Palestine was next to be shown, he pointed out it was only the size of Wales, and so could not contain all the Jews that were going in great numbers to the land given to Abraham by God; so they would occupy the desert of Arabia, and thus fulfil the prophecy of Isa. 35:1, 'The desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;' also Jer. 31:28, 'Behold, I will bring them from the north country, (Russia), and gather them from the coasts of the earth.' He said the old orthodox Jews were giving up their old belief, as it did not satisfy them at the present time, and it rested with us whether they embraced Christianity or turned into infidels. The question was, what were we going to do with the Turks? Kill them, as the Israelites did the Canaanites? No. For every hundred Jews going into Palestine, thousands of Turks are emigrating into America and other places; thus God was providing homes for His people the Jews, making way for their return, which is very near. The great difference of the place to what is used to be was shown in the picture, where were a large number of nice houses, all occupied, instead of the cramped-up streets as formerly, with the land cultivated. The Sea of Galilee, he said, abounded with fish, so that they could sit on the coast and make up the sardines without number, and the Dead Sea was full of chemicals, which would add to the industry of the people. Likewise, new streams of water were springing up in places where there had never been any before, and railway stations were built near them, so as to work the machinery. All things were thus being prepared for the return of the Jews to the promised land. The climate, Mr. Schor added, is so good, and the soil so fertile, that everything needful for food can be grown."

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If we can't do anything else, we can pray.

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THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The Holy Spirit is never in a hurry to teach. You have to wait upon the Lord, and to wait till the Holy Spirit speaks to you. If you wait His time, He will teach you as a father his child.

The province of the Holy Spirit is little known by the saints of God; they have only general ideas. He is the direct Spirit of the Holy One of Israel. He is a patient teacher, and He takes of the hidden things of Christ and reveals them unto us. He can only teach the anointed spirit.

Look into the Old Testament and search and see what the Spirit did in those times. The Spirit *moved* upon the face of the deep. The Spirit is an active worker. The Spirit works in His own time. Man's time is not always the Spirit's time. Holy men of old spoke as they were *moved* upon by the Spirit at sundry times. The Holy Spirit must not be limited or tied. When He is not limited, He brings in floods of revelation. He is ever taking of the things of Christ, of Christ in all His fulness, and He reveals them step by step.

The Holy Spirit works where the precious Blood of Christ is honored. He is endeavoring to teach the value of the blood. The value of the blood is not fully known. The Holy Spirit is jealous for the blood, for the honor paid to it. He departs from those who slight the blood. The Holy of Holies was desecrated in the sight of God when the veil of the Temple was rent from top to bottom, and the desecration was completed later on by the Romans. The Blood of Christ was slighted at Calvary and the Holy Spirit left the Temple.

The Holy Spirit left the one temple, and He is to build another, a complete temple, the temple of the Body of Christ, and that temple will be completely fitted inside. The top stone is nearly in place, and the complete temple is nearly ready for occupation. Let the Spirit do His final work in perfecting that which concerneth you. He will work if you let Him and are humble and teachable.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." Psa. 37:3.

Are you fearful—are you apprehensive over the tightness of conditions on every side? Here then is God's promise for you. And you have but to **trust in Him and do good**. Simple, is it not? God's requirements of us are always simple, if we go at them in His way. Doubt, and fear, and questioning, and disobedience are the things that make God's way hard for us. "The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land." God is pleased not only that you should have enough for all your needs, but something extra with which to help somebody else. "The liberal soul shall be made fat."

Monday. "Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously." Ex. 15:21.

"Just in the last distressing hour
The Lord displays delivering power;
The mount of danger is the place
Where we shall find surpassing grace."

Tuesday. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10:8.

How abundant has been God's provision for our every need! We have received **abundance of pardon** (Isa. 55:7; Neh. 9:17); **abundance of cleansing** (Tit. 3:5, 6); **abundance of grace** (Rom. 5:17; 1 Tim. 1:14); **abundance of peace** (Psa. 72:7; Jer. 33:6); **abundance of life** (John 10:10); **abundance of rain**—spiritual refreshing (1 Kin. 18:41; Gal. 3:14); **abundance of joy** (2 Cor. 8:2); **an abundant entrance into glory** (2 Pet. 1:11)—all through Jesus Christ. Should we not labor then more abundantly in behalf of other souls who have not as yet received?

Wednesday. "They went and told Jesus." Matt. 14:12.

You are complaining of your trials—you feel yourself imposed upon and abused? You are seeking sympathy from someone perhaps? Well, dear brother, it is not sympathy you want; it is JESUS. Human sympathy will only satisfy the flesh; Jesus will make you strong and victorious right in the hard place. Oh that hearts knew the value of going to Him alone instead of seeking the natural sympathy of another. How much richer and deeper would be their walk with God!

Thursday. "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." 1 Thess. 5:4.

One of the strongest indications of our Lord's soon return is the heart-stirring amongst His children. It is like the intuition that grips the mother-heart—so unerring, yet so mysterious in its working. So know we that He is coming. Our very bones tremble with expectancy—the conscious nearness of it has gripped our hearts—and we shall not be disappointed. Hallelujah!

Friday. "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you." 1 Sam. 12:23.

Samuel was grieved with Israel as he faithfully reproved them for their sins. But his heart was tender with God's own love for them. Oh that we were more faithful in praying for those who don't quite please us with their ways, or who openly oppose and disagree with us. Had there been more such praying there would not be some of the gaping wounds in the body of Christ, nor the divisions and strife that so grieve the great loving heart of our Lord. Less talk and more prayer—that is what we need today.

Saturday. "Worship him that liveth for ever and ever." Rev. 4:10.

Our Lord does not want admirers today; He wants worshippers—those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. And as we yield to the Holy Spirit, so do we learn how to worship Him. And some day—blessed prospect—we shall stand before Him in all His glory, and praise, and honor, and glorify without restraint the One who daily groweth more precious to our hearts.

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Questions and Answers

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This department is only open for the edification of those in need of such light on the Scriptures as we can give, not for argument or disputing. The editor reserves the right to answer only such questions as will be for the glory of God and to the help of our readers. No questions, under any circumstances, will be answered by letter, so please do not expect this.

181. Should a woman wear a covering on her head when she prays or prophesies in meetings? 1 Cor. 11: 5-6.

Ans. In the days of the apostle Paul and in the East, it was customary for every virtuous woman to wear a covering on her head as a sign of submission to her own husband if married, or to her father, if single. To go in public without this was to declare herself a free lance and a loose, unvirtuous woman. Women made free in Christ were likely to throw to the winds all customs, shout, prophesy and pray bare headed as much as they pleased. Paul saw, in this, great harm to the good name of Christian women, and to the cause of Christ, so enjoined that after saved they still wear a covering as a sign of submission to one man, and not act as if all men were the same to them. If such customs and beliefs prevailed in our country in this day, women should certainly wear the covering still. But such does not prevail in this country now, and therefore I see no need of it. Paul says even then it was not to be a matter of contention, much less so now when such customs do not prevail.

The parallel today would be for a Christian woman to dress like a woman of the red light district. The pity is that many professing women do today dress in a vulgar, immodest way, in such way as to show as much of her nude body as possible, a way that appeals to the passions of unsaved men. This is a gross violation of the Bible principle which Paul upheld. No virtuous woman should be guilty of wearing immodest dress. God's people should not follow the godless fashions of the world. They can dress neatly and yet avoid this.

182. Is the Adamic nature of sin still with us after we accept Christ? Is this what Paul calls the "thorn in the flesh?"

Ans. This inherited sinful nature is changed when a man is made a new creature in Christ. 2 Cor. 5:17. Yet in some measure, it seems there is danger to the child of God still, from weaknesses still left in regenerated and sanctified mankind, of falling back into old sins that grow out of this old nature. See Gal. 5:13-18. See the warning in Col. 3:5-17. See the promise in Rom. 6:14. Read 6:1-14, 18, 22, 23.

No, the "thorn in the flesh" was not the Adamic nature in Paul. Some believe the thorn in Paul was afflicted eyes that continually distressed him. Paul applies it in 2 Cor. 12:7-10 to all "weaknesses, injuries, necessities, persecutions or distresses for Christ's sake." The thorn therefore has a wide range of application. I am glad I do not know what Paul's particular thorn was, so that I can apply God's promise of all sufficient grace to mine, though it may be different from his. Hallelujah! His grace is sufficient for all the thorns in all of us.

183. Will the same bodies that we now have come forth from the grave, or will it be a different body that Jesus is now preparing for us?

Ans. This is a mystery not fully revealed, but on which we have rich suggestions. John speaking of this says, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him." 1 Jno. 3:2. Paul says, Christ "shall change our vile body (body of humiliation), that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body," Phil. 3:21.

This present body is to be related to this new spiritual glorified body like a grain of wheat is related to the living stalk that grows up out of it (1 Cor. 15:35-38), a difference somewhat like the difference between earthly bodies and heavenly bodies (1 Cor. 15:40), like the difference between corruption and incorruption, dishonor and glory, weakness and power. It is the difference between a natural body and a spiritual body, 1 Cor. 15:42-44. Let us believe and preach all the Word says, but not in presumption go beyond it, nor contend over our own human phrases or notions about it.

184. What proof have we that gives the right to say "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus" over and over again to get the baptism in the Spirit?

Ans. We have many examples of calling upon the name of the Lord Jesus. God pours out the Spirit through Jesus. The child of God is perfectly free to use any Scriptural word or phrases in praying for the baptism. If this is used as a shortened petition that Jesus should baptize them with the Spirit, it is perfectly lawful and correct. But if the word Jesus is used merely

as a physical manipulation of the lips and vocal organs which physical manipulation is depended upon to bring the Holy Ghost or to get tongues, then it is worse than useless. No physical manipulation, however good or holy the word used, can be or should be depended upon to bring the Spirit. Repentance, faith, obedience, waiting, prayer, expectance, praising and blessing God, laying on of hands, etc., are the means used in the Scriptures. If these are complied with, any soul on earth can receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost!

"LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES!"

I was in St. Louis, and was taken to the hospital with the measles. Then I had the earache, and the doctors had to cut my ear twice, and I thought I should have to be operated on. After fourteen days, in answer to prayer, I got out of the hospital and went home, but I was still sick, and the doctors feared tuberculosis from the cough I had. My mother and the saints prayed for me, but Satan put me in bed with nerve spells and heart trouble, with which I have been bothered about eleven years, and my ear was left affected with the measles. I was so bad that I had to have the doctor twice, but he did me no good. I got worse and twice mother thought I was gone. I could feel the presence of death. That night two of the saints came over and prayed and anointed me with oil and I was healed. I slept about half an hour, and then I woke up and sat up in bed and ate some supper. I went to sleep and did not wake up till morning.

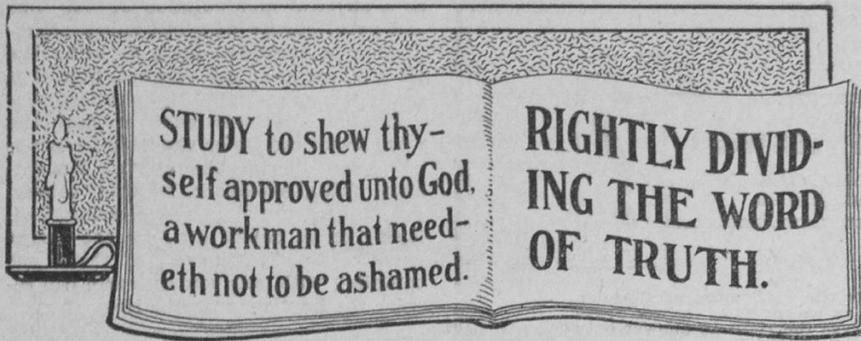
The next evening Satan again put the sickness upon me, but the saints came and prayed for me again, and cast six demons out of me. They came out of me one at a time, and one of them tried to choke me to death. The foam just came out of my mouth. Now I am well and feel better than I ever felt in my life. Oh how I praise the Lord for His healing power.—Ocia Fuller, Missouri.

What Can You Bear for Jesus?

Among the outcaste in India the Gospel has been making rapid strides, in spite of all they have to bear, and the oppression of the higher castes who persecute them in every possible way when they begin to turn their faces toward Christ. One inquirer had his hand burnt in boiling oil, another old man named Job had his cattle and land all taken away from him. Several of them were severely beaten by their employers, one old man of seventy left senseless with a broken bone, and others threatened with death.

Yet not one of these went back; they all pressed on in learning of Christ, and confessed their faith in Him before men.

A young man of seventeen confessed his faith in Christ by water baptism, his parents cursing him from the other end of the church. He began to pray for their salvation with tears running down his face; and the result of his patience and faith was that in less than a year's time both those parents were converted.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

May 6, 1917.

JESUS THE SERVANT OF ALL.

Lesson Text.—John 13:1-17.

Golden Text.—“Whosoever would be first among you, shall be servant of all.” Mk. 10:44.

Leading Thought.—Christ our pattern in lowly service. 1 Pet. 2:21.

It is the night before the crucifixion. In obedience to the Lord's directions the disciples had found an upper room, made ready the supper and partaken thereof. The supper was ended. Comp. Mt. 26:7-30; Mk. 14:17-26; Lk. 22:14-39. It was just before the institution of the Lord's Supper that the events of our lesson took place.

1. **The Love of Christ, V. 1.** “**Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end.**” It was the last evening Christ would spend with these disciples. He well knew that His hour had come, and with full consciousness of the fact, He still was interested and concerned about those most dear to Him upon earth. His love is an everlasting love. “Get to know the knowledge—surpassing love of Christ.” Eph. 3:19. **Roth.** His love through those three years of close contact had been most true and faithful; and now in His last hours that love wavered not; and more than this would continue “unto the end.”

“The love of Jesus, what it is
None but His loved ones know.”

How the consciousness of this eternal love should steady our hearts under every condition! His love surpasses all our unlovelinesses; His love grants us the abundant supply of all our needs; His love reaches us in the farthest extremity, yea to the very end of life itself, if Jesus be not come.

“E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love.”

The constant appreciation of His love will transform our hearts; it will control our attitude toward others, and make us gentle and Christ-like. We are to be able ministers of the New Cove-

nant; and love is the very essence of the covenant which God has made with us through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. **The Humility of Christ, Vs. 2-11.** After reading V. 3—“Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He was come from God, and went to God,”—we should very naturally expect to hear of some startling act of divine power to be left as a witness to those disciples whom He was so soon to leave. Fully conscious of His divine power He turns to a service which all those twelve disciples had considered themselves too high to perform. Someone says, “Humility is not a low estimate of one's powers, but a willingness to use them in a lowly service.” While inseparably united to God the Father, He, whose right was to be served, “laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself * * * and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.” The task should have been done long before, when they entered the house with dusty, travel-stained feet. They would not have sat thus through the supper, but for the pride of each of those hearts. What a blessing would have come to the one who dared to humble himself and serve his brethren; and, most of all, His Lord thus. Neither John with his heart of love, nor Peter with his impulsive desire to please the Lord saw their opportunity. Will we not know some day how many, many blessed joys we have missed through our foolish pride? We have every day opportunities of humbling ourselves in some lowly service for another—and we let our pride hinder, then wonder why our hearts grow hardened and we lose the unspeakable sweetness and richness of His grace. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” “The high mountains are barren, but the low valleys are covered with corn, and accordingly the showers of God's grace fall into lowly hearts and humble souls.” Would you be truly humble. Then to you Jesus says, “Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly.” No heart can draw very close to Him without unconsciously revealing in their lives that rarest flower of earth—Christ-like humility. As He laid aside that outer garment in going about His service, so He laid aside His glory in coming down to this earth for the accomplishment of our soul-cleansing. Heb. 13:12. He girded him-

self—took upon himself the form of a servant. There was no sham nor pretense about His humility. He entered into the service with all the joy and interest of His heart. The whole thing was a rebuke, and yet no word of condemnation had as yet been spoken. Example is ever better than precept. Those disciples had sought to avoid being the least; Jesus sought to be the very least. Wondrous condescension of our Lord! Peter's remonstrance was very natural; I wonder if most of us have not done likewise. We are to accept unquestioningly whatever He brings into our lives. He yields in response to the Lord's admonition; but goes from one extreme to another, assuming almost a dictatorial attitude. Peter has yet to learn submission to His will. But what of the washing itself. Its significance was deep. With His own holy hands He washed those soiled feet. By the offering of His own precious body He hath purchased for us cleansing and deliverance from all the power and soil of sin. “A fountain opened in the house of David!” Hallelujah! There are many streams flowing today—but only that blood-red flow from Calvary's mount can cleanse. It recalls to us the brazen laver of the Tabernacle “Ye are clean, but not all.” Christ had made no difference all through these three and a half years in His treatment of Judas. He had cast no shade of suspicion on him, and now washed his feet with the same care as those of the rest. All Judas' association with the clean way could not make him clean. His evil heart was unchanged. The wheat and the tares still grow together. But we don't need to separate them. The Lord will take care of that part.

3. **The Mind of Christ, Vs. 12-15.** “Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.” He who had gone way below them in humility of service now freely acknowledged His rightful nobility. The Lord of glory humbled Himself for us! And now to us comes Paul's exhortation, “Let the same disposition be in you which was in Christ Jesus. Although from the beginning He had the nature of God He did not reckon His equality with God a treasure to be tightly grasped. Nay He stripped Himself of His glory, and took on Him the nature of a bond-servant by becoming a man like other men. And being recognized as truly human, He humbled Himself, and even stooped to die; yes, to die on a cross. It is in consequence of this that God has so highly exalted Him, and has conferred upon Him the name which is supreme above every other.” Phil. 2:5-10. “Ye also ought to wash one another's feet.” V. 14. There are some who feel to fulfil this in the letter, and God adds His blessing according to the uprightness of their hearts. But we should not forget that many times it costs us much more grace to serve our brethren in other needful ways, and it is equally, if not far more pleasing to God. There is an inner meaning which the Holy Spirit

will make plain to you if your heart is open to receive it. Someone observes, "One way in which Christians may wash one another's feet is by reproving one another. But the reproof must not be couched in angry words, so as to destroy the effect; nor in tame, so as to fail of effect. Just as in washing a brother's feet, you must not use boiling water to scald, nor frozen water to freeze them."

Next Week's Lesson.

May 13, 1917.

JESUS THE TRUE VINE.

Lesson Text.—John 15:1-16.

Golden Text.—Jno. 15:5.

A. R. Flower.

THE NEEDS OF ECUADOR.

Greetings in Jesus name! Our Lord has been with us encouraging, healing, and inspiring us with divine messages to a poor blinded people. God is helping with the Spanish so that we can tell the story of the love of Jesus and His power to save with liberty.

After much prayer we have decided to open a new station in another city where there is no work or testimony. We ask your prayers that we may have divine guidance.

The Lord has given us two native children. I wish you could see the little girl, who was marvelously healed, clap her little hands when we say "Praise the Lord." Although we are surrounded by Catholicism in its slavery and superstition, yet by constant communion with our Head in prayer and praise we have been enabled to rise above it all, and boldly declare the Truth without fear.

This altitude of nearly 10,000 feet has been very trying on Mrs. S. and myself, but our great Physician has never failed us. When we did not see where our food was coming from, He opened a way in the desert.

The Lord seems to be laying a children's home on our hearts now. When we think that about seventy-five per cent of the births are illegitimate, and there are hundreds of outcasts who never will know their father and perhaps mother either, we do long to bring them under the power of the Gospel and prayer. When we see the poor Indians pass our door how we long to reach them also, but they can speak scarcely a word of Spanish. When we think of the numberless tribes without a single missionary or a ray of light, and cities of 30,000 inhabitants without a single testimony for Christ, we ask, "Are the dear Pentecostal friends obeying our Lord's commission?" Who will go, help, or pray? Jesus is coming soon. The day will soon be over in which to work.

If there was ever a land where Jesus Christ our Strong and Mighty Saviour needed to be lifted up in His true personality and power, it is here. These people accuse us of not believing, and burn and destroy our literature. The fact is, the Romish church and the priests are all the God they know, and

Jesus as a helpless babe in Mary's arms, or a dead Christ on the Cross. But slowly and surely the light is breaking in. We have sold and given away thousands of Gospels and Testaments. The most of them will read anything you give them.—Yours for the heathen in the neglected continent, D. B. Sly and wife.

A LETTER FROM A JAPANESE CONVERT

Who Came Twenty-five Miles to get Saved. Sent by Bro. and Sister Gray.

Teacher, my dear teacher:—Now through you I have come near Jesus the Saviour. I am filled with everlasting joy, so write to let teacher know. Now teacher, you must pray to Jesus for this child who has still weak faith. Oh I am so happy! Teacher, I do not know what words of thanks to use to express myself.

Please since I am born anew, send me food for my soul. I feel that my soul is newer than a baby's (who is younger than your baby) since I am in the Kingdom of Jesus. My name is written in that Kingdom. Please, please send me continually, forever something that will be daily food for my soul.

Teacher, my beloved teacher, I have gained place under the shadow of the big wings of God and am only praying and praising.

I have been saved through you, teacher, and truly cannot stop offering praise. Not yet have I begun to tell you about it but will write again. I only began to believe in the God of Heaven and am praising Jesus for the teaching I obtained on the 4th day of the third month, and expect to walk the road of faith.

I am just a new-born babe under the Holy Spirit and now how can I daily more and more have fellowship with God and my soul be fat in faith? Please pray for me I beg. Teacher, dear teacher, I cannot by pen make you feel one-tenth of my thoughts, but please try to understand.

It is a quiet moonlight night and my praise 's going up. Love to the baby.—Yasu Furuhashi.

A Pentecostal brother went home to his wife recently. She greeted him with the remark, "I do not know what things are coming to. Everything is up. Flour is up, potatoes are up, sugar is up!" "Bless God," was his consolatory reply, "We'll soon be going up too!"

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BATTLING WITH CASTE IN NORTHERN INDIA.

We praise God for His goodness to us, and, though there are wars and rumors of wars, His promises fail not. Surely Jesus is coming soon. My heart is crying out that when He comes there will be a band here watching and ready. Many times we are down-cast because we see so little results from our labors. I have been having sun-down prayer with a little handful of men or lads who have worked for the mission off and on now for four years. Sometimes it is roof-mending and sometimes watering the garden, and it may have been grass-cutting. There are several of them and their hearts seem open to learn of Christ. But they are so bound by caste.

I was over in the village where two of them live and had no more than arrived when someone began telling me Sam Lal had been beating his mother. I was startled, for Sam Lal is all but a Christian (that is he claims to worship Jesus, yet holds on to old customs too). Well, when I looked at Sam he made no plea of innocence but hung his head. He is a lad, I should judge, sixteen or seventeen years of age, but is married, and, as his father is dead, he is the head of the family. I began telling him that I was surprised to hear such of him. His head still hung low, but someone spoke up with the facts and said "Missi Sahib, if he did not control his mother, who would? Since the father died, the mother has not kept her place and someone has to make her be straight." Well Sam Lal felt relieved, and I could say very little, knowing the customs of India and that the boy was doing all he could in the way of right as he saw it. Pray for this lad; also for his mother. She came and sat with several others and listened to the little message the Lord gave us.

Sam Lal's cousin, Ram Lal, works for us and seems to learn Scripture gladly. If asked who he worships he says, "The Lord Jesus." Yet one day when Mr. VanValen was here, something was said about cutting off his chuti, a little long lock of hair which is allowed to grow longer. The next day Ram Lal did not show up for work; the others said he was afraid his caste lock would be cut. Oh! caste, the mighty binding which Satan keeps these people down with, when will it lift from this country?

Many who I believe are saved go back because they fear the persecution it will bring for them to break caste and take baptism. If they don't take baptism they won't stand boldly for Christ, but try to please two masters. Prayer is the only weapon we have to unlock the flood-gates of glory. Pray for us.—Your sister in the blessed hope, Almyra Aston.

"Striving together," not against. When He can get us where we will strive together and not against, He will be able to work.



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GOD'S CALL TO YOU.

God calls us to go as a witness for Him To far heathen lands, some lost souls to win,
To tell them of Jesus who came from above
With this wondrous salvation, the gift of God's love.

God calls us to fields where the laborers are few,
The harvest is white, and there's plenty to do,
Though we be but a vessel, so broken and small,
He says, "Trust in Me, and I'll be your all."

God calls, for the coming of Jesus is near,
This Gospel of grace all the nations must hear,
Who? Who will go with the message of light
To the millions who still sit in darkness and night.
—Bernice D. Pottorff, Cape Palmas, Liberia.

FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

The Lord is working very graciously night after night in our Tabernacle, and oh what a joy it is to see so many souls turning to the Saviour. May I send a few requests?

1. **Pr**aise with one of our women converts, that after much prayer the Lord brought her husband in last Tuesday. With tears of joy she testified that the Lord was so graciously answering her prayers, as she pointed to him, saying, "Here is my husband, come to church for the first time, and I know God is going to bring him to the foot of the cross too." Sure enough, he was saved that very evening. What a joy it was to see that big, strong man trembling all over under the Spirit's power, as he sobbed out his confession of his sins to God. And afterwards, his face was beaming as he said, "I know that

I am a child of God." The next meeting he was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and the next opportunity we have, he will be baptized in water.

2. **Pr**ayer for one of the converts who was a most earnest worker, but who has grown cold, hindered by her unbelieving husband.

3. **Pr**ayer for Lamberto and his wife who have a definite call to God to the work, and whom we are trying to train in the Word and in the faith life, that they may go forth as Loreto and his wife have already done.

4. **Pr**ayer for a demon-possessed insane woman for whom we have prayed, and who is now perfectly healed, but whose family are keeping her from attending our services because of the reproach. Ask that she may be enabled to come to the Tabernacle and be thoroughly saved, also that she may become a worker for Jesus.

5. **Pr**aise for a young man who was at Sunday-school Sunday week, baptized in water in the afternoon, and received a blessed baptism of the Holy Spirit in the evening. Also for others who have received the baptism.—Alice E. Luce.

THE GODS MANY OF JAPAN.

You cannot imagine how your prayers, kind words and offerings are appreciated out here.

We are seeing souls saved right along, and a spirit of prayer has come upon many, and a Revival spirit prevails in our main mission station. Recently a "Shinto priest" has been saved and his wife is attending the services. We expect her to get saved. The services are well attended, and the Christians are becoming established, and they go out in the streets and sing and testify to the power of God. This is a good sign, as very few dare be as bold. They believe in all the Gospel and the stronger the message the better they like it. They really enjoy a spiritual meeting.

We are not without conflicts and burdens here at times, the powers of darkness surge in and we have to plead the blood, and in Jesus' name take the victory. Most of the missionaries hate Pentecost, and want nothing but reformation, they don't relish spiritual things. Pray for Japan with its 8,000,000 gods. The people here recently worshipped the horse.

This year 1917 is the "Dragon" year for Japan and it is believed by the people to be an eventful year, full of prosperity for Japan. They have real dragon temples, and the monstrous heads with open mouths are seen in all directions. They say, "If we worship him, he will not hurt us." They also have the "Rabbit god" and many strange things. They recently roasted beans and threw them all over the houses in all corners to drive out the demons, they also eat a bean for each year old they are, so they think all demons are expelled. Please remember poor dark Japan and those who have never had the light of the Gospel in their hearts. Forty millions never have heard, for it is difficult to get the Gospel to the country people; they work from early morning till late at night, and eat, and go to bed, and the work in the country is very difficult, being so scattered. But God is able. Pray on.—B. S. Moore.

FROM OUR YOUNG MISSIONARY IN JAPAN.

I do praise the Lord for ever bringing me to Japan and for what He has done for me already. He has given me the language, and now I can interpret every night for father and mother in the meetings, and praise the Lord, He has given me victory even to go on the street, and interpret for father as we hold street meetings. Hundreds of people, who never heard of Jesus' love to save, stand and listen, drinking in the Gospel, the words of life, that the little foreign girl tells them of in Japanese.

We are glad to say that many who have heard this wonderful Gospel have turned unto our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and are willing to follow Him, even though it is so hard for them when they turn to Jesus, because their parents and relatives are all against them. Even the little children of our Sunday-school tell us that they can hardly come, because of their people.

I would like to tell you of a simple little testimony of a little Sunday-school girl, and you will see how the Lord works even on the hearts of the little ones. She came to see me one Sunday just before Sunday-school, and told me, "I am so happy today, I came singing all the way." So I asked her, please to tell me why. Then she told me, "The other day I had a pretty bad cold, and my head ached, but I prayed to Jesus, and He took it all away, and I am so happy."

In our Koishikawa Mission Sunday-school, we had 100 children last Sunday. I wish you could see how they can sing for Jesus, and how they can pray. The Lord is blessing the evening meetings, too.

What a wonderful Saviour we have in Jesus! Thou art so near, so precious to me! Wonderful Saviour, my heart is filled with praises to Thee! Kindest greetings to all the dear ones in the Evangel family. Your little sister,—Marie Juergensen.

**"ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE
WORK OF THE LORD."**

"Always laboring fervently in prayers." What a picture of a poured-out life! We are glad for those who realize God's call today to follow in Epaphras' footsteps, and earnestly wish there might be many more to thus stand back of us until the floods of Latter Rain be poured forth upon Japan. We heartily praise God for what we see of the Spirit's blessed work in hearts and lives, but we know God has greater things.

Among others who lately caused "joy among the angels" are three school teachers. One, Miuno San, saved in our home some weeks ago, has been a shining light, testifying to store keepers, boarding house acquaintances and friends far and near. Quite a few have become hungry and one came twenty-five miles last Sunday to hear all day, and be introduced to her Saviour. As the "old, old story" was read and explained, her heart was melted and broken and amid sobs and cries she confessed her sins and her need. Joy and praise soon followed in blessed measure. Her cup seemed to run over. She, Tuhashi San by name, returned early the following morning to teach, but sent us a letter the next day, full of victory and thanksgiving to the dear Lord.

The other teacher, a gentleman, was passing the mission at service time, and upon being urged, entered, heard the Good News, at once repented of his sins, accepting Christ as his substitute and has come regularly for study since.

That day a man, teaching in the country, spent the afternoon at our home eagerly inquiring the way of life, and we trust he too will soon be in the fold, washed in the blood of the Lamb.

This makes fifteen or more teachers who at our home or "deudokwan" have listened to the Gospel, but having been told by those in authority that they cannot worship the Christian's God and teach their scholars to worship the emperor, which is Japanese patriotism, many of them never came back, evidently choosing their position in preference to eternal life. Will you pray?

We have had to close our monthly meeting in the factory of three hundred hands, because of the erection of new buildings and repairing of others recently partly destroyed by fire, but the head man told us a few days ago that they will have a room ready for us again by the 14th of next month.

So far, we have not found a suitable house for meetings in the neighboring town of Koirihashi, so rent a room in a hotel, which is rather expensive.

Last Friday we had service at the station preaching on the train, and arriving there at 4 p. m. Bro. Taniguchi began to teach the children while I walked up and down the street calling to meeting. It was nice to see the little folks coming, carrying their little Testaments that we had sold them.

At 5 o'clock they were dismissed, and we went to the Civil engineer's office where five business men met for Bible study. They are eager to improve their English, so read the Word in both English and Japanese, and as we are eager that they shall understand the Scriptures most of the teaching is in their native tongue.

Then back to the hotel for a supper of unseasoned rice, a small fish, lily root, pickled radish and bean soup. This is their cheapest meal—we chose it for the Gospel's sake. Souls are of greater worth than food.

After eating, we marched up and down the streets singing songs of Zion and calling the people, and while the evangelists began the service within, I stood outside distributing tracts and inviting the people to enter. Most of the congregation were men who listened very attentively. We expect to have a series of special services soon, and trust God to give a cheaper place, and then meet souls in power.

Millions are giving time, money and strength to destroy their fellow men. Who will give their time to "Labour fervently in prayers," money to spread the good news of this glorious salvation, or come and give strength that your fellow man may receive eternal life through Jesus Christ?—Yours in His glad service, F. H. Gray.

**"A GREAT DOOR AND EFFECTUAL
IS OPENED." WHO WILL ENTER?**

**Pentecostal Mission, Mwanza Kasingu,
Kikondja, Katanga, Congo Belge.**

To the Disciples of the Lord Everywhere,

"When He saw the multitude, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then said He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

God Answers Prayer in Saving Souls.

Beloved, some time ago I made a special appeal for prayer that God would save souls in this dark land. Immediately we saw the results. Prayer in the name of the Lord always prevails. About the time that the printed appeal was sent out, approximately forty yielded to Christ in one meeting, and we have been in a stream of salvation blessing practically ever since. The cream of young manhood in our villages is yielding to Christ. Only an hour ago, about fifteen lads and young men cried to God for salvation on our front verandah. I do not say that all of them received full assurance—though some clearly did. Some are doubtless in such ignorance that, despite our care in explanation, they do not fully grasp the greatness and freedom of Gospel salvation, and are merely hungry without knowing what they desire. But surely the God, who has begun a good work in them, will bring these, in His own time, out into full Gospel-light.

Open Doors, and a Time of Supreme Opportunity.

Now I desire to make another appeal for prayer. There are great, gaping, wide open doors here. To all appearances, in a few months time these doors will be shut for ever. Brother Salter and I have just returned from a tour of inspection and preaching. We have been looking upon the fields white unto harvest. Beloved, their condition is pitiful beyond all description, and all the worse since they do not know their need. Great villages and districts, waiting in darkness, for Christian gossellers who do not come. The Roman Catholics are stealthily steadily claiming village after village. Their methods consist of threats, brutality, bribery, blackmail. They tell the natives that every other Gospel than theirs is accursed magic. There are some of the most thickly populated districts in the Southern Congo, right at hand. Now they are untainted by Catholicism. Wherever we fail to plant the banner of God's grace in Christ Jesus, they will plant their fetishes, image-worship, and superstition.

We have had fine meetings, and in some large villages where no one has ever proclaimed Christ before. On one occasion we had just finished a Gospel service in a village, and were leaving, when a crowd arrived. Another village had turned out en masse to hear the words of life, and so we had to sit down, and with great joy we started our service all over again. One old drunken chief, who rules over many thousands, has offered us land in his village. But we are only four here, and have more work than we can do, right at our doors.

Here, then, is the condition: Wide open doors, comparatively healthy mission sites, waiting heathen in thousands, impending Roman Catholic intrusion, but no gossellers. No one responding to Christ's last command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." I therefore tenderly, earnestly send forth my appeal to those who, with us, feel the burden of these heathen souls.

Will you please pray believingly, that God will send forth laborers at once, to enter these open doors. God will do it if you join in believing prayer. He will both send them and equip them.

With loving greetings, I remain your co-worker for Jesus and precious souls.

William F. P. Burton.

DEOGHAR, INDIA.

We have just had one of the large melas in this place. They told us at the ticket office on the second day that twenty thousand tickets had been sold. A number of Christian workers were out among the people every day, so many of them heard the good news. We are not able to dispose of so many Scripture portions as in former years, as the people are more suspicious, but some are always sold. The people listened very attentively.—Rosa Lee Oxer.

FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

"That they all may be one." Jno. 17:21.

MY CREED—JESUS LOVES ME.

Love divine, creation's crown,
Glorifying God;
Clothes in beauty, all-divine,
Lifts us from the sod.
Christ seeks Love's fair, golden
sheaves,
Claims them all His own;
With them He will weave a crown
In our Heavenly Home.
I can see in everything
Jesus' precious love;
In the birds that brood their young,
The eagle and the dove;
In the breeze that stirs the leaves,
I hear His tender voice:
"Come, bring Me thy heavy load,
Look up, child, rejoice!"
In a baby's fluttering lids,
While it slumbering lies,
In the voice of mother's croon
With her love-lit eyes,
In God's wondrous changeful sky,
All day long aglow;
In the shadows as they fall
O'er our earth below;
In the stars that glint and blink
'Mong the shifting clouds,
In the forest trees at night,
Wrapped in gloomy shrouds;
In the lilt of lazy wings
Of the gulls at sea;
In the washing of the waves
Jesus speaks to me.
Every tone of melody,
Woven in the air,
Let it come from whence it will,
Speaks His love so fair.
In our sun-kissed golden fruit,
Love's sweet invitation;
In the yellow, white and red—
Field-flowers sweet oblation.
In the planets, sun and stars
Held in mighty grasp
Of a Hand unseen to us,
In unyielding clasp;
In the sands beside the sea,
Shifting and yet firm,
In the wondrous mind of man—
Honored, earthly worm;
All things good from His dear hand
Show He loves us all;
Those who keep His love-command,
Hear Love's faintest call.
So I love this dear old earth,
Where I first saw light;
Soon our Lord will come again,
Shedding glorious light.
All He made He will renew,
Glorify His saints;
To His meek, a glad new earth,
Strength to Him who faints.
The trees again will bear sweet fruit,
And blossom all the year;
No blight of Satan then can come,
No sorrow, death or fear.
This wondrous love, so rich, divine
Our Saviour offers thee;

We'll join our love in His great Love—
'Twill make us glad and free.

—Sarah Haggard Payne.

FROM THE WHITENED FIELDS.

Decatur, Iowa. We are still in Decatur, Iowa.; a good number have been saved, and two baptized in the Spirit. We expect to go back to Kellerton when the meeting closes.—Jackson Vanover and wife.

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Unionville, Iowa. Before our meeting closed eighteen were saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost. In the M. E. Church the Lord got hold of a deacon and his son. Pray God He will bring in the rest of the M. E. Church. In my last report there was a little mistake; it is my brother J. W. Cox who is married, not myself.—Charles S. Cox.

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Ben Wheeler, Texas. Have just returned from Ben Wheeler, where Bro. N. R. Lewis and I sowed some seed last summer. Some fell on good ground, and is yielding some thirty, some sixty and some a hundredfold. Hallelujah! God saved and baptized and healed quite a few at that place. They would be glad to hear from some Spirit-filled man or woman who could help in the work.—S. A. Tharp, Mabank, Texas.

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Toledo, O. Just a word from Toledo to let you know we are still going on. We have a new mission hall in the heart of the city, and God is working in our midst. We were blessed by having Bro. K. M. Riddle of Tulsa, Okla., with us a short time. Our hearts were made to rejoice as he broke the bread of life to us. We will be glad for any brother who is passing this way to stop off with us. We are located at 931 Summit St.—H. Walls.

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Gospel Boat, Cairo, Ill. Just closed a four weeks' meeting in Future City, just outside of Cairo, in which seven souls were baptized in the Holy Ghost and fire. Others were saved, and the church was strengthened, and many rejoiced to see the mighty power and works of God. Bro. Shelton and his wife assisted in the meeting. The colored Free Will Baptist Church let us have their building for the meeting. Pentecost had never been preached in this place before, and many who had never seen the mighty power of God cried out with one voice, "It is God, sure enough." Praise the name of Jesus, who always gives victory. Bro. Kinne of St. Louis was with us a few days. Pray for us.—G. R. Aubrey and wife.

Bethel, Mo. Just closed a three weeks' meeting at Bethel, seven miles east of Puxico. The Lord wonderfully poured out His Spirit, and real refreshing showers came down from heaven upon us. The church was greatly revived. There were six saved, four received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, and four backsliders came back to God. Bro. John T. Wilson and other workers were with us. The Lord blessed His Word as it went forth.—W. W. Childers and wife.

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Montreal, Canada. When I came to Montreal there was no one I knew that I could wait on the Lord with. After a while, one sister came from the country, then one after another began getting the baptism until we were just about fifteen before the special meetings started on February 15th, now there are about 127 or 130 who have received the baptism, and two or three are receiving every night. We were much delighted to have had our dear Bro. Urshan with us about six weeks. He needs our prayers that his body may be strengthened.—Philip Le Brocq.

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Broken Arrow, Okla. Having taken over the pastorate of the assembly here March 25th I want to report victory. One man saved and his wife seeking. Another young sister reclaimed, and also received the baptism of the Holy Ghost the same evening. Glory to our great Emancipator. A revival spirit is burning, and we ask the prayers of the Evangel family for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the saints here, and also upon the unsaved. The new church building is completed except ceiling and seats. This replaces the building that was burnt. The building is free of debt, thus far completed.—J. R. Evans, pastor.

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Portland, Ore. It is certainly remarkable the way the Lord is working in our midst. The most prominent member of the Plymouth Brethren assembly received a wonderful baptism, which is making the rest so hungry that they are out every night. They say that they have just begun to live. Last Saturday, a Norwegian brother, who has been seeking his baptism for years, received a most wonderful baptism, spoke in several different languages. One night there were nine on the floor under the mighty power of the Spirit. Sinners are saved almost every night. Sunday night a Hawaiian man came running into the hall just as we were giving the altar call. He was drunk and had been in a fight. The police were after him and he came into the mission for refuge. The Lord got hold of his heart, saved him, and delivered him from drink and tobacco. He is now seeking the baptism.—Will C. Trotter.

If God gives you a call wait on Him to hear His slightest whisper to your heart. Wait on Him and ask Him what He would have you do.

The Noon-day Prayer Band

Send your name to Brother Arch P. Collins, 1509 N. Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas, and join the prayer band to pray for a World-Wide Revival, the unity of the saints, these weekly requests for prayer, the needed finances for publishing the Evangel, foreign missions, the speedy return of Christ, etc.

PRAYER REQUESTS.

Friday is a special day of prayer at the Evangel Home, when all the requests for prayer are brought before the Throne. The day is divided into fourteen watches of an hour each, and every hour a different one from either the office or home force occupies the prayer room, and not one request that comes into this office is overlooked.

Pray for the healing of a brother in Lucas, Iowa.
 Pray much for us, and the Lord's work in this place, Blytheville, Ark.—E. M.
 A sister in Lake Worth, Fla., requests prayer for her husband and children.
 Pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost, and that my brother may be saved.—J. R. R.
 Pray for a sister in Oswego who is isolated from God's spiritual people and feels the need of spiritual help.
 Pray that my husband and four sons may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—A. A. H., Victoria, Texas.
 An invalid sister in Peqaket, N. H., requests prayer for herself and mother (aged 87). They are both shut-ins.
 A sister in Ephrata, Wash., requests prayer that some Pentecostal worker may be sent to that town and neighborhood.
 Pray earnestly that I may be kept humble at the Master's feet, and that my whole house may be saved.—J. J., Commerce, Tex.
 Pray for a sister in Endora, Kansas, that she may be delivered from all the power of the enemy and have a glorious freedom in Christ.
 A sister in Indiana asks prayer for the conversion of a sister, a brother and a neph-

ew. Also that a niece may receive the baptism of the Spirit.
 A sister in East St. Louis, Ill., requests prayers for herself, she is weak and nervous; also that the Lord will get hold of her husband's heart.
 Prayer is requested for a successful revival at Camden, Ark., beginning May 6th, to be conducted by Evangelist Julia A. Ross.—W. J. Walthall.
 A sister in West Point, Miss., requests prayer for chronic appendicitis, for cataract causing blindness in one eye, also that she may receive the baptism of the Spirit.
 A sister in Long Beach, Cal., requests prayer that she may receive the full baptism of the Holy Ghost for which she has been seeking three or four years.
 Ask prayers of all saints for the healing of my body, and that I may receive the baptism. I have pella. In the name of Jesus I am sending this request.—W. D.
 I request prayers that my home may be what God would have it be at any cost, that my husband may be saved, my daughter renewed, and my boy healed of a paralyzed arm with which he has been suffering for ten years.—E. E., Dexter, Mo.
 Please pray for my friend who has back-slidden and wants to get back to God; that I may have the full assurance of salvation; that all my loved ones may get right with God, and that God will send a powerful revival to this place and that many souls will be saved and sanctified.—M. J.
 Please pray that God will send some Spirit-filled evangelist that has a tent to Marshall, Longview, Troup and New Braunfels, Texas, as a revival is needed very much in this part of Texas. Also please pray for my three uncles and their wives.—Chas. H. Stansburg, Longview, Texas.

Norwich, North Dak. We are glad that we can report victory for North Dakota. After praying with the saints that God would send us a world-wide revival, we are rejoicing that God has already begun in this state. We sought God that the revival would begin in us, and it came quicker than we expected. We invited Bro. Neve from Minnesota, whom God used so wonderfully here last fall, to come and help us, and during the past month that he has been here over one hundred and forty people have been saved and taken a stand for God, and many are coming through with a wonderful experience. Whole families have come out for God, some of which have been fighters in the past. Some churches have been thrown open to us, and one Congregational minister has his baptism. Many invitations have come to Bro. Neve from other churches in this State since he has been here. While the Word went forth in power, dead cats, tinpans, etc., were thrown at us, and threats have come in to tar and feather the brother, and one night so bad did the devil rage that the ministers of the town came, unbeknown to us, and sat near the door to render protection. The two Easter services almost broke forth into an uproar, while the whole country is stirred. Eleven new converts were at the altar last night weeping bitterly, and many more are under conviction. Pray for us that the

Lord may guide in all things to His own glory.—Fred G. Sorg.

TROSSACHS, SASK., CANADA.

The fourth annual Camp Meeting will commence **Wed. June 27th, 1917**, and continue until **July 15th** or longer.
 A number of Spirit-filled workers will be present. Final announcement will be made later. We expect God to give us the greatest Camp Meeting ever held in Western Canada. For further information, please write Pastor D. R. Aikenhead, Trossachs, Sask.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI DISTRICT CAMP MEETING.

Puxico, Mo., Aug. 24th to Sept. 2nd.
 The first camp meeting for this section held at Puxico was wonderfully blessed of God. It is expected that the camp meeting this year shall be equally blessed. Arrange to come. Full announcement later.

NOTICE.

In view of the fact that God has made it possible, through adding His blessing to the general work, the Executive Presbytery, in recent session decided that it would be advisable for the Chairman of the Council to be released from the detail work of the general office to give his time largely to field work during the summer. The object is for him to visit the various General Meetings, Conventions, etc., in the interest of the general work. Notice is therefore given that the Chairman of the Council, Bro. J. W. Welch, will be available as a visitor to as many Camp-meetings and meetings of a general nature as it is possible for him to attend. He will be open for engagements from now on.

WANTED: A good Pentecostal Christian woman as housekeeper. I have four children, ages 5 to 12. A good home for an old widow. No trifter wanted, but someone out and out for God.—Harold C. Knoblock, Box 14, Clairton, Pa.

REVIVAL FIRE STILL BURNING IN WINNIPEG.

Bro. Bosworth, whose ministry has been a great blessing in Winnipeg, has returned to Dallas to begin his spring campaign there. During his few weeks of evangelism with us, he baptized 115 persons in water.

We are now advertizing the fifth campaign since October 15th of last year. Large crowds have been in attendance. Souls have been coming through constantly. When the first services were launched on behalf of lost souls, a general call to prayer was sent out in all directions to people of all denominations. All petty matters among our own people were set aside, a spirit of unity among God's people was effected, and the Lord in turn began to bless even beyond that which we could ask or think.

The outpouring of God's Spirit has continued unceasingly with unbroken power for over five months. A steady stream of new souls are finding their way to Calvary. Hundreds have been saved, baptized in the Spirit and healed. Results have been more wonderful than I have heretofore seen in Chicago, Los Angeles or Dallas during my stay in those cities.

The pastor of one of the largest churches here came in contact with the supernatural work of God in our meetings, and is now holding a revival in his own church, preaching the baptism of the Holy Spirit with great results. Of course, some of the other pastors have preached against our work. But truly, Winnipeg is in the grip of a mighty spiritual awakening which is becoming universal in many of the places of worship. Bros. Urshan and Argue have been very active in spreading the revival fire to other needy cities of Canada, including Ottawa, Montreal and Kitchener. Bro. Urshan is a tireless worker. Do pray that the Lord will sustain him physically.

We are anxious that in every part of the country the people of God will lay aside disputes and go in for special revival efforts in behalf of lost humanity, so hungry for the true Bread of Life which we have found in Jesus Christ.—Yours for lost souls, Orville Benham, Evangelist.

NOTICES.

Evangelists Bro. and Sister Scarborough are open for field work and would be glad to hear from any church or assembly that desired their services. They are now at Shawnee, Okla. Address letters Newkirk, Okla.

My wife and I feel led by the Lord to Tennessee to work in that State during the summer. Would be glad if some one that wants a meeting would write us at once. Will also appreciate financial assistance in getting there, as we have a 50x50 tent—it will cost something like twenty-five dollars.—L. Wooten, Route 3, Elba, Ala.

The saints of the Kansas City, Kansas, assembly are erecting a tabernacle to accommodate six or seven hundred people, which they expect will be completed about May 6th. We are praying for a gracious revival. Any of the brethren who are passing through this city will receive a hearty welcome. The location is 13th and Stewart Ave. Pray for us.—C. W. Walken, pastor, 2037 North 7th St.

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VICTORY IN COLORADO SPRINGS.

We closed the special revival meetings on Sunday, April 1st, with sweeping victory, and with some of the most glorious cases of salvation I have ever seen. Evangelist R. L. Erickson from Kansas (City, Mo., opened fire here March 4th, and stayed with us until March 15th, and God prospered his ministry, and souls were saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost while he was with us. He is now having a good meeting with Evang. J. S. McConnell, who has built a tabernacle in Denver that will hold a thousand people.

Bro. Erickson's son, C. H. Erickson, known in the South as the "Boy Preacher," followed his father, and kept the meeting red hot for God. At the first sermon he preached forty-three went into the prayer room, seeking more of God. During his stay, over three Sundays, a number were saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost. The church was filled, and children were sitting around the platform. God saved a city league ball player, and took the ball playing out of him and put the glory in his soul, and he is going on with God, shouting the victory.

On the last day of the meeting, the Lord wonderfully saved a young man, whose wife had been saved and baptized in the Spirit two weeks before. He had been under awful conviction, and this last night he went to the prayer room seeking salvation. He prayed a while, and then ran up against his tobacco and cigarettes, so he took them to Bro. Erickson to burn. Then he prayed, under a deep sense of conviction for an hour, but the devil told him it was too late, that God would not save him, and he decided to go home. But we just got hold of his arm and hung on to him, and finally he got down on his knees again. He was there about three minutes and the power of God struck him. He leaped and shouted and grabbed me and jumped me all over the prayer room. He now testifies that if it is feeling you want, just wait on God, and He will give a person all the feeling they can handle. He told me that he believed that he smoked upwards of thirty cigarettes a day, but God took the desire out of him in a flash, and today he is shouting happy.

We are praying for a Ford Gospel car to reach the surrounding country towns with the Gospel. If anyone wishes to help in the purchase they can communicate with me.—Pastor M. T. Draper, 532 E. Kiowa St., Colorado Springs, Colo.

PRECIOUS PROMISE BOXES.

Every home should have one of these. Keep one on your dining table, and take one at every meal. These boxes are much more substantial than those usually made, the promises are printed on various colored cards, instead of the usual flimsy paper, and the boxes contain 224 promises, instead of the usual 150. Many write of blessings received from boxes they have purchased.

30 cts. each, \$3 per dozen, postpaid.

Praise God for His healing power. Our baby who had been at death's door is healed by the power of Jesus. We had a hard battle with the enemy: continuous battles for a week, day and night, in the struggle for her life, as we knew it was not God's will to take her. Blessed be the precious name of Jesus! —Jas. Symons, Winnipeg, Canada.

EVANGEL MOTTOES.
Art Cards 2 1/2 x 5 1/2 inches printed with the following texts, "Keep Up Your Courage," "Rest in the Lord," "Preparedness, Prepare to Meet Thy God," "Your Father Knoweth." Tied with silk cord hanger; 4 different Mottoes for 10 cents, postpaid.

DAILY BREAD

A Calendar for Reading the Bible Through in a Year, the Old Testament Once and the New Testament and Psalms Twice.

The references for the following four months will be published in the Evangel about the middle of August. Watch for it. Cut this out and use daily.

Those who wish to have the whole system for insertion in their Bibles, can obtain same from the Gospel Publishing House for 10 cts. per copy.

May.					June.				
From a child thou hast known the Scriptures.					Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear.				
FAMILY.		SECRET.			FAMILY.		SECRET.		
Numb. 8	Psalms 44	1	Song 6	Hebrews 6	Deut. 5	Psalms 88	1	Isaiah 83	Rev. 8
" 9	" 45	2	" 7	" 7	" 6	" 89	2	" 34	" 4
" 10	" 40-47	3	" 8	" 8	" 7	" 90	3	" 35	" 5
" 11	" 48	4	Isaiah 1	" 9	" 8	" 91	4	" 36	" 6
" 12-13	" 49	5	" 2	" 10	" 9	" 92-93	5	" 37	" 7
" 14	" 50	6	" 3-4	" 11	" 10	" 94	6	" 38	" 8
" 15	" 51	7	" 5	" 12	" 11	" 95-96	7	" 39	" 9
" 16	" 52-54	8	" 6	" 13	" 12	" 97-98	8	" 40	" 10
" 17-18	" 55	9	" 7	James 1	" 13-14	" 99-101	9	" 41	" 11
" 19	" 56-57	10	8-9 to v. 7	" 2	" 15	" 102	10	" 42	" 12
" 20	" 58-59	11	9 v. 8, 10 v. 4	" 3	" 16	" 103	11	" 43	" 13
" 21	" 60-61	12	" 10 v. 5	" 4	" 17	" 104	12	" 44	" 14
" 22	" 62-63	13	" 11-12	" 5	" 18	" 105	13	" 45	" 15
" 23	" 64-65	14	" 13	1 Peter 1	" 19	" 106	14	" 46	" 16
" 24	" 66-67	15	" 14	" 2	" 20	" 107	15	" 47	" 17
" 25	" 68	16	" 15	" 3	" 21	108-109	16	" 48	" 18
" 26	" 69	17	" 16	" 4	" 22	110-111	17	" 49	" 19
" 27	" 70-71	18	" 17-18	" 5	" 23	112-118	18	" 50	" 20
" 28	" 72	19	" 19-20	2 Peter 1	" 24	114-115	19	" 51	" 21
" 29	" 73	20	" 21	" 2	" 25	" 116	20	" 52	" 22
" 30	" 74	21	" 22	" 3	" 26	117-118	21	" 53	Matt. 1
" 31	" 75-76	22	" 23	1 John 1	27-28 to v. 19	119 to v. 24	22	" 54	" 2
" 32	" 77	23	" 24	" 2	28 v. 20	v. 25 to 48	23	" 55	" 3
" 33	78 to v. 37	24	" 25	" 3	" 29	v. 49 to 72	24	" 56	" 4
" 34	78 v. 38	25	" 26	" 4	" 30	v. 73 to 96	25	" 57	" 5
" 35	" 79	26	" 27	" 5	" 31	v. 97 to 120	26	" 58	" 6
" 36	" 80	27	" 28	2 John 1	" 32	v. 121 to 144	27	" 59	" 7
Deut. 1	" 81-82	28	" 29	3 John 1	" 33-34	v. 145 to 176	28	" 60	" 8
" 2	" 83-84	29	" 30	Jude 1	Joshua 1	120-122	29	" 61	" 9
" 3	" 85	30	" 31	Rev. 1	" 2	123-125	30	" 62	" 10
" 4	" 86-87	31	" 32	" 2	"	"	"	"	"

July.					August.				
They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily.					Speak, Lord! for thy servant heareth.				
FAMILY.		SECRET.			FAMILY.		SECRET.		
Joshua 3	Ps. 126-128	1	Isaiah 63	Matt. 11	Judges 15	Acts 19	1	Jer. 28	Mark 14
" 4	" 129-131	2	" 64	" 12	" 16	" 20	2	" 29	" 15
5-6 to v. 5	" 132-134	3	" 65	" 13	" 17	" 21	3	" 30-31	" 16
" 6 v. 6	" 135-136	4	" 66	" 14	" 18	" 22	4	" 32	Psalms 1-2
" 7	" 137-138	5	Jer. 1	" 15	" 19	" 23	5	" 33	" 3-4
" 8	" 139	6	" 2	" 16	" 20	" 24	6	" 34	" 5-6
" 9	" 140-141	7	" 3	" 17	" 21	" 25	7	" 35	" 7-8
" 10	" 142-143	8	" 4	" 18	Ruth 1	" 26	8	" 36-45	" 9
" 11	" 144	9	" 5	" 19	" 2	" 27	9	" 37	" 10
" 12-13	" 145	10	" 6	" 20	" 3-4	" 28	10	" 38	" 11-12
" 14-15	" 146-147	11	" 7	" 21	1 Sam. 1	Romans 1	11	" 39	" 13-14
" 16-17	" 148	12	" 8	" 22	" 2	" 12	12	" 40	" 15-16
" 18-19	" 149-150	13	" 9	" 23	" 3	" 13	13	" 41	" 17
" 20-21	Acts 1	14	" 10	" 24	" 4	" 14	14	" 42	" 18
" 22	" 2	15	" 11	" 25	" 5-6	" 15	15	" 43	" 19
" 23	" 3	16	" 12	" 26	" 7-8	" 16	16	" 44	" 20-21
" 24	" 4	17	" 13	" 27	" 9	" 17	17	" 45	" 22
Judges 1	" 5	18	" 14	" 28	" 10	" 18	18	" 46	" 23-24
" 2	" 6	19	" 15	Mark 1	" 11	" 19	19	" 47	" 25
" 3	" 7	20	" 16	" 2	" 12	" 20	20	" 48	" 26-27
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" 11 v. 12	" 15	28	" 24	" 10	" 20	" 2	28	" 5	" 36
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