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The Blowing of the Trumpets

"Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month (our September) in the first day of the month, shall ye have a Sabbath, a memorial of **blowing of trumpets**, an holy convocation." Lev. 23:24.

"All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains, and when he **bloweth a trumpet**, hear ye." Isa. 18:3.

"**Blow ye the trumpet** in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." Joel 2:1.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the **great trumpet** shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount of Jerusalem." Isa. 27:13.

"Behold I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for **the trumpet shall sound**, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." 1 Cor. 15:51, 52.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with **the trump of God**: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:16, 17.

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MARANATHA—THE SET FEASTS

In these "last days," when men are anxiously inquiring what these things may mean, the prophecies and types should have a fresh significance for Bible students. The types of the Old Testament are the shadows of things to come; hence the study of them, just at this time, should prove intensely interesting, inspiring and profitable. Of these types there are none which it is more necessary to understand than the set feasts of Israel as prescribed in Lev. 23.

Since everything in the Word from Genesis to Revelation speaks of Christ the Messiah, Jesus the Saviour, the Sanctifier, the Baptizer, (with the Holy Spirit) the Healer and coming Bridegroom and King, we may expect to see Him set forth in these feasts as in a picture, foreshadowing to Israel and to the world their coming blessings.

Christ our Passover.

"In the fourteenth day of the first month*, at even is the Lord's Passover." This was the first feast and commemorated Israel's escape from Egypt. The Lord sees Israel in bondage and frees him, that he may serve Him. Passover showed to the Israelites the Lamb slain; Jesus Christ dying for them. The symbolic speech of Passover then is, "Christ died for our sins." The prophecy embodied in this type was literally fulfilled in His crucifixion, which occurred on the day of the Passover.

Following the feast of Passover comes the feast of unleavened bread. As we are following only those types which especially symbolize the great features of the plan of salvation, we shall now consider the significance of the sheaf waved, which ceremony took place during the above feast.

"And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, speak unto the children of Israel and say unto them, when ye be come into the land which I give unto you and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest unto the priest, and he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord to be accepted for you, *on the morrow after the Sabbath* the priest shall wave it."

We must confine ourselves to the typical meaning of this offering. The sheaf (of barley, the first crop of the harvest), waved "*on the morrow after the Sabbath*," was the symbolic language for "Christ is risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept." This also was literally fulfilled, as Christ rose *on the morrow after the Sabbath*. "Being in our true and very nature, He rose as our Head. The Father was waiting for His presentation—His being waved, and this was done when, raised from the dead by the Spirit of holiness, He stood at the opened sepulchre, no more a Man of Sorrows. His life of sorrow had that morning ripened into the full ear of bliss, and He stood in the full sunshine of Eternal Love; And He stood on our earth and in our nature, not for Himself personally so much as 'first fruits,' pledge and earnest

of all the harvest" * * * "This first sheaf is the pledge of our resurrection as well as acceptance—or rather of our declared acceptance by our resurrection."

Christ the first fruits; type and pledge of the harvest

"Christ the first fruits, then they that are Christ's at his coming." Thus the sheaf of first fruits was like a 'heap set about with lilies;' so many tokens of divine purpose begun, clustering around it when it was waved before the Lord. Passover seems peculiarly to describe Israel's dispensation—a time of exhibiting blood poured out for the people's deliverance; and if so, then Pentecost may be considered as descriptive of the dispensation that followed, viz., the Apostolic church, instinct with the fruits of the Saviour's death, resurrection and ascension. Our Lord's stay on earth for forty days after His resurrection, and His ten days in heaven before the day of Pentecost, exhibited in earth and heaven the blood of Passover fully poured out and needing no more to be repeated, and this brought that dispensation to a close.

"Ye shall bring out of your habitation two wave loaves . . . they are the first fruits unto the Lord. . . . then ye shall sacrifice. . . . two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offering, and the priest shall wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave-offering before the Lord with the two lambs."

The first offering of Pentecost was the two loaves of fine (wheat) flour.* In this offering we have the symbolic meaning of the words of Jesus: "Verily, verily, unless a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." . . . "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, shall draw all men unto me." Here is the fruit of the corn of wheat—two loaves—an earnest of the abundance to follow. The two loaves typify the "church of the first born," (the one hundred and twenty), brought to birth on the day of Pentecost: the first offering of the great harvest of souls to be gathered in during the Christian dispensation.

Thus these three great epochs in the life of Jesus Christ on earth, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection and the Ascension, were typified and literally fulfilled at God's set time.

There were three more feasts which followed, the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the great and culminating Feast of Tabernacles. In the light of what has been revealed to us through the fulfillment of the three preceding types, may we not hope to arrive at the meaning of the next three and their significance for us—the type for the Jew, the fulfillment for both Jew and Gentile, to each his own part in it?

The Feast of Trumpets.

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, speak unto the children of Israel, saying in the seventh month, in the first day of the month; shall ye have a Sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. Ye shall do no servile work, but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord." "The seventh month was a kind of Sabbatical month, full of fasts and feast days. The New Year's month kept with joy and solemnity."

*Two days were observed as marking the change of year, one in the spring as the civil New Year's day (1st of Nisan also called Abib), and one in the autumn as the ecclesiastical New Year's day, 10th of Lishri, later 1st of Lishri (so named in Jos. Ant. 4:1, in the Bible Ethanim—Standard Bible Dictionary.)

**See Bonar's Commentary on Lev. for full exposition of the wave-loaves.

In the Word the sound of the trumpet is connected with the voice of God. As His voice, through the Holy Spirit, awakens the soul to repentance, so the trumpet called the children of Israel to remember that the day of Atonement was nigh at hand. The voice of the trumpet was both a solemn and a joyful sound, for if it called to repentance, it also spoke of pardon and said unto them that their God "was ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness and forsook them not." It was a feast whose object was to arouse all Israel to joyful expectation and to summon their attention. Whenever the silver trumpets sounded, their utterance was the voice of Jehovah, saying, "Come, my people." John heard the voice of Christ "as the sound of a trumpet." (Rev. 1:10.) As the voice of God the last trump at the close of all things shall intimate what is written in Ps. 1:3, "Our God shall come and shall not be silent." "This feast, therefore, is to be considered as God's solemn call to attention, in prospect of the very special cause for joy in this month. It is the symbolic language for that word *Behold!* which prefaces many a New Testament call in regard to the same truth. *Behold* the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." Expiation is at hand. "*Behold*, the Bridegroom cometh! the day of joy is at hand."

What is the special significance of this feast? With the ascension of the Lord Jesus, the history of His life on earth ended, for the time. That it did not end for *all* time we have assurance in the words of the "two men who stood by in white apparel, which also said, ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." The disciples returned joyously to Jerusalem and set to work sowing the Gospel seed for a great harvest of souls to be gathered in at that blessed coming, meanwhile anxiously looking for it at any time. The Feast of Trumpets followed the wave-sheaf and Pentecost in order. Christ's coming back to earth will follow next in order after His ascension. Hence watching Christians (eagle saints) are as anxiously and longingly awaiting that glorious event as did the early disciples. Is it straining the interpretation to connect these two events in time as the preceding three have synchronized?

"For the Lord Himself shall descent from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the *trump of God.*" The first act of Christ's second coming will be to catch away his saints from the earth; those who "died in hope" and "those who are alive and remain." The trumpets were blown all day at the Feast of Trumpets, and not by the priests alone, but by *all*. This has been compared to the preaching of the Gospel which has gone on all through "man's day." All disciples, priests or laymen, have had the privilege of witnessing for Christ in accordance with his command, "Go ye into all the nations." In these last days the Gospel trumpet sounds more loudly and insistently than ever before and to Jew and Gentile alike, and the warning of Enoch is just as apposite now as in the wicked days before the flood. "*Behold*, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that that are ungodly among them of their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed; and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." (Jude 14:15). This, which Enoch, "the seventh from Adam prophesied, seems ominously near to fulfilment today. The trumpet called to the feast only the Israelites; not the heathen tribes round about them. The "trump of God" will herald Christ's coming to those only who are "His own;" "My sheep know my voice."

The unwatchful, sleepy or indifferent ones will not hear the blessed invitation and so will be left on earth. When the "light" of the world shall have been withdrawn, when the preserving salt shall have been taken away, then will flourish the powers of darkness with full opportunity for their evil deeds: corruption will grow and spread apace as a leprosy. It is difficult to imagine how there can ever be more wickedness on the earth than at present, but we have the word of Revelation which assures us that there will be. Then the "left" ones will realize that "the harvest is over, the summer is ended and we are not saved," (Jer. 8:20). Then the defiant, the unbelieving ones come to know how deeply they have "provoked God to anger with their graven images and their strange vanities," and they also will perhaps begin to ask, "is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there?" Then will Jew and Gentile need to learn that Christ is the Balm in Gilead, and the Great Physician: that the Day of Atonement has come: to the saints of God—safely hidden away in the "pavilion cloud"—a day of joy and bliss; to those left behind—a day of affliction, terror and judgment: "for whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people."

But praise God! in the midst of wrath He remembers mercy. Through all the terrible judgments and sorrows which will come upon this stiff-necked, disobedient world, the sweet joy of pardon will be mingled with the bitterness of afflictions: A "multitude which no man can number;" out of all nations and kindred and peoples and tongues; an army of martyrs with palm branches in their hands, will go up before the Lord—redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, and they will shout "salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb." They will have found the Balm of Gilead, the Great Physician, and the "hurt of the daughter of my people." God's chosen ones will be healed. The wild olive branches will be no more broken off.

Feast of Tabernacles.

Then will follow, still in God's own perfect order, the great and joyous Feast of Tabernacles—the glorious millennium. The harvest of souls will have been all gathered in; the briars, brambles and thistles of sin all destroyed "by the brightness of His coming." All prophecy will have been fulfilled. Then shall the King of kings and Lord of lords come into His own kingdom and the full redemption of creation be accomplished.

Christ's second coming grows more imminent hour by hour. "No man *knoweth* the day nor the hour," but is it verging too closely upon private interpretation to query whether, on one of the anniversary days, perhaps the very next one; of the Feast of Trumpets, the "trump of God may not sound" and the shout of the Lord say to the saints, "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be over past. For *Behold* the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. . . . (Isa. 26:20).

In the time of great tribulation which prophecy tells us is to come upon the earth, it will be possible for men to save their souls alive, but only by "resisting unto blood," and through martyrdom "for the witness of Jesus." Now no man may say you nay if you accept Christ as your Saviour. Will the "*trump of God*" in invitation be to you a joyful sound, or will you fail to hear it until it crashes upon your dulled ears as the voice of wrath and judgment?

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PICTURES OF PENTECOST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Picture VIII. (cont.) Gifts for the rebellious, Psa. 68:18.

"Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive: Thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them."

What a marvellous privilege! To think that the Lord God who inhabiteth eternity should deign to come and dwell among—yea more, to dwell in—the souls and bodies of those who were once rebellious, but now conquered and yielded to Him.

"God in tongues of fire descending,
Earthen vessels thus to fill—
Ever full, receiving ever,
Still to do His blessed will.
He who for us left the glory,
Now indwells the souls He bought—
Closing thus His love's sweet story
With His richest, fullest thought."

In our last paper we looked at the New Testament commentary on this verse, where St. Paul in Eph. 4:8-16 explains that it refers to the pouring out of the gifts of the Spirit and forming the body of Christ. Let us now look at the gifts a little more in detail, by way of counting over our riches, and seeing what are the great and glorious treasures purchased for us by the precious blood of Jesus.

There is a definite order or sequence in 1 Cor. 12:28, where the Word says, "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." We shall do well to observe God's order in our estimation of the gifts of the Spirit; and when we realize that He has given us one of the lower gifts pray earnestly for the higher ones. There is an inverse ratio in God's way of advancing us. The lower we are in ourselves, the higher He can place us. The less of the flesh in us, the more He can fill us with His Spirit. The more emptied we become of self, of our own ideas, theories and experiences, the more filled we shall be with the gifts of the Spirit. Of these it is eternally true that "Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." The reason the gifts of the Spirit are so lacking in our assemblies today is that we have so little of the spirit of the babe.

Is not the manifestation of this Body of Christ—a body of Spirit-baptized and Christ-controlled believers, with all the gifts of the Spirit in evidence, each in his proper place—just what the world is needing today? When we speak of a body, we mean something that has members. Nay more, it is the possession of those members which constitutes it a body. That which has no hands nor feet, no eyes nor ears, no heart nor lungs, may be a mass of protoplasm, but we could never describe it as a perfect human body. In the same way it is necessary to the development and maturity of the Body of Christ that these gifts of the Spirit should be manifested. Oh how much work there yet remains to be done "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive: but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ: from whom the whole Body, fitly joined together and

compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the Body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Let us now notice some of the gifts specially needed, remembering that these must be manifested in the life and ministry of *individuals*, for it is only according to the Spirit's effectual working "in the measure of every part" that the whole Body can be built up, knit together and matured.

1. *The gift of apostleship.* We shall find the best concrete example of this in the ministry of the apostle Paul. He gives us the signs of an apostle in 2 Cor. 12:12 as "all patience, with signs and wonders and mighty deeds. He also describes his ministry "in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren: in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." Read 2 Cor. 6:4-10, and 11:23-30.

2. *The gift of prophecy.* This seems to mean the speaking forth in the prophet's own language, God's message to men for "edification and exhortation and comfort" under the direct inspiration of the Holy Ghost. For an example of a prophet, study the life and character of John the Baptist, as (1) Pilgrim, (2) Pioneer, and (3) Preacher; and see the definite instructions with regard to the prophetic gift in 1 Cor. 14 and 1 Tim. 4:11-16.

3. *The gift of teaching.* This refers to the more quiet, steady instruction of the young converts in the Word of God, that they may grow thereby. It is the feeding of the lambs and of the sheep. See John 21:15-17, also the whole of the epistle of Titus, bringing out the "sound teaching" which is to be given to Christ's little ones. A teacher must first and always be a learner, and the blessed Master Himself gives us an illustration of this when He says in Isa. 50:4, "The Lord God hath given Me the tongue of the disciples (or learning ones), that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: He wakeneth morning by morning, He wakeneth mine ear to hear as them that are taught." This is the real preparation for a teacher: to be always learning, ever with the awakened ear, drinking in the supplies of the great Teacher's instruction, and then passing them on to others.

4. *The gift of an evangelist.* We may see what this involves in 2 Tim. 1:5. It is fearless, wise and patient proclamation of the Good News, the winning of sinners to Christ.

5. *The gift of a pastor.* This is needed to follow the work of the evangelist, to shepherd the sheep after they have been brought into the fold. Epaphras seems to have been pastor of the church at Colosse, and in Col. 1:7 and 4:12, Philemon 23, we see this "faithful minister of Christ" even in his imprisonment at Rome, when separated from his beloved flock, yet always laboring fervently for them in prayers, that they might stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

6. *The gift of wisdom.* For a description of this heavenly wisdom see Jas. 3:17; 1 Cor. 1:17-31, and 2:1-13.

7. *The gift of knowledge.* See how highly Paul valued this gift in Phil. 3:8-14.

8. *The gift of faith.* This means not only the initial faith which each child of God has had for his own salvation, sanctification and baptism with the Holy Ghost; but it refers to the development and maturity of that faith until it can remove mountains, and especially take hold of God

for blessing to other souls. Search out and write down every promise to "him that believeth," for an illustration of what it means to have the gift of faith. Mark 11:22-24; John 14:12; Mark 16:17-18.

9. *The gift of healing.* We have already seen it is one of the promises to those who have the gift of faith that "they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover;" but there are some to whom the Lord has given the gift of healing in a special way, as in Acts 5:15.

10. *The gift of miracles.* Why is it that we do not see more of these mighty works? Surely because of our lack of faith. There is absolutely **no limit to the wonderful promises** cited above, but often it has to be said, as when our Lord was here in the flesh, that He could do there no mighty works because of their unbelief.

11. *The gift of discernment.* How greatly we need this gift in these days of error! It is the Spirit's gracious safeguard, like the eyes of the body, enabling it to see where are the dangers and pitfalls, and to avoid them. See Eph. 5:17, 18; 1 Cor. 12:3; 1 John 4:1-5; 2 John 7-11.

12. *The gift of tongues.* This is quite distinct from the "utterance" in tongues. The latter is given to every believer when he receives the baptism of the Holy Ghost (see Acts 2:4 and 10:45, 46, and 19:6); but the *gift* is not given to all, as we see in 1 Cor. 12:30. For its use in the assembly see 1 Cor. 14.

13. *The gift of interpretation.* This is a gift which every one who speaks in tongues is distinctly commanded to pray for (1 Cor. 14:13); and the Lord has most clearly shown us that messages in tongues are not to be given out in the assembly unless they are interpreted. "If there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God."

14. *The gift of government.* This is one of the most necessary, most rare and most commonly rejected gifts in the Pentecostal movement of today. Let us learn that when God appoints a leader for us, He intends to lead us through that leader. It is no "man-made organization" to obey and be subject to those whom the Spirit has put over us. See Heb. 13:7, 17; 1 Thess. 5:12-14; 1 Tim. 5:17.

15. *The gift of ministry.* This is placed high up among the gifts in Rom. 12:7, and it seems to refer to the practical side of church work. Let us ever remember that in order to "serve tables" the deacons had to be "men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." See Acts 1:1-3; Rom. 16:1, 2, 6; 1 Tim. 3:8-13.

16. *The gift of exhortation.* This seems to refer to short, pointed messages, given perhaps in a testimony, for the strengthening and comforting of others. We have already seen that the prophet speaketh "unto exhortation:" but the distinction between him and an exhorter in this may be that the prophet and teacher are those who speak more specially in exposition of the Word of God, while the Spirit uses the exhorter in giving a lesson from his own experience.

17. *The gift of liberality.* How many of us have ever prayed for this gift? And how needful is its practice in these days of scarcity. If God's children are faithful in giving, they need never fear want; but "there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Study God's laws in Prov. 11:24 and 13:7, Mal. 3:10, 11, 2 Cor. 8 and 9, Matt. 6:19-34, Luke 6:30-38 and 12:13-34.

18. *The gift of showing mercy.* This is closely allied to the one above; but it may refer more to the tender, loving acts of kindness to those in need, rather than to the giving of money. How much easier it is to hand out a dime to one who asks for help, than it is to take the trouble

really to visit and investigate the case. There are many cases where more than money the thoughtful "showing mercy" is needed. The Lord has many of His faithful hidden ones who are always ready to cook a dainty meal for the sick ones, to bathe, wash, iron or clean house for them; and He does not disdain to place this "showing mercy with cheerfulness" among the gifts of the Holy Spirit of God. Rom. 12:8.

19. *The gift of helpfulness.* This is mentioned in 1 Cor. 12:28—"helps"—and is one of the most blessed of the gifts. Every leader, such as one who has the gift of prophecy, healing, teaching or miracles, needs a number of "helps" to go with him and complement his work; and the Lord can very mightily use those who are humble and emptied enough to be mere "helps." Phoebe was one such to the apostle Paul—"a succourer (or helper) of many, and of myself also" (Rom. 16:2). But the one who is to be a help to the apostle must be filled with the spirit of an apostle, he who is to help a prophet must imbibe the prophetic spirit; and so on, all through the list.

Oh what a marvellous picture this study of the gifts brings before our eyes. It is the will of God, not only that this Body of Christ should be developed in our Pentecostal movement as a whole, but also that *each assembly* should have all the gifts, each in its place, and all perfectly under the control of the Head: so that each little group of Christians may be "one Body in Christ, and every one members one of another."—A. E. L.

A WILL LOST AND FOUND.

There is a quaint story of a rich man who lost his only son, and, after his own death, his will could not be found. After searching vainly, the State's attorney took up the case and ordered the property sold and his estate settled. On the day of the auction a poor old woman who had once nursed his only child begged the auctioneer to let her buy the picture of the boy. She had only a shilling, but nobody seemed to care for it, so it was knocked down to her. And she went home happily in having the portrait of the child she had loved so dearly. One day when repairing the back of the picture, she found a legal document hidden in the wood back. She hurried to the lawyer and delivered it up with much concern. After he had glanced at it he called her to him and said: "You have certainly made a great find. This is the old man's will, and in it he has left all his property to anybody who loved his boy well enough to buy his picture at the auction sale when the estate is settled."

God, too, has left a will by which all his fortune becomes the inheritance of those who love the Lord Jesus Christ well enough to take him for their own.—A. B. Simpson, in Christian Workers' Magazine.

DEVOTIONAL READING.

A young lady, asked by her friend to explain what is meant by devotional reading of the Bible, made answer as follows: "Yesterday morning I received a letter from one to whom I have given my heart and devoted my life. I freely confess to you that I have read that letter five times, not because I do not understand it at the first reading, nor because I expected to commend myself to the author by frequent reading of his epistle. It was not with me a question of duty, but simply one of pleasure. I read it because I am devoted to the one that wrote it. To read the Bible with the same motive is to read it devotionally, and to one who reads it in that spirit, it is, indeed, a love letter."—Selected.

Don't forget the date of the Fifth General Council of the Assemblies of God, beginning September 9th.

WHY SHOULD WE WATCH?

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

He who possesses the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars, can single out of the seven churches the one that fits the present age. The Spirit marks the church at Sardis for rebuke and exhortation. No community, no church, no individual can hide from Him whose eyes are as a flame of fire. We are living in a searching time. God is searching. Christ is searching out the condition of the churches, of the assemblies and of the individuals.

They were told to watch and they were at fault for not watching; they had the word of Christ which told them to watch and should have listened to it, and therefore the Spirit had to bring it home again. With the word of Christ's warning, "What I say unto you I say unto all, *Watch*," they should not have needed this subsequent warning.

The church at Sardis was not saved as a whole. The Spirit makes exceptions, and there were individuals out of the Church at Sardis. Their principal sin was self-satisfaction and indifference to the near approach of Him who held the seven stars and had the seven Spirits, and the Spirit would emphasize the condition of most of those who belong to this church, "Be watchful, or else you will suffer." The apostle condemns those in the world who say, "Where is the promise of His coming?" The church at Sardis does not say it, but it acts the same.

"I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." Yes, He knows their names; they get their own labels. The church who is not watching magnifies the label under which it goes, and you can see the labels all around. "We are of this denomination and that denomination." Outward circumstances are causing even men of the world to be anxious to see what the Word says, how much more should the church search and see. All these conditions emphasize the need of watchfulness.

"Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die." The old earth is reaching the end of its tether. Ready to die! Save something out of the wreckage. Make friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness: use your money in the service of soul-winning. Act as if you believe the message of His near return—because the times are short, seek the unsaved.

"I have not found thy works perfect before God." Plenty of works! But the works before God look very different. Grand, beautiful, before men, but imperfect in God's sight! Why were they imperfect? They were not done in the light of His coming. Other motives were put first.

"Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard and hold fast and repent." Go back to the very elementary times, remember how thou hast heard. Where do you hear? You hear from the Word, and the fault of the Church of Sardis is they have not remembered; they have listened to other voices and interpretations and the glorious truth of the Lord's coming was perverted.

"If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." This charge is an indictment of the Spirit against the modern Church of God and the punishment will be literally carried out against those who pervert the truth of the Lord's coming. The threats of the Spirit of God are not idle threats. Repent! Repent that you were led away and there must be repentance before you can accept the truth of His return.

What does the thief do? He comes and brings consternation, discomforture and loss; he destroys self-com-

placency, and he takes away the comfortable things by which you have surrounded yourself. Not only robs, but startles! The Thief only takes the most valuable things, and so they will lose that which is most precious if they do not watch.

"Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy." Those in this church who were watchful were in the minority, just a few out of the numerous self-complacent church. God wants that few increased, and the Spirit of God is working in every possible manner to stir up, to warn, to intreat and to shake the self-satisfied, complacent church in Sardis in order that the few may be increased. He knows everyone in this church, whether he is preacher, leader or minister who is leading contrary to the Word and thereby seeking to lead the mass, the bulk astray.

"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment: and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life." Failure to watch will bring a failure of life, and will give a false security. There are those who slight, and slide over the words of the Spirit as to blotting out of names. The final revelation of the Holy Spirit points out clearly that *there is a possibility, nay a probability of the names of those who are not watching being blotted out of the book of life*, and no amount of sophistry can change the message of the living God. The Holy Spirit never inspired and does not recognize the statement made by man, "once in grace, always in grace." He who hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars in His hand never made a statement like that. But He does make a strong statement when He speaks to the Church at Sardis and speaks of blotting out names once written in the book of life.

The Holy Spirit also inspired the prayer, "Keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins." Those who are not watching are very presumptuous, and because they are so presumptuous they do not watch. But the Spirit intreats and warns in many ways, "What I say unto you I say unto all—*Watch*."

The Shepherd of Israel says "Watch!" He has been watching the sheep, and He can see the wolf when the sheep cannot. It is unfortunate for the flock and for the individual sheep when one and another of the sheep try to act as shepherds. But it suits the wolf very well. But the sheep of the flock, and especially the lambs, will suffer. A few presumptuous sheep can lead a lot of other sheep outside the fold. Yet men quote "No man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." But the sheep can get out of the fold of their own free will. Steer clear of the gaps in the fold. Don't look for them. See how far you can get away from them. But get close up to the Shepherd.

Lot fled away from danger. His wife turned round and faced it. Do you say, "Neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand?" Yes, the hand of God was sent to deliver Lot and his wife. She did not want the angel's hand. She wanted the hands of those back in Sodom, *and she perished*. Related to righteous Lot, she plucked herself out of the hand of mercy. "Keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins," needs to be the prayer of many professing children of God today.

A CORRECTION—QUESTION AND ANSWER DEPARTMENT.

In Evangel No. 195, June 23rd, in answer to question 214a, I am made to answer as follows: "If you are sure you have separated," etc. It should have read, "If you are sure you have repented," etc. The Word of God does not demand separation, but permits it. This was an error in typesetting.

A VISION OF THE KING.

Twenty-four years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my Guide, I entered at the portico of Genesis and walked down the art gallery of the Old Testament, where, on the wall hung the pictures of Enoch, Noah, Jacob, Abraham, Elijah, David, Daniel and other famous prophets of old.

Then I passed into the music room of the Psalms, where the Spirit swept the keyboard of my nature and brought forth melody, from the dirge-like wail, like that of the Weeping Prophet Jeremiah, to the grand exultant strains of the twenty-fourth Psalm, and where every reed and pipe in God's great organ of Nature seemed to respond to the tuneful harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel who played for King Saul in his melancholy moods.

Next I passed into the business office of Proverbs, then into the chapel of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher was heard; then over into the conservatory of the Song of Songs, where the lily of the valley and the rose of Sharon with their sweet-scented spices filled and perfumed my life.

Then I stepped into the prophetic room and saw the telescopes of various sizes, some pointing to far-off stars or events, and others to nearby stars, but all concentrated upon the Bright and Morning Star, which was to rise above the moonlit hills of Judea for our salvation, while the shepherds guarded their flocks by night.

From there I passed into the audience room and caught a vision of the King's glory, from the standpoints of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Then into the Acts, where the Holy Spirit was doing His work in the formation of the infant church.

From there I went into the correspondence room, where John, Paul, Peter, James and Jude sat at their desks, penning their epistles to the church.

And last, I stepped into the throne room of the Revelation, where all towered into glittering peaks, and I got a vision of the King sitting upon His throne in all His glory. Then I bowed my head and said:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all."

—Billy Sunday.

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DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY . . .

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

(Sunday. "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him," Jno. 20:13.

"Another Jesus they preach to men,
A Jesus strange to our loving ken;
A man who bowed to the human's doom
And never rose from His rock-hewn tomb;
A Christ who never for sinners died,
A Christ mistaken, a Christ who—lied!
'They have taken away our Lord,
And we know not where they have laid him.'")

Monday. "Be not wise in your own conceits," Rom. 12:16.

God carried on His work before we ever had a hand in it. And if any of us were to drop out it would go on just the same. How true this bit from John Wesley's journal:

"Preserve an equal temper of mind under whatever treatment you meet with from a not very just or well-natured world. **Bear no more sail than is necessary, but steer steady.** The less you value yourselves, the more all good and wise men will value you."

Tuesday. "For lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth," Amos 9:9.

This is one of many very striking promises applying directly to Israel. The whole Old Testament is teeming with them and they sadly mistake who attempt to spiritualize or otherwise apply them. God's dealings with Israel is a constant reminder of His faithfulness. And as certain as their humiliation now is, looms in the near future the blessed prospect of their restoration.

Wednesday. "He goeth before," Jno. 10:4.

"He knoweth, 'He knoweth the way that I take,'
And He never will leave me—no, never—
Till there streams from above me the marvelous light
That shall shine without shadow forever."

Thursday. "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" 1 Chron. 29:5.

"I am at His disposal"—someone put these words in a letter the other day, and they have stayed with me since. Always plenty of people waiting to fill the prominent places; but how few to take the hidden posts. Our national generals would deal most summarily with such insubordination as is sometimes seen among the King's soldiers. Surely it pleases His heart to find a faithful one absolutely yielded and ready to be placed as He wills.

(Friday. "Repent * * * or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent," Rev. 2:9.

We see it on so many sides—in individual lives, in assemblies and churches—the love, once imparted by the quickening power of the Holy Spirit, now gone. And the body moves on as a mere bit of machinery, but the candlestick is removed, the light is quenched. God never trifles; warnings unheeded mean judgments fulfilled.)

(Saturday. "Much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ," Rom. 5:17.

It is the Christ manifested in us—in all His sweetness, His humility, His love, His tenderness. "Christ liveth in me!" This is what makes our service acceptable and fruitful, for

"As rays of light from yonder sun
The flow'rs of earth set free,
So life and light and love came forth
From Christ living in me."

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"BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT."

These words, found in Eph. 5:18 are not written to sinners, neither are they written to nominal church members, but they are written to a Spirit-baptized church. The church at Ephesus had probably the greatest record of all the churches for its spirituality, which called forth the epistle of the glory written by Paul. It was this church, the first mentioned in Christ's messages to the churches by John the beloved on the Isle of Patmos, which was so true in so many respects, and yet which let slip its first love, endangering its position among the other churches in Christ. But before that time came, before the apostle Paul went home to glory, he wrote them an epistle pertaining to the glory life, in which he admonishes them not to walk as fools but as wise, redeeming the time (for the days were evil) and be filled with the Holy Spirit. He called their attention previously to this that they had received the Spirit after they had believed and were sealed unto the day of redemption, but now he warns them that they should not let slip that which they had received, but that they should be continuously filled with the Spirit of God.

It is so easy to leak out, the joy to vanish, the peace to be unsettled, the hope to wane, and lest the Ephesian Church find itself in this condition, Paul gives us a plain pattern of what a Spirit-filled saint's experience will be like, setting it up as a sign post to guide us in the way lest our feet slip and we fall away from our inheritance.

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." The first sign of a Spirit-filled life, the joy of the Holy Ghost so bubbling up in the breast that Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs continually flow. Do you remember how that song kept singing in your breast after the Comforter had come. Sometimes in words and music you were familiar with, and at other times like a harp or some strange instrument, vibrating under the touch of the Holy Spirit, with no particular coherent sound, but nevertheless flowing on in ceaseless rhythmic strains of

praise unto God? Does that little tune still sing away in your soul, or has the harp been hung on the willows and your song been hushed?

The Spirit-filled life is like a great river. You visit it today and you are impressed with its irresistible force, flowing on, flowing on. You leave with a sense of awe at the wondrous sight. You return again, in a year, two years or possibly at the end of a lifetime, and you find it still flowing on, on, and ever on unto eternity. That is like the Spirit-filled life. "He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his inward parts shall FLOW rivers of living water." Hallelujah.

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." This is the next sign of the Holy Spirit's indwelling. A continual life of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving for blessings and thanksgiving to God in Jesus' name for the trials as well, for it all comes directly from God's hand or else is permitted for a purpose. Giving thanks always! Are you living this ever thankful life? If not, something has happened to your stream. Get the sticks and stones out of the way and the river will flow on again, singing and praising and rendering thanks.

"Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." This is the third sign of the Holy Spirit's control of the believer's life. First we submit ourselves to God, and then He fills us and tells us to submit ourselves one to another. It is not hard any more, for the Holy Spirit dwells within. We used to love our own way, but we laid that all down when we were baptized in His name, buried in the likeness of His death, and we are now raised in the likeness of his resurrection. Now we walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. Old things have passed away and behold all things have become new. Paul knew something about this when he said that he became all things to all men that he might gain some. He gave credit to the other Spirit-filled and Spirit-led believer of knowing something of the will of God as well as himself. How easy it is to think we know it all. We know just how the meeting should be run, we know just how that tent should be pitched, we know just when to preach, just how many songs to sing and just when to make the altar call, and the preacher is all out of the will of God and he doesn't know anything. We know just how to run the house, because we have been a housekeeper for years and ought to know something about it. Every one must come under us. They must do the way we like and whatever we like. But the true sign of a Spirit-filled life is "Submitting yourselves one to another." Suppose we do know that we know better. Submit for Jesus' sake. We are no longer our own, but we are Christ's. He it is who now liveth His life in us to the glory of the Father.

We need to be constantly filled with the Holy Ghost, and if we find according to the record, that we have leaked out, then it is our place to confess our faults and pray one for another that we may be healed. Are you filled with the Holy Ghost as you were when you received your Pentecost?—J. R. F.

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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.

222. What is meant by "Babylon the Great" in Rev. 18:2?

Ans. Scofield gives this note: Babylon, "Confusion," is repeatedly used by the prophets in a symbolic sense. (Is. 13:1 note.) Two Babylons are to be distinguished in Revelation: Ecclesiastical Babylon, which is Apostate Christendom, headed up under the papacy; and political Babylon, which is the Beast's confederated empire, the last form of Gentile world-dominion. Ecclesiastical Babylon is "the Great Whore" (Rev. 17:1; 18:1-8), and is destroyed by political Babylon (Rev. 17:15-18), that the Beast may be the only object of worship (2nd Thes. 2:3-4; Rev. 13:15). The power of political Babylon will be destroyed by the return of our Lord in glory." Rev. 17:18 says, "The woman (Babylon) * * * is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Note this woman sits upon the Beast at first, yet in the end the Beast with his confederate "Ten kings" hate the woman, the whore, and burn her with fire.

223. My son is always my son, dead or alive. So if I once become a child of God, will I not always be such, no matter what I do?

Ans. Not necessarily. You may for an extreme offense disown and disinherit your own son by birth. Such can be legally done and is done. Then a son sometimes disowns his father. So any one who so desires can disown God as his Father, though he was born of God, and can reject Jesus Christ as his Elder Brother, though he once owned Him as such. But this is rare in human affairs, and I trust it will be rare in Divine affairs. I do not believe as many people, who once get thoroughly regenerated by the real power of God, become afterwards totally apostate, as some think. Some whom we count saved are not really made new creatures in Christ. Others whom we count backsliders are often not entirely lost out in their souls. This reduces on both sides the number of real and total apostates from Christ. But see Gal. 5:17-21; 1st Tim. 4:1; 2nd Pet. 2:1; 2:20-22. In Rom. 8:13 which reads, "If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die," it is more correctly rendered, "Ye must die." That is, living after the flesh, by even spirit-filled people, is such that in the very nature of the case it "necessarily brings death." It is certain and bound to result so to those who live after the flesh.

224. Should an Elder who bought the church house with his own money where the assembly worships still persist in holding the office of "teaching elder" in this assembly when the assembly no longer wants him as such, even though he is in good standing with the General Council?

Ans. All the particulars and full merits of this case would have to be known to be able to give a specific answer. If such is the case, some change, however, will have to be made sooner or later. If the assembly has fallen into sin and from the truth, it would be wrong to reject the elder because he reproves sin and teaches the truth. But, if the assembly is in Bible order and the elder has merely run his

day, worn out his usefulness and acceptance, then he should resign from active teaching and allow another more acceptable to take his place. If he is a local elder, as I judge from the question, still in good standing, he might remain a retired or inactive elder, especially so as to that place. If able to serve acceptably elsewhere, let him do so. It is useless and a folly to hold on where it is certain we are not wanted. It hurts both us and the cause of God. If the elder gave the money outright to God and the deed is made simply in trust for the assembly, then the elder is not entitled to recover his money, and if he holds the deed, should give it up, if the church so desires. But if he bought the church with his private money, took deed in his own name as private property, and has merely loaned the assembly the use of the house, then when the church puts him out as elder in good standing, it should buy or rent the house from him. The house does not make him own and control the assembly, nor does the disowning of him, under this latter condition, give them the house. These are two separate problems.

THE GENERAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The Pentecostal Assemblies and individuals associated with the various wings of the Pentecostal movement will hail with pleasure the prospect of a general Missionary Conference to be held this year at Bethel Chapel, St. Louis, Mo., from Sept. 13th until all business is transacted. The time is ripe for such a conference. Many of our missionaries have left the field on account of war conditions which have almost starved them out. Others who are better known, have been enabled to hold on tenaciously and to do good work in spite of the trying times now upon us. The need is present for conserving our resources and utilizing them to the greatest extent in the greatest effort for the evangelization of the world that has ever been put forth. And that is the reason for calling this Special Missionary Conference. All the Pentecostal papers are asked to co-operate with us in advertising this meeting. All the Pentecostal assemblies who have missionary interests are asked to send representatives, and if your assembly has no missionary interest, send along a representative and he or she will return to your assembly and give you one.

All the Missionary centers from Maine to California are asked to co-operate in this conference. The General Council is prepared to offer its experience to help in the conference, but has no desire nor intention to influence it in any way contrary to the best interests of the needs of the field. The conference will be the first real effort to solve the missionary problems of the Pentecostal movement. If God has given you a vision or you have an idea which is practical, you are needed at this conference. Details of entertainment, etc., will be announced in a later number of the Evangel.

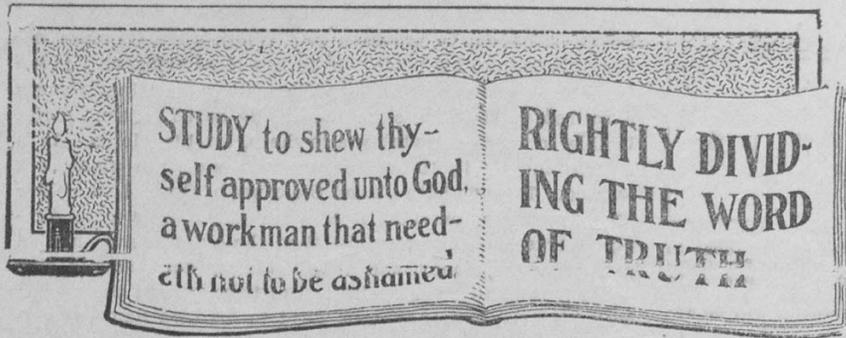
MARANATHA—THE SET FEASTS.

(Continued from page 3.)

"A wise man will hear and will increase learning and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise council," (Prov. 1:5). "When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul, discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee." (Prov. 2:10-11).

The foregoing is but the merest hint concerning a grand, glorious and immensely important subject. One which, if studied into and taught, cannot fail to deepen our interest in our Lord's coming. Rev. Andrew A. Bonar's commentary on Leviticus will be a great help.

—Mrs. E. S. Hubbell, Raton, New Mexico.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

July 15, 1917.

HEZEKIAH THE FAITHFUL KING.

Lesson Text: 2 Chron. 30:1-27.

Golden Text: He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Heb. 11:6.

Practical Truth: Righteousness has its reward.

Topic: Cleansing and worship.

Time: B. C. 726. Place: Jerusalem.

How glad we are to turn from the study of the wicked Ahaz to the good Hezekiah. One little word "not" puts a world of difference between these two kings, father and son. Ahaz did not that which was right in the sight of God, 2 Ch. 28:1. Hezekiah did that which was right in the sight of God, 29:2.

Now note carefully what Hezekiah did. Ahaz had closed the house of the Lord and built altars everywhere so the temple, the priests and Levites were defiled, and the nation was backslidden. Hezekiah was twenty-five years of age when he began to reign, and was king twenty-nine years. The first thing he did was to remove the high places and brake the images erected by Ahaz and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made which had become an object of worship. Hezekiah was the first king to have the courage to call it a piece of brass. Nehushtan. The secret of his courage is that he trusted in the Lord, 2 Kings 18:4. He clave to the Lord and departed not from following Him and kept His commandments and the Lord was with him and prospered him, and he rebelled against the king of Assyria with whom the wicked king Ahaz had been in league. Lesson: Cling to Jesus and be bold against sin and free from wicked alliances.

The next step was to restore the worship of Jehovah in keeping the Passover, but the priests and Levites must be sanctified first, then the temple cleansed. "The king rose early and gathered the rulers and went to the house of the Lord." Ch. 29:20.

The King's heart went out to all Judah and Israel. He sent letters to Ephriam and Manasseh to come and join them in the Passover in the second month. Could not get ready in the first month, the time given to Moses, but the Lord will not hold us to dates when to do the thing is more needful than the time. It is always time to turn to the Lord.

Then the priest had not sanctified themselves, for they must be clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. Truth is more essential than formality, but this postponement was according to Numbers 9:10-11. How glad the response of the people, so the king Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people that God had prepared the people, for the thing was done suddenly." 29:36. The Lord is always ready to meet those who wait and work for Him. The king proclaims the Passover, sends the messengers to invite all Judah and Israel, warning them at the time not to be stiffnecked but yield to God. Many had already been taken captive and more would be if they did not repent. Oh the desolation that comes from turning away from God.

A reunion was desired but it must be on a clean basis, even those coming without ceremonial cleansing were prayed for and forgiven because God saw their hearts were right in purpose. They really wanted to come back to God. He will abundantly pardon.

The Lord was pleased with Hezekiah because he was trying to bring back the people to God. Is He pleased with you, dear reader? No king can do more for himself than to bring God into his life and his kingdom. No ruler can do more for his people than to direct them into the ways of righteousness and urge them to obey. No ruler will please the Lord more than to recognize God in all his official acts and his ways. Thus he will bring safety and prosperity to his nation. When the wicked bear rule the people mourn, but when the righteous are in authority the people rejoice. A prayerful king and a forgiven and happy people. But the wicked shall be turned into hell with all the nations that forget God.

But best of all is that Christ, our passover, is sacrificed for us and now anyone anywhere may come to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless His holy name! But as those people could not approach God except through

the blood of the sacrifice, so we cannot come to the Father except through Jesus Christ by whose blood we are made nigh unto God. So we have access to God by the Lord Jesus Christ.

All who refused the invitation of Hezekiah were finally taken captives about four years later. But Judah was preserved from the enemy, Senacharib, of which deliverance we will study in the next lesson. 2 Kings 18:13-19, 37.

QUESTIONS:

What kind of a king was Ahaz? Describe his reign.

What kind of a king was Hezekiah? What did he do to the idols? How did he restore Judah? What method did he use to announce the passover? Why was it observed in the second month and not in the first?

What provision was made for this? Who were invited to join in this passover?

What became of those who rejected? What blessing on those who accepted?

Who is our passover? How do we celebrate it?

Who is our high priest?

How are we cleansed?

On what condition are we saved?

Would you like to see all God's children in unity?

Do you want to see a world-wide revival?

Are you willing to fast and pray for it?

What will come to the nations that forget God?

Are you looking for Jesus to come?

When shall the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ?

Are you a member of Christ's kingdom?—Arch P. Collins.

Next Week's Lesson.

July 22, 1917.

SENNACHERIB'S INVASION OF JUDAH.

Reading Lesson: 2 Kings 19:13-19, 28-37.

Golden Text: Psalm 46:1.

A WEEK OF PRAYER AND WHAT CAME OF IT.

The saints at Russellville, Ark., became hungry to see souls saved and baptized in the Spirit. The pastor called for a week of prayer and the saints gathered together for prayer and waited on God for a revival, not only at Russellville, but world-wide. After one week of prayer the power of God began to fall on the people. Special workers came to help in the meeting. Brother Neal and wife of Searcy, Ark., and Sister Jurney. The first night two received the baptism. The tide rose until forty-one swept in to their Pentecost, and some thirty saved. We baptized forty-six in water. To the Lord be all the glory. We are praising Him for His wonderful works to the children of men. Rejoice with us for the mighty manifestation of God's power in our midst.—Pastor E. R. Fitzgerald.

Grand Prairie, Texas. My heart is in the great work of saving souls and preparing the people for our Lord's soon return. The dear Lord has raised up a faithful little band of saints here at Grand Prairie. They believe in God and have shown their faith by their works. We have two nice lots in a nice quiet part of the city, centrally located, with a modest little tabernacle thereon in which to worship God. We have recently had Bro. W. F. Carothers of Houston, Texas, and F. O. Burnett of Bridgeport, Texas, with us, and our assembly has been greatly blessed through the timely and sound preaching of these brethren. We feel the Lord sent them our way at a time when they were very much needed. If any of the assemblies are in need of a Godly man, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, who under God is a good preacher, you need have no fears in sending for Bro. W. F. Carothers. Pray for the work here.—C. M. Ward.

PRAYING FOR THE SOLDIERS.

I am glad of the opportunity to send a little offering for the free literature fund to be used in getting the Gospel to the soldier boys. The other day when I was praying for a world-wide revival, a great burden and travail of soul came on me for the soldier boys. I thought all I could do for them was to pray and weep, so I find if we are real hungry to work for God He will open up a way. Come on, saints, with your offering—it may be the means of many souls being saved.

The Evangel is a great blessing to me and I pass it on to others. When I read the reports from the battle fields of so many being saved and baptized in the Spirit, my soul takes wings and bathes in the sunshine of God's love. Then I take fresh courage and press on and sing.

"When we all get to heaven

What a day of rejoicing that will be,
When we all see Jesus

We will sing and shout the victory."
—Mrs. Belle Price.

THE WAR TO END IN SEPTEMBER.

A dumb girl speaks.

Some more news about Christ's coming. Near a mill town, twelve miles from here, a girl, fourteen years old, deaf and dumb, had never spoken a word they could understand, one day last week said to her folks that the war would end in September and that she would die the next day at a certain hour. When the hour came, she died. If the war ends as predicted, the man of sin will take his place and, glory to God, we will take our place. May the Lord help us to stay humble a while longer.

We are still on the firing line in this new field, as we are the only baptized saints here. We are having prayer meeting every Sunday and several are hungry for the Holy Ghost.—C. M. Caraway and wife, Shongaloo, La.

NOTICES.

TENT WANTED.

I want to rent a good tent for month of August. Will pay good price and take good care of same. Our revival begins here on or about August 1st.—J. M. Graham, Florida, Ala.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I would be glad to correspond with anyone wishing a meeting in a new field, where there is really an opening, or would take pastoral work at the right place.—Eugene N. Hastie, Perry, Iowa.

Gatesville, Texas. We are in great need of help at this place. We are three miles from Levita, and if the sister at Levita will write me we can work together for this place.—N. M. Haines.

BRO. URSHAN GOES TO RAVENNA, ONT.

Bro. A. D. Urshan will conduct his next revival campaign at Ravenna, Ontario, beginning Aug. 5th to 19th or longer, if the Lord is willing. For further particulars write to Irwin Starnall, Ravenna, Ont., Can.

W. F. CAROTHERS IN WASHINGTON.

Bro. Carothers is in the East. If you want him in your camp meeting you can reach him in care of General Delivery, Washington, D. C., until about July 10th.

Weed, Calif. Will start tent meetings here about July 1st. Any one passing between Portland and Oakland is invited to stop off and help us. This is a place of 2500 or more and only one church with about thirty attending. A very needy place.—J. M. Early, Evang.

Ellston, Iowa. I am going to start a meeting here July 1st and I wish all the saints everywhere to pray for God to bless with the salvation of souls and mighty Holy Ghost baptisms. All are invited to come and help. I have the Disciple church.—Floyd Benton Coop, Hopeville, Iowa.

Lamoni, Iowa. An old time Pentecostal revival will begin under a large tent on the 4th of July with all day meetings and basket dinner. Everybody come. Large grove close to camp. Come and spend a week or more with us and the Lord. Homes will be open for some. This is an assembly in the country, just established this winter. Mt. Zion Church, two miles south and seven miles west of Lamoni, Iowa.—Kelley Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I am going to publish a small pamphlet along lines of prophecy, so I want to ask the saints everywhere who are prophetically blessed, having a good solid Christian character, having spiritual visions and dreams of the last days, to have them typewritten, put in a concrete form, giving the kernel, with heaven anointed words. Please send to me soon as possible.—T. H. Copedge, Floydada, Texas.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are at Brownsville, Ark., on rural route No. 2 from Lonoke, having accepted a call here as pastor of the assembly. We are young in the work and ask the saints to pray that God will use us to His own glory and keep us true to him and faithful to the charge He has committed to us. Also pray for the band here that the Lord will get them back to the place where sons and daughters will be born into the fold. Pray that God will give a real revival spirit to the people at this place.—Eb. Bruton.

PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Will be held, D. V., at Bethany Chapel, July 13-23 inclusive. Speakers expected: Bro. and Sister D. W. Kerr of Cleveland, Ohio, Bro. and Sister W. W. Simpson of Newark, N. J., Bro. John Coxe and daughter, Wilmington, Del., and other workers and returned missionaries. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Two meals a day will be provided. Expenses will be met by free-will offering. Rooms and tents at reasonable rates. Take Chicopee or Chestnut street car to Gladwood avenue, Glenwood. For further information address Chas. S. Leonard, 44 Crestwood St., or Albert Weaver, Rockrimmon, Springfield, Mass.

GREAT REPRESENTATIVE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

St. Louis, Mo., beginning Sept. 13th.

All the leading missionaries in the homeland are expected to be present.

All the leaders of missionary centers are being invited, as well as everyone else who is interested in missionary work.

The time has come for a forward move in the Pentecostal movement, in which every branch of the movement should participate. Pray for this great gathering and don't forget the date.

New Castle, Pa. Second Annual Pentecostal Campmeeting will be held D. V. at the City Park, or what is known as Cunningham's Woods, from August 3rd to August 19th inclusive. Pastors D. W. Kerr of Cleveland, O., John Coxe of Wilmington, Del., Robt. A. Brown and wife of New York City, J. T. Boddy of Youngstown, O., Joseph Tunmore of Pittsburg, Pa., and local workers and a number of returned missionaries expected. For further particulars write Pastor Thos. E. Float, 1700 Maplewood Ave., Wilkingsburg, Pa., or Mrs. E. J. Pearce, 811 Lathrop St., New Castle, Pa.

SECOND ANNUAL CAMP FOR SOUTHWESTERN MISSOURI

will be held in convention form in Springfield, Mo., August 15-19, 1917. The morning services, August 15-16-17 will be especially for ministers, workers, elders and deacons. Bro. J. W. Welch will have the afternoon services and Bro. A. T. Rape the night services. This is the sole place of ordination in this section this year. Rooms for visitors free, but each is expected to board himself.—B. F. Lawrence, 1001 N. Main St., Springfield, Mo.

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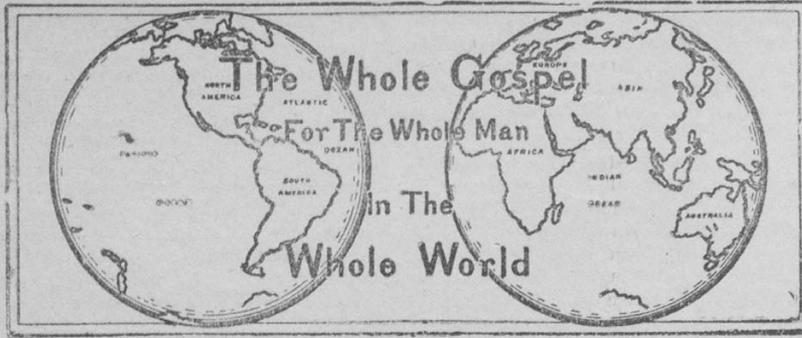
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Please do not write Publishing House and missionary matters on the same sheet of letter paper. These belong to two different departments, and should be kept separate, although they can be mailed to us in the same envelope.

Ponce, Porto Rico. The time has come for us to lift up our heads for our redemption is at hand. The work is going on fine. Souls are getting saved and many are under conviction. Fifty-three have been baptized in water and many more are ready to be baptized soon. Many have come through with the Holy Ghost baptism and many have been healed through prayer, and they are giving God the glory. Church members have been put out of their churches because they have received Pentecost, but they are happy in Jesus. Many of them testify that they had been serving their church for the last fifteen and eighteen years, but they could not say to anyone that they were saved from sin. But after Pentecost has come to them, they have found out that if Jesus had come during all that time they were serving the building and not Jesus, they would be lost without any hope. The darkness is passing away and the true light is shining.—J. L. Lugo, box 152, Ponce, Porto Rico.

A FRUITFUL FIELD IN HONG KONG, CHINA.

I truly praise the Lord that I can report that God is working in our midst. He is giving us precious opportunities to work for Him. I have commenced work among the women at Wanchai. The Lord has anointed my soul as I have given forth the word to the hungry souls, darkened by sin and superstition, and we are believing God for an awakening in their midst. There are some that have expressed themselves as being disgusted with their gods of wood and stone, and said they were delighted to hear of a living God who can hear, see, smell, walk, protect, and the most wonderful of all, save from sin, and give peace and joy. Praise the Lord! Some of our Christian women are very happy to testify to the heathen women about this wonderful Gospel, and when they hear what God has done for them, they are also curious at least to hear more. Remember the work among the women

in your prayers. It has been so neglected, but is a very needful work, as the mothers have such great influence over their sons, and husbands too.

Please remember the missionaries of south China in your prayers in a special way, as the intense heat is coming on; also the season when plague is prevalent. Our trust is in God. He has promised "no plague shall come nigh thy dwelling." It is so blessed to know God is with us. Would you mind asking your readers if anyone has any old Sunday-school cards they don't care to keep, to please send them to us, as we run short for our Sunday-school? We would appreciate to get them.

We have a Scripture text written on the back in Chinese characters, and in this way the text gets an entrance into the children's homes.—(Mrs.) Flora Halland James.

A RECORD OF GREAT BLESSING IN CHINA.

My dear wife and I spent six months in the states last summer, after having been in China four and one-half years. Both of us received the baptism of the Spirit, after our first arrival in China, having formerly been associated with the Baptist people.

Three years ago this spring, God sent us to this place (Shansi, North China) and after about five months of believing without seeing, the Spirit of the Lord began manifesting himself on the hearts of the people.

After being here one year, we were privileged to baptize about twenty-seven in water, some of which had received the baptism of the Spirit, and others have since received.

Another six months later, the fire having spread to other places, we baptized about twenty-three more in another city, fifty miles north from here. A year ago this spring we baptized fourteen more here in this city. Last summer, while we were away, a number were baptized in stations north from here, and a few weeks ago we baptized another thirteen here in Tai-yuan-fu. Quite a number of them have received the Acts 2:4 outpouring of the Spirit. Praise God for it all.

Of the last thirteen baptized, one received the baptism of the Spirit before we left the river-bank; he is an army-officer. In the evening meeting two more received the baptism of the Spirit.

We were to have the Lord's Supper that evening, but the glory of the Lord so filled the house that many were slain under the power of God. That meeting closed at four o'clock the next morning.

Outside of Tai-yuan-fu, principally toward the north are four stations where definite work is being done by native brethren, who have received the blessing of Acts 2:4 since the Spirit first fell in this city. A beautiful spirit of unity prevails, not only among the native brethren, but also among the Chinese and the foreigners.

Lately the Lord has put His hand upon two more of the Chinese young men, and sent them forth with the message of salvation. At present they are preaching in the different villages about this city. May the Lord raise up more. Miss Marie Stephany, who is with us, supports one of these, and Bro. Creamer and I, with the other Chinese Christians, support the other.

The last few weeks we, with the Chinese Christians, have been observing Saturday as a day of fasting and prayer, a good way to prepare for Sunday. God has been blessing us in this.

Trust we will be remembered in prayer by the members of the Evangel Family. May the Lord bless you abundantly.—Yours in His fellowship, Edgar C. Steinberg, Tai-yuan-fu, Shansi, North China.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEXICAN WORK.

I am now in Los Indios. The Lord is wonderfully blessing here. In the last month twenty-three have received the baptism of the Spirit, and about six more seeking. Fourteen of this number are all young men. Several are earnest workers and seem to feel led towards the ministry.

We are erecting a large brush arbor for our services. As Los Indios is only twenty miles from Brownsville and on the banks of the Rio Grande, it will be a center for our work here in the valley. Several of the young men seem very enthusiastic about opening a mission in Brownsville and other places, so we expect to soon begin a tent campaign in Brownsville.

We much covet your prayers as at this time the work needs careful attention and wisdom from above. It is a great field for service and we are expecting God to do a great work. Pray earnestly for us. Pray for the Mexican paper and for more missionaries.—H. C. Ball, Kingsville, Texas.

SAVED AND BAPTIZED.

I want to praise the Lord for saving and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I am twenty years of age, but glad to say I know the Lord beyond the average young men of my age. I praise the Lord He keeps me under all circumstances. I also praise Him for healing my body in many ways.—J. H. Short, Jr.

A VISIT TO A NATIVE STATION.

I have just returned from a most interesting visit to our mission stations in the Pietersburg District (South Africa). The native chief Manamela and others had written repeatedly to ask me to come over, but owing to lack of funds I was unable to respond. Finally the natives themselves raised the necessary funds, and on March 12th I left my home very early in the morning en route for Middelburg, where I arrived about three hours later. Here I took train for Pretoria, and spent Sunday with the brethren, taking the night train on to Pietersburg, where I arrived about 7 a. m.

The first person to greet me as I alighted was Esrom, Chief Manamela's brother, and he led me to a small two wheeled cart drawn by six donkeys in which we were to cover the remaining thirty miles of our journey. Our first halt was about 11 a. m. at a dry riverbed with small pools of water in it here and there. Very gladly we out-spanned and were soon partaking of refreshments, consisting of corned beef and bread, while the natives ate their national dish of "bohobe" (Indian meal porridge). We then resumed our journey, reaching our destination about sunset. Here I was warmly welcomed by Chief Manamela and a host of other natives. After a short rest the chief escorted me proudly to their new church, lingering a minute under the bell to give me time to admire it, and again under the stone arched portico outside. This church was built entirely by the natives and they bore the cost of the doors, windows and bell themselves. Scores of natives were gathered inside the building and I preached the Word to a very eager and apparently much interested congregation.

The opportunity was unique for a double wedding was to be celebrated the following day, and in consequence hundreds of heathen who would otherwise not have come to the place were present. The following morning I held a baptismal service when both the bridegrooms presented themselves as candidates, and in the afternoon the marriage service was held. I cannot, for lack of space, describe the wedding festivities, they lasted over two nights with song and dancing and feasting galore.

Sunday was in truth a day long to be remembered. The services were crowded both morning and evening. In the morning I dedicated ten babies to the Lord and we also partook of the Lord's Supper.

The following day Paulus Kanyege, our evangelist at Chief Matlala's location, arrived with a trolley and six donkeys to fetch me, so I bade au revoir to my friend Chief Manamela and drove away with him. Arrived at Chief Matlala's, my tent was soon erected, and no sooner was I seated within, than the natives began thronging in to "dumedis" (greet) me. Why have you been so long in coming? they asked. Why

did you leave us so long? These and kindred questions had to be answered again and again. Some of you at home know well that lack of means has been the reason, and the responsibility for my delay lies at your door, does it not?

That evening I held service in the courtyard of Paulus' house, and preached to a very large and varied congregation, the heathen element being decidedly in the majority. Next day I dedicated three infants and baptized four adults. At the close of the baptismal service we adjourned to a large tree near Paulus' house and here I preached the Gospel again to a vast and greatly interested congregation. We then said goodbye to them and returned to Chief Manamela's village. I had only been there a short time, when a message was brought to the effect that the chief would like to see me at his own house. Accordingly I repaired thither, when the chief presented me with a very handsome and valuable fur rug. It is composed of about sixty pelts sewn together so neatly that the joins are almost invisible. We soon retired to rest and I was awakened in the morning by my native boy, who stuck his head in through my tent door saying Moruti; it is time we go. As soon as I was dressed and we had partaken of breakfast we mounted the cart and were soon on our way back to Pietersburg, where we again took the train for home.—Your brother in Christ Jesus, H. M. Turney.

WOODWORTH-ETTER MEETINGS.

The meetings at Indianapolis have, at this writing, been going on for about three weeks. Interest and power are continually increasing, and, the Lord willing, the campaign will be carried on through July. This gives all the dear saints who could not come in June a chance to come and partake of the feast. Sinners are being saved and souls baptized in the Spirit. Many saints are in from the outside and others are still coming from far and near. Prospects are fine for a good work being accomplished for the Master in this part of His vineyard. Let all the saints pray for the work.—August Feick.

Cleburne, Texas. The work here has been in bad shape, but the Lord met with us last night in love and power. I preached at Alvarado, Texas, Saturday night and Sunday and the Lord blessed. The work is in good shape there. The Lord is blessing here in a spirit of prayer now. I ask the saints to keep praying for us and the work. We had a large crowd Sunday night. The large mission was full of people.

Praise the Lord for healing my eyes. I wrote to Sister Eiter and she sent me an anointed cloth. I placed it on my eyes and the Lord touched my eyes and I haven't had on glasses since. I wore glasses seven years. I can now read most any kind of print without glasses. Praise the King of kings.—Chas. Wilhamson.

UNITY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI.

The Lord is blessing the work in Southeast Missouri, giving unity among the churches. Truly it is wonderful. We are still enjoying the blessings of God at Essex. God healed a Sister Moorehead last Saturday night, close to this place. She had been under the doctor's care for four weeks and was near death's door, as she could not keep anything on her stomach for this period of time, and her mouth had become so salivated that she could not swallow a spoonful of water without them putting their hand on the back of her neck and working her neck and head. She called for prayer according to the 5th chapter of James. When we got there she was struggling for breath and they had given her up to die. After anointing with oil in the name of the Lord and laying on of hands she was healed, called for water and drank a glass full without stopping, and arose and went to the dining room and ate a hearty meal. Her neighbors coming over the next morning expected to find her dead, but found her out in the garden picking beans for dinner. One woman was saved that night, and we had prayer meeting there the next evening and God blessedly saved a man from sin that had been a fighter of Pentecost. Glory to our God, we were made to exclaim with Isaiah, "It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done."—E. L. Banta, Essex, Missouri.

WANTS A MEETING AT LACLEDE, MISSOURI.

I ask the prayers of the saints for my deliverance as I am one among many who are in Satan's snare of divorce and remarriage. I have four children, three small ones. Pray the Lord will lead in my life and I may be free to serve Him and do His will. Any advice or help will be much appreciated.

I trust that God will send some Spirit-filled workers here where they have never heard the word in its fulness. There are many hungry hearts here willing to receive.—Mrs. Nora Holmes.

HEALED OF KIDNEY TROUBLE.

I suffered with kidney trouble about twenty-one years. I went to three doctors about this and I was told that medicine would do me no good as one of my kidneys was gone. I had some kind of spells, four or five every day and they said I would go crazy. At one time the doctor gave me some kind of medicine to make my food digest. I took it home, and shortly after that I had three more of these spells. The Lord spoke to me and said, "Let me heal you." I took two more doses of medicine, and I had another spell. Then I went to the Lord and told Him I would trust Him. He told me to give up my medicine and also to give up eating hog meat. I did so, and praise Him, He healed me.—Jennie Walker, Montana.

The General Missionary Conference meets Sept. 13th at St. Louis, Mo.

FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

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

THE OINTMENT OF HIS NAME.

Exod. 30:22-29.

"Because of the savour of thy good ointments, thy name is as ointment poured forth."

Is the holy anointing
With spicy fragrance sweet
The vessels of His temple
For His own use made meet?

And is its fragrance filling
The chambers of thy soul,
Delighting and refreshing
And hallowing the whole

Is the sweet and holy ointment
Of Jesus' name poured forth—
Are thy life and tongue and service
Thus speaking of His worth?

As in the tabernacle
Each day the incense rose,
So, sweet and soul-refreshing,
Our prayer to heaven goes.

Oh sweet and happy service,
Refreshing other souls,
Forth-pouring that sweet ointment
In hallowed service bowls.

And we as earthen vessels,
All cleansed and free from sin,
Contain this fragrant treasure—
The Holy Ghost within.

Is the holy oil anointing
With spicy fragrance sweet
The vessels of His temple—
For His own use made meet?
—Ulela Reynolds Martin.

FIELD REPORTS.

Brother M. T. Draper of Colorado Springs, Colo., writes: "Glad to report victory. Good meetings—souls are being saved, the sick healed and the poor have the Gospel preached to them."

Yellville, Ark. Just closed an eight-day meeting at Rush, Ark. God gave blessed victory. Ten souls were saved and six received the baptism. We left the saints in blessed victory and unity. Remember us in prayer.—Geo. M. Patterson and wife.

Ochelata, Okla. Closed a three weeks meeting June 24th. Quite a number were converted and eleven baptized in the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord for His convicting Spirit that reproves the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment.—Walt Walker, Evang.

Paxton, Fla. The dear Lord is still convicting and saving souls in this section. Pray that He will save many more. I have a Gospel tent ready for service by July 15th. All wanting tent meetings after above date please write

me and pray that the Lord will direct me in His work.—V. E. Moseley.

Evang. D. E. Boatwright, writing from Indianapolis, Ind., says, "The Lord's battle is on in Indianapolis and the battle is hot. The city is stirred. Many are getting through to God and many mighty cases of healing. They are coming from all parts of the country. Many workers and ministers here and they are still coming."

Winnipeg, Man. The tent meetings are in full swing. Glorious meetings yesterday, the 17th. A large number coming forward for salvation. The Lord is in the midst and greatly blessing the people. Bro. Garr's messages are making sinners tremble and many are enquiring the way out of the darkness and unrest into rest and liberty of Jesus, for he who the son sets free is free indeed. We request the Evangel Family to pray for these meetings and that the Holy Spirit will have His way in everything that is said and done.—G. D. Lockhart.

Spokane, Wash. I am laboring here with our brother Herbert Bursell in the Pentecostal Assembly of God. That dear brother, Bro. Geo. Ruch and other saints whom I formerly knew, have held on here for God heroically. They have a nice little assembly. Some men that are accustomed to roaming the streets are coming in and getting saved, and there also seems to be a deepening going on among the members of the Assembly.

At the close of the summer I shall hasten on to Venezuela, for Bro. Bailly, Bro. Bender and myself are feeling the call of the Gospel for South America.—J. R. Hurlburt.

Van Wert, Iowa. Bro. Joe Barnette and I with a band of workers came here last August and started meeting in a tent. The result of the meeting was that about thirty were saved and fifteen or twenty received the baptism. I baptized twenty in water last fall and eleven more last Sunday. We had an all-day meeting. Bro. John Goben was with us, also Bro. Jackson, the colored evangelist. We will have an all-day meeting next Sunday, July 1st, and a baptismal service. Wife and I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost last February a year ago and wife's body was healed. She was almost an invalid. We spent all we made for doctors without any help, but, praise the Lord, she is healed. The Lord has called us into His work, and I praise Him for what we have experienced.—W. F. Burchett.

Evangelist J. D. Wells, writing from Woodland, California, says: "We closed here yesterday after three weeks of hard battle. Thirteen saved and four baptized with the Holy Ghost. One man was saved while driving along the road with a wagon load of rice hulls. God also delivered him of the tobacco habit at the same time. We baptized four in water Sunday. Had baptized three persons and were leaving the bank of the creek when one man in the crowd broke down and repented, threw his tobacco one way and some more stuff another way and was baptized immediately in the clothes he wore.

We are starting a meeting in Modesto, Calif., which is virgin territory for Pentecost."

Near Litchfield, Ill. Last Friday I went out a few miles from Litchfield to a chopping camp and had church at night. About fourteen came out; four were saints who had recently moved there from Litchfield. When I had finished and called for those to rise who would be Christians, every unsaved person in the house rose to their feet. One was a very rough man who had formerly held to infidelity. Three were ready and were baptized on Saturday before I left, and they said they are going to build a small meeting place. They all urged me to come back. The boss invited me back as often as I could come. There are several others, we trust, who will be added to the Lord soon. Pray, for that is a rough place.—Wm. A. Summers.

Midway, Texas. We are glad to report many blessings in this year's work and service in His vineyard. The Lord provided us a Ford car in the early part of the year and so we have been able to reach souls that otherwise would have been missed.

We are in charge of the work at Oakhurst, Texas, about 50 miles from here, also in charge of the work at McAdams, Texas. The saints are in good condition at both places and the Lord is saving and baptizing souls.

Bros. Walter and Raymond May have been with us a good portion of the time.

We expect, D. V., to begin our camp July 13th and continue ten or fifteen days. We ask an interest in the prayers of the people. Everybody come and attend. We can take care of preachers, but others come prepared to camp. We are expecting Bros. A. P. Collins and J. D. Sheumach. Any one desiring information concerning camp write J. H. Polk, Midway, Texas.

HEALED OF PNEUMONIA.

Our little son was wonderfully healed of a bad case of pneumonia. The disease was rebuked in the name of Jesus and victory claimed by faith and the Lord raised him up to the glory of His name. The Lord is working in many ways to prove Himself in this place.—Mr. and Mrs. C. D., Boyne City, Mich.

The Evangel Prayer Band

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Pray that a sister in Ohio may recover her hearing.

A sister near Mill Grove, Mo., desires to be remembered in prayer.

A brother evangelist asks special prayer for Battle Creek, Mich., that God will work there.

Pray for a sister who has become insane through domestic troubles, that she may be healed.

Please pray that God will open a door for the Gospel at Leonard, Ontario.—A. Godfrey.

Pray that we may receive the full baptism of the Holy Spirit before Christ comes. T. J. P., England.

Pray that one who is claiming one of the promises in the Word of God will realize a speedy answer to prayer.

Please remember in prayer one who is troubled with a peculiar bodily affliction, that it will leave at once.

Please pray that my husband and children will receive the baptism in the Holy Ghost.—V. K., Marion, Ohio.

Several requests have been received that God would send rain in certain localities so that the crop might be raised.

Bear me up to the throne of grace once again as I have had another slight attack of the old trouble. I believe in answer to earnest prayer.—M. P., Dennis, Kans.

A mother in Iowa desires prayer for her son who wants to join the navy, that he may be saved and become a missionary to China.

A brother in Syracuse, N. Y., asks prayer for a special work being done there in reaching church people who are hungry for the deeper things of God.

Pray for the healing of a minister who has been used of God for years and who is given up by several physicians. His trouble is creeping paralysis.

Special prayer is requested for my wife that she may be saved and healed of epileptic fits. Pray that we may do the Lord's will.—A. C., Laurel Hill, Fla.

Sister Fannie Hogan of Biggers, Ark., desires prayer for her legs and feet crippled with rheumatism, and that God will send Spirit-filled workers to her home.

Pray for a much tested preacher brother in Indiana that he may not make shipwreck of faith. He has been used in the salvation of hundreds of souls in the past.

Please pray for the Lord to send some Spirit-filled preacher to this place this summer and that my family will be saved.—Mrs. M. E. Guthrie, Black Oak, Ark.

Pray that God will send some Spirit-filled preacher to this place. Also pray

earnestly for the healing of a little grandson from fainting and rupture.—A sister near Dixie, Ohio.

Pray that I may be healed of kidney trouble and piles, also for my son and daughter that they may be saved. Pray we may have an outpouring of the Spirit here.—Mrs. E. M. T., Emmett, Ark.

Pray that the Lord will work in the hearts of this people so that He can send some of His Spirit-filled people to this place before Jesus comes.—Mrs. Pearl Boswell, 401 Morgan Oak St., Cape Girardeau, Mo.

A sister in Keenesburg, Colo., asks prayer that her limbs may be strengthened and healed, and that she may be given the power and love of the Spirit; also that her family may be saved and ready for the Lord's coming.

A sister in Michigan desires to leave with the saints a permanent request that she may be healed of deafness. Please remember this request regularly. (This sister needs faith that she may be healed when she prays, not at some future indefinite date.)

A long request for prayer comes from Good Springs, Tenn. It is too long to publish, asking prayer for each member of the family for salvation, healing, or spiritual help. It is also requested that a way be opened for Spirit-filled workers to come there. The author of the letter is W. B. F. Woodward.

Please pray for my healing. I suffer with my feet until I can hardly stand to do my work. Also have stomach trouble. Please pray for the salvation of my three boys, one who has had to register for Government service. Please pray for the work here. Pray that God will send a buyer for our home that we may be free to go where He wants us.—T. T. C., Cato, Ark.

I want to say to the glory of God that my health is improving. Continue to pray for me that God will restore me to perfect health that I may win precious souls for Jesus. Pray for my children and their families that they may all be saved from sin before it is too late. Pray that God will send someone here with His full Gospel.—Mrs. A. K. Vann, Winona, Mo.

Will you do me the kindness to pray that if I am a true child of God, I may receive the "witness of the Spirit," and if I am not that I may be shown the way. I have been a church member many years, but have never been satisfied with my experience, though I have tried to live a Christian life. I have a large tumor on my head. Will you please pray that it be removed. It nearly went away once in answer to my own prayers, but has now grown again. No one here believes in divine healing.—L. E., Spangle, Wash.

CAMP MEETING, TOPEKA, KANS.

Eleventh Annual Camp will convene August 23rd to Sept. 2nd in Jones' Grove, cor. Seward Ave. and Golden Road.—C. E. Foster, 219 Grattan St., Topeka, Kans.

ARCADIA, KANS., CAMP MEETING.

July 13th to 22nd.

Camp will be in charge of B. F. Lawrence. We will take care of all who wish to come. For further information write J. W. Sapington, Arcadia, Kans., box 115.

OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING.

Tulsa, Okla., August 10th to 26th.

The Oklahoma State Camp meeting will be held at Tulsa, Okla., from August 10th to 26th, inclusive. For further information address S. A. Jamieson, Tulsa, Okla.

CAMP MEETING, IOLA, KANS.

Seventh Annual Camp will be held at Iola, Kans., August 2nd to 12th, in Electric Park, east of Iola, on electric car line. Inquire of Pastor J. A. Dunham, 415 South 4th St., Iola, Kans.

FIFTH GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

St. Louis, Mo., beginning Sept 9th.

The first day will be devotional. The roster will be made up Monday morning, September 10th, at 9 a. m. Everyone is urged to be present on time preferably for the first service on Sunday, the 9th.

BOYSTEN, TEXAS, CAMP MEETING.

Begins July 13th. The Lord willing will last until September 1st. Everybody is invited to attend. Bring your camping outfit and come praying that we may have the biggest revival ever had in West Texas.—Wm. Gruben, Roysten, Texas.

BOYD, TEXAS, CAMP MEETING.

Boyd Camp Meeting to be held at Boyd, beginning July 22, 1917. Everybody come prepared to camp. Plenty of water. Plenty shade and pasture for teams, if not prepared to camp. Pray God will stir hearts.—J. C. Helms, pastor, Boyd, Texas.

MEXICAN CAMP MEETING.

We expect to have a camp meeting on July 22nd to 29th if help is received to enable us to realize our project. We hope to bring the missionaries, H. C. Ball, M. M. Pinson and Miss Alice A. Luce. Will you help us in this great work.—A. M. Lopez, pastor, R. 1, Box 38, Creedmoor, Texas.

FRASER, IOWA, CAMP MEETING.

I wish to announce a camp meeting which will open here Aug. 1st, the Lord willing. We are trusting the Lord to send us a tent and some Spirit-filled workers. We hope to see souls saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence. This is on the Des Moines river, near Boone, on the Des Moines and Ft. Dodge Electric line.—Arthur C. Berry.

SOUTH TEXAS BAY SHORE CAMP MEETING.

Begins July 11th at Port Lavaca, Texas, on Port Lavaca Bay on the Southern Pacific R. R. Buildings to sleep in, stoves to cook on free. We will furnish hay to sleep on so bring your quilts and dinner baskets and let us have a good time with the Lord. For further information address Culberson Smalley or Stanley Bennett, Port Lavaca, Tex.

HARTFORD, ARK., CAMP MEETING

Will begin August 9th and continue to 19th. Come praying and believing. Run on free-will offering plan. Bring your own toilet articles and bedding if possible as the expense will be greater this year. Make all the preparations to help you can. Bro. Fred Lohman and Jacob Miller and others will be present to preach the Word. Before coming, please write Pastor Fayette Romines, box 272, Hartford, Ark.

DISTRICT CAMP MEETING FOR EAST TEXAS.

At Frankston, Texas, July 27 to Aug. 12.

All workers in East Texas are called to camp with the saints at Frankston, Texas, July 27th to Aug. 12th.

Will all the saints please come? Plenty of common food, and all the visitors will find a warm welcome with us. Bro. Arch P. Collins will be present to give the teaching. The meeting is to draw all ministers closer, and to save the lost. All who expect to come may first write, W. A. Winkels, Frankston, Texas.

CAMP MEETING CALLED OFF.

Camp meeting announced for Scranton, Pa., will be called off owing to circumstances which make it impossible to proceed.

In place of the camp meeting the assembly have decided to purchase a Gospel tent and spend the remaining months in a vigorous tent campaign in the several districts of the work in this location.—D. H. McDowell, Pastor.

CAMP MEETING FOR EAST.

The Interstate Camp Meeting for the East will convene at or near Frostburgh, Md., this year. Frostburgh is 2800 feet above the sea level. Our date will be August 5th to August 26th. August being generally a very hot month, we use this date, when people can come and enjoy our delightful climate, and cool breezes, and enjoy a convocation with God's people. Our motto will be **others**.

For further information concerning this event, write Fred Baltau, Frostburgh, Md. Some of the interested pastors are J. R. Reckley, Cumberland, Md.; Richard Hawkins, Frostburgh, Md.; C. B. Webster, Lonaconing, Md.; Oliver P. Brann, Westernport, Md.; Foster E. Young, Kentsmiller, Md., and R. A. McCauley, Grantsville, Md.—Elder A. B. Cox, Shaft, Md., in charge.

CAMPMEETINGS & NOTICES.

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Midway, Texas. Camp Meeting will be held here, D. V., beginning July 13th. Everybody is invited.—Pastor J. H. Polk.

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.

WONDERFULLY HEALED OF CONSUMPTION.

There is a woman living about three squares from our home who has been sick in bed with consumption for seven long months. She has been in the care of a doctor and has had a trained nurse with her.

She did not know anything on Thursday and Friday. The doctor and the nurse both said there is no hope for her, that she would only live about five or six hours. In the meantime, the woman came to herself and called them all to her bedside and bid them goodbye. Then they called for a minister but did not get one, so they called for the saints. Some of the saints came and prayed for her and she was instantly healed, getting right out of bed. She put on her clothes and was out to the meeting last night, praising God for what He had done.

The nurse came right down to the meeting and got up and testified that she saw the miracle performed. She is so bothered she does not know what to do. The whole town is aroused over it. Thank God for His wonderful power.—Fred Hastings, Evansville, Ind.

RAILROAD EVANGELISM.

This is my fourth year in the railroad work. There are some missions at various Divisional points, but very little work outside. Some think the railroad men are a rough class, but I find them different. They seldom have a chance to go to church as they are likely to be called at any hour of the day or night. Therefore I feel we must go to them at our Master's bidding, and in these last three years many have found the Lord through the simple Gospel; I know no other.

I have just been holding meeting in Winnipeg, amongst the men, wives and children, and I never saw them so interested as when they saw the power of God falling. If any feel led to go in for this work I would like to hear from them and all about them. They are going to appoint me a traveling railroad evangelist out of Chicago, through the Pentecostal Herald. If all is well I will hold a convention there in October, as this is the largest railroad center in the United States. Any who would like to correspond can address me as follows: R. W. Greenman, Traveling Railroad Evangelist, 1404 6th Ave. N., Great Falls, Montana.

A WORD OF PRAISE.

I have a word of praise for Jesus for what he has done for me. He has healed me of milk leg, and He has healed my children, too. Over three years ago He baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and I am still praising God for victory in my soul.—Mrs. Ola Owen.

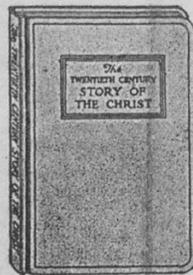
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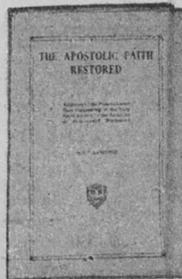
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