



# THE OVERCOMER'S EQUIPMENT

NOTES OF A STIRRING MESSAGE BY PASTOR WARD OF TORONTO,  
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"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life."

The air is full of the military spirit, and it is well for us to remember that we too are in a conflict. We fight not against flesh and blood. Some do. But our warfare is against the world-rulers of darkness and against spiritual wickedness in the heavenlies. We are not merely out on parade following a brass band up and down the streets; nay, this fight of faith is the most tremendous thing under the sun. God has provided an armor, and if you will put it on you will be invincible on the devil's battlefield. The apostle tells you, "Put on the whole armor of God." Put it on, God has provided it and you will need it. Again, "take unto you the whole armor of God." If you do, you will be found standing triumphant on the field when your King comes.

## The Armor.

The first thing necessary in the outfit is the (girdle of truth.) Unfortunately, during the past few years there have been some unhappy things said as we have viewed truth from different aspects; but I believe we are all agreed on this essential truth, the absolute necessity of a clean life, a life that can be viewed in a sunbeam and found without spot. Will your life survive the sunbeam test just now? If not, come to the Fountain, and God will so cleanse and purge you that you will be able to stand the sunbeam test at any time.

("Having on the breastplate of righteousness.") This is not merely a righteousness imputed, but a righteousness imparted, a righteousness put on. Let Him implant His own righteousness upon you and within you and you will be impervious to the attacks of the enemy.

("And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace.") This means girdling the globe with the message of peace, peace through the blood of the Lamb. Salvation through the blood, and through the blood alone! God deliver us from these bloodless religions that are being taught on every hand these last dark days. The only theology I know is dripping with the blood of the Lamb. They say: "Away with the blood, it savors of the butcher's shop." But we sing the louder.

There is power, power, wonder-working power  
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

"Above all, taking the (shield of faith) wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Elijah is a good illustration of one who wore the shield of faith, and of one who refused to drop it. Elijah was billed for Carmel, but he would never have got there without the shield of faith. We are billed for the throne and the way there is via Cherith, the place of separation, and Tarephath, the melting pot.

You can see Elijah buckling on the armor of God, not forgetting his shield of faith, and going into the court of Ahab, where the king sat with his godless consort, and thundering out," as the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. Good morning!" And off he goes to camp by the brook Cherith. God gave him a nice little holiday down there, and supplied him with water from the brook and the ravens brought him his meals.

Some object to having to be fed by ravens, by birds that are unclean. Once when I was in Winnipeg, the rent was due and I had no money to pay it with. It was just then that a most unlikely person, a man all diseased, came to me and handed me a bill and said, "Here, take it!" Not a saint, a sinner, just a raven!

After a little while the water became scarce. If some of us Pentecostal folks had been there we would have begun to look very blue. A lot of us can talk faith by the rod when there are plenty of supplies. But when the barrel is empty, that is another story.

When the brook goes dry, it is time to move. So Elijah moved to Tarephath, right into the enemy's country and probably the former home of Jezebel. The famine was there too. And the Lord did not send him to some wealthy farmer; no, Elijah had to go to the house of a widow. As he got to the gate of the city and saw that poor, lean, old woman, gaunt with the famine, gathering sticks wherewith to bake her last cake, and the Spirit said to him, "That's the woman," you may be sure there were suggestions within. "You've had wrong leadings this time, God isn't in it." Elijah kept on his shield of faith. "Sister, would you mind going and cooking me a cake." "Why, don't you know there is a terrible famine on. All we have is a handful of meal and a little oil in the cruse." "Go and bake me a little cake first, and God will see to it that the barrel will not waste nor the cruse of oil fail until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth." This was the training for Carmel. Keep on the shield of faith and go through all the tests, for translation day and coronation day are near at hand.

("And take the helmet of salvation.") You need to have a clear, unshakable assurance of your own salvation, of your acceptance with God. If the angel Gabriel should come and announce to me that my name was written in the Lamb's book of life, I would tell him it was no news to me, for I have known it for years.

## The Weapons.

("And the sword of the Spirit, which is the *Word of God*.") How unpopular the Word is now, even among many so-called Pentecostal folks. Get up and tell them some fantastic and weird stories and they will gulp it all down, but get up and begin to read the old Book and their heads begin to nod. They don't want this weapon turned on them. "Give us something spectacular, something new," they cry. If I had an impression and I knew one verse in God's Word against it, I would not give it out for all this old world possesses.

Another mighty weapon we have is the (name of Jesus.) I do not mean merely repeating that word of five letters, but I think of the power of that wondrous character of the Living Christ Himself which is conveyed in that name as we use it in faith. Jesus in His almightiness! Before that mighty name every barricade of the enemy has to go down.

The (blood) is another mighty weapon before which the enemy of souls has to fly. I am not talking about the rapid repetition of the word, but of its wondrous cleansing efficacy, before which every unclean thing has to go.

## The Enemies.

Then let us examine our enemies. 1. *The devil.* This

is not the devil of tradition with horns and hoofs and tail, but the highest intelligence you can think of. He is one stronger than all of us combined and is bound to overcome us if we do not have the armor on.

2. *The world.* This is not the planet, but the whole Satanic system that has been in existence these thousands of years. It is a religious, political and financial system that is likely to head up before long in antichrist. It means more and more to stand aloof from this federation. Dark days are ahead for this old world. I see antichrist coming. But Jesus is going to take us up. Hallelujah!

3. *Sin.* Another enemy. What a blighting, blasting thing sin is. I heard of a preacher down in Arkansas who got steamed up at some folks who were preaching salvation from sin and he set about to refute this doctrine. At the end of one of his sermons against holiness he said, "Why, I'm a preacher, and I break the commandments every day." An old elder closed the meeting with prayer and he prayed, "Lord, your Word says 'Thou shalt not do this and thou shalt not do that,' and here's our preacher who says he does these things every day. Lord, have mercy upon us, and send us a better preacher." Have you declared war against sin?

### The Reward.

Let us look for a few moments at some of the rewards. I often get new courage by thinking of the recompense of reward that lies not far ahead. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna." This speaks of sacred pleasures in the sanctuary of God.

One time Byron, the poet, was in a reverie and some one asked him, "Byron, what are you thinking about?" He replied, "I was counting the happy days I have spent in my life. I have had eleven, and I was wondering if I should have twelve before I die." Some of us beat that in two weeks. God gives us fourteen happy days in this period. But all the best times down here will all be eclipsed when we enter fully into all the sacred pleasures of the sanctuary.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My Throne." He has become wonderfully real down here; but oh how joyful it makes me to know that I am going to live with Him eternally. I used to think it would be wonderful to have a place near Jesus round about the throne, but that place would never satisfy me now; I want to sit with Him, and He tells me "Delight thyself in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thy heart."

God has promised the overcomer "the Morning Star." That is Jesus Himself. You say, "Have you not got Jesus now?" Yes. Ten years ago in Winnipeg I fell in love with a certain sister. In a sense she was my wife, for we seemed everything to one another. But the wedding day came and then we were united in a new way. We are espoused to Jesus now. We are all for Him and our fellowship is very sweet. The world seeks to allure us, but we have no ears or eyes for the world. But soon we are going up to the Bridal Chambers in the sky and the cry will go forth "The marriage of the Lamb is come." I cannot read it without feeling happy. As we only read these promises we know we have the best thing out. I cannot but shout "Hoorah for Jesus!" as I think I am espoused to the Heavenly Bridegroom, and I'm bound for the city foursquare. He has promised that if I confess Him down here He will confess me up there. I sometimes wonder what it will be like to have our feet on those streets of gold and to walk up to the throne, surrounded by thousands of angels, and I wonder if we won't feel a little shy when He confesses us up there, "This is my bride." That will settle it forever.

In the meantime cast off the works of darkness and put

on the whole armor of light, the armor of righteousness, the armor of God. The night is far spent. Hallelujah! I'm glad it is. We shall be shortly grasping each other's hands and saying "Good morning!" And it will be a real good morning, the new morning that for us will never end.

### OUR MISSION—TO EVANGELIZE THE WORLD.

Arch P. Collins.

We are laborers together with God. What is God doing? Seeking to save the lost. What are we doing? If in the will of God, all we do is to that end. God is love, and so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Jno. 3:16. God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Jno. 3:17.

Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. He gave His life a ransom for all. He tasted death for every man. He was delivered for our offenses. He was raised again for our justification. Rom. 4:25. He came. He lived. He kept the law. He died. He rose again. He ascended to God's right hand. He prays. He is coming again. All to save man from sin and its consequences and bring man back to God.

The Holy Spirit was given to convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment, and to guide us into all truth, and take the things of Jesus and show them unto us, and show us things to come, Jno. 14 and 16. To endue us with power, that we may be witnesses to sinners that Jesus is the Christ of God, the Saviour of sinners, to help us to pray for lost men, that they may be saved and to transform us into the image of Jesus, making us living epistles read and known of all men.

The church is the body of Christ with eyes and ears to see the need and hear the cry of lost men; with feet to go to them, run after the lost, and hands to minister to them, to snatch them as brands from the eternal burning; and a loving heart to urge us on to the utmost diligence, and complete sacrifice, that a soul may be saved from death and multitude of sins may be hidden under the blood of Jesus.

Every saved man, filled with the Holy Ghost, is to be an embodiment of the truth, a temple for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, to exemplify the truth of Jesus Christ and thus lead men to salvation.

The Bible is a record of God's effort to find lost man, and of man's effort to find God. The Word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. Heb. 4:12. The entrance of Thy Word giveth light. It is the sword of the Spirit. It is to be used to make disciples of Jesus. All the graces, all the gifts are for the one supreme purpose of saving souls. All preaching, all praying, all singing is ultimately for that one purpose. This should be the one vehement desire of all Christians. This is what unity is for: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. . . . There the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for ever more."

Let us all unite on this one purpose to save souls, if we would be in harmony with God the Father, who gave His Son, who gave His life, who gave the Holy Spirit, who instituted the church and gave the Word, and all the gifts for this one object, to save lost man.

Then we can rejoice with the angels, the prophets and all the redeemed in the glorious triumph of the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation.

The time is short—the days are evil—millions are dying—hell is moving—multitudes in the valley of decision—judgment is coming—cannot we be one in prayer for lost souls? Redeem the time, beloved.

## DIVINE HEALING AND THE PRAYER OF FAITH.

By Burt McCafferty.

*And the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise Him up.* Jas. 5:15.

Sickness is the result of sin. Sickness came with the fall of Adam. If Adam had gone on in his purity, instead of disobeying God, there would have been no sin, sickness, nor death. For by one man sin entered the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, Rom. 5:12.

Then if through the disobedience of one man sin, sickness and death has come upon the human race, surely there is a remedy, not only for our sins, but for our sickness as well. Many are ready to trust God to save them from sin, but fear to trust Him for the healing of their bodies; and yet in the atonement provision was made for the healing of our bodies as well as for our souls. But Jesus went about all Galilee healing the sick in order that this prediction of the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled, "He took on Him (self) our weaknesses, and bare the burden of our diseases," Matt. 8:17. Wey. The Apostle Peter writes of this "double cure" in the atonement on this wise, "Who in His own self bear our sins in His own body on the tree . . . by whose stripes ye were (judicially) healed," 1 Peter 2:24.

In God's sight we are already healed in Jesus, even as we are already "accepted in the Beloved," and so Peter uses the past tense "Ye were," and the moment we pray "the prayer of faith" it becomes an experimental reality in the present and we "are" healed, Isa. 53:5.

Thus we see, that God has made ample provision in the atonement for both soul and body. Why then should we flee to man in the hour of need? Is it because God is not able? or that He has not promised? No, but rather because of our unbelief. The "unbelieving" stand second in the procession to eternal despair. See Rev. 21:8. Beloved, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us (unbelief) and earnestly contend for the faith as revealed in the Book. Let us pray the "prayer of faith" and "the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up."

Who would think of turning from the Blood of the Atonement for salvation? No true saint of God. Why then turn from that precious atonement for the healing of our bodies? To turn from the atonement for salvation is to say that we have no faith in that atonement, and if in the hour of testing we turn from Him who "bare our infirmities and our sicknesses" we say, "I have no faith in Christ as a healer, therefore I must seek for healing from another source," and that, beloved is unbelief. God never has and never will excuse unbelief. "This is the victory . . . even our faith," 1 Jno. 5:4. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up."

Some in these days have very peculiar ideas as to what kind of prayer God will answer. It is easy for them to believe that He will hear us when asking for pardon for sins, but somehow it is hard to believe that He will hear us when our bodies are racked with pain. But that is the very time God would have us believe. That is the time He would have us trust Him and Him alone. "Whither is it easier for Him to say thy sins be forgiven thee, or arise and walk," Matt. 9:5.

It is the "prayer of faith" that heals the sick. God depends not upon material aid; we cannot help Him. Our efforts only keep back the healing. Why? simply because we are placing our faith in our own efforts instead of placing it in God, and if our faith is not in God, of course we are not healed, and this is one among the many things

that explain why so many are not healed, not because God has not provided for our healing, not because He has not promised, but simply because we are not trusting altogether in God. If Jesus, when upon the earth, had depended upon material aid in His ministry of healing, He no doubt would have kept Himself well supplied with remedies from those who compounded them. But He needed them not, for in Him was the healing virtue, and today, thank God, He remains the same as of old, (Heb. 13:8) and will heal all who will "pray the prayer of faith."

How many of us have, while in the bloom of perfect health, stood up and declared that from now on we were going to take Jesus as our "all in all," to trust Him in sickness or in health, in life or in death; yet when the hour of sickness came, with death standing just outside the door, we found that instead of making our declaration in faith, it had been made merely in enthusiasm, and that instead of a deep settled faith and confidence in God there was a trembling fear in our hearts, and in this fear we took our case out of the hands of the great Physician and put our faith in the puny "arm of flesh" (see Jer. 17:5, 6; please read). And can we hope to overcome, to be victorious in this? Nay, for Christ hath said, "Whoever will save his life shall lose it," Matt. 16:25.

Let us be willing then to lose our life for Jesus. Let us say like Paul of old, "Christ shall be magnified in my body whether it be by life or by death." Phil. 1:20; or with Job who said, "Though He slay me yet will I trust in Him," Job 13:15. With such purpose and determination we will then be able to pray the "prayer of faith," and God will give the victory. Praise God!

True faith will not be denied, true faith "faints not," Luke 11:5-9. If we pray to God to heal our sicknesses, let us believe that "the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ear open to their prayer," 1 Pet. 1:7. Let us continue to trust God for He has promised to hear those who "cry unto Him day and night." Luke 18:7. Let us remember that it is the "prayer of faith" that "shall save the sick."

Some will no doubt say, "But what is the prayer of faith, we have prayed and have had no results." We answer, keep on believing. The man who came for bread would not be denied and "because of his importunity" he was rewarded, Luke 11:5-9. The woman who came before the unjust judge saying, "Avenge me of my adversaries," because of her importunity, was rewarded in that she was heard, Luke 18:3-5. The prayer of faith is that which will not be denied under any circumstances.

In connection with our text found in James 5:14, we find that he points us back to the prophet Elijah as a man who prayed "the prayer of faith." (Notice that it is while giving the teaching on divine healing that James refers to Elias as an example of faith.)

Some have thought that as God did not seem to answer at the first time prayer was uttered that they were not in God's will, or that God expected them to do something themselves, and thus reasoning they miss the mind of God and become an easy prey to fear, despair and defeat. But in going back to Elias we find that he had to pray seven times before he finally got the rain for which he was praying, 1 Kings 18:43, 44. The first time he prayed there was no sign of rain, but he was praying the "prayer of faith" for rain, and rain must be the result. He believed in a God who had said: "He shall deliver thee in six troubles, yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee," Job 5:19. Brethren, we have the promise, let us believe and "though it tarry, wait for it," for His word is sure. See Hab. 2:3. Be as Elijah was, a man of faith, pray once, pray twice, yea, seven times—until God gives the

answer. To give up in the first, second or even the sixth is not faith, faith never gives up, and so "men ought always to pray (to pray always) and not to faint." Luke 18:1.

God can give the answer as well in the first as in the seventh, but in our prayers He wishes to "try our faith" and so withholds, for a time, that which we seek, and to teach this lesson God gives many lessons of importunity in prayer. Importunity in prayer is a very good sign that we have faith in God and His promises, and faith will always be rewarded.

So then in the hour of sickness, let us not "faint," let us not seek material aid and the help of man, but look unto Him who has promised to hear the "effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man." "The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise Him up." Hallelujah!—Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

### THE BIBLE AT THE FRONT.

Seventeen millions of "Active-Service" Testaments, "Khaki" and "Navy" Gospels, and text-books in eighty-eight languages, including all the tongues of the nations engaged in the war, have been distributed among the world's fighting forces. The cost of this is estimated at \$350,000—"the free-will offerings of God's people."

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In each of the Testaments is reproduced the autograph message of Lord Roberts, penned just before his death: "I ask you to put your trust in God. He will watch over you, and strengthen you. You will find in this little Book, guidance when you are in health, comfort when you are in sickness, and strength when you are in adversity.—Roberts, F. M."

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For the men of the British navy is a message from Admiral Sir John Jellicoe:

H.M.S. *Iron Duke*.

Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King.

Yours very truly,

John Jellicoe.

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At the end of each Gospel are printed a few familiar hymns and a "decision" form, which reads:

"Being convinced that I am a sinner, and believing that Christ died for me, I now accept him as my personal Saviour, and with His help I intend to confess Him before men."

What this has meant to thousands of soldiers when face to face with danger and death has been attested by hundreds of letters "telling the story of God's blessing on this work."

A lance-corporal wrote from the trenches, "somewhere in France," enclosing a British treasury note for one pound, dirty and crumpled, looking as if it had been through many engagements, to help send out more Gospels to his comrades. This lance-corporal said it was part of his work to go and reverently tend to the bodies of those who had laid down their lives upon the battlefield, to collect their belongings, and search their pockets. He found in nearly every case that the man possessed an "Active-Service" Testament, containing Lord Roberts' message; but the most cheering thing about it was that the man had signed the Decision Form! Indeed, in the case of one young officer, whose body had been stripped of every identification mark before it was found, the only clue to his name was his signature to his Decision Form, and this,

sent back to England, brought comfort and solace to his widowed mother.

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The secretary of the Scripture Gift Mission has seen numerous well-worn and much-read Testaments that have passed through the fiercest of the warfare. In many cases, too, the copy of the Word of God, carried in the breast-pocket, has stopped the bullet and saved the soldier's life, and the mutilated Testament has come back as a trophy. In France, open doors have been entered in all directions. The Belgians in England and Holland have received the Word of God. The workers of the Scripture Gift Mission among the soldiers in Belgium were allowed to go right to the front-line trenches, and had the honor of an interview with the heroic queen of the Belgians herself. In Roumania, too, a princess of the royal house has taken the deepest interest in the work of distributing the Word of God to the soldiers of her country. But the story of the distribution of the Scriptures in Russia is the most wonderful of all, for the honorary superintendent of the work of the Scripture Gift Mission in that country has been able to circulate among the Russian troops Testaments, Gospels, and smaller portions of God's Word to a total of over five millions!

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Another agency for the distribution of Scriptures to the soldiers is the Pocket Testament League. This venture was not born with the war, but has been on the field of conflict since the beginning in 1914. In the London office alone over 250,000 soldiers' pledge cards are filed, and it is estimated that the men in arms are joining the league at the rate of one thousand a day.—From "Onward."

### SOME DON'TS.

Don't testify that God is your Healer, if you are taking medicines and using liniments. See Jer. 17:5; 2 Chron. 16:12-13.

Don't testify that "The Son has made you free" if you are a slave to some filthy habit. 2 Cor. 7:1; James 5:21; 1 John 3:3.

Don't sing: "Take my silver and my gold," and then refuse to give a tenth of your income to the Lord.

Don't say that the preachers are doing wrong and that they are not trusting God for their support when calling for an offering if you are giving nothing for their support.

Don't send for a preacher to hold a meeting and expect him to pay his own fare both ways, and don't forget that he probably has a wife and some children at home.

Don't say that you have done your duty in a meeting if you have only given the workers a dollar in a six weeks' campaign.

Don't testify in the meetings, "I've got the Holy Ghost and don't care who knows it, and if you don't go this way, you are sure for hell." Remember that the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE.

Don't use your liberty in the testimony meeting to "bawl somebody out" in the audience. Don't use "your liberty as a cloak of maliciousness." 1 Peter 2:16.

Don't say that the preacher is not giving you "freedom" in the meetings if he happens to start preaching before you have testified. Remember the preacher likes a little "freedom" himself.—Burt McCafferty, Overton, Texas.

**Do you believe in greater effectiveness on the mission field? then come to the Missionary Conference, September 13th.**

## PICTURES OF PENTECOST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

### Picture IX. Lips cleansed and consecrated. Isa. 6:1-8.

This is the story of a great crisis in the life of Isaiah. He was probably a relative of the king, educated in the most cultured circle of the court, and was just entering upon his life-work as a prophet. For fifty-two years Uzziah (also called Azariah) had been reigning in Jerusalem—an unusually long and illustrious reign—and doubtless from early childhood Isaiah had looked up to his royal relative as a great hero, an ideal, the kind of man he would like to be when he grew up. Read 2 Chron. 26:1-23 and 2 Kin. 15:1-7 to see what kind of a man and king Uzziah was. Note his valiant conquest of the surrounding enemies, his strong fortification of his frontiers, his keen perception of the economic needs of his kingdom, his encouragement of agriculture, his well-organized army for home defense, and his ingenious invention of battering-rams. Even twentieth-century experts are constrained to exclaim, "That man was a genius for that age!"

Yes, Uzziah was a great man, and in the beginning a good man too. "As long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper." "God helped him... and he strengthened himself exceedingly." "He was marvelously helped till he was strong. But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction." Pride, which was the ruin of Satan and of so many others since then, became the ruin of that genius Uzziah. He took upon himself the priestly function, and went into the temple to burn incense. The high priest boldly resisted this sacrilege, and suddenly the judgment of Jehovah fell on the proud king. "The leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the Lord. And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the Lord."

And this vision was given to the young prophet "in the year that king Uzziah died." Isaiah had an ideal, and that ideal had fallen: and his gracious heavenly Father, who knew the soreness and disappointment in that youthful heart, took that opportunity of giving him his wonderful vision and revelation of what HE could be to the soul that would utterly surrender all to Him and keep in the low place, cleansed by the mighty Pentecostal fire.

An aged saint of God, long since gone to glory, used to describe this chapter as "Three Visions and a Voice;" and we cannot do better than adopt his analysis.

1. *The Vision of Jesus on His Throne.* "I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple." How can we be sure that this was Jesus? He Himself told us that "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him. (John 1:18.) So whenever we read of God being manifested in human form, we may be sure that it is God the Son, who is "the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person." (Heb. 1:3.) Moreover in regard to this vision, in John 12:37-41 it is referred to Jesus, and John tells us, "These things said Esaias, when he saw His glory and spake of Him."

Beloved, have you had an ideal? some friend or pastor to whom you looked up to as a model, and who has failed and disappointed you? Then this message is for you, and the Lord Jesus wants to give you these three visions, to cause you to hear His tender voice, and to show you how abundantly HE can make up to you for all that you have lost in the human ideal, and how richly HE can fill that

vacant place in your heart. Take a good look at JESUS before reading any farther. See Him leaving His Father's throne of glory, living a life of humility and service among men, yielding up His life on the cruel cross as a sacrifice for sin, rising from the dead, ascending into heaven, and ever living to make intercession—ALL FOR YOU. Have you given Him the throne of your heart? That is the best way to get comforted, and it is the only way to prepare for a life of service.

And the vision of Jesus on the throne will have for us the same effect that it had for Isaiah, bringing him to

2. *The Vision of Righteous Self, Slain upon the Altar.* "Then said I, Woe is me for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Isaiah was probably the most holy man of his day, living a blameless life before God and man: but in the face of that dazzling holiness of God, before which the angelic hosts themselves have to cover their faces, yea their whole bodies, and cry, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory," the consecrated prophet took the place of a leper, for whom the command was that he should cover his lip, and cry, "Unclean, unclean." He may have thought of Uzziah, his shattered ideal, and said to himself, "Yes, he fell; and oh what a sorrow and disappointment that was to me. But now in the presence of the holy God, I see that I am no better than he: I too must take my place with him as a leper, and cry, "Unclean."

The vision of God has ever the same effect: the slaying of righteous self. In the earliest book of the Bible ever written, Job says, "I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, (and then he had a very good opinion of himself, for see ch. 27:5, 6): but now mine eye seeth Thee; wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." (Job 42:5, 6.) And in the last Book of the Bible we find the same thing, where John says, "And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead." (Rev. 1:17.) It is very significant, this mention of the altar in front of the throne. The altar speaks to us of Calvary, of the Life poured out in sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: and it is there, on the cross of Jesus, that our righteous selves have to be slain, before ever we can experience the touch of the Holy Spirit's fire. "I have been crucified with Christ: yet I live; and yet it is no longer I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith, the faith that is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." (Gal. 2:20.)

3. *The Vision of the Touch of Pentecostal Fire.* "Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips: and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." After Jesus, our Great High Priest, had offered His life as a sacrifice on the altar of Calvary, He entered into heaven with His own Blood, having obtained eternal redemption for us. (Heb. 9:12, 24.) And from that emptied altar—the glowing coals telling of a sacrifice complete, perfect, finished forever—a live coal of the Holy Spirit's fire came down on the day of Pentecost, to cleanse and equip for service the 120 waiting disciples. Yes, and that live coal touched their lips, for "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:4.) Lips cleansed and consecrated! What a glorious prospect for the child of God! It means separation, that touching of the lips. Can a tongue that has been taken hold of by the Holy Ghost ever be used again to speak lying, angry, selfish or trifling words?

"Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth; but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers." (Eph. 5:4 and 4:29.)

Have you received the baptism of the Holy Ghost: the blessed Spirit taking possession of your lips, and speaking through you in other tongues? Then let those lips be separated forever unto Him, never to be used again in the service of self or the world or the devil. "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, keep the door of my lips:" that heavenly Censor criticising every word that desires to pass out, and only allowing that to be spoken which is "good to the use of edifying." Read James 3 to elucidate what is involved in His control of the *tongue*, and how He takes it in order that He may "turn about the whole body." A very helpful study is to take a note book and write out in full every verse in Proverbs about the tongue, words, mouth and lips. It will prove a looking-glass to us: showing us what God desires our words to be, and how far short we come.

And then came THE VOICE. "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I: send me. And He said GO." The cleansed lips always bring quickened hearing, for the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the equipment for service, the beginning of a life of listening and instant obedience.

"Hark the voice of Jesus crying,  
Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvest dying,  
Who will bear the sheaves away?  
Loud and strong the Master calleth,  
Rich reward He offers thee:  
Who will answer gladly, saying,  
Here am I, send me, send me?"

A. E. L.

### SEEKING AND RECEIVING.

Many among whom I labor are frequently seeking for blessing and comparatively few receive the blessing sought for. To me the reason is quite clear.

Blessings do not always come by seeking for the blessing itself. In fact, they seldom come when seeking for them. But they do come, and nearly always come, when after humbly presenting ourselves to God at the altar, in the closet or in any unselfish manner, we seek God for blessing. I say they do come, but only as we move forward in obedience to the will of God, who will bring before us opportunities which are golden. And as we take advantage of the opportunities as faithful and willing servants of the Lord, then it is we receive the blessing. I am positively sure that the person who seeks for blessing will find, when engaged in the very first act of service for God after thus seeking, that there is more power in His prayer or He can more effectually point sinners to Christ. He can more cheerfully give Himself, his time, his money or perform any other duty.

Why? Because the blessing sought for was unselfish. God accepts the seeker, who seeks to be a blessing. But how can he bless him who is unfaithful to the Blesser.

The active Christian is the one who continually receives. Receive? Yes to overflowing, when in the very act of striving to bring some one near to Him, the blessed Redeemer. Receiving when trying to comfort the broken hearted. Receiving when relieving some one of their heavy task. Receiving when praying for the sick. As we become engaged in helping and blessing others, so God is occupied in bestowing His power upon us and His bless-

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## DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blest." Num. 22:12.

God's best will for Balaam was not to go. His permissive will finally allowed Balaam to go; but "God's anger was kindled because he went" (v. 22), and He dealt very directly with the man. In the end it was no honor to Balaam but rather brought humiliation and may have been the first step in his final disgraceful end. Num. 31:8, 16. And yet God used him as His mouth-piece. (It is never a safe thing to have your own mind made up when asking guidance of God. Psa. 106:15.)

Monday. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations." 2 Pet. 2:9.

How do you regard the trials God permits to come to you? Do you groan and complain of the heaviness and annoyance, or do you confidently and cheerfully declare your trust in God and your gratitude for this another opportunity for proving His grace and faithfulness?

Tuesday. "For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also." Psa. 95:3, 4.

A great God! Such a one is our Lord, and all the works He hath wrought partake of His greatness and unlimited nature. I look up into the heavens from these far-stretching prairies, and the night-sky gleams with an incomprehensible number of stars and suns far remote. A great God back of it all! And then I think of the salvation He has provided for us on the same vast scale of immeasurableness; and my heart trembles and loses itself in praise and adoration as I contemplate the vastness of His grace.)

Wednesday. "The fruit of the Spirit is love." Gal. 5:22.

Oh yes there are other fruits, but love is the "first-fruit" of the Spirit. It reminds us somehow of the old Mosaic law which set apart all "first-fruits" as holy unto the Lord, of the field, the flock, and the family. Just so, can we not understand that love—this first-fruit of the Holy Spirit—is holy unto the Lord. The life filled with it most certainly is, as the whole of 1 Cor. 13 seeks to make us realize.

Thursday. "Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him." Gen. 45:15.

One of the most beautiful pictures of Holy Writ! The blessed joy of that earthly reconciliation! How sweetly it reminds us of a future divine reconciliation, when our Lord Jesus shall reveal Himself in all His glory and power and love to those brethren of His—the Jews—who once scorned and despised Him. Rev. 1:7; Zech. 12:10-14. What a day that will be! And how our own hearts will be well-nigh consumed with melting joy at that spectacle.

Friday. "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men." 2 Tim. 2:24.

God wants us to be strong and true in our convictions; but let us never forget there is nothing more beautiful than a strong-minded person yielding. (It is the very height of divine strength and character to be strong enough to hold in your own views sometimes.)

Saturday. "And all the title of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30.

"But I am under grace," some "conscientious objector" says: Very well then, you may safely pay your tenth as a starting point; you would not wish to be outdone by the Jew and heathen. (It may cost you a good deal to pay your tithe to the Lord, but it will cost you infinitely more not to pay it.)

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### THE IMPENDING CONFLICT.

"When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall raise up a standard against him." This presupposes a flood. God knows that the enemy will endeavor to come in like a flood in these last days, and He is training His standard bearers. He trusts His banner to human hands, the hands of those who are filled with the Spirit.

Where in the Word do we see the enemy trying to send out a flood? "And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood." Rev. 12:15. He tried it on the woman, but he could not touch the man-child. "And the earth helped the woman." Even when the banner is withdrawn there will be hindrance and restraint to the power of the enemy. A flood will be part of the enemy's program, but it will be part of the divine program to see the enemy frustrated.

How will the enemy come? *He makes his attack from the most unlikely place, and uses that unlikely place as a base for extended operations.* Don't get too near the enemy. Those floods are very far-reaching. But God's standard is sufficient to hold back the flood. Lot saw how near he could get, Abraham, how far he could get away from it. "As it was in the days of Lot... even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." There are lots of Lots these days. Not only was Sodom's wickedness at its zenith, but Lot was failing in faith. "Having loved the present world," he lost touch with Abraham, and by that means lost all. Keep in touch with the faithful Abrahams, the men of faith of these dark days. Let the well-watered plains look after themselves, because they lead to the city of destruction. Abraham rejected the well-watered plains and so he was never tempted by Sodom and Gomorrah.

Satan's agents are placed, they have the subtlety of the serpent and they compass sea and land to make one proselyte. And woe to the one that they come in contact with who fails to be a proselyte. The enemy works indi-

rectly through human agency, but directly later on. God works through human agency too, but later on we shall see His direct working. Then it will be the Rider of the white horse, clothed with a vesture dipped in blood, whose name is the Word of God, against Satan and his hosts.

In the meantime the Lord has His endowed Spirit-filled quickened saints to whom He says, "I give you power over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Remember that the enemy who sends out the flood is a conquered foe to start with. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." It is the world that has to fear the enemy more than the saints, for the people of the world are in his possession. The saint fears the enemy because he seeks to dispossess him of his possession. But it is a different kind of fear. He approaches him as a conquered enemy in contradistinction to the fear of the slave for his taskmaster. The saint does not underestimate the power of the enemy or his resources, but he does magnify the resources and power of the Captain of his salvation.

When the enemy comes in like a flood, then the Spirit of the Lord shall raise up a standard against him. When? We do not know, but God does. Then He is ready to make a start as soon as the enemy makes a move. The activity of the Spirit in the past is preparation for the impending battle. Every saint equipped by the Spirit is being prepared for the conflict, and every person is wanted. There must be a mobilization of all the forces of the Kingdom of Heaven on the earth, and He wants Spirit-filled men and women to mobilize these latent forces. The fight will be strong, bitter and very real, but victory is assured.

When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall raise up a standard against him. It is not flesh and blood meeting the enemy, it is the Spirit of the Lord, and the Spirit of the Lord in His people. We fight not against flesh and blood, therefore flesh and blood cannot fight. Remember it is the dragon and only the Lion of the Tribe of Judah can defeat the enemy. And the Lion Spirit in His people will conquer the dragon.

### SEEKING AND RECEIVING.

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ing in us. We present ourselves to God, seek, pray, and go into the fight for souls for Him.

But does God answer our own prayers only? Nay, verily. We who are vigorous and active launch out into the field of action, whilst many earnest and prevailing prayers ascend to God that our labors might be fruitful.

A dear Christian lady testified one day saying, "I prayed for three hours this morning." She was caring for a dying sister, and could not leave the home. She poured out her heart in prayer for others and was much blessed by so doing.

A colored lady near eighty years of age, who is fleshy and unable to be out among people, prays an hour and a half daily. Not for herself, but for others. She receives her blessings every day, and a happier person I never saw.

Let no one think that God's best and richest blessings come by simply seeking for them at the altar and having others pray for you, whilst you only remain a drone. Seek, to be sure. But be up and doing and you will be well repaid.—Matt. 6:33.

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same, one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God, 1 Peter 4:10.—Jas. H. Dolan.

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## Questions and Answers

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**233. In cases where a person puts away his companion because of adultery, has the innocent party a right to marry another while the guilty one still lives? Mt. 19:9-12.**

Ans. If the passage should read: "If a man put away his wife and marry another, except for fornication," then it would be certain the innocent could lawfully marry again as well as put away; but the exceptional clause being placed after the putting away only, leaves scholars in dispute as to whether it applies to remarriage. But Jesus had declared them joined by God till death in many other passages, and it seems strange he would permit the putting away unless he regarded this sin as making the guilty party lawfully dead to the innocent one as to marriage. But in these cases let one be sure he has the mind of God, and if in doubt give God and your soul the benefit of the doubt. The case is also different with those who were separated and remarried before they were saved and the Gospel found them already in this condition. Paul directs each to abide with those who were their lawful companions at the time they were saved.

**234. Was there, according to Scripture, another race of men upon the earth before the creation of Adam? See Gen. 1:26, 27 and 2:7, 21-23.**

Ans. In Gen. 1:2 after the creation the Word says, "The earth was without form." Scofield, in commenting on the phrase "Without form," says: "Jer. 4:23-26, Isa. 24:1 and 45:18 clearly indicate that the earth had undergone a catachysimic change as the result of divine judgment. The face of the earth bears everywhere the marks of such a catastrophe. There are not wanting intimations (mere hints, not clear proof) which connect it with a previous test and fall of the angels. See Eze. 28:12-15; and Isa. 24:9-14, which certainly go beyond the kings of Tyre and Babylon."

But in saying this Scofield does not say there was a "race of men" on the earth before Adam, nor does he say even that these angels inhabited the earth, only that the angels fell and in some way involved the earth in violent upheavals of judgment.

Again Scofield says on the Creation in the first chapter of Genesis: "But three Creative acts of God are recorded in this chapter: (1) The heavens and the earth, v. 1; (2) Animal life, v. 21; and (3) Human life, vs. 26, 27. The first creative act refers to the dateless past, and gives scope for all the geology ages." He believes the earth was full of animals and trees, fishes, etc., during these ages claimed by geology, that these animals perished in the great upheavals or inundations, but not the seeds of trees and plants which again brought forth as in Gen. 1:11. So he says, "It was animal life which perished, the traces of which remain in fossils. Relegate fossils to the primitive creation, and no conflict of science with the Genesis cosmogony (world-generation) remains."

But in saying all of this Scofield does not believe there was a race of men on the earth before Adam. There are found in the earth no fossils of men that lived in their early ages of the earth before the first upheaval or inundation.

Some hold that Gen. 1:26, 27 tell of this first early race and that later Adam was formed as in Gen. 2:7. Moses had no such idea; for this first man of Gen. 1:27 was created "in the image of God." This is the same man as Adam in 2:7, for Gen. 5:1-2 says, "In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made He him; male and female made He them (exactly as said in 1:26, 27) and blessed them, and called them Adam, in the day when they were created," (as in Gen. 2:7). Two points are attempted to be made by those who hold Gen. 1:26 is a different race from Gen. 2:7; (1) They say in 1:26 that man was not called Adam as the one in 2:7. (2) They say the first man in 1:26 was "created," while Adam was only "formed." But Gen. 5:1-2 kills all this, for it says Adam was "created" as well as fashioned, thus showing he is the same as the man in 1:26, and it says the man created in the image of God, as in 1:26, 27, was called Adam, thus proving both ways that the man in one 1:26 is the same as the one in 2:7.

Why then this extra account as in Gen. 2:7, 21-25? The first account is only **general**, merely tells of their creation; the second is **particular**, giving some specific details of how God made the man in Gen. 1:26, 27 "male and female."

### DILIGENT HEARKENING AND PROMPT OBEDIENCE.

#### An incident mentioned by Miss Sisson at the Rochester Convention.

God's Word tells us that "to obey is better than sacrifice, and to *hearken* than the fat of rams."

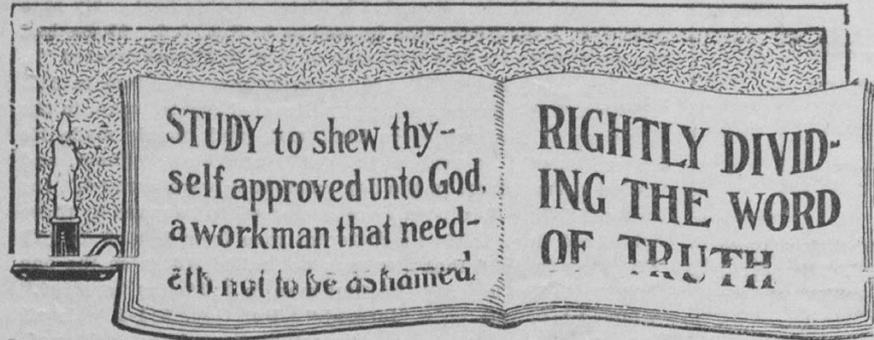
For some years the roof of the little house where we live in New London has been leaking. When it rained we would have a big array of pots and kettles and pans to catch the water as it came in. But one time when the rain was coming in last spring it came to me, "Won't you trust God to have the house shingled?"

Now I am made up very economically and am always inclined to hedge when it comes to the matter of spending money, but I am learning this, *God is not pleased with our not trusting*. It was about a week after that that the Lord spoke to me, "Get right about shingling the house. Go to the man and ask him to shingle the roof right away."

I sent for a man and asked him how much it cost to shingle the house. He looked at it and said it would, he thought, cost inside of \$150. I knew we only had two or three dollars in the house, but my part was to hearken and obey and not to reason, and so I said, "How soon will it take you to do the work?" He said he thought he could get a man in the day after the morrow. "Will it take him more than a day or two to fix it?" "I don't think it will." You bet I felt queer. The house would be shingled in a week and perhaps \$150 to pay out and we only had a dollar or two for necessary expenses. I told the man to have the work done right away, and somehow or other God gave me the assurance that He would meet the expenses.

The man came and fixed the roof and he had no sooner completed it than it began to rain and it rained for three weeks, but not a drop of water came into the house. If we had not had the roof reshingled everything in the house would have been ruined.

During the next few days the Lord sent in over \$100. I sent for the man and told him I wanted the bill immediately. He said he sent in his bills monthly, but I insisted that he should let me know the cost at once. It came to less than \$100, and I paid him and got my receipt. But, oh the blessing that came to my soul through hearkening to the voice of God. God is not embarrassed by anything.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

July 29, 1917.

### GOD'S GRACIOUS INVITATION.

Lesson Text: Isa. 55:1-11.

**Golden Text:** (Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Isa. 55:6.)

**Practical Truth:** All are invited to find salvation in Jesus.

**Topic:** Spiritual Transformation.

**Time:** B. C. 700. **Place:** Jerusalem.

That we may obtain a better understanding of the text, let us glance at the two chapters of this book that precede this one. The 53rd chapter is a marvellous setting forth in prophecy of the coming, mission and the days of the humiliation of Christ on earth. It also presents the great fact of his sacrificial and redemptive work. It declares, not only the efficacy of such work, but the truth that men would accept it and receive all its benefits. The latter part of the 54th chapter, verse 11 to 17, is a magnificent description of the kingdom which Christ would establish, under the figure of a beautiful city. Then we reach the text which we now have under consideration, and we find that it contains an invitation to come to Christ, and receive the blessing which comes to those who accept Him. This is one of the most glorious invitations in all the Bible. It was near the end of Isaiah's prophetic career when these words were uttered. Therefore it may well be compared with that invitation which is contained in the last chapter of the Bible, Rev. 22:17. ("Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.")

1. **The Blessed Invitation.** Vs. 1-5. The Bible has in it many beautiful invitations that come from the heart of God, such as "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Isa. 1:18. ("Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden," Matth. 11:28.) ("Come for all things are now ready," Luke 14:17.) ("And the Spirit and the Bride say come . . . and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely," Rev. 22:17.) This glorious invitation is so broad that the entire world is included—"every one,"

not the "elects" and "non-elects," the rich, the great and the noble, but all have the privilege of coming to Him. It is a personal call from a personal Saviour to all men to receive freely as a gift a personal salvation. (Let each one of us remember that we must come and receive for ourselves. There must be an action upon our part if we would enjoy the benefits of this free offer. Also, that we possess in us the power to heed or refuse the call. So then, the condemnation will be just that will rest upon everyone who deliberately refuses to come. Romans 14:12 says, "Every one of us shall give an account of himself to God." God being acquainted with every detail of the longings of human souls, He has provided for them satisfaction in abundance. We are invited to salvation that truly fills and satisfies the human soul, for salvation is of God, and Christ is the all-sufficient supply of every thirst of the soul. It is not real water or real natural food such as we can see and taste that we need, nor is it that what is here spoken of, but it is the water of salvation and the bread of eternal life. Often they who have not given their hearts to the Lord feel that they wish they were good. They, in themselves, try to do right, but there is a bad spirit in them that keeps them from doing what they know they ought to do. Christ says, "Whosoever committeth sin is the bondservant of sin," Jno. 8:34, R. V. They need something that they have not got, but the Lord has it for them. They are hungry and thirsty for salvation and their need is great, far greater than they feel. "They that hunger and thirst shall be filled,"—Jesus. And being filled means to be satisfied. This is an invitation to a kingdom in which are righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost (Rom. 14:17), a kingdom where rich and satisfying fellowship with Christ is enjoyed.)

2. **Conditions of Receiving.** Vs. 6-11. Considering the nature of those things about which we have been talking, it looks like all men would desire salvation, seeing that it is our only hope of heaven. Thank God, it is given on simple conditions, so simple that the simplest may possess it. **Seek ye the Lord.** The first thing we must do is to acknowledge our need of salvation, then meet the necessary conditions. We need the Lord, so it is necessary to seek Him if we would find Him. There is only

one kind of seeking that is ever rewarded and that is whole-hearted seeking. ("Ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart," Jer. 29:13.) **While He may be found.** This phrase declares two great truths, viz., that there is a time when one can find the Lord, and it is just as clearly declared that the time will come when he cannot find Him. ("Then shall they call upon me but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me," Prov. 1:28.) A persistent rejection of God's offer of eternal life and salvation, will result in the final withdrawal of the Holy Spirit from men. ("My Spirit shall not always strive with man," Gen. 6:3.) **Let the wicked forsake his way.** In connection with seeking the Lord, and calling upon Him, there must be a forsaking of sin and our own way, for our way is wrong. Isa. 53:6. There can be no forgiveness until we give up our sins, then Jesus saves us from our sins, Matth. 1:21. Not only a turning away from outward sins, but we must give up our evil desires, and devices of the unregenerate mind. Then God promises that He will do His part, which is "to hear," "have mercy" and give abundant pardon.

3. **Result of Acceptance.** We obtain pardon by coming to Christ. Jno. 6:37. He is the overflowing fountain of life, and by receiving Him we receive life (Jno. 7:37-39), and also the keeping of that life, Jno. 10:29.

"John Newton, that holy man whose fame as a servant of God filled the whole earth, was, while a wicked and profligate sailor, called by the Lord in a dream. He thought that a being approached him and put a beautiful ring upon his finger and said to him, 'As long as you wear that ring you will be prospered; if you lose that ring you will be ruined.' Then in the same dream another personage approached, and by a strange hypnotic power persuaded John Newton to throw that ring overboard, and it sank into the sea. Then the mountains in view were full of fire, and the air was lurid with impending judgment. As the sailor was bemoaning his folly for casting away the ring, another personage came into the dream, and offered to plunge into the sea and bring up the ring. He plunged and brought it up, and said to John Newton, 'Here is the gem, but I think I will keep it for you lest you lose it again.' The sailor gladly consented and the fire went out of the mountains, and all the signs of destroying wrath disappeared. John Newton, awaking, saw that the valuable gem was his soul; the tempter that induced him to cast it away was Satan, and that the one that plunged in and rescued it, keeping it in His own safe guardianship, was Christ. This dream was the turning point of his life."

Next Week's Lesson.

### MANASSEH'S SIN AND REPENTANCE.

Reading Lesson: 2 Chron. 33:1-20.

Golden Text: Isa. 55:7.

—C. M. O'Guin.

## THE TRANSFERRED BURDEN.

By Frances Ridley Havergal.

"If our transgressions and sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?" (Ezek. 33:10.)

If they are upon us, how can we live? "For mine iniquities are. . . as an HEAVY BURDEN, they are too heavy for me." "The burden of them is intolerable." It is not the sense, but the BURDEN itself which cannot be borne; no one could bear his own iniquity without being sunk lower and lower, and at last to hell, by it. It is only NOT felt WHEN the very elasticity of sin within us keeps us from feeling the weight of the sin upon us, or when the whole burden is known to be LAID UPON ANOTHER. If this burden be upon us, we cannot walk in newness of life, we cannot run in the way of His commandments. "If!" But IS it? It is written, "The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." On Jesus it has been laid, on Him who alone could bear the intolerable burden; therefore it is NOT UPON His justified ones, who accept Him as their sinner-bearer.

This burden is never divided. He took it all—every item, every detail of it. The scapegoat bore "upon him" all their iniquities.

Think of every separate sin, each that has weighed down our conscience, every separate transgression, of our most careless moments, added to the unknown weight of the forgotten sins of our whole life, and ALL THIS LAID UPON JESUS INSTEAD OF UPON US. The sins of a day are often a burden indeed, but we are told in another type, "I have laid upon Thee the YEARS of their iniquity." Think of the years of OUR iniquity being upon Jesus. Multiply this by the unknown but equally intolerable sin-burdens of all His people, and remember that "the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us ALL," and then think what the strength of His enduring love must be, which thus bare "the sins of many." Think of His bearing them "in HIS OWN body on the tree," in that flesh and blood of which He took part, and praise the love which has not left "our sins upon us."

We cannot lay them upon Him, Jehovah HAS DONE THAT ALREADY, and "His work is perfect." "Nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it." The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." We have only to look up and see Him bearing the iniquity for us; to put it still more simply, we have only to BELIEVE that the Lord HAS REALLY DONE what He says He has done.

The Son accepted the awful burden, but it was the Father's hand which laid it upon Him. It was death to Him, that there might be life to us. And these sins being "laid on Him," how shall we now live? "He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again" (2 Cor. 5:15).

"On Thee the Lord  
My mighty sins hath laid.  
And against Thee Jehovah's sword  
Flashed forth its fiery blade.  
The stroke of justice fell on Thee,  
That it might never fall on me."

## FROM PAUL VAN VALEN.

Since I wrote you last there has been fruit given us in this new station. I think I told you in a previous letter of the opportunities for work amongst the soldiers stationed here and how God had given souls from among them. The work among the Indians has been most encouraging. Two men of high caste (one a Brahmin) came and asked for baptism. They were not men won through our instrumentality, but men who had been called by the Spirit of God, He using the written Word and a vision to call one, the other having been drawn to Christ through the reading of the Gospels and tracts. We just happened to be where we could instruct them "more perfectly." These two men are now at Mesopotamia serving their earthly king. As they were both well able to read the Word for themselves, and as they had both had a work of God in their hearts, we have reason to believe that these two men will serve the "King of kings" even more faithfully in Mesopotamia. "Pray ye."

Then we have been able to see fruit among the simple weavers of cloth. There are a goodly number of families living in the crumbling down walls and outer guard-rooms of an old mosque compound (suggestive of the decay of Mohammedanism—a mosque very valuable and on a high elevation, but seldom is there a Moslem in it for prayers) and "they hear us gladly." None of them have taken baptism as yet. Until the work is on a more established basis it would be unfair to the Indians to baptize them and perhaps have to desert them later for lack of funds to keep a pastor to work among them and their relatives. But some have believed and are as surely in the kingdom as though they had a baptismal certificate each.

One old man sells the day's weaving in the bazaar each night. One evening Mrs. Van Valen and I were in the bazaar and we came across "Jawahir Das." He was very happy and told us he had had difficulty in selling that day's supply of cloth, but that when he had prayed to the Lord to help him sell the cloth to get bread for the family, that the Lord had sent an answer immediately, for "a buyer was right at hand." Before the simple believer I thought I heard my Lord say to me "O ye of little faith!" Then th's brother went on to tell me how that when he or any of his family are sick he calls on the Lord to heal and that the Lord heals. This is the same old man who, when he was threatened with being beaten for hearing the Gospel, said, "We will listen, even if they beat us to death: we die but once." We "thank God and take courage" when we see such honest souls

as he and those of his household. We have only one note of sadness, and that is that we have to let some workers go instead of putting more on to step into the open doors, and to care for those who are asking to be taught more. But in it all when we think of how the Lord has blessed us so far we "shout unto God with the voice of triumph."

The warm weather is on. I must go to the hills for a month's change, as I did not go last year, and after being out in the heat for a while I come in and am unable to think or study or write. It is the absolute exhaustion that continued heat brings. The heat is not so excessive, but there are so many months of heat. I trust the Lord will send in funds to go to the hills as I have none now to go and I have had to engage the room ahead to get it. But I will be back down on the plains again by the time this reaches you.

The war is affecting the prices of commodities in India, as everywhere else, and the British-European subjects are being called up for military training for the "India-Defense-Force." Otherwise we do not realize the war as you probably do.—Paul Van Valen, India.

**Argentina, South America.** I begin by saying "glory to God for His love to us." Since our coming to this city we have had a better opportunity of knowing God, for His blessing rests upon this work.

Our meetings are well attended, and many nights we have felt sorry that we could not provide seats for all who came and wished to hear the Gospel. Oftentimes many have to remain standing during the whole service.

Besides the great quantity of people that come in spite of the cold, the most beautiful is that a good number of them have accepted Christ as their Saviour, and we are praying that God may prepare those temples to be filled with His Holy Spirit.

The rest of the believers go on with fervent love to the Master, and there are at present several who are seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit, of whom we are sure God is going to answer, giving them the fulness of their inheritance.

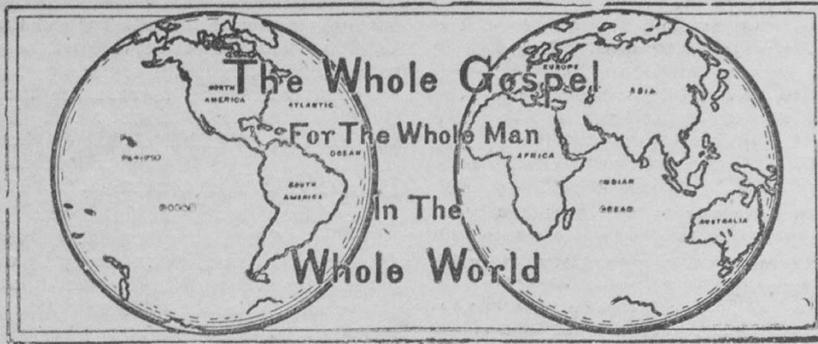
We are now holding special meetings for prayer and fasting and they are proving to be times of great blessing for all of us, for more than ever we feel the need to continue at the feet of Jesus. We want to watch and pray because the time has come, and Jesus is coming to catch away His Church.

Now I close these few lines promising to tell you from time to time of our work, and asking your prayers for us, for we need them much. Do not forget, brethren, that we are in a country of opposition where Roman fanaticism reigns.—Juan Barrio.

God has some eagle Christians today. They mount up above obstacles, above persecution, and everything, and live above the clouds.

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#### SISTER DANIEL AWREY IN NEED.

We have received word that Sister Daniel Awrey, whose address is 321 E. Ave. 60, Los Angeles, Calif., is in dire need. Her husband, Bro. Daniel Awrey, laid down his life for Jesus in the jungles of West Africa a few years ago. At that time some of the brethren sent her an offering that was greatly appreciated, and now we have word that she is in need again. Any offerings of the Lord's money to her would be placing it in the right place.

**Nacozari, Sonora, Mexico.** We are praising God for the way He is blessing these neglected souls. Some are getting saved and baptized in the Spirit. A Yaqui Indian received his baptism and now God is giving him a revival among his own people, a savage tribe who still worship their Indian Gods. We expect to be working with this brother soon. Please pray that these hungry souls may get the light before Jesus comes.—John A. Preston.

**Rupaidiha, U. P., India.** The draft you sent reached me. Thank God He had His eyes upon it and guided it safely. May God bless all abundantly. Every dollar helps so much now for we are building the new school house and are having a lot of repairing of the roofs of the old buildings before the rains, which was very necessary, and it all takes money, time and very hard work. We feel almost collapsed over the hard work and nervous strain of it all and most earnestly request your prayers in my behalf. It is so hard to get the right kind of workmen up here or in fact anywhere in India, as all have to be watched every minute or they will not do their work right. It is now so extremely hot that it is very hard indeed for me to have to be out in the hot sun to oversee the work. Our school will close on the 12th of May, till the 12th of July. We hope, D. V., to have the school building so we can begin the next term of school in it. The rains will

come next month, hence the necessity of hurrying up the work. We long for Jesus' coming and say with the beloved apostle, "Even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly."—Lillian Denney.

**Congo Be'ge, South Africa.** The Lord is continuing to bless here. Many are professing conversion. We have a short session of school in the afternoon four days a week for the purpose of bringing them to the place of reading the Scriptures for themselves, and we have had ninety present, over seventy in regular attendance. We are trying to reach by village to village visitation work, even the further away villages, and many of them have been reached, but these we cannot visit regularly. We do so need workers! This is the most needy field, and the most interesting, save one, which I have had the privilege of ministering in during my nearly fourteen years in Africa. A dense population for Africa and many doors, seemingly invitingly open, but not the workers to enter. Is this the cry you hear from every part of the field? Is not this the opportunity of the American assemblies to rise up in force and power to meet this cry? Many young men, even Pentecostal young men, in England, have lost their opportunity, and are now at the front, or have already laid down their lives in this fearful carnage going on in Europe. Is it going to be the same with the young men of America? God forbid!

We need your earnest prayers. The pioneering has been a strain upon all of us, and we need renewed strength and reinforcements.—Julia Richardson.

**Shanghai, China.** We praise God that He has permitted us to come to this dark, dark land to lift up the spotless Lamb of God to these people.

One of our native pastors in the interior has just been down to Shanghai and tells us the Lord is blessing the work at his home. We opened this station three years ago in Kaingsi Province—the first Pentecostal mission there. Last spring a heathen woman came to hear the Gospel message and soon was saved. Only a short time ago she came into the mission one evening, the power of God fell upon her and she soon received the baptism, praising and magnifying the Lord. Hallelujah! Just a short time ago we went to visit another station at Nanking. It was truly a

time of refreshing. We found the native pastor and wife doing a blessed work. Ero. Mader is helping at this place. The native pastor and wife have a girl's school in connection with the mission. The teacher, a very timid man, received his baptism, and "oh what a change."

A short time after returning from Nanking, my son and I went to a city of about 10,000 with no light house of any kind, about seventy-five miles from Shanghai, at the pleadings of one of our native Christians. Here we had a very precious time. A part of the way we went by train. Then we had to walk quite a distance. Then on a little boat we could not stand up in for two hours. But all along the way an opportunity to work for Jesus. Two weeks ago was called to Ningpo, to the home of our Sister Nettie Nichols, on account of the sudden illness of Sister Slager, who was indeed very sick, nigh unto death. But, praise God, He touched her body and raised her up. Found everything getting on nicely during the absence of our sister and co-worker. May the dear Lord stir the saints at home in behalf of these dear ones. I fear many times they do not stop to think what it really means to feed forty or fifty mouths.—Mrs. H. L. Lawler.

**Hong Kong, China.** Your kind letter with enclosed offering received. Faithful is our God, who forgetteth not the needs of His children. Hallelujah! Our rents were due for this month, also other expenses. But our Father has undertaken for us in a wonderful way; therefore we sing praises unto Him, who hath saved us and doth keep us by His mighty power. We also thank you that are in the homeland, who are working so hard in behalf of God's work in the foreign lands.

God is continuing to bless His Word as it is being preached to the heathen, and precious souls are listening with interest to the words of eternal life.

I have three colporteurs whose support is given them by the British and Foreign Bible Society, who sell and distribute thousands of tracts and Gospels. These men have received the baptism in the Spirit, and are very zealous for the cause of Christ in their native land. Consequently they have vast opportunities to reach many people with the Word, who perhaps would never hear if they did not go. These men go out daily singing and preaching the glad tidings of peace, giving out tracts and selling portions of Scripture to all that want to buy. They are worthy of our prayers and support. We request you to unite with us in prayer that God may bless and mightily use these brethren as they go forth in His name.—Yours in the Master's service till He comes, John D. James.

Don't forget the Missionaries need help in the summer months as well as the winter.

General Council meets in St. Louis, Mo. September 9th. Will meet you there.

**REVIVAL IN THE BELGIAN CONGO.**

Oh how you would have enjoyed sitting with me yesterday afternoon in one of our villages for a testimony meeting. It was an altogether original affair. About 150 were present. Some of the lads put plenty of perspiration into the job and native oratory sometimes flowed nearly as freely as the perspiration. It was very hard sometimes not to burst with laughter. I should judge that about fifteen testified right there in the village where they used to live lives of sin and with their companions, wives, etc., listening. Also we have had some blessed cases of healing. About 21 miles from here is the little village of Kimbatama on the Ngoimani road. When I was working over yonder one of our native Christians was coming through with a letter and stopped at Kimbatama to preach. A sick woman, "Ilunga" by name, heard the word as she sat in her hut. It was raining and the lad, taking shelter in the village, improved his time of waiting by telling out the Gospel message. Ilunga had been ill for three years and unable to work. Her husband had become quite a poor man—giving away practically all he possessed to wizards, that they might make charms and heal his wife. She sat that night thinking over this wonderful message that she had heard that day of a Saviour who could deliver and heal, when Christ Himself appeared and told her to carry all her idols and charms to a certain pit and burn them there. As she obeyed, Jesus came again and told her—you are healed. And so she was right there. Now the people of Kimbatama are wondering about Ilunga's healing and have sent a message asking me to go and tell them more. But so many similar messages come that I cannot obey all. I think I told you how that the chief of Lubinda (a big district) was healed before the eyes of his people as he came forward with a diseased arm, for the laying on of hands in Jesus' name. He now begs me to go over there, and there are similar calls from all around.—Wm. Burton.

**Basti, U. P., India.** We are pressing on in the fight which is growing harder and harder all the time. Surely this is a time that tries men's souls. The enemy is raging as never before, and the struggle is hard, but we have a mighty Captain who never lost a battle, and through Him we shall press on to win the battle for the Lord and bring some sheaves to His feet.

We have finished a very good touring season in spite of the opposition of the enemy. Thieves broke up one camp, campers drove us from another, and it seemed hosts of evil were working against us, yet we believe that God will yet bring out some fruit from these labors for His Kingdom.

We have had a wonderful case of demon possession healed. The little seven and a half year old daughter of a Mohammedan policeman was the worst case of demon possession I ever saw. The

child fought with the strength of a grown man, so that her father, who is an unusually large man, often had to have help to hold her. She tore her clothing and his into shreds, used the vilest of language and cursed and swore terribly when under the power of the demon. The chief of police asked us to go and pray for the child which we did. It was a long hard siege, but Jesus conquered, praise His name; and now the child is a dear sweet smiling little thing. She has learned to sing, "There's Wonderful Power in the Blood," and her father is reading the Bible and is an interested seeker after the light.

Ye do praise God for the victory over the enemy's power, but more that our names are written above.

Do pray with us for a revival in this hard district. The powers of darkness are fierce but our God is almighty, and He can turn men's hearts toward Himself. Prayer moves and changes things, so again I ask you to pray. One man wants to be a Christian, but on account of the opposition of his Mohammedan relatives he cannot stay in the part of the country where he is in the employ of the Government. He has tried to resign from his position in Government service, but they will not release him. Pray for this man and his family, four people, waiting to be Christians, but held back by not being able to be freed from Government employ. God can and surely will work for such cases.—Laura Gardner.

**FROM OUR YOUNG MISSIONARY  
IN JAPAN.**

We have had our first meeting in the new place Tuesday night. Surely the Lord was blessing. The hall was full, from about 80 to 90 people listening to this wonderful news of Jesus, who has come to save us all. At the close of the meeting two came to Jesus. Praise His precious name! We are looking for greater things for Japan.

I am trusting Jesus for a third big Sunday-school, another flock of little lambs to lead to the tender Shepherd. How wonderful! I am so glad to be busy for Jesus all the time. And I hope next time to tell you about the little Fugimai Sunday-school children, some who have never been to Sunday-school before.

While it was getting fixed I went down sometimes and the little ones would peep in and say, "When are you going to have Sunday-school? I am going to come." Will you help me to pray that Jesus will enable us to get the upstairs rooms fixed too so we can divide the Sunday-school classes. I believe Jesus will and I am praying.

It is a very nice day today, the sun is shining very brightly and the days are getting warmer and warmer. If you were here I would take you to street meeting with us tonight and we will tell the dying souls of Jesus' love. Pretty soon the hot weather will be here and next month is the rainy season in Japan.

About a week or so ago Sister Baugh

from India gave us a little short visit, on her way to America. We were so glad to meet her, and wish her visit could have been longer.

I want to tell you the newest thing of all. Jesus is giving us another worker for Japan, but I don't think you will be able to guess who it is. It is my brother, who the Lord is sending to the front of the battle. For three years he has been through a school of trial. Truly we need such workers in Japan. I believe God will do great work through him for the lost souls in Japan. He will be able to learn and speak the language and bring the real Gospel of life in their own language. Oh how much stronger it makes us for His work.

As the Lord has opened the way he will leave America some time in July. Please keep on praying for us and Japan and the work as you have so kindly done in the past for Jesus' sake. God surely will reward.—Your faithful little sister in Jesus, Marie Juergensen.

**CALLED TO THE MEXICAN WORK.**

We feel a call from God to the Mexican work. Am sure many would be glad to join with us in prayer for the salvation of these precious souls. We also request special prayer that the Lord will speedily help us to get the language, which is expedient and needful. There are many discouraging things connected with this work. Bro. M. M. Pinson has a tent meeting now in progress among the Mexicans. Wife and myself and Sister Sunshine Marshall are helping him. We need your prayers also that the dear Lord will supply our every need as we are depending upon Him wholly—the Mexican work is not self-supporting. Address R. F. Baker, 1022 West Poplar St., care M. M. Pinson, San Antonio, Tex.

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## FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

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

### "THY WILL BE DONE."

"Thy will be done." Why always bow the head  
In anguish when those sacred words are said?

More light than darkness falleth from above;  
The will of God shows clearest in His love.

Why should we kneel in fear, as God were foe,  
When unto Him we pray, "Thy will be done?"  
Why learn to "bend and kiss the rod" in woe?  
On just and unjust shines His blessed sun.

"Thy will be done." Is there no other way  
Than crying out of sorrow?—thus to pray?  
God's daily gifts outweigh the heaviest loss;  
The crown is ours as surely as the cross.

If aught we know, we know that joy reigns there;  
Then let us, as we pray the Christ-taught prayer  
Lift up our hearts in joy at blessings given:  
"Thy will be done in earth as it is done in heaven."

—Anon.

### FIELD NOTES.

**San Jose, Calif.** We are having very good attendance and a number have been saved and two received the baptism in the first week's battle. God is bringing the saints all in to help. Many have the assurance that God will give us a wonderful victory during the campaign.—W. J. Adler.

**Grand Prairie, Texas.** Can report victory here. The last few weeks the power of God has been falling. Eight have been saved and reclaimed and several have received the baptism. Last night, July 8th, the tabernacle was well seated and the future looks bright for Grand Prairie. I will leave here for Bridgeport, Texas, soon. I have charge of both assemblies.—Pastor F. O. Burnett.

**Buffalo, Ark.** God has been wonderfully blessing us here. The saints at Cedar Creek are pressing on. Just returned from a two weeks' meeting at Searcy County, near Marshall, where God gave great victory, several saved and seeking the baptism. We expect to start a meeting at Big Flat July 15th.

We covet your prayers in this new field. We need your help. Brother or sister, if you are idle, God can use you in this needy field.—W. E. Lack and wife.

**Monette, Ark.** Our meeting closed Sunday night after a four weeks battle against sin and Satan. Bro. W. M. Click and wife were in charge of the meeting and the Lord used them in winning souls. Some eight or ten souls were saved in the meeting and three received the Holy Ghost. Twelve were baptized in water. Any of God's servants who are straight and clean will find a hearty welcome here. We desire the prayers of the saints that we may go on with the Lord and get deeper in His love.—Martha Pike.

**Dike, Texas, Route 3.** I am in Hopkins County at Dike, Texas., where several have been blessed and two received their Pentecost. Others have been convinced of the truth but are standing out for some cause. If someone can come here for the summer, it will not be out of place to hold a meeting. The whole adjoining country is without the Gospel. Please don't pass this place by. Someone pray over this place and see if God wants you here. Would like someone with a tent. Anyone coming, write me beforehand and I will make ready, looking for a great harvest of souls.—Pastor J. W. Gary.

**Portland, Ore.** I know you will rejoice with us to hear that the first day of our camp meeting the Lord poured out His Spirit in a mighty way, four receiving the baptism; two later, one a soldier boy who received a remarkable baptism. One of the neighbors, a church member who had been fighting bitterly for years, was wonderfully saved and received the baptism before they left the tabernacle. One young lady came from Los Angeles. Had considerable spinal trouble and trouble with her eyes. She was prayed for and the Lord healed her instantly. A man came from Washington with his family. He had heart trouble and could hardly walk across the floor. The Lord healed him instantly and also baptized him and his wife with the Holy Ghost.—Will C. Trotter.

**Duluth, Minn.** We have just returned home from Chester, Iowa, where we held a two weeks meeting. It was the first time the full Gospel has ever been preached in that place. God honored His Word, and great conviction was on many hearts. We prayed for a goodly number and about fifteen were blessedly saved. Whole families turned to the Lord and raised a family altar in their

homes. The 4th of July, nine were buried with Christ in baptism down at little Iowa river. The Lord gave us a blessed day. We left a happy little band there in that place, and they are willing to go in for all that God has for them. Pray for that place. Brother O. S. Olson, who has had charge of the work at home while we were away, leaves this week for Rice Lake, Wis. The Lord is blessing the work at Duluth too. Praise His name.—A. F. Johnson and wife, Larsmont, Minn.

**Sparkman, Ark.** The meeting at Camden, Ark., closed without any visible results as to souls being saved. The saints were wonderfully blessed and we had good services from time to time. Wife and I went from there to Eagle Mills and held a two weeks meeting with two souls saved—one a Roman Catholic and one who had belonged to the Christian Church. We came from there back to Sparkman and found the home mission in good condition. Bro. Fred Lohmann from Malvern had been down and preached for them twice. Eight have been saved lately and are seeking the baptism. We go from here to Nix, nine miles out in the country and begin a meeting next Sunday night. Will stay as long as the Lord leads. Pray for us that the Lord will use us to His glory. Bro. W. J. Walthall who was with me at Camden has gone to Prescott to begin his summer's campaign. Pray for him.—Z. J. Launius.

**Samson, Ala.** God has wonderfully heard and blessed us. We started out for the season's campaign in March. Our first meeting was at Bro. D. R. Chiles', where God poured out His Spirit to save and to baptize. The meeting ran four or five weeks. Many of the brethren from different parts of the field came up to the battle of the Lord against the mighty, and God was mighty to save, to heal and to baptize with His Spirit.

From there we went to Opine, near Opp, Ala. There the Lord blessed in a wonderful way saved souls, reclaimed backsliders, filled with the Spirit and healed the sick. Oh glory! It is fine to trust Him.

From Opine we went to Poley, Ala. There we found unbelief very great and opposition was strong. But above it all, God did bless in giving the Word.

From Poley we went to where we are now, thirteen miles below Geneva, Ala., near Turner Springs, Fla., and here we find hungry souls coming to the altar and weeping their way through to the foot of the cross. We have a good 50-foot Gospel tent and a family tent, and I take my whole family consisting of my wife and six children, and a young lady organist. We are on the field for life.—Z. W. Bullock.

We still have a few of those special India-paper, Divinity Circuit, Morocco-bound Scofield Bibles at \$4.95 left. Buy one now and save \$4.05 off the regular price.

# The Evangel Prayer Band

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Pray for an assembly in Arkansas that is divided in heart and needs unity.—Mrs. M. W. A.

Pray that God will deliver a mother in Israel from cancer which has developed in her left breast the past few months. Her suffering is intense.

Pray for Brother Berry who is sick. The people say he cannot get well. I believe God will heal him. Please pray for the work here in Fargo, Idaho.—Sister Root.

Please pray for me that I will be saved and receive the promise of the Father, and pray for my husband that he may get right with the Lord.—Mrs. E. A., Keota, Okla.

Pray that God will take hold and save souls in the revival now going on here and that God will deal with my husband so that He can use him.—D. S., Wellston, Okla.

I earnestly ask you to pray that the Lord will send someone to open up a work here and for three sisters who had been seeking the baptism and seem to have grown cold. L. L. P., Fredericktown, Mo.

Join in prayer July 11th to 17th for an aunt who has lost her eyesight who we be-

lieve the Lord wants us to take to Sister Etter's meetings at Indianapolis to be healed for His glory.—S. H., Gilmour, Ind.

Pray that God will send a Spirit-filled man of God to hold a revival at this place, also that God will heal our children who are having the chills. Please do not pass this request by.—Mrs. T. D. D., Dexter, Missouri.

About two years ago before we came here, dissension came in through erroneous teaching and the work has been in a bad condition ever since. Pray that God may send us a revival.—Pastor E. R. P., San Bernardino, Calif.

Pray that God will deliver my companion from abscess in her side and for healing of her eyelids; also for my mouth from scurvy. Also please pray that God will send a band with a tabernacle to this needy place.—P. R. Hodges, Dierks, Ark.

This is a town of about 2500 and is a very needy field. We are preparing for the Arkansas State Camp meeting which will be held from August 2nd to 12th, D. V. Sincerely desire the saints everywhere to pray mightily for us.—E. Milton Underwood, Booneville, Ark.

## CAMPMEETINGS & NOTICES.

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### HARTFORD, ARK., CAMP RECALLED.

We have decided not to have the camp meeting and have a revival instead.—Fayette Romines.

### 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.

### 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.

### PORTERVILLE, CAL., CAMP MEETING.

You are invited to the Camp Meeting to be held at Porterville, Cal., commencing September 15th, 1917. For further information address Pastor Church of Christ, P. O. Box 746, Porterville, Cal.

### BOYD, TEXAS, CAMP MEETING.

Boyd Camp Meeting to be held at Boyd, beginning July 28, 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.

### SOUTHEAST MISSOURI DISTRICT CAMP MEETING.

Puxico, Mo., Aug. 24th to Sept. 2nd.

Under the auspices of the Southeast Missouri Council of the Assemblies of God, the camp is to be held in a beautiful grove. Tents and cots will be on the ground for rent. Meals on the free-will offering plan. Bring bedding and toilet articles. We are expecting Evang. A. T. Rape of St. Louis, also J. W. Welch, chairman of the General Council, and many other ministers of the district to be present. For information write Pastor W. J. Higgins, Puxico, Mo.

### NEW CASTLE, TEX., CAMP MEETING.

We are glad to report victory. Souls are being saved and getting the baptism. Large crowds and prospects are good for our camp which will begin August 3rd. It will be run on the common table plan. Preachers and workers are especially invited.—H. H. Wray, pastor.

### CAMP MEETING, HITCHITA, OKLA.

Beginning August 3rd.

We are trusting God to send preachers and workers that He wants to come. Everybody come prepared to camp. Dining tent run on free-will offering plan. For information address W. L. Fortenberry, pastor, Hitchita, Okla.

### 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.

### NO STATE CAMP MEETING IN OKLAHOMA.

For several good reasons the brethren have decided it best not to have a State Camp this year. But instead, we are expecting to have two or three local camp meetings in the different parts of the State. The announcements will be made later. For further information, write Elder S. A. Jamieson, box 1391, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

### 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.

### 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, Kitssmiller, Md.; and R. A. McCauley, Grantsville, Md.—Elder A. B. Cox, Shaft, Md., in charge.

### OLD TIME CAMP MEETING, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

Will begin July 28th.

We are expecting some of our leading brethren to be with us and also a large number of preachers, workers and friends from far and near. We have secured a nice shady camp ground, with lots of cool water. Will be held at the Tabernacle of the Assembly of God on the corner of Chicon and Gardon Sts. For information address J. D. Sheumack, pastor, Austin, Texas.

### 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.

**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 Cox 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., Wilkinsburg, Pa., or Mrs. E. J. Pearce, 811 Lathrop St., New Castle, Pa.

### 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.

### SEVENTH ANNUAL STATE CAMP MEETING.

Booneville, Ark., Aug. 2nd to 12th.

We will have a large tent in the grove for the services and also a dining tent. We are preparing to take care of all who come. Meals on free-will offering plan. Camp tents for all who notify us in time. Bring quilts and toilet articles.

THE STATE COUNCIL of the Assemblies of God will convene on August 10th and 11th, during the camp meeting. All of the preachers of the Assemblies of God of the State are hereby notified to be at Booneville, Ark., on Aug. 10th and 11th, 1917.

Preachers for the Camp: J. W. Welch, St. Louis, F. L. Lohmann, Malvern, C. A. Lasater, Shoal Creek, Fayette Romines, Hartford, E. R. Fitzgerald, Russellville, and others.—Write E. M. Underwood, pastor, Booneville, Ark., or E. R. Fitzgerald, Mgr., Russellville, Ark.

### NORTHWEST KANSAS CAMP MEETING.

The fifth annual Pentecostal camp meeting of Northwest Kansas will be held in the Fairbanks Grove about three and one-half miles southwest of Woodston, Kansas, on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, August 16th to 26th, D. V.

Elder A. P. Collins of Ft. Worth, Tex., will be present with us to teach and preach the Word of God.

Those who come to the camp meeting can secure tents, 10x12, for \$3.50, and cots for 50 cents. Please bring your bedding and toilet articles with you. There will be a dining tent on the grounds where meals can be secured at reasonable rates. Ministers and Gospel workers can get tents, cots and meals free of charge.

Everybody is invited and cordially welcome to attend the services of this camp meeting.

Send in your orders for tents and cots by August 1st, and for further information address Elder J. E. Simms, Woodston, Kansas.

**ROYSTON, TEXAS, MEETING.**

Pray for the meeting at Royston, Tex., which begins July 13th. We are expecting a great outpouring of the Spirit. Closed our meeting at Petersburg last night.—S. J. McKaughan.

**BURNET, TEXAS, REVIVAL MEETING.**

A revival meeting will begin July 27th at or near Burnet, D. V., and to continue as long as the Lord leads. Everybody that can, come. For further particulars write P. B. Hullum, or Elder R. L. Caywood.

**GAINESVILLE, TEX., MEETING.**

A meeting will begin in Gainesville, Tex., on the 18th of July and will run as long as God leads. Would be glad to have the nearby saints attend. Please pray when you read this. For information write Elmer E. Gore, 1311 Gribble St., Gainesville, Texas.

**SAN JOSE, CAL., MEETING.**

Old fashioned revival meetings every night in a large tent on the corner of 6th and Santa Clara Sts. Evang. W. J. Adler with a company of workers and singers. All welcome. Address W. J. Adler, 72 S. 6th St., San Jose, Cal

**PREACHER WANTED.**

We want some Spirit-filled Pentecost preacher, who is in sympathy with the General Council and holding credentials from the same, to come and hold us a meeting at Wynne, Ark. Please write to Elder J. H. Johnston, box 314, Wynne, Ark. We have a large church building.

**VICTORY AT FLAT RIVER, MO.**

After two months pounding with the Gospel hammer (Jer. 23:29) the rocks are beginning to break. Some saved and three received the baptism according to the Word and the altar is full of hungry souls. God is confirming the Word and the sick are receiving new strength, praise the Lord Jesus.

One sister here, an invalid for nearly four years, who has been under the care of fourteen doctors and been operated upon at a St. Louis hospital, has been wonderfully blessed. While distributing some Pentecostal papers, by chance one was given to her boy and he took it home and she read it. As she read, the Lord began to deal with her. I had written the notice of our meeting on each paper, and so she called her husband and told him to go after us to pray for her. After some attempts to dissuade her, which failed, he came and we went and read the Scriptures and prayed and she was helped. We went back next day, and after reading the Word and prayer we began to sing and she commenced to shout and, although she had been a member of the Missionary Baptist church for 19 years, she called her husband and told him she had never known real religion until then.

A few days later she sent for us again. We went and she, like Cornelius, wanted to hear "all things." We spent that evening and went back and spent the next evening, reading and explaining the Word. That night, at twelve o'clock, she received the Spirit with the sign following, (Acts 2:4) and now, though she had not been able to go to church for over three years, she has been out to meeting five times and is anxious for the time to come when she shall have all her former strength restored. Let us pray for her mightily that God will heal her completely. Also pray for the other church members that

they may receive light, and for the meeting which still goes on.—M. M.

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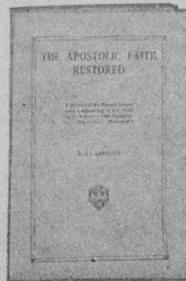
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