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SALVATION FIRST!

The Lord Himself says these words, "As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man," and then He gives a picture of the state of things on the earth. The physical swamped the spiritual. "They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage." These things are right and proper in their way, but when in excess the result is that the higher part of man's nature is set aside and ignored. God was not in their thoughts. Is this a picture of to-day? When these conditions prevail and are in prominence, God, judgment, equity and righteousness are set aside and ignored, then you have the conditions which prevailed in Noe's time, then you may expect the speedy coming of the flood, "the foundations of the deep broken up."

What are the foundations of the deep? Read the Word. The three frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast and the false prophet are designated because so prominent. But when the foundations are opened up, three million times three million denizens of the pit will swamp the earth—the gates of hell let loose. That is the meaning of the word, that the gates of hell should not prevail against the Church. Against the Church of the living God they are helpless. The Ark will be on top when the waters cover the earth.

Every measurement of the Ark has its significance for today, likewise the dates that are mentioned: the days before the flood: the period of waters on the earth. The Holy Spirit was particular to give dates and measurement. The Son of man said, "As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also." Noah did not know how long preparation it would take. He started out in faith, and the flood did not overtake him before he finished the Ark. God had to be true to Himself. The Ark had to be finished before the flood came. He has to have safety before there could be destruction.

Men talk of peace and safety. They cannot have safety because they will not have Him who is Peace. If they had the Prince of Peace then they would have safety. When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction.

"Come thou and all thy house into the Ark."

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RANK AND FILE EPISODES

"Died of wounds."

"Undelivered for reason stated."

"Return to sender."

These three short sentences are stamped on an envelope containing a letter lying before me. The letter was sent to a soldier serving in a Midland regiment 'somewhere in the East.'

Poor lad! And only a day or two before he passed away, he had been telling the R. A. M. C. orderly, who dressed his wound on board the hospital ship —, that the Bible he carried in his pocket had saved his life.

Undoubtedly the Word of God had prevented him from being instantly killed, for the bullet had pierced the muscles of his arm, and then ploughed its way through the Bible which he carried in the top left hand pocket of his tunic, eventually leaving by the side.

How wondrous are the ways of God! what infinite pains He takes to bring poor, guilty ruined man into His circle of blessing, and the knowledge of His love, through the saving grace of a crucified Saviour.

Dear old Cowper well wrote—

"Deep in unfathomable mines

Of never-failing skill,

God treasures up His bright designs,

And works His sovereign will."

The R. A. M. C. orderly who dressed dear C—'s wound had, in the sovereign grace of God, himself been led to trust Christ as his Saviour, whilst a prisoner of war in Germany, through a Testament sent, and a word written, by a Christian friend in England interested in the spiritual, (as also the bodily) welfare of the British soldiers interned there. After spending nearly a year in Germany this orderly had been transferred to England with a party of totally disabled soldiers. A brief period in the homeland gave him the opportunity of testifying to the saving grace of God, and then sent to the East he witnessed a good confession of Christ, many of his sick and wounded comrades hearing from his lips (whilst he ministered to their bodily ailments, and bound up their wounds) that—

"Pardon and life flow from the side
Of Christ the Lord, once crucified."

Now let me tell you that Private C— valued the Bible he carried that precious Book that tells of a Saviour's love—(the Lamp that shows the way to God) not on account of the sacred truths contained therein, although he had occasionally glanced at its pages, but by reason of its having been given him for a keepsake on leaving England. Only a few weeks elapsed before C—'s regiment was face to face with the foe, and in a desperate attack upon the enemy's position at — he was dangerously wounded in the manner already described.

Dear C— only lived a short time after he was hit, long enough however for the mighty love of God, by the Holy Spirit's power and operation, to cause him to own that he was a sinner, and (I use his own words) "all his life had been," and now humbled, and penitent he was glad to rest his sin-sick soul on the sinner's Saviour, the One who indeed came into the world to save sinners. Very blessed for him it was so for he rapidly sank and after a few days of suffering and testimony of God's salvation went home to be with Christ.

"Went Home to be with the Saviour,
Confessing He died for me!

My sins are gone, I've peace through Him,
Whose blood has set me free."

Ah! there are many of our brave soldiers, who left this country indifferent, godless, and sceptical, who have discovered their sinnership, confessed Christ on the battlefield, and found Him to be precious to their souls.

A Seaforth Highlander wrote me sometime ago: "Praise God it was in His goodness that I was hit at —, and now His blessed promise 'I will never leave thee nor forsake thee,' (Heb. 13:5) makes me desire to know more of His love."

"God spoke to me, and saved my soul whilst lying bleeding for sixteen hours on the battlefield in France," said a one-legged soldier to me the other day.

"I am a cripple for life," wrote another, but I thank God over and over again, that I ever went to France. It was there that I came into contact with dear W—, who shewed me the way of salvation. How happy I am in the knowledge, and keeping power of Christ."

Another I know said, "Worse than a bad sinner, I have served twenty years in the army without Christ, but the great war has brought sweetness to me, viz., "The love of God, and the joy of His salvation."

Let one other testimony suffice to show how God can make the wrath of man to praise Him by bringing sinners to a knowledge of His love.

"How boundless is the love and goodness of God towards me. It is eighteen months since dear Bernard Ellis (now with the Lord) pointed me to the Saviour of sinners, and no words of mine can express what the joy of the Lord's presence has meant to me, amidst all the horrors of war during that time."

Alas! many have died without hope, on the field of battle. "Give us a match," said a sentry in the trenches, to a Christian corporal I know. "Oh! I forgot," he added, "all you have is tracts." "And what you need is a Saviour," was the corporal's prompt reply. "Oh no! Its Blighty I want." The next instant a bullet from a sniper's rifle had penetrated his brain. *Death, not Blighty, was his portion.* He longed for the homeland, and in a moment had passed into Eternity.

Fellow Christian! each time this is remembered, let it but quicken your efforts to warn the ungodly of the coming judgment, and of the blessed security there is for all those who are hidden in Christ—"The Rock of Ages."

The blessed truth that Christ is the only Saviour of Sinners, needs to be pressed upon the souls of men, as much now as ever, especially in view of the vile teaching and awful blasphemy of those who seek to open wide the gates of heaven, to those who die in their sins, whilst fighting for their country, or the many who seek to get over the difficulty by holding on to the vain hope of another chance.

A clear Gospel must be sounded forth.

"It is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul." (Lev. 17:11.)

"And without shedding of blood is no remission." (Heb. 9:22.)

Repentance towards God and faith in a once crucified, but now glory-crowned Christ, is the only way to bless-

ing, and the loving Saviour can charm the hearts of sinners, as fully now as at any time during the last nineteen centuries; and Oh! the wonder of it all, that:
 "Still He is ready *your soul* to receive,
 And pardon you freely, if you will believe;
 If sin is your burden, why will ye not come?
 When He bids you welcome, to His heart and His home."

No heart is too hard for His love to penetrate for "He willeth not the death of a sinner."

Thank God for the hundreds of thousands of copies of the Scriptures, which have been distributed amongst our brave soldiers and sailors, during this frightful war, and God's Word for it, "*They shall not return void*," even the tract, or the letter setting forth the glory of the Person, and the infinite value of the work of Christ, God can make to accomplish His gracious purposes.

A Christian soldier wrote to me from the battlefield, some time ago, as follows: "I have seen fruit for God out here, but if I had not, it would not alter my faith in Him."

The message from God to the Christian is: "Be ye stedfast, unmovably, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour (not your results, or success, but your labour) is not in vain in the Lord." (See 1 Cor. 15:58.)

What a blessed thing it is to live in the conscious knowledge of this!

Let me pass on to you the last words of five Christian soldiers, who were mortally wounded on the battlefield. The first four referred to, lived a few moments only after being hit. The last one suffered the most intense agony for eight hours before his happy spirit departed to be with Christ.

1. Goodbye—I am going to be with Jesus.
2. I rejoice in God's salvation, and His blood cleanseth from all sin.
3. Dear —— (his Christian comrade) don't be sorry for me, I am only going Home first.
4. Death to me means Life.
5. Tell my unsaved comrades there is a Saviour *waiting ready* to pardon. Tell every Christian they should live each moment, "Looking unto Jesus."

Comrades in arms, and brothers in Christ on earth, they went straight to be with the Saviour in Heaven.

Nothing in the world can cheer the heart of the Christian like the blessed hope of the coming again of the Saviour.

My one desire is that this little message may by God's blessing be a voice to some, and I believe it will.

To Him be ALL the glory.

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(The writer of the above has written a number of excellent Gospel tracts in both French and English, which can be had free on application, for use amongst soldiers.)

There is no "resurrection life" apart from the risen Lord. We are planted into "*His death*," with Him we are crucified, and to Him as the living One we are joined, so that in Him as our sphere we may walk in newness of life. The resurrection life is also a *continuous* one. Not an experience which we passed through at some crisis long ago, but a Living Christ, Himself the Resurrection, abiding in us and putting forth His mighty energy through us, so far as we fulfil the conditions which permit Him to do so. *Life* cannot be copied, and no assertion of possessing resurrection life can bring it into being. But no assertion of *life* is needed when it is present, for it is its own witness by its manifested power.

THE WAY TO OVERCOME: BELIEVE!

1 John 5.

The greatest weakness in the world is unbelief. The greatest power is the faith that worketh by love. Love, mercy and grace are bound eternally to faith. Fear is the opposite to faith, but there is no fear in love, and those whose hearts are filled with a Divine faith and love have no question in their hearts as to being caught up when Jesus comes. The world is filled with fear, torment, remorse and brokenness, but faith and love are sure to overcome.

"Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God." God has established the earth and humanity on the lines of faith. As you come into line, fear is cast out, the Word of God comes into operation and you find bed rock. All the promises are yea and amen to those who believe. When you have real faith in Christ the love of God is so real that you feel that you could do anything for Jesus. They that believe, love.

"We love Him because He first loved us." When did He love us? When we were in the mire. What did He say? "Thy sins are forgiven thee." Why did He say it? Because He loved us. What for? That He might bring many sons to glory. (Heb. 2:10.) His object? That we might be with Him for ever. All the pathway is an education for this high vocation and calling. How glorious is this hidden mystery of love to us the undeserving!

"Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." To believe is to overcome. I am heir to all the promises because I believe. A great heritage! I overcome because I believe the truth, and the truth makes me free. Christ is the root and source of our faith, and because He is in it what we believe for will come to pass.

No wavering! This is the principle. He who believes is definite. A definite faith will bring a definite experience and a definite utterance. There is no limit to the power that God will cause to come upon those who cry to Him in faith, for God is *rich* to all who will call upon Him. (Lay in your claim for your children, your families, your co-workers, that many sons may be brought to glory. As your prayer rests on the simple principle of faith, nothing shall be impossible to you. The root principle of all this Divine overcoming faith in the human heart is Christ, and when you are grafted deeply into Him you may win thousands of lives to the faith.) Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, the secret to every hard problem in your heart.

"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, because as He is, so are we in this world." He that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself, and God confirms this faith in us that we may be refined in the world, having neither spot nor blemish nor any such thing. (It is the Lord who purifies and brings to the place where the fire burns up the dross, and then anoints us with fresh oil, that at all times we may be ready for His appearing.) God is separating us for Himself just as He separated Enoch to a walk with Himself, and because of a divinely implanted faith, he had the testimony before his translation that he pleased God. As the day of the Lord hastens on, we too need to walk by faith, until, overcoming all things through our simple belief in Jesus Christ our Lord, we walk right into the glory.—Smith Wigglesworth.

Nailed there with Him, we too must *look at the world from the Cross*, and with the spirit of the crucified Jesus pray for those who nail us to the Cross.

PIONEERING FOR JESUS IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

(Writing from the village of Mulundu, about eighteen miles from Mwanza.)

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As I write my table is surrounded by about thirty or forty men and women with a sprinkling of wee black nippers. I have preached on and off all day long. Our last meeting, held in this village (where my tent is pitched for the night), was a wonderful time. I suppose we had an attendance of about 200. It is probably the first time that the majority of these people have ever heard of the Lord Jesus. The enthusiasm and depth of feeling upon the whole crowd was as great as I have ever seen. I have heard others tell how they get tired of telling the same thing over and over again. For myself I find it easy as I look into these black eager faces, and I know that if they don't receive what I say, they will sink into hell—to repeat myself. The same old illustrations, the same way of expressing the message, have come out again and again today, but I don't think they have lost their parts. The Holy Spirit seems to wing them home as well as on the first occasion when they come to me.

Here the old chief sat in front on a mat. At first he was a little silly through an overdose of native beer, but he wonderfully sobered up later. A witch doctor with an unusually strong face was the first to leap to his feet and shout, "This is what we want. Charms and fetishes didn't create the palms and bananas; it is God and His Son Jesus who alone can save. Why should we deceive ourselves any more with wood and horns? We will follow Jesus!" Such outbursts were frequent in the course of my unusually long talk. Oh, how my heart goes out to these dear Baluba. I did preach for twenty minutes or so, and then teach them a chorus, while I mustered fresh inspiration to give them some more. For a few minutes after I had finished the noise was deafening. They rose as one man, ran about, as is their custom, taking each other by the shoulder or arms, and preaching over again the part of my address that stuck to them most, everyone talking and no one listening. Shouts and ejaculations galore. "This is ours!" "We'll go in for this." "I'm going to follow Jesus." "We don't want Hell!" "Soap and water won't wash sins, only the blood of God's Son!" and so on, accompanied by snorts, shouts, grunts, laughs, groans and slapping of thighs, etc. Then they gathered about our native Christians, firing volleys of fervent, relevant and irrelevant questions.

You can imagine with what mingled feelings I listened to all this,—joy that this message has had such an effect, sadness and a feeling of defeat where I see lightness and frivolity, crying to God where I see conviction settling down on the people. Never in the history of the world were men charged with such tremendous responsibility. (Life and death are with us; Heaven and hell; eternal issues may hang on every word and gesture, every glance.)

I am on my way to mark out the boundaries of our grant of land at the Ngoimani, before the Roman Catholics can cheat us out of it, or forestall us. But, Oh! how gladly would I throw all to the winds and go right ahead preaching, preaching. From here, away on the slopes of the hills, in the dim distance over the forest trees, one can just see faintly the smoke rising from Lubinda, a great village. How often I have longed to proclaim Christ there, and away to the Kaseki, Kabongo, Piana, and the villages stretching for six days' journey north and west. My heart sank as the villages were pointed out, and as I realized how near the village, and yet how impossible for me to go with all the work which I have on hand; but right here as I write, God gives me blessed encouragement.

Behind a clump of palm I can hear an earnest conversation going on between little Matokenbadi and the aforementioned witch doctor. Six months ago Matokenbadi, a sturdy dwarf, was the most incorrigible lad we had about the Mission; mischievous, lazy, discontented and quarrelsome. Now with a genuine ring of shame he is telling the medicine man and a lot more, how Jesus has saved his soul, and taken him out of a dark, hideous past, into a present of untold joy. Yes, beloved, this is how those great, distant villages are going to be reached for God. Our lads are beginning to taste the joy of witness, and I believe they are to carry the Water of Life to thirsty souls that we can never reach. (*On the wings of our prayers* this message can be borne away to further regions than we can ever dimly imagine.)

Later. About three months ago a big, hardy, athletic savage arrived at Mwanza, from a village away in the swamps, four days' journey southeast. He applied for work, and after a few odd jobs, I gave him work on our saw-pit. From the start he evinced a strange affection for me. He was very silent, and always listened most intensely to the Gospel message. His name is Ngoi-kana. At his own request he accompanied me on this trip to plant our work in Ngoimani. This morning (Lord's day) several of my lads undertook to hold Gospel meetings in local places, so I was free to slip off on my cycle to Lubina, and Kikose—a thirty-two-mile ride—to carry them the news of Calvary for the first time in the memory of man. I didn't like to command anyone to run with me for so long a distance, but Ngoi-Kana, when he heard my intentions, asked to go. "How many who read this letter would undertake to run thirty-two miles in a day, over rough country, to help me preach?" He had never made any profession, but I was very glad when at Kikose, he started in and preached briefly and well. Then, as we sat under a great spreading forest tree, sharing our dinner of green mealies, he opened his heart to me. "Bwana, I have two wives and four children away on the Pungwe marshes; I wanted God, and when we heard that real teachers (as distinct from Roman Catholic) had arrived in Mwanza, I started with a friend to come and hear your words. My friend turned back. I have heard your words, and have seen today that I too can tell out the Gospel. To-morrow I would like to return to my people and let them hear how they may be saved." Beloved, you may imagine how my heart runs over with praise, at God's way of working. Excepting during a few months at the end of the dry season, it would be courting death for us to venture into one of these fever-infested swamps. But right here God has been getting His own missionary ready for the job. Hallelujah! Ngoi-Kana says he wishes to return later, and receive the Holy Spirit, but is anxious about his home.

I might say we had a most enthusiastic reception at Kokose, and Lubinda. Such deafening shrieks and drumming and shouting. Also deep interest in the Gospel message. I left a native Christian at Lubinda to answer questions and burn up idols at the chief's request.—Yours in grace and joy abounding, Willie F. P. Burton.

(We need to uphold our brothers, Willie Burton and James Salter, with our prayers in their noble work in Congo Belge. The latest news is that Bro. Burton has been very sick with malaria. Pray that Spirit-equipped workers may be sent to help them in their labors.)

The risen Lord, taking possession of the believer, brings with Him the "spirit of faith," and the act of moment by moment trust should eventually become as spontaneous as breathing.—Sel.

THE VICTORY OF SUBMISSION.

Isaac and his wells. Gen. 26.

1. *The place of victory.*
 "And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines, unto Gerar." Ver. 1.
 "The Lord appeared unto him, and said. . . dwell in the land. . . and I will be with thee, and will bless thee." Ver. 2, 3.
 We may count upon the power of God working for us anywhere, if we are there by the express will of God. Note the sevenfold covenant of Jehovah.
2. *The seal of God, and His promised blessing.*
 "Isaac sowed in that land, and received. . . an hundredfold." (Compare Matt. 18:29.) Ver. 12.
 "The man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great." Ver. 13.
3. *How the trouble began.*
 "The Philistines envied him." Ver. 14.
 Oftentimes envy lies at the back of persecution. The devil is like a "dog in the manger."
4. *The tactics of the envious.*
 They stopped up the wells.
 "All the wells. . . the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth." Ver. 15.
 If they could not have the wells, then Isaac should not! They would make the land impossible to him, so as to get rid of him.
 At last they used plain language.
 "Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us!" Ver. 16.
5. *How Isaac acted.*
 "And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar. . . and Isaac digged again the wells. . . and found there a well of springing (living. m.) water." Ver. 17-19.
 (He did not resist, and say, God had placed him there, therefore he could not move. Notice, too, that no extraordinary guidance was given him at this time. So long as Isaac was walking in the way of God, there was no need for "special revelations." Isaac was guided by sanctified judgment, and the spirit that makes for peace.) He had the spirit of Matt. v. 39.
6. *Further persecutions, and how he was driven about.*
 "The herdmen of Gerar did strive. . . saying, The water is ours." Ver. 20.
 Isaac was still too near the envious Philistines; they could not leave him in peace. He called the name of this well "Contention," and moved on! (ver. 20. m.)
 "They digged another well, and (the Philistines) strove for that also; and he called the name of it 'Sitnah' ('hatred')." Ver. 21. m.
 "Sitnah" comes from the Hebrew "Satan," to lie in wait for as an adversary. Isaac recognized the devil at work in all this, and called it the "devil's well."
7. *The patience of true submission.*
 "He removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not; and he called the name of it 'Room'; and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land. And he went up from thence to Beersheba." Ver. 22, 23. m.
 (How much better for the Lord to make room for us, than to fight to maintain our ground! Isaac had every right to these wells, by inheritance (see ver. 15) as well as labor, but he left his "rights" to God.)
8. *The reward of submission.*
 "The Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said. . . Fear not, for I am with thee." Ver. 24.

This was the seal of God to Isaac's past course of action. We might have called it "retreat" before the enemy, but the revelation of God to Isaac immediately afterwards, shows that this course was in the will of God.

(It is better not to fight opposition! Silence is the best course, and a continuance in the path of duty, until we find the place where God makes "room" for us, Is not this what the Lord meant in Matt. 10:23?)

9. *The victory of submission.*

"Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and. . . one of his friends, and. . . the chief captain of his army. . . and they said, We saw certainly that the Lord was with thee; and we said. . . let us make a covenant with thee." Ver. 26, 28.

A deputation from the contentious party suing for peace! This is the way the Lord works! "When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." (Prov. 16:7.)

How they approached the one they had injured!

"Thou art now the blessed of the Lord," said the deputation, "and we would like to make a covenant with thee." Their testimony was, "We saw certainly that God was with thee!" (How much better it is for others to testify to God's blessing upon us, than for us to do it of ourselves.)

How they counted up their good deeds, and forgot the bad!

"We have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace." Ver. 29.

What convenient memories they had! They forgot all about those wells!

10. *The humility of Isaac.*

"He made them a feast. . . and they. . . sware one to another. . . and they departed from him in peace." Ver. 30, 31.

This was the highest victory of all—the victory over himself! He never said one word about the wells, nor yielded to the temptation of insisting upon apologies for the past! He did not even ask for "explanations!" He just let the whole thing drop. It was "worthy of God."

11. *All things added.* Matt. 6:33.

"The same day. . . Isaac's servants came. . . and said unto him, We have found water." Ver. 32.

"He called it the well of the oath." Ver. 33. m.

The secret of Isaac's submission may surely be traced to his knowledge of God when a youth. When he was taken by his father up Mount Moriah and laid upon the altar, did he not see a ram slain in his stead? Did Abraham not teach his son the meaning of the Lamb slain? (Those who know God as Isaac did, have learned to leave their "rights" with Him, and are content to have His smile.)

("FALSE TO THE TRUE.")

The late Dr. Dallinger, of scientific fame, was once preaching on the barren fig-tree (Matt. 21:18, 19). He said that this miracle stood absolutely alone; it was unique. The tree was luxuriant in leafage, promising fruit, but figless. Why this apparent fierceness on the part of Christ? Why curse a tree because it failed to satisfy His own hunger? Because in pretentious luxuriance it invited hunger; it was false to what it professed; it was a living emblem of pretentious mockery; it was rank to the very roots—a picture of the times He lived in. This act of Christ's was a parable in a miracle, teaching that God hates falseness. It was better to be true to the false than false to the true.—F. E. Marsh.

"AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOE."

By Edgar C. Steinberg.

In Matt. 24:37-42 we find a few words spoken by the Lord Jesus, which contain important lessons for us in these days of the world's history:

"As the days of Noe were so SHALL also the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, AND KNEW NOT, until the flood came, and took them all away; So shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. Then shall two be in a field; the one shall be taken and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken and the other left. Watch therefore (spoken to believers) for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. V. 33. So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, *know* that it is near, even at the doors."

While in a Baptist seminary some years ago, the writer one day had a conversation with a young man, who was a firm believer in the Word of God. During the conversation this young man opened his Bible and read a verse of Scripture, afterward making the following remark: "Now, I am just foolish enough to believe this." That remark made a great impression on my mind and heart. A deacon in a certain Baptist church one day said: "There are so many varied doctrines in the world today; one scarcely knows what really is the truth." We need in these days to believe God, without turning to listen to the theories of men, and say with Paul: "Sirs, I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me."

The nations of the world today, with the great majority of their vast populations, are swiftly rushing on to their doom. And when one asks, why so foolish the only answer that can be found is, **THEY DO NOT BELIEVE GOD.** Unbelief is the sin that caused our first parents to be cast out of the Garden, and is the greatest sin in the world today. "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man cometh, will He find faith on the earth?"

"*The days of Noe.*" They are soon to be repeated on this earth. AS it was in the days of Noe, SO shall the days of the Son of Man be. What is God's testimony concerning the world in Noe's days? He says in Gen. 6:5 "That the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." So shall the days of the Son of Man be. Gen. 6:7, "And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created." Gen. 6:11, "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." Gen. 6:13, "And God said unto Noe, the end of all flesh is come before me, for the earth is filled with violence through them, and behold I will destroy them from the earth." So shall the days of the Son of Man be. An earth filled with violence. "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, for nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom."

In the days of Noe, the whole world, with the exception of eight persons, was desperately wicked, and would not heed God's warning. The proportion is the same today. With the exception of a few souls who in every country on the globe are truly obeying God, **THIS WORLD IS JUST AS WICKED OR MORE SO THAN IN NOE'S DAYS.** As Noe testified of the wickedness of the old world, so the Lord Jesus bears testimony of the new, and His testimony is just as true in this twentieth century as it was the day it was spoken. He said to his brethren according to the flesh, "The world cannot hate you, but ME IT HATETH, because I testify of it that the works thereof are evil." Again to His disciples He says: "In the world ye shall have tribulation,

but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world." We do not overcome friends, but enemies. **THIS WORLD IS NOT THE FRIEND OF JESUS CHRIST, NOR OF HIS REAL FOLLOWERS.** When He came He found "no room in the inn" and "no place to lay His head." He came to His own and (even) His own received Him not. The greatest sin this world has committed and is committing today, is the rejection of Jesus Christ, all because of unbelief. If He were to come to any nation of this world at the present time, as He came to the Jewish nation nineteen hundred years ago, He would again be rejected and killed. "*Civilization*" and "*Christianity*" are no synonymous terms. It is very significant that the nations almost exclusively have chosen ravenous beasts of prey as national emblems. America, the eagle, Germany and Russia the eagle, England the lion, China the dragon, etc. When Jesus sent forth His disciples, He said to them: "I send you forth as lambs among wolves." "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me in vain do they worship me." Refusing to obey all or any of His commandments is rejecting Him. "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not those things which I say unto you." It was the same sin as that committed in the days of Noe.

The happenings of the days of Noe were types, and have their antitypes in these last days. We want to briefly consider three of these types with their present-day antitypes.

1. The first can be expressed thus: As Noe and his family was, before the flood, received of God into the ark, so the real church of God at the coming of the Son of Man will be bodily translated into heaven.

Notice these words from Genesis the sixth and seventh chapters regarding Noe and his family: "But Noe found grace in the eyes of the Lord." "With thee will I establish my covenant, and thou shalt come into the ark; thou and thy sons, and thy wife and thy sons' wives with thee." "And the Lord said unto Noe, come thou and all thy house into the ark; for *thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.*" It is a grand thing to have God bear witness that we are righteous before him. The nations that have entered into the present world's war are severally bearing witness to their own righteousness, and are justifying themselves by loading all the blame on the shoulders of their enemies. But *God speaks* concerning Noe (who with his family is a type of the church), and says: "Noe was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noe walked with God."

What is the church of God? The term that is used in the Greek Testament is, "*Ekklesia.*" from the words "ek" and "kaleo," meaning *to call out.* As Abraham was called out of Egypt, so the church of God is a body or class of people, called out of the world to walk with God. "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you *out of the world,* therefore the world hateth you." The difference between the church of God and the world is as the difference between day and night. Jesus told His disciples that some of the wolves, among whom He would send His lambs, have dressed themselves in sheep's clothing, but the Great Shepherd knows His sheep and is known of His. The church is a clean body,—clean within and without. "The Lord seeth not as a man seeth: for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." The state churches of the different nations of Europe all lay claim to the term, "church of God," and all the American denominations term themselves thus, but Jesus said: "the kingdom of God is within you," "the kingdom of God cometh not with observation."

Then where is the church of God? Scattered over China, Japan, India, Africa, Europe, America, all nations, and the islands of the sea is a body of people which has come out fully from the world, and they are serving the Lord Jesus with all their hearts, minds and understanding. They have been truly saved from sin, and have God's testimony in their hearts, that they are righteous in His sight. This is the church of God, of which Paul says: "Christ loved the church, and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present it to Himself, a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing." "And they sung a new song, saying: Thou art worthy to take the Book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests and we shall reign on the earth." Rev. 5:9-10.

And how did this great company get into God's presence before the throne? Paul gives us light on these things in 1 Thess. 4:15-18: "This we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the *dead in Christ* shall rise first: Then we, which are alive and remain, shall be *caught up* together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we *ever be with the Lord*." As Noe entered into the ark, so the church of God is translated into heaven. What a glorious hope for every true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ!

(To be continued.)

THE INFLUENCE OF A TRACT.

A young Frenchman who had been wounded at the siege of San Quentin was languishing on a pallet in the hospital when a tract that lay on the coverlet caught his eye. He read it and was converted to God by it. You may see the monument of that man before the Church of the Consistory in Paris, standing with a Bible in his hand. He is known in history as Admiral Coligny, the leader of the reformation in France. But the tract had not finished its work. It was read by Coligny's nurse, a "sister of mercy," who penitently placed it in the hands of the Lady Abbess, and she, too, was converted by it. She fled from France to the Palatinate, where she met a young Hollander and became his wife. The influence which she had upon that man reached out into the reformation on the entire continent of Europe, for he was William of Orange. "How far your little candle threw its beam!"

Faith is non-existent apart from its object. Faith is simply reliance upon the *Word* of God, with the character of God at the back of His word! "Faith cometh by *hearing*," and is awakened in the receptive heart by the Spirit of God Himself as He speaks the Word of God to the soul. "You were made partakers of His resurrection, through the faith wrought in you by God, who raised Him, wrote Paul to the Colossians. (See Col. 2:12, Conybeare and Howson's translation.)

We are therefore cast upon the Holy Spirit to supply to us all our need, even the very faith by which we are to co-operate with Him, and appropriate all that the Lord Jesus Christ has wrought for us in His death on the cross.

Unbelief is described by our Lord as sin, when more often it is bewailed as an "infirmity" which must be borne as an affliction by the poor soul under its power. But we must deal with unbelief as *sin*; confess it to God as *sin*, and expect deliverance from it through the death of Christ, as much as from any known sin.—J. P. L.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

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Sunday. "Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation." Psa. 62:1.

(God has much to teach us of how to wait on Him. This bit from Andrew Murray is most helpful. "Take time to be separate from all friends and all duties, all cares and all joys; time to be still and quiet before God. Let the Word and prayer be very precious, but remember, even these may hinder the quiet waiting. The activity of the mind in studying the Word, or giving expression to its thoughts in prayer, the activities of the heart, with its desires and hopes and fears, may so engage us that we do not come to the still waiting on the All-Glorious One. Though at first it may appear difficult to know how thus quietly to wait, with the activities of mind and heart for a time subdued, every effort after it will be rewarded; we shall find that it grows upon us, and the little season of silent worship will bring a peace and a rest that give a blessing not only in prayer, but all the day.")

Monday. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isa. 55:9.

Sometimes it takes us very long to really grasp this mighty fact. We have chosen and planned so long for ourselves—and made such a failure at it, too. But the habit is formed, and unconsciously we often chafe at "His ways," until finally we do learn that His plan for our lives is an infinitely better and higher one than we could ever have devised for ourselves.

Tuesday. "Let us not therefore judge one another any more." Rom. 14:13.

"Tell not abroad another's faults
Till thou has cured thine own;
Nor whisper of thy neighbor's sin
Till thou art perfect grown."

Wednesday. "Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way?" Luke 24:32.

Ah, yes, we too have walked that Emmaus way—hearts crushed and disappointed like those two disciples. And our blinded eyes "of knowledge" have failed to recognize the Glorious One who drew near, and walked with us. But oh, our hearts felt Him! Hallelujah! Soon all the sorrow had vanished; and we look back now to say, "Did not our hearts burn within us." Through all life's mysterious ways, even when His dear face is hidden, love—His wondrous love shed abroad by the Holy Ghost—still causes our hearts to feel His touch and to burn with warm, glad expectation.

Thursday. "A stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation." Isa. 28:16.

"Through the yesterday of ages,
Jesus, Thou hast been the same;
Through our own life's chequered pages,
Still the one dear changeless name.
Well may we in Thee confide,
Faithful Saviour, proved and 'tried!'"

Friday. "They have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints." 1 Cor. 16:15.

A splendid, God-pleasing habit to be addicted to. Paul had good words of commendation for the household of Stephanus because of this ministry. "Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality," is a part of the Spirit's operation amongst the members of His body. And God's blessing is upon many today who find joyful service in thus ministering. Perhaps the need is even greater now for more such ones conscientiously "addicted to the ministry of the saints."

Saturday. "And to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." Heb. 12:24.

How real the Holy Spirit makes it to us, as we plead for deliverance and help for some suffering one! In the courts of glory, before the Father's throne, that blood is speaking to God in behalf of our present request. It speaks for freedom, for life, for healing, for victory—all through His merits. Thank God it is effectual!

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"IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT."

The Lord is a God of war. The might of Samson and the victories of Samson were just expressions of God, the overflow of the might of God. God's people were oppressed by warlike enemies. God had to interfere and He chose a man—a weak thing. And the man chose a contemptible thing—the jawbone of an ass. The man in God's hand and the ass's jawbone in the man's hand! Yes, and the enemies of God were whipped, were slain, by the jawbone of an ass. The weak things, the contemptible things, the despised, to bring to nought things that are. And God is today taking up weak women and ignorant men to thrash, to defeat, nay to confine to the abyss, the enemies of God, and the enemies of God's people.

We read of Samson, "his anger was kindled," (Judges 14:19.) There is a righteous anger. And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him and he did exploits. God wants His Samsons today on whom the Spirit of God can come in a similar way. The Spirit of God is so mighty, that if He can only find vent there will be no difficulty in overthrowing all the forces of the enemy. God must have His Samsons because the enemy is encroaching, is encroaching all round.

A man chosen by God is also a mark for the enemy, a special mark, because he is destroying their kingdom. And he sends the messenger most likely to trap. In Samson's case it was a Delilah (Judges 16.) She did not succeed at first, but the fourth time she did. The three warnings previous should have been sufficient. And he paid a cruel price for his faithlessness. But God did not utterly forsake. He was saved as by fire. The prison did its work, his hair grew again and his spiritual life was restored. God's Spirit came upon him. The enemy made sport of the man of God, blind and helpless, but they forgot God.

The lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice, for they said, "Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand." All the lords were there. The nation's government came for the occasion, and thus Samson

came in contact with the rulers and leaders in a way that he never could, going up and down the country. He cried to God, the mighty Spirit of God came upon him, and he overthrew the temple, thousands were slain and the heads of the nation were wiped out. And the Spirit of God and the people of God were vindicated. *The instrument only was destroyed.* The Spirit of God was not bound or destroyed. The Spirit returned to God who sent it.

Oh, how they made sport of him, but he kept quiet, made no reply. But he was waiting on God, and God heard. Better for the enemy that they had never led him captive. His capture was their overthrow. And oh how the enemy exalted when Christ was bound by the high priest. "We have Him now." They made sport of Him, and they did whatsoever they listed unto Him. Yes, they crucified Him, and they said, "it is finished." But with a louder cry the Son of Man and Son of God cried, "It is finished!" Finished! God's purposes for past, present and future for the salvation of the race had been consummated with that cry, "It is finished." And He slew more in His death than in His life. All the lords, rulers and governors of the enemies of God's people and of God Himself. Better for them that they had never bound Him, never led Him away from the garden. But God triumphed.

Samson's work ended at his death. Christ's real work commenced after His death. For after His resurrection He received the promise of the Father, and He poured forth the Spirit on the 120. And in that sermon of Peter's, at the voice of a man, of a man who was frightened of a maid, three thousand persons trembled and were snatched from the kingdom of the enemy.

Jesus died and rose again and received the promise to undo the kingdom of Satan and to build up the kingdom of God. (Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 10.) This power, the Spirit, is being poured out, and is at the disposal of the saints today. But they have to mind the leakages, and beware of the Delilahs. God's Spirit is seeking channels today to overthrow the spiritual Philistines.

In Samson we see the exuberance of Divine strength overflowing. Excess! And the apostle says, Don't have excess of wine and do strange antics; be filled with the excess of Spirit and do strange deeds. God wants Pentecostal drunks these days. A drunken man has more natural strength than others, and it takes a number of men to hold him down. And a man filled with the Spirit of God has supernatural strength, and no amount of men shall hold him down. The God of Samson, the God of Peter, is the God of the saint today. It is written, "Thou shalt not limit the Holy One of Israel;" it might also be written, "Thou shalt not limit the Holy One of Pentecost." Some would not do the former, but they do the latter.

God wants His Davids who are itching to fight the giant. But a stripling, a shepherd boy, and the trained soldiers, his brothers, sneering all the time. Oh yes, the king must help. He lends his armor. But the boy, the man of God, wants to be free, to have liberty, so that he can throw stones. And that stripling not only felled the giant, but the armies of the aliens were put to flight. God is using Davids today, striplings, and the trained men he is setting aside. Oh yes, they are brothers. David recognized them as brothers, but they did not recognize him as a brother. He was just "a keeper of a few sheep." "We have a fine company—all trained." But training did not fell the giant. It was the Spirit of God and faith in God.

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Questions and Answers

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E. N. Bell.

251. Should young people who have the baptism keep company with those who have not?

Ans. All saved people should mingle with the unsaved for their good, going as missionaries to the lost. But we should not court or be courted by the unsaved. We should never be led by them in their ways, sins, follies and fashions, but should ourselves be the leaders. Better not to mingle at all than to be led by them. We never save others by allowing them to lead us in their ways. No saved boy or girl should marry the ungodly.

252. Is it true, as some teach, that the face of Jesus is the only face of God we shall see in heaven? If so, what is the meaning of Matt. 18:10 and Rev. 5:1-7?

Ans. Where is the chapter and verse that says we shall see only the face of Jesus in heaven? There is none. Hence to say so is to be wise above that which is written. Better wait and see.

No man hath seen the invisible God as He is in the fulness of Deity unclothed. God has revealed Himself as far as man can stand it in and through the face of Jesus clothed in humanity. Many Scriptures imply that this is not so in heaven, that the angels see God on the throne and Jesus as the Lamb before the throne. Nobody can dictate to God on these lines. If he should choose forever and ever to manifest Himself to mankind only in the face of Jesus, this would not prove there is no distinction between the Father and the Son. In one sense they are one, in another they are two. Those who make them in all senses two and those who make them in all senses one are both alike wrong.

253. What are the seven Spirits of God?

Ans. They are the seven lamps burning before the throne (Rev. 4:5); they are the seven eyes of God sent forth into all the earth, (Rev. 5:6), and Jesus, the Lamb, has all these eyes, praise God! See Rev. 1:4; 1:16; 3:1; 4:5 and 5:6.

254. Was Jesus baptized with the Holy Ghost, and if so, did He speak in tongues?

Ans. The Spirit descended upon Jesus just after He was baptized in water, just as He should on us in a normal New Testament Christianity. This was the sign that Jesus was the Son of God the baptizer with the Holy Ghost, John 1:32-34. God gave Him not the Spirit by measure, (Jno. 3:31-34) as He has to give Him to us. Jesus had Him in the fulness of power as only Deity could have Him. This coming of the Spirit upon Jesus was His initiation into His public Messianic office, an endowment for signs, wonders

and miracles. No doubt He spoke as the Spirit gave Him utterance, for He spoke as man never spoke, and He spoke the words of God the Father. He could doubtless speak in any tongue at will; but God does not record just how many or what tongues he actually spoke in. We cannot draw a rule from humanity to apply to Deity.

WHEN THE BEAUTIFUL GATES SHALL UNFOLD.

(Tune: "Will There be any Stars.")

I am thinking today of that city so fair,
Of whose glory the prophets have told,
Where together we'll dwell in those mansions so bright,
When the beautiful gates shall unfold.

Chorus:

Soon the domes of that city of light we shall see,
And its splendor eternal behold.
There in fellowship sweet, we each other shall greet,
When the beautiful gates shall unfold.

O that city so fair I am longing to see,
And to travel the streets of pure gold,
There to sing with the ransomed, the victor's sweet song,
When the beautiful gates shall unfold.

In that home of the blest, many lov'd ones will be,
With the saints and the prophets of old,
And the martyrs we'll see who have "suffered with Him,"
When the beautiful gates shall unfold.

There no sighing is heard, for no sorrow is known,

And no longer are hearts sad and cold;

We shall enter that bliss, by the blood of the Lamb,
When the beautiful gates shall unfold.

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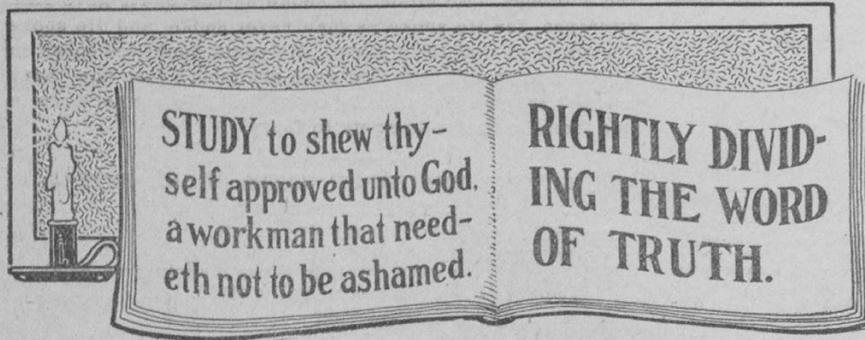
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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THE CAPTIVITY OF JUDAH.

Lesson Text: 2 Kings 25:1-21.

Golden Text: "As I live saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked." Eze. 33:11.

Practical Truth: Punishment awaits those who rebel against God.

Topic: Judgment. Time: B. C. 586.

Place: Jerusalem; Riblah, Babylon.

Josiah's reign was the last bright spot in Judah. All we can learn about him is something good. He sought and found the Lord at a very early age, and then he began to make his nation better. When we get saved ourselves, we at once begin to influence those about us for good. The reform campaigns that were inaugurated by him reached throughout the whole kingdom of Judah. Judah's most extensive passover was observed during his reign. 2 Kings 23:21-23. The history of Judah has never known a king who was more sincerely devoted to the true worship and service of God than Josiah. In the plains of Megiddo he was fatally wounded in a battle between the army of the king of Assyria and the army of the king of Egypt. After his cruel death, gloom and midnight darkness began to gather around the nation, because the thoughts of God for the nation were not faithfully carried out. His eldest son Jehoahaz was the next to take the throne, but unlike his noble father, he was wicked and his period lasted only three months. Jehoiakim, the second son's reign, was only eleven years of duration. Then comes Zedekiah, the youngest son and also the last king Judah ever had. After the Chaldean army had encompassed the city of Jerusalem Zedekiah, together with a bunch of his men fled from the city but were soon overtaken and captured by their enemies. The king was brought before the War Council and tried as a criminal, convicted for treason, and given a life sentence in prison.

1. **The Siege of the City.** Vs. 1-3. The fall of Judah was God's judgment upon her for her unfaithfulness to Him as a witness. The faithful prophets of God

who were in Judah such as Jeremiah and Isaiah had warned them of their sin and what would be the final result. She did not heed and into captivity she went for seventy years. This notable period is known as the seventy years of Babylonian captivity. Their sufferings while there in the hands of their enemies brought them to their senses and they repented and turned to God with a sincerity that they never had before. God remembered them in mercy and they afterwards brought forth the Messiah who is to be their ultimate deliverer and King. See Rev. 12. (The text before us teaches just what the result of sin is, viz., sorrow, suffering, slavery, and hereafter eternal separation from God in conscious suffering.) See Luke 16: 19-31; Rev. 20:14. **Nebuchadnezzar**, who captured Jerusalem, was the founder of the Babylonian empire, taking the throne 604 B. C. He was a remarkable man, having the military characteristics of a great conqueror and ruler. He and his hosts, together with the fierce and cruel Chaldeans, and warriors from the surrounding nations, Syrians, Moabites and Ammonites, came against Jerusalem, built forts and pitched battle. The siege lasted one year and a half. Its beginning and ending is clearly marked out in the prophecies of Jeremiah and Ezekiel. The "princes of Babylon" took possession of the city.

2. **The Punishment of the King.** Vs. 4-7. King Zedekiah was the twentieth and last king of Judah. He was a weak, vacillating, treacherous character. Nebuchadnezzar's army had so completely surrounded the city that escape was difficult by any means. But the king and some of his men, at the risk of their lives, fled one night through a gate between two walls by the king's garden. Verse 4. Their flight was soon discovered by the besieging army, and immediately some of the blood-thirsty warriors of the army mounted swift horses and began to chase them. The fleeing party had some hours the start, but they were on foot, and soon became weak and exhausted. They intended to cross the Jordan river and escape, but they were overtaken and captured, near Jericho, 12 miles from Jerusalem. The king was then brought before Nebuchadnezzar at Riblah. Here is where he reaped part of his reward for his unfaithfulness to God and his trust. Nebuchadnezzar put him

on the throne in the first place, but previous to his capture he had repudiated his solemn oath of allegiance and had become a secret traitor to the man who secured the position as king for him. This was considered a very heinous crime. At his trial before the War Council, Nebuchadnezzar called him a coward, traitor, a wicked wretch and covenant-breaker. His own sons and nobles who fled with him were murdered before his eyes, then they took either a sharp spear or a hot iron and put his eyes out. The last scene that he ever looked upon was the death agonies of his own sons. With fetters of brass they bound his hands and feet and carried him to Babylon, where he was placed in prison—there his life would mean no more to him than a miserable existence until his death.

3. **The Destruction of Jerusalem.** Vs. 8-12. The destruction of the city was not undertaken until about one month after its capture. Nebuzardan, who was Nebuchadnezzar's right hand man, was sent to Jerusalem strictly on a mission of destruction. **Burnt the house of the Lord.** This was the temple that Solomon built; the king's royal palace was next, then all the houses were completely destroyed. None were spared because of their beauty and magnificence. The greatest structures that skilled mechanics had been able to produce were reduced to ashes. Fire swept the city and the scene that followed was horrible. After the destruction of the city was over these cruel-hearted men did not feel that their task was complete so they broke down the walls that had encompassed the city. It remained in this wrecked condition until the days of Nehemiah. Neh. 1:3; 2:17.

Questions.

What army besieged Jerusalem?

Who was king of Judah at the time?

How long did the siege continue?

Where was the king of Judah captured and where was he taken for trial?

What punishment was inflicted upon him and his sons? What was done to the city of Jerusalem?

Next Week's Lesson.

Sept. 2, 1917.

Lesson Text: Eze. 34:1-31. The Shepherd of Captive Israel.

Golden Text: Ps. 23:1.

C. M. O'Guin.

Once when I felt very near to the Lord I said "Now I am so near I will ask Him for what I want." When I looked within I found I had Him and that was all the desire of my heart.—Mattie Perry.

Did you ever hear of a Jew, after he had laid the sacrifice on the altar and the fire had burned it, scratching the ashes from the altar trying to get back the offering? Did you ever hear of Gentiles doing that?

God these days is seeking to bring His people together. We are quickened together with Christ that we might live for Him.

JESUS IS MINE.

(Tune: Long, Long Ago.)

On Calvary's hill, Jesus died for my soul,

Jesus is mine, Jesus is mine;
Now I'm rejoicing, His power makes me whole,

Jesus is mine, He is mine.

Chorus:

Glory to God! I am under the blood,
Under the power of the sin-cleansing flood;

Now I am dead, but alive unto God,
Jesus is mine, He is mine.

Sorrows may gather and friends may depart;

Jesus is mine, Jesus is mine.

No one can snatch this great joy from my heart.

Jesus is mine, He is mine.

Soon in the clouds He is coming again,
Jesus is mine, Jesus is mine;

I shall behold Him and sing once again,
Jesus is mine, He is mine.

Praise Jesus, I know He is mine. I praise Him for saving my soul, for healing my body many times and for baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I was saved when a girl of 14, but for many years could not seem to realize that Jesus was my personal Saviour. I believed that He died and rose again to save us from our sins, and I tried so hard to make it more real that it was for me. When I began to seek for the baptism of the Holy Ghost it was the same way—it did not seem to be for me. I sought earnestly for it for nearly ten months. Many, many times I was under the power of God, sometimes for hours at a time and had some wonderful anointings, but every time I would say, "What is the matter with me; what have I done that I don't receive this wonderful blessing," or "why is it that every one else receives it but me?" It began to seem to me as if the Lord was a respecter of persons and did not love me as much as others, who seemed to be so favored.

At times the heavens seemed as brass when I prayed, but still I kept on praying and praising God for what I did have. I nearly always ended by saying, what shall I do to receive it? I felt most of the time that if Jesus should come I wondered if I should be ready to meet him. I never really felt sure of it.

Finally one night the Lord gave me a dream that showed me how real He was. I thought I was walking along the street, all alone, and of a sudden something struck me on the right side of my head—it felt about like a telephone post. I looked everywhere but could not see a single living thing—I seemed to be the only one on earth. Just then it hit me on the other side of my head, and it seemed as if my head went right to a peak, shaped something like a fish head; all my brains seemed knocked out. I said, "Oh, I am dying—what will become of my babies?" at that I felt my whole being change and I threw up both arms and cried, "Oh! its Jesus," for the heavens opened as a por-

tiere curtain and I saw Jesus and a host of angels with him singing "Glory to God." His face was far brighter than the sun and His arms were outstretched to receive me, and He seemed coming down to meet me and I seemed to be going up to meet Him. I began singing "Glory to God" and awoke, and indeed I was shouting the praises of God and continued to do so until morning.

To me it was a wonderful, a glorious experience. It proved to me that Jesus loves even me and that if I was the only one on earth He would come for me. Not only that He saved me from my sins, but that He is also coming for me as well as others. It also gave me the blessed assurance that I am ready to meet Him when He comes.

I had always thought that a good deal of the shouting and praising God was excitement, but this proved to me that it is God, for when a person awakes at 3 A. M. shouting and praising God and filled with the spirit of God, it is not excitement, it is Jesus.

You dear ones who are seeking for your baptism, don't try to do something to get it. Get your eyes off of yourself and the other fellow, don't try to see what is the matter with you and why the other person is so much better than you, but get your eyes on Jesus and keep them there for He is the one who baptizes us with the Holy Ghost and fire, and He doesn't need any help; if we will just look to Him and trust Him He will give us the desires of our heart.

Just a few days after this I received the blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost, speaking in an unknown tongue as the Spirit gave utterance according to Acts 2:4, and oh how I do praise God for it.

I praise Him! I praise Him! I praise Him for the wonderful peace in my soul, for the blessed assurance that I am ready any minute to meet my Saviour when He comes and that I can say with all my heart "Even so Lord Jesus come quickly."

Some do not think they need to speak in an unknown tongue, but praise God that is the Bible proof that we are sealed unto the day of redemption, Eph. 4:30, and I praise Him for this proof and that the comforter has come to abide.

Yours till Jesus comes,
Mrs. J. W. Hartford,
7403 54 Ave., S. E.

I would rather walk with God alone than walk in company with anybody and everybody without Jesus.

It won't make much difference with us how we were born in the first place if we are sure we are born in the second place.

Some of you are in the furnace, and the Refiner is sitting waiting until He can see His face in the silver. He may never see His face in some of you, but He sits there looking for the reflection of His divine image in your whole life. Shall He see it?

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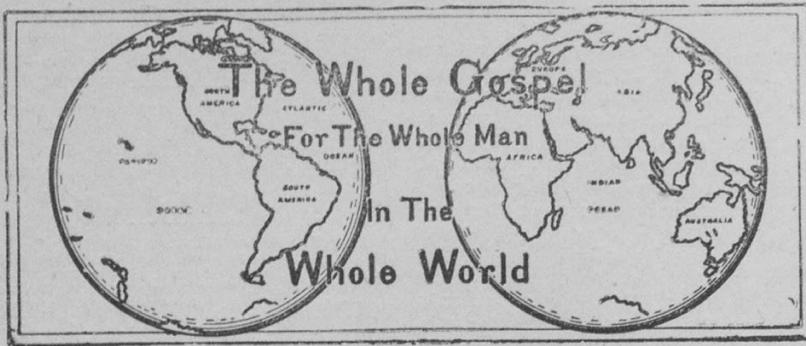
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MISSIONARY NOTES.

Interior Mission, Cape Palmas, Liberia., West Africa. We are coming through many tests, but God is keeping us in a place where we can still say "Jesus is victor." At this station, where we labor, God continues to work and pour out His Spirit night and day. We scarcely know what it is to sleep all night. We are generally awakened by some one pouring out his heart to God for the lost and perishing. God has put a real spirit of intercession upon these boys and no matter where they are, when they feel prompted to pray, they do so. Surely they put many of us to shame. We do not know much about calling on any one to pray any more; we say, "let us pray," and we all go at it in one voice, and God hears, praise Him forever. Pray that we all may ever be kept low and humble at His feet.

Last week Miss Fisher, about thirty boys and myself went into the heathen towns at night. It was moonlight and how blessed it was to stand under the starry heavens and tell these dying souls of Jesus. A large crowd gathered at the two services we held. We sang and told them of God's wonderful saving power. In one service I told them of the great judgment day. This took a hold of them; they listened eagerly and stood spellbound as one after another begged them to come to Jesus. I believe God will bring souls out of these two services, as I myself was especially led of God to go and hold them at this time. Had I looked at my weak body I couldn't do it, but I went in the strength of Jesus, and I have never been in such powerful meetings in a heathen town before. You would weep and rejoice too, were you to have been there and seen and heard some of the precious boys who have been brought out of darkness into this wonderful light of Jesus, stand up before chief men and tell them the truth, and beg them to leave their crooked ways and come to Jesus.—Mrs. Wm. H. Johnson.

Aracibo, Porto Rico. Bros. Feliciano and Lugo are in Ponce and the Lord is blessing their work there. I am alone here in Aracibo, but Jesus is with me, bless His name. A great number have been saved, one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and there are over ten to be baptized in water soon. Last night we had a glorious service in Camuz and the power of God was manifested in such a way that the whole town was stirred. The judge of the town and the captain of the police and his force came to the mission to see what was the matter. Two sisters were under the power of God, and the judge and the others were convinced that it was of God. Some people said it was spiritualism, others magnetism, but others believed it was the power of God and said they wanted this thing.

On Wednesday night we had a similar meeting in Aracibo when five or six were under the power. There was a woman present who had been a Christian, but who had backslidden and gone into spiritualism. Her fame is all over Porto Rico as one of the best clairvoyants in the island. She was struck by the power of God and fell on her knees crying to God for mercy. The Lord rebuked the demons out of her, and without asking her to confess the name of the Lord, (Rom. 10:9-11) she rose up and told the people how she had deceived them, how she had robbed them of their money, by whom she was possessed and how she had found Jesus. She preached a wonderful sermon that night so that the people were astonished at what the Lord had done for her. This woman is happy and she goes from house to house telling what the Lord has done for her.

The owner of the building that we are occupying wants us to get out of the place. I believe the best thing for us is to have a large tent. The brethren here are praying for a large tent so that they can be free in the Spirit. May God touch the heart of someone who has a tent to give it to the Porto Rican Pentecostal work. I believe that thousands of souls would get saved if we started an evangelistic tent campaign.—Frank Ortiz.

No one objects to be called a sinner; but call him a criminal, and he is greatly offended. The former has sinned against God, the other against man.—Sel.

Durban, Natal, South Africa. I rejoice to tell you God is working in our midst still. We have had some glorious services since we opened this work and many souls given as our reward—but lately God has been working deeply in the midst of the assembly. One can feel the very presence of God as they enter the place and I especially have had some very blessed experiences. Just a couple of days ago—suddenly and without any reason for any special manifestation while at ordinary work, the Spirit fell upon me and I began to shake gently like a tree wafted by the breeze. It brought such peace and joy, and such a glorious refreshing feeling throughout my body. Truly His ways are wonderful!

A few weeks ago some natives from India, (of which we have a large population in this city) came to our services, and upon invitation came to the altar service at the close of the meeting. It was not long before the Spirit fell upon one of these Indians, (who was a deacon in the Wesleyan church for Indians here in this city). After tarrying for some time he was gloriously baptized in the Spirit and came through clearly speaking in tongues and magnifying the Lord! I was greatly refreshed as I saw this wonderful sight, and must have tarried for an hour afterward. I arose to go home and had put my hat on in the vestry, when the Spirit fell on me again, causing me to enter the main hall and dance and sing in tongues for some time, and even after I left the hall I could not cease my praises to God but had to shout all the way up the street. Truly God is ever the same. It is we who change. We have had a blessed work among the troops here and elsewhere and today the town has many new arrivals passing through the city. God surely is giving us a blessed time, but we hope ere this year closes, and if Jesus tarries, to again start for Central Africa. Do pray with us that He will open the way and meet our every need. We are all enjoying good health, except the usual colds, etc., but as a whole we are well and quite healthy again, ready for the mission work into the interior of Congo land.

Pray for us regarding the definite guidance as to the time we are to go forward. Must close for the present, but must add that the Evangel has been such a blessing to our souls. As we read of His soon coming, our hearts respond and cry "Come quickly, Lord Jesus!" With greetings to all the saints, we are your brother and sister in Africa for precious souls, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. Blakeney.

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700,000,000 in the islands of the sea.

SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE.

I want to add our testimony to those in the tract "The Time of the End." On Nov. 13th, at 10 o'clock p. m., I was praying and felt led to arise and go out. As I did I looked up and there in the clear blue heavens, in the northeastern part, stood a cross brighter than any electric light. The full moon in the center looked dull compared to the brilliancy of the cross. The edges were as gold and it was perfect in shape, and in size about twenty-four feet in length and twelve feet in width, the strips being about eighteen inches wide. I quickly called my wife and she called our son and his wife and our daughter, and together we sat as in the presence of God. Again on the 14th it was visible, but not so large or brilliant. Ten children, orphans, from four to twelve years of age saw it. The next night we again waited. A cloud covered the sky till 11:30 p. m., then as the sky cleared, it was visible again for some time, but each night it grew smaller and dimmer. A native lady, a soldier and others were with us the third night and there are eighteen of us can witness to this sign of His coming. The cross was visible for about three hours each night for three nights.

Yours, looking for that blessed hope,
Pastor H. J. Johns,
Honolulu, Hawaiian Is.

Matagalpa, Nicaragua, Central America. This summer from January to end of May has been a very busy one, hardly a day has not found us with our hands full and much more so as the time advanced, but praise God the life in Christ Jesus doth suffice and keeps us going even amid weakness and tiredness of body.

This year we have been able to advance on the enemy, and to us new territory; the last two years the dear Lord had enabled us to do some work outside of Matagalpa—that is, some five or six hundred miles each year, but our hearts rejoice in the Lord for this year, we were enabled to cover more than fifteen hundred miles with our faithful mules which the Lord has given us for the work, working every town and village of importance in four departments and doing some work in two others, distributing about five thousand Gospels, New Testaments and Bibles, besides tracts and so forth. For a missionary to be able to say in a land like this ruled by Roman priests, that he got rid of all his literature on a trip, means that the Holy Spirit is working and that the Gospel is penetrating hearts in spite of the fear that is upon them to read God's Word.

Our last trip was especially good and successful, wife and myself being on the road three weeks. We took the Gospel to the very doors of Honduras. We found the people generally speaking receptive, and many chances we had of dealing personally and giving the truth in such a way that if they never accept, they have no excuse at the judgment bar of God. We met a priest in one of the towns surrounded with about twelve

other men, when we tried to talk with him he got so nervous and bid us God's speed to get rid of us but had to acknowledge that their Bible was the same only that ours was not authorized by the pope. This very fact was enough to open the eyes of those who were with him that are looking for the truth, for these very priests tell their people that the Bible is not fit to be read and if they read it they will be damned.

In our absence on these trips Mrs. Yaegge and the other missionaries of the home take charge of the work here and God has wonderfully met with them, especially this last time, and we rejoice that the Lord is working mightily and we are looking for great things from our God. Last Sunday morning we had a most wonderful time, the Holy Spirit just took the meeting in hand and for almost an hour and a half the praises of God went up in songs and prayer in a most precious way; we really thought that some would go through into their baptism, but we are not discouraged for we can see that God is preparing the hearts to receive Him.

A short time ago we had a blessed baptismal service in the Matagalpa river and we had a chance to give the Gospel truth to a congregation of about two hundred, who had either followed us or chanced to be passing, giving an opportunity to preach to those who would not dare to come to our hall for fear of the priests.

We are now in the rainy season, or are supposed to be, but have not had much rain here and many are afraid for the crops this season. We trust that the rains will come as they ought to in order to avoid this disaster, as things are even now very high and getting higher all the time.—B. A. and Mrs. Schoeneich.

Never mistrust the faithful Friend who will never fail, often as we fail Him. I will take for granted every conceivable act of faithfulness on your part, well, what then? If you have been wanting toward God, all you have to do is to resist Him no longer. He is not like men, whose hollow selfishness turns to unchangeable indignation and wrath. Even if you have disappointed God hundreds of times, return sincerely to Him, cease to resist Him and He will at once open His arms to you. It is He Himself who has prevented you by His mercy, who has inspired you with the wish to return. How can He fail to welcome the aspiration which He Himself has kindled in your heart.—Fenelon.]

Elder A. T. Rape, pastor of Bethel Chapel, St. Louis, Mo., feels it is the leading of the Lord to leave St. Louis this fall. He will be open for engagements either in evangelistic work, or pastor of an assembly, after September 1st.

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A MIRACLE OF GRACE.

Cairo Gospel Boat. A few days ago wife and I had a call up the river. A poor Magdalene was lying on a bed. She had just come from the hospital. Her story was as follows: While waiting for the "holy Father" to come, she had counted her rosary and said prayers to the virgin Mary. Then the "holy Father" came and gave her the last rites of the church; she had communion and was ready to go to the operating table, when, she said, a voice spoke to her and said, "You are lost! lost!! lost!!!" Just at this time her eyes fastened on a picture on the wall, Christ clinging to the Cross, and she cried out, "Oh, Jesus, save me!" Her faith took hold, and Jesus, true to His promise, filled her soul with glory, so that they could hardly get her under the influence of the ether. They were from 8:30 to 12:30 p. m. working with her and at last they sent her home shouting glory.

She had heard of us and sent for wife and myself to come. She wanted light, her soul was hungry. We went, and truly Jesus went with us. While we were praying with her to receive the baptism of the Spirit, her sister was baptized with the Spirit and spake in tongues as on the day of Pentecost. Another was saved and still another. It truly was a day of Pentecost. What a change from being a Roman Catholic! We are still holding meeting in that house and the good Lord is blessing. Since we began to hold meetings in that vicinity nine have been baptized with the Holy Ghost. Praise God.—G. R. Aubrey and wife.

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FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

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

DAILY.

"Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors." Prov. 8:34.

"Daily hearing"—every morning
Eere thou goest on thy way,
In the silence of thy chamber,
All the Master has to say;
Then to haste as He shall lead thee,
Well content for Him to use
All the talents He has given,
Whatsoever way He choose.

"Daily watching"—faithful servant
Standing close at His right hand,
Loins girded, all things ready
To obey thy Lord's command:
If perchance the errand lead thee
Through a way both long and rough,
Thou art but His wish fulfilling,
Oh sweet thought! this is enough.

"Daily waiting"—at the doorposts
In the palace of the King,
Waiting only for His whisper
And the message it may bring.
With thy hands and feet unhindered
Ready to perform His will,
Or if it would better please Him,
Just to serve by standing still.

—W. A. G.

FIELD REPORTS.

Modesto, Cal. We went down to Turlock yesterday and opened their new church for them, one saved, one baptized in the Holy Ghost, one baptized in water. About twenty saved here.

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Samson, Ala. I have just closed a meeting ten miles below Samson, Ala., at the Ledden Schoolhouse. The meeting ran eighteen days, and the Lord wonderfully saved fourteen, baptized eight with the Holy Ghost, and twelve were baptized in water.—Pharoah Danford.

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Dallardsville, Texas. The Lord is still blessing at Stutts. Just closed a meeting here, five got the baptism and several more saved. Seven baptized in water as in Matt. 28:19. Some that at first would not come to meeting, or let their folks go, came and went to the altar. Pray for this place.—T. J. Kinard.

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Wichita Falls, Texas. Sunday was a good day here, two saved and three baptisms. Also the meeting where we were at Jacksboro last week was blessed very much, several saved and baptized in the Spirit, and I learn that the meeting is still going on with many others being saved. So the good work is going on, praise the Lord.—W. W. Hall.

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Koshkonong, Mo. Glad to report victory at this place. The saints are on shouting grounds. Just began a meeting. Sister Zola Taylor arrived here July 30th to begin a revival and we are

looking for great things from the Lord. Pray for us that there will be a great downpour of the Holy Spirit.—James Shurron.

:o:

Bolling Springs, Ark. Bro. Blasingame and I met at Bolling Springs near Hector, Ark., about 20 miles north of Russellville for a revival and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. About seventy-five received the baptism of the Spirit, about fifty were saved, and forty baptized in water. The meeting has been in progress about thirty-seven days. We left the meeting in care of Bro. Blasingame. Bro. E. Owens, myself and wife are now in another revival near Appleton, Ark., ten miles east of the former meeting.—E. W. Bond.

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Quinlan, Texas. We are glad to report a new work established at Liberty, Tex., about ten miles from Quinlan. Bro. J. M. Goodson and wife and I went down there about three weeks ago and began a meeting. We commenced in a small way as but few came at first. Though we had to drink stagnant rain water, and sleep in the school house, and cook such as could get on a camp fire, we stuck to it, and the Lord gave us victory, and the people began to pour in. We moved out to a brush arbor, and about the end of the second week some of the saints around began to reinforce us. Bro. J. B. Smith and Bro. Medley came and did good service, and the power fell in such a way that the people were amazed and said one to another, "We never saw 'it on this wise before." We wound up last Sunday night with the largest crowd it was said ever known to be gathered in Liberty. As a result of the meeting, ten were saved, seven received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, people everywhere were stirred and were reading their Bibles and a number were left seeking. A denominational preacher came down and got up and preached two sermons against us, bitterly denouncing us right in the middle of our meeting. But the people came on and nearly all said, "We know this is the right way." Seven were baptized in water at the close of the meeting. Bro. Goodson is to have the pastorate of the work for the present. Pray for him. Pray also for me. am expecting to return to China in the early fall.—Mattie Ledbetter.

:o:

Hector, Ark. We arrived at this place June 20th, and found a dear brother by the name of Derryberry engineering for a saw mill, and at the same time working for the Lord. His wife was the only one right in the immediate neighborhood to help him in his fight for Jesus, and there were only eight saints within a radius of about six miles. The revival broke out on the Sunday following

and has been going on ever since, and we hope will continue till Jesus comes. The biggest part of the meeting was held at old Bolling Springs Camp Grounds. We met Brother Bonds after the meeting had been going for some time and asked him to help, and he surely did fight the devil with all his might. The Spirit has continued to work day and night, Saints dancing under the power, many having visions, while one dear brother had a vision of the great European war. He saw armies compassed around the Holy City, and saw the lake of fire with the lost of the earth. His wife saw Jesus making ready for His return to earth.

There have been fifty-nine baptisms in water, and a goodly number to be baptized yet. People are still praying and getting saved, and the power is still falling, and the Lord is blessing everywhere, praise His name. The saints and their friends are going to build a new church at this place. Sister Snider, a faithful and worthy servant, gave the land, and her husband and other worthy ones are pushing the work.—Evangelist Willis J. Blasingame.

Boonville, Ark. I came here a few days ago to attend the camp meeting and convention, but found the meeting had been annulled. The saints here wanted me to stay over Sunday. We had a meeting on Saturday night, and on Sunday night there were seven or eight at the altar seeking the Lord. We continued the meeting and on the night of August 2nd there were fifteen crying their way through to God. Several touched the throne. The power fell, and it looked as if everyone in the house would come to God.—D. E. Boatright.

Lake Huntington, N. Y. I recently closed a ten days' meeting in Lake Huntington, N. Y., several souls found the Lord as their Saviour, and five were baptized in water. Meetings were held in the Presbyterian church at first. When the preacher saw his church members getting real salvation and immersed in water we were soon expelled from the synagogue. The preacher said they were all Christians in that place and needed no revival meetings. We finished up in great victory however in a large hall opened up to us. Three large homes were also at our disposal. The crowds increased and God worked. One brother received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He was a member of the official board in the Methodist Church. Hallelujah! God confirms the real Gospel preached with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, and souls get saved and obey God. I have preached in several churches of late and find many hungry souls who respond to the truth. May God help us who have light and are in touch with the power house to use tact and wisdom in getting the truth to the people of God. So many spoil and hinder by giving too big a dose to dwarfed children of God, whose minds are not developed enough to receive the deeper truths.—Evang. Harry Long, with Frank L. Grimes.

The Evangel Prayer Band

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

"Pray for us."—G. R. Aubrey and wife.
 "Remember me in your prayers."—W. A. C.
 An evangelist who is going to a new field requests prayer.
 "I desire your prayers. I need them very much."—S. H. G.
 "Pray for my children that they may be saved soon."—M. W., Bay, Ark.
 Prayer is requested for a family who are seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit.—L. M. T.
 A sister who has sent in for a number of tracts asks us to pray for her as she distributes them.
 "Will you please pray for me that I may be healed in mind and body, stomach and nerves."—C. E. S.
 "Please pray for this community as it needs God's power very badly. Pray that my husband and I may be saved."—M. J., Garland, Texas.
 Evangelist Chas. Williamson desires us to unite in prayer with him for the mighty power of God to come down on the work at Texarkana, Texas.
 "Please pray for my eyes; they had wild hairs in them. They itch and water so that

I can hardly rest. Continue to pray for Marceline."—M. E. W.
 A sister in North Yakima, Wash., who has had a stroke that has left her left side paralyzed, requests prayer for healing, also that the Lord will send help to that district.
 "Pray the Lord will send some Spirit-filled preacher to this needy place. There is a small bunch of saints that need your prayers."—D. A. Cawgill, Fredericktown, Missouri.
 "Please pray for my three daughters and two sons. Pray for a meeting that started near here. Pray for Mrs. T. A. Hendricks that she may be restored to good health."—J. S. G., Ozark, Ala.
 "I want you to strive with me in prayer for my son to be delivered from the enemy and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I am praying for a holy family. There are four in family, three saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost."—E. McK., Bismark, Okla.
 "I am not satisfied with my experience at all; I am also here alone and so very, very poor, and afflicted with a complication of troubles of long standing. I do implore you to pray that I may have a satisfactory experience, and my body made perfectly sound and well."—E. M., Dublin, Tex.

MARYLAND CAMP MEETING.

Shaft, Md., Aug. 5th to 26th. We will try and furnish all that come with free sleeping quarters. Meals at reasonable prices, 20 or 25 cents, lunches 10 or 15 cents. If you cannot afford this, come, and God will provide. Be sure you bring your bedding and toilet articles. All ordained ministers should apply through the general passenger agents for clerical rates to Mt. Lake Park, Md. Those from the east should book their tickets to this point and get off at Cumberland, Md., and take the interurban to Shaft. All cars stop in front of camp. Those from west to take tickets to Mt. Lake Park, then just pay the difference to Piedmont, W. Va., and take train from there, or walk across the river, and take car from Westport. E. R. Fitzgerald of Russellville, Ark., W. H. Pope of Oklahoma, and Jas. Harvey from India expected. Write for bills to Elder A. B. Cox, Shaft, Md.

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.

CAMPMEETINGS & NOTICES.

As we publish these camp meeting notices without charge, we trust our brethren will reciprocate by taking subscriptions for the Evangel, sample copies of which will be sent free on application, and by ordering their song books from the publishing house. In addition to Winsett's well-known books, we are offering the three following Camp Meeting specials:

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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.

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.

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.

Pentecostal Convention at Faith Home, 846 Broadway, East Providence, R. I., August 29 to and over Labor Day, September 3, 1917. Ministers and workers expected from other assemblies. Full particulars from secretary at above address.

Pentecostal Camp Meeting, Harrison Center, Indiana, August 24 to Sept. 22. Evangelists Bro. and Sister Jewell and other speakers and workers. Three meetings daily. For information apply to F. W. Jewell, Petoskey, Mich.

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.

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.

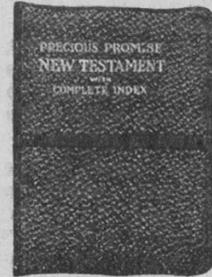
District Convention for Northwest Texas will be held at **Wichita Falls, Tex., August 25th to September 2nd**. All ministers and workers of this district are urged to be present. Entertainment for all preachers. You will be expected to pay your own car fare in and out from your home assembly. For further information apply to W. W. Hall, District Presbyter, Wichita Falls, Tex.

Pentecostal Camp Meeting will be held in **Floydada, Texas**, beginning the third Sunday in August, and continuing as the Lord shall direct. All the saints welcomed. Come prepared to care for yourself. Further information write C. J. Massey, Floydada, Texas.

Camp Meeting at Wafford's Switch, Tex., commencing August 19th. Nice place for a meeting. All come prepared to camp. It is practically a new field. Any preacher or evangelist that feels led to come will be welcome.—Evang. A. H. Stanley and band.

Elim Home, Rochester, August Convention, Aug. 24-26. For full particulars write Miss S. A. Duncan, 161 East Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

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SISTER ETTER CLOSES AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

The Woodworth-Etter meetings at her home city, which have been going on in June and July, turned out to be a great success. Scores of people have come in from various States and have received what they came for and went back rejoicing.

Already mail comes in telling us how the fire kindled in the hearts of saints while here is spreading in their homes and mission fields. A letter came a few days ago which stated that on their way home a meeting was held by some of the saints at a station with marvellous results. Surely the results of this campaign in the light of eternity will be seen to have been marvellous. Many saints who came prepared to stay only a few days, went back and made arrangements to come and stay to the end of the campaign. These proved a great blessing.

I do not believe that I ever witnessed a campaign where so many people were disappointed when we closed. The interest and power were on the increase through the whole campaign. Yesterday a woman stopped me on the street and with tears streaming down her eyes remarked, "When are you starting up again? I live here and now believe this is of God and the baptism is for me."

A vegetable peddler came to the house and said, "my wife wants to know when you folks start up again. We both believe your work is of God." Many such instances might be mentioned.

One night Sister Etter and a few of the saints were held like statues for nearly half an hour. It seems like as if we could never dismiss the meeting, the power of God was so great. The night following the power fell on a young woman back in the audience who was in the meeting for the first time, not saved, so that she ran forward back and forth around the altar, then got on top of it; later on she got on the platform and began to plead with sinners. The Spirit took the meeting so that a message by a preacher could not come forth.

Some marvellous cases of healing took place daily. A woman was so marvellously delivered of a snaky, shaking spirit which she had for forty years, that she at once sent for her sister in Florida to come. Her sister came and got healed of her diseases too. Now they are both well and happy.

Because Sister Etter and her workers needed rest so bad it was thought best to close. The work begun will, when God opens the way, be carried on in a tabernacle and made permanent. Let all the saints pray for it. Thus far no other meeting is announced yet.—August Feick.

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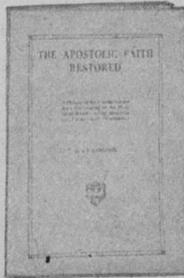
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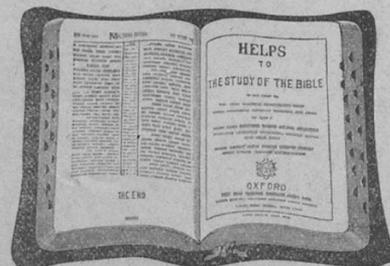
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