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## “HE IS NEAR.”

The shooting forth of leaves so green,  
Doth testify of sun's warm beam,  
So likewise ye when signs appear  
Know that the Son of man is near;  
For many in His Name have risen,  
Deceiving many who've been bidden,  
And prophets false there are a score,  
So therefore know, **He's at the Door.**  
And amid the nation's strife,  
We hear of wars and famines rife,  
And 'mid the earthquake's rumbling sound  
Iniquity doth more abound.  
But these to us are warnings given,  
That when we to the feast are bidden,  
To sup with Him, who is the Light.  
Appear in garments clean and white,  
O days of Vengeance, nigh at hand,  
Who before His wrath can stand?  
When heaven and earth in fervent heat  
Doth melt away before His feet.  
Haste ye! haste ye! why delay  
The glorious Gospel to obey?  
To be by holy angels spurned,  
And from His blessed Presence turned.

—Wm. J. Taylor,  
Door of Hope Mission, Kobe, Japan.  
(Given by the Holy Spirit after a night of prayer and  
meditation.)

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## LIKE CHRIST.

(A Prayer.)

In a world His hands had made,  
Not a place to lay His head!  
A partaker let me be  
Of His sweet humility. Luke 9:56.

Nothing owned, and nothing had,  
From His Father's hand was fed.  
Thus let me renounce my life,  
End of conflict, end of strife. Matt. 26:27.

In Pilate's hall, a rebel horde  
Him reviled, but not a word!  
Holy silence let me seek,  
Speechless, till the Lord bid speak. Matt. 17:62, 63.

Miracles on every side,  
"The Father's works," thus HE cried,  
My helplessness here I see  
Is God's room to work in Me. John 14:10.  
2 Cor. 3:5.

Author of all worlds now view!  
"Of myself I NOTHING do"  
Through me that HIS works may show,  
Empty may I ever go. John 5:19, 30.  
Gal. 2:20.

Can it surely ever be,  
As He was, so may be we?  
Let every mourner dry his tears,  
Provision higher now appears,  
Upon the throne as Him we see  
"As He is" here! "so are we." Luke 6:40.  
1 John 4:17.

On the throne with ceaseless care,  
Lives He ever to make prayer;  
Seated "with HIM" let me plead  
All the world's exceeding need. Heb. 7:25.  
Eph. 2:6.

—Elizabeth Sisson.

(Six verses of this prayer appeared in the Sunday School Times.)

## PURITY IN THE PRAYER LIFE.

Why the need of importunate, persistent prayer? Primarily, that our motives may be purified.

You will notice in James 4:3—"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts (margin—pleasures)." We see a clear example of this in the case of Rachel. We read in Gen. 30:1 "Rachel envied her sister." Now envy was not soil to produce a Joseph. God's purpose was to bring a heaven-sent messenger into the world and so the heart of Rachel had to be purified. O how little do parents realize the sanctity of parenthood. Then Rachel still looked to the human for the answer to her cry. Her desire was right but her motive was mixed. God had better things for her than she asked or thought. And He has for us. God did not forget although it looked as if He had, but *God never forgets*. O how precious the words in verse 22 "God remembered Rachel and God hearkened unto her." Ah, Rachel had given herself to prayer when the human failed. How often only the failure of human resources drives us to the Almighty One with whom nothing is impossible. Rachel pours out her heart to God, and God hearkens, and so Rachel having become a woman of prayer becomes soil to produce a man of God, a man of prayer. Not only a son—but a mighty deliverer, a humble man to whom God could reveal Himself, a man who from his youth was filled with the divine nature. Was it not worth while to wait? Wouldst thou have God do mighty things in and through you, bow in humble submission and let God cleanse and purify and perfect His work in thee and close thine eyes to all but Him. If need be, like Hannah "be afflicted and mourn and weep, let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to heaviness." "And humble yourself under the mighty hand of God." 1 Sam. 1:15, 16, 17.

Let us look at Abraham. He laughed when God said Sarah should have a son—Abraham still looked to the natural. O how hard it is to get our eyes from the natural to the supernatural. God had been dealing with Abraham for years. Now He speaks to him again. "Walk before me and be thou perfect;" "I am God Almighty, I will do that which I have promised, but I want you to come into closer relationship with Me." O dear unanswered one, this is what God is doing with thee. God would reveal Himself in His almightiness, and so He brings us to the end of the natural that He may reveal Himself as the supernatural, the Almighty One, working in ways far above the natural. And so Isaac was the offspring of pure faith, for we read in Heb. 11:11 that "through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed." O truly nothing is too hard, too wonderful for Him whose name is "Wonderful." We read that "Abraham waxed strong in faith" and "after he had patiently endured he obtained the promise" and became "the friend of God" "the father of the faithful." Was it worth while waiting to become friends with God? O let us pray and not faint, and God will do wonderful things for us and in us.

Abraham came to the place where he could believe for anything. Read Rom. 4:18-21. He believed what God had promised He was able to perform. Faith considers absolutely nothing but the promise of God, "Laughs at impossibilities and cries it shall be done." Look at the sublime faith of Rachel, "God shall add to me another son" and God did add another son. Faith is never disappointed. O dear disappointed one, God is wooing you into a place of such close fellowship with Himself that ye may ask what ye will and it shall be done, to a place of such assurance that you will be able to say "I know that thou hearest me always." (*With God there is no such thing as time, God is waiting for conditions.*)

(Hast thou given up expecting great things from God, and settled down into an ordinary Christian life, and are putting off to another age things that God will do right here and now as soon as conditions are met?) O let us stir ourselves up unto prayer as Daniel, and God will as surely hear and answer as in his case. (There are conditions to be met before any promise can be fulfilled. Are we meeting the conditions?) God said "shall I hide from Abraham that which I do seeing he will command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord".... that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which He hath spoken of him. Dear one, can He say this of you? Can He say as He said of David "I have found David a man after my heart who will fulfill all my will?" He is seeking such today. His eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in behalf of the man whose heart is perfect toward Him.—Margaret N. Gordon.

No past experience of His grace will avail thee if thou dost turn from simple dependence upon thy Lord. Thou hast naught but what thou dost receive from Him hour by hour. Thou hast a watchful foe ready to ensnare thee if thou wilt but give him place. Keep thou hidden safely in thy Lord, who intercedes for thee before the throne of God, and if thou wilt walk in the light, bringing to the light thy doings—that it may be shewn thee whether they are "wrought in God"—the blood of Jesus Christ His Son will keep cleansing thee from all sin, and thou shalt walk in blessed fellowship with Him.—Sel.

Don't forget the date of the fifth General Council of the Assemblies of God, beginning September 9th, 1917.

**DEATH DESTROYED. LIFE TRIUMPHANT.**

(Ed. Note.—The writer of this article is one who has been much used of the Lord on the lines of Divine Healing during the past twenty-five years and her writings on this subject have been a blessing to many. She wrote an article at one time entitled "Death Vanquished," and we remember meeting our brother, Mr. George Montgomery of Oakland, with a copy of a paper containing this article in his pocket and he remarked at the time that he felt this was a needed truth for the saints of God. Shortly after this it proved so in his case, for he was taken to the very gates of death, and the tract containing the story of his remarkable victory over death which can be obtained from him at Beulah Heights, Oakland, Cal., is a testimony that every saint should read. The viewpoint of the article below is the nearness of the coming of the Lord. Should He tarry, it may be His will for some of His saints to go to their graves "in full age, like a shock of corn cometh in in his season," but if His return is right at hand, and we believe it is, we need to stand fast in the faith that we may have power over all the power of the enemy and tarry till He comes.)

The last *enemy* to be destroyed is death. Oh, how glad I am that God calls death an *enemy*, and disease a *plague* and a *curse*; (read the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy, especially verse 45, and Mark 5:34). So it is all summed up; disease, a curse and a plague; and death, an enemy.

Now for the remedy—"Jesus took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses," (Matt. 8:17) and was made a curse for us. (Gal. 3:13). Glory to His name! Many thousands know Him as the bearer of their sicknesses, but very few, as yet, have received the revelation that our Saviour, Jesus Christ, "hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel." And it is my conviction that this truth must be realized by all those who shall be translated to meet the Lord in the air. And a very practical realization it will need to be. No child's play, this! For when we venture on this ground we *know* that we are in direct conflict with the principalities and powers of darkness as never before. For, as dear Miss Sisson says of these overcomers, "They are Satan's terror, and he will make them his special target," and "their full maturity is the death knell of Satan." Hallelujah! It stirs us to our inmost depths. Oh, may we all become "terrors to Satan" in the mighty power of God that our Jesus may be glorified in these mortal bodies which he is able to make impervious to death until He come.

This is no patching up of the old garment of the flesh—the healing of the old natural body—but yielding up our whole being unto death, spirit, soul and body, we are raised into the life of the living Christ, and in Him we live, and move, and have our being.

Someone has said, "The careful reader of the gospels cannot fail to notice our Lord's intolerance of death." He meets the funeral procession coming from Nain, and bids the bearers stand still. "The king of terrors was encountering the Resurrection and the Life and was defeated. The prey was taken from the mighty, the fulness of His life streamed out for a moment, and the young man arose and spoke." Again at the grave of Lazarus, in all His mighty power He calls with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." "He calls him by name lest His Word should bring forth all the dead."

Oh, Almighty Lord, Oh, wonderful Christ of God, how our spirits revel in these instances of thine overcoming majesty and might, and how long we for the time when all thy saints shall come forth from their graves, and Thy waiting loved ones be caught up to meet Thee in the air!

And yet how many seem to regard death as a friend, and when we advocate with all the force of our being this grand message for these last days of victory over death,

they seem to feel that we speak or think disparagingly of those who have gone before, and point to the many glorious death beds of the dear departed loved ones as a proof of their victory; but, dear ones, that only shows that God glorified His name, and took them triumphantly through the dark river, and does not alter the fact that death is an *enemy* all the same, and also that many, many death-beds of dear sainted people of God have not been a glorious "sweeping through the gates." Far from it, for Satan seems to have been able in many cases to loose all the fierceness of his hatred and malice on their closing hours, and the onlookers can only say with all the tender love they have in their hearts to the dear one passing away when they close the tired eyes, "Thank God it is over."

One dear soul, in the Divine Healing Number of the Weekly Evangel says in her testimony—"Death is horrible." I agree with her from my very soul. How can it be anything else but horrible when it is an enemy. Witness a poor woman dying of cancer "waiting for the executioner," as a dear woman said to me a few years ago. And when he came she groaned her life out in agony. Another I heard of only while writing this article who said, "Oh, if this pain were only strong enough to kill me, how thankful I should be." And God is credited with all this horror, when it is just the working out of the law of sin and death, but we, whose eyes have been opened by the power of the Holy Ghost, know that "the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death." Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Jesus, who from bondage frees us,  
Tell it around, let it abound,  
There's life in our risen Lord."

Oh may we live in that life, put on immortality down here, and rise to meet Him triumphantly in the air.—M. Martin 196 Upland Rd., Dulwich, London, England.

**OUTLINE STUDIES OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION.**

A request appeared in the Weekly Evangel not long ago, that the saints would pray that the Lord would supply the needed means for Bro. Turner to bring out a second edition of his book, "Outline Studies in the Book of the Revelation." The Lord has answered prayer and a second edition, revised and enlarged, is now printed and we have a number in the Evangel office. One of the best features of the new book are the new maps—one a historical map of the Roman Empire; another a map of the world showing Babylon as the future world center.

Dr. Blanchard writes concerning this book, "I believe it to teach substantial truth in a clear and attractive form, and I shall be glad if very many who wish light on the last days will secure and prayerfully study it."

Dr. Spayd of Springfield, Ill., says of this book, "I have read quite a number of works on this subject, Kelly, Lincoln, Walter Scott, Snell, Gaebelien, Seiss and others, but I consider your studies just a little superior to any of them. Your studies . . . are so plain, easily comprehended nothing about them involved, but at every point clear and orderly."

The comment of Bro. Kerr's paper, The Pentecostal Report of Cleveland, O., is "We find this book very helpful in the study of prophecy, and full of matter that is made especially interesting by the crisis through which the world is passing at the present time."

Those who wish to secure this valuable book on prophecy, which sets forth the Book of Revelation from the standpoint of one of the best scholars in the Pentecostal movement, should order their copies at once. Last year many were disappointed because we could not furnish the copies they ordered, and as the present edition is only 1,500 volumes, a large number of which have been ordered in advance, the whole edition will be exhausted very quickly. Send your order at once and be sure of securing a copy. The price is the same as formerly, \$1.00 in cloth and 57 cents in paper, post-paid.

## PICTURES OF PENTECOST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

### Picture XII. Anointed ones sent forth. Isa. 61.

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint to them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified."

Part of the above formed the text of our Lord's first sermon in Nazareth (Luke 4:16-22). He did not read the whole sentence, but broke off at "the acceptable year of the Lord," i. e., the preaching of salvation through His cross and cleansing through the precious blood, which was the message of His first coming. "The day of vengeance of our God" will be ushered in at His second coming, when the time of judgment comes and the day of grace closes. Oh what a privilege to sit in that synagogue at Nazareth, and listen to the gracious words that fell from the lips of our precious Lord! And yet we have Him with us now in a still closer and more intimate communion by His Holy Spirit. (May the Comforter today take of the things of Christ and reveal them unto us, showing us what He desires us to learn as to our calling and commission in His service.)

In previous articles we have already studied the type of *oil* referring to the baptism of the Holy Ghost; we have seen the various aspects of the anointing, as applied to prophets, priests and kings; and we have also noted how this holy oil of the Spirit's fulness is our only means of paying our debt to the unsaved world all around us. Let us now trace more in detail how this work is to be carried out, and what is the glorious commission of the Lord to every Spirit-baptized child of His.

#### 1. *The kind of people we shall meet.*

They are described as meek (or poor, those who have no resources of their own), brokenhearted, captives, bound, mourners, feeding on ashes (compare Isa. 44:20), and clothed with the spirit of heaviness. Could we have a more exact description of the Christless world of today? Glory to God for a Gospel that can change all this! Let us not fear to proclaim it, to tell to sinners far and wide how Christ, the great Deliverer, can wash them from their sins, fill them with His Spirit, and make them heirs of glory. Some say to us, "Be careful how you preach the full Gospel. These people are just careless sinners; they are not yet able to receive teaching about the baptism of the Holy Ghost, so keep quiet about that until you get them saved."

Beloved, this kind of advice, however plausible it may sound, usually proceeds from the fear of man, a spirit of compromise, and a dread of the consequences of preaching the full Gospel; for this always arouses the opposition of the enemy in a special way. So let us not be misled by the advice, but trace it to its source and unmask it. Of course we must preach Jesus as the Saviour from sin *first*, and we cannot be too careful to be sure that people are truly saved and sanctified before leading them on to seek the baptism of the Holy Ghost. But this need not hinder us from preaching the full Gospel right from the very first. Must I go to the poor prodigal and say only, "Your Father still loves you, and if you will return to Him, He will give you an allowance of bread to keep you from starving?" No, indeed! The more I can tell him of what that loving Father will do for him, the more I

shall awaken his desire to return home. So I will tell him, "Your Father's heart is breaking with love for you. He is watching for your return day and night. When he hears the sound of your footsteps far away, He will run to meet you, will embrace you with His arms of love, will forgive you all your sins, will clothe you with the robe of righteousness, will put a ring on your hand and shoes on your feet, will kill the fatted calf to make a feast for you, and will continue to shelter and to love you as He does His only begotten Son." (See John 15:9.)

Peter was preaching to a crowd of hardened sinners on the Day of Pentecost, and he said, "Repent and be baptized... and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38.) And when Paul was reviewing his preaching in Ephesus, he said, "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you. I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." Now let us look at

2. *The results of the preaching.* These poor, mourning captives, the slaves of sin and Satan, are to be brought out into the glorious liberty of the children of God. If we read the whole context (chapters 60 to 62) we shall find several beautiful metaphors used to describe the saved people of God. We will look now at four of them, finding in each case the expression "thou shalt be called," or "they shall call thee."

#### 1. *The Lord's Dwellingplace.* Isa. 60:14.

"They shall call thee, the city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel." It was of Zion that God said, "The Lord hath chosen Zion, He hath desired it for His habitation. This is My rest for ever; here will I dwell, for I have desired it." (Psa. 132:13, 14.) Glory to God we may go to the slaves of sin and Satan, to those deeply sunk in the mire of worldliness and pride, and tell them of a Saviour who can lift them out and change them so completely that they may become His dwellingplace—a holy, cleansed and consecrated home for His abode. "Ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." 2 Cor. 6:16.

#### 2. *The Lord's Fruitbearers.* Isa. 61:3.

"That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified." The Heavenly Husbandman expects some return for all the labor He has bestowed on us. He who has saved and planted us in His garden, waits to see the fruit of the Spirit in our daily lives. "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples." (John 15:8.) "By their fruits ye shall know them." (Matt. 7:20.)

#### 3. *The Lord's Priests.* Isa. 61:6.

"Ye shall be named the priests of the Lord; men shall call you the ministers of our God." Every saved soul is called to a blessed ministry for the salvation of others. There are to be not only the fruits of the Spirit in the life and character but also the signs following in service.

#### 4. *The Lord's Delight.* Isa. 62:4.

"Thou shalt be called Hephzibah (My delight is in her), and thy land Beulah (married); for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married." Notice the stages of progression in these names for the saved ones. The house is an inanimate object, the tree has vegetable life; the priests have human life and a blessed ministry of sacrifice and intercession. But here we have the symbol of the bride—the highest and most intimate of all. Yes, the poor, unworthy sinners saved by grace, are to form part of that glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but holy and without blemish, which the Holy Spirit is preparing in this age, to be presented as a chaste virgin to Christ. (Eph. 5:25-27; 2 Cor. 11:2.)

(And every member of the Bride must have the Bride-

Spirit, must be partaker of the very nature of the Heavenly Bridegroom. He who would form part of the Bride of the Lamb must have a lamblike spirit. Let us yield to the Spirit for Him to work out in each one of us this conformity to the image of Jesus, and to bring us into the close, intimate communion which exists between the Bridegroom and the Bride.)

May the Lord raise up a host of anointed ones to go forth into every dark and needy land with this glorious Gospel, and may these blessed results be seen in the lives of all the converts! Then indeed will the old wastes be builded, the former desolations raised up, and deserts be changed into gardens by the mighty power of God.—A. E. L.

### GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS.

The various offices of the three Divine Persons in the Godhead correspond most accurately with the three great functions in our bodies; the heart, the head, and the hand. God the Father is the infinite heart in the Godhead, the original, unseen, living fountain, from which the other persons flow.

In every living creature, the heart is the first thing that is formed; and from it, the next that is produced is the head; and from these comes forth the hands or wings. Every part and atom of a human body was at one time in the heart. The eternal Father is, in the Godhead what the heart is in the body, the spring is hidden out of sight, and its special function is to love and give; for with every pulse it is giving.

God is love. The Father so loved "that He gave His only begotten Son." The Holy Ghost is the gift, the promise of the Father. The Father has appointed His Son to be the head over all things. Paul tells us, all things are to be headed up, or reheaded in Christ. The head is the organ of knowledge, understanding, wisdom, revelation, dominion, kingship, judging, speaking, all of which functions are in Scripture, in multiplied ways, ascribed to our blessed Lord Jesus, the Son of the Father. As in the production of every natural life, the head is the first organ that is produced out of the heart, so God's Word is the first begotten, the firstborn, the adorable Person, who comes next to the eternal Father. As the hand is the third organ formed from the pulses of the heart and head, the organ of power, of executive strength, of ministry to all the body, so the person of the Holy Ghost, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, is the hand, the power, the executive minister, the unction, the all-efficient agent of the Godhead. The hand obeys the heart and the head, as the Holy Ghost implicitly and powerfully carries out the will of the Father and the Son. As the hand is that organ that ministers to all needs; feeding and bathing, nursing and soothing, caressing, lifting and moving, with executive beauty, or delicacy, or power, the affections of the heart, or the judgments of the head, so the Holy Ghost is spoken of in Scripture as performing these corresponding ministries in the things of God.

Thus in our own bodies, our own God has set up a type of His glorious being, and the functions of the three Divine Persons. Have you ever noticed how the power of the Holy Ghost is spoken of in the Scripture as "His holy arm?" For years I used to wonder why the Bible so many times says "God spake by the hand of Moses." I understand it now, since the glorious Trinity has been so sweetly and powerfully revealed to me. Moses spake by the Holy Ghost who is the right hand of God's power. The very instant that a heart is formed the head and hands are also with it, of the same substance, and age, though not manifest. In like manner from all eternity, in the bosom of the Father, the heart of the Godhead, the love

fountain of all being, there was the blessed Son, and Holy Spirit, of the same substance, essence, and glory, to be successively manifested to us creatures in time.—G. D. Watson, in "Our Own God."

### EVANGEL TRACTS FOR THE TIMES.

We are purposing to bring out a weekly tract from the Gospel Publishing House and to register the same as second class matter at the Post Office. This will considerably reduce the cost of the mailing of tracts, and enable us to supply them at cheaper rates than formerly. It is our intention of bringing out many new tracts, and also to include some of the old favorites in this weekly series.

We have made enquiries at the Post Office and we find that we cannot make the registration until we can produce a bona fide list of subscribers, so we want as many of the Evangel family to subscribe for this new series of publications as possible. It is our purpose to bring out 50 tracts during the year, and the subscription price for one copy weekly will be 25 cents per year; for five copies, 50 cents; for ten copies, \$1.00 per year. See how many can send a dollar and get 500 tracts of 50 varieties during the year. What a lot of good you can do for the Master with these "Silent Preachers." The average size of tract will be six pages.

Send in subscriptions as soon as possible, and as soon as we can get sufficient subscriptions we will start the "Evangel Tracts for the Times" weekly series.

How is it that people can leave their souls and eternity with Christ, but not the things of time? Is there not light enough in heaven to cast down brightness on the little bit of wilderness I am passing over, and to light up enough of all that remains of the three-score years and ten down here?

A fixed time is coming, we cannot say how soon, when the Father will say to the Son, "Rise up, and bring the bride hither. The Lord Jesus, amid all the glory of God, has a heart large enough to think of coming to meet even me. "There is a poor thing, stumbling through his duties, often going wrong. I shall go and fetch him, and make him a partaker of all I have."

There must be a more simple faith in Christ as a living person for today, not believing only in His love yesterday, tomorrow and forever; but we need to know it as the love of the living Christ *today*, who is sitting *at this very moment* at the right hand of God in heaven, bearing all His people on His heart, making all our cares through our pilgrimage His.

The church will be where the sense of being loved by the Father, even as the Son is loved, will surpass all understanding. The Father's house, the Father's bosom, was to be the resting place of the church; nothing could satisfy the Son, but her being there where He had rested from all eternity. *But we have this place of rest now*—we shall never be more sons of God than we are now; else where were the force of that word, "*Now* are we the sons of God?"

### IMPORTANT!

We have just gotten out the "Combined Minutes of the General Council" setting forth all the principal resolutions passed from the first Council Meeting to the present time. This booklet contains the Statement of Fundamental Truths approved by the Council and also the Resolution concerning Military Service. Postpaid 10 cents.

## AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOE.

By-Edgar C. Steinberg.

(Part II.)

**The second type with its antitype.**

*As Noe's entrance into the Ark was followed by the judgment of the wicked upon the face of the earth, so a terrible tribulation will follow the translation of the True Church into Heaven.*

This tribulation will be the judgment of God upon the wicked who are at that time on the face of the whole earth. "For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows—then shall be *great tribulation* such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

We must turn to Revelation for more information regarding this time of great judgment which has already begun on the earth. In the 6th chapter, beginning with the first verse: "And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals. . . and behold a white horse, and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him, and he went forth conquering and to conquer. And when he had opened the second seal. . . there went out another horse that was red; and power was given to him that sat thereon *to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another*, and there was given unto him a great sword." This second seal has truly been opened. Peace has been taken from the earth, and they are killing one another. Only God knows when it will end. "And when he had opened the third seal. . . lo, a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny." A measure is said to be one-twelfth of a quart, and the penny used at that time is valued at about fifteen cents, American money. A twelfth of a quart (one three hundred and eighty-fourths of a bushel) of wheat for fifteen cents, or \$57.60 per bushel. War prices! Famine is bound to follow the present war.

"And when he had opened the fourth seal. . . behold a pale horse; and his name that sat on him was death, and hades followed with him, and power was given unto them *over the fourth part of the earth*, (about 400,000,000 people) to kill with sword and with hunger and with death and with the beasts of the earth." "As it was in the days of Noe, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

"And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood, and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig-tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind, and the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places, and the kings of the earth and the great men and the rich men and the chief captains and the mighty men and every bondman and every freeman hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks fall on us and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?"

"And when he had opened the seventh seal. . . I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. . . and the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth; and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. And the second angel sounded, and

as it were, a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea; and the third part of the sea became blood. And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died, and the third part of the ships were destroyed. And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters. . . and the third part of the waters became wormwood, and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon and the third part of the stars, so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth, and unto him was given the key to the bottomless pit, and he opened the bottomless pit, and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air was darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth, and unto them was given power as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. And to them was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months. And their torment was as the torment of a scorpion when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. And the sixth angel sounded, and . . . a voice saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared. . . for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand, and out of their mouths issued *fire and smoke and brimstone* (what issues forth from cannons). By these three was the third part of men killed. And the rest of the men, which were not killed by these plagues *yet repented not* of the works of their hands." Time forbids the reading of other numerous passages in this wonderful book of prophecy. These that have been read will suffice to show that "as the days of Noe were, so shall also the days of the coming of the Son of man be."

One more type with its antitype, and we close. *As Noe with his family after the flood came out from the Ark and had possession of the whole earth, so, after the terrible judgment upon the wicked, the Lord Jesus is coming again into the world with the church He has translated into heaven.* "The meek shall inherit the earth," is one of the promises in the fifth chapter of Matthew. They will not need the cannon, submarine and battleship to get control of it, for it will be given to them. Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords. Paul says in 1 Cor. 15:25, "For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet." "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod, the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, where is He that is BORN KING of the Jews?" "And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and call his name Jesus; He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and *the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of His father David, and HE SHALL REIGN over the house of Jacob forever: and OF HIS KINGDOM THERE SHALL BE NO END.*"

"Pilate therefore said unto Him, *art Thou a king then?* Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. *TO THIS END WAS I BORN AND FOR THIS CAUSE CAME I INTO THE WORLD. . . .*" "And Pi-

late wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was, 'JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS.'" Jesus Christ was born to be a king on this earth, and God will not rest until the proud spirit of the present nations is broken, and Jesus is recognized as King of kings. Just a word from Daniel the prophet in the second chapter and forty-fourth verse: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." The church is going to reign with Him, and "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in the earth, and things under the earth, and that every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." He is still giving this world an opportunity to surrender and to receive him. He says: "Behold I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." *"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne."* Everyone of the nations which has taken up the sword in this present war shall "perish by the sword," for God's Word says: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." There is only one way to get control of this earth, and that is by inheritance. It is promised to the meek.

To be continued.

### THE FAITHFULNESS OF OUR BRIDEGROOM.

I'm so proud of my Beloved. "His head is as the most fine gold, His locks are bushy and black as a raven." This speaks of the eternal youth of my eternal Bridegroom. "His legs are pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold." When Satan came to Him and tried to get Him to fall down and worship him, those "pillars of marble" did not bend. My cry is that as regards the enemy we may be unbending like Him.

He tells us, "Thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes." How His heart is filled with delight with one look of faith from our eyes. I look up to Him and say, "Lord, I believe!" and I know I am giving Him pleasure as I do so.

I marvel at what grace can do, that it can bring us to the place where He can really have delight in us. I want to lean my whole weight on Him, for He is equal for every emergency and every need. Leaning on Him, I simply cannot worry. A few weeks ago it was just about rent day and we had not the money. There were about forty of us gathered together for prayer, and a sister came in, and as she left she put some money in my hand. To my surprise I found that she had given me \$25.00. Needless to say, our praises ascended to our Beloved for once again supplying our need. A little later the phone bell rang, and this sister called up and wanted to know how much she had given me. I told her the amount. She told me that she had only purposed handing me a dollar, and she did not know that she had this large sum with her when she went out. I told her I should be most pleased to refund the money to her. "No," she said, "I could not take it back. Each morning I go to the Lord and commit myself to Him for definite guidance in all that I do, and I believe and know He guides me in everything. My Father must have intended for you to have that \$25.00, so you keep it." Oh, my Bridegroom! How wonderfully He does things! I must not look upon myself as head, but must leave everything with Him.—A. G. Ward.

God forbid that I should think aught of my sufferings for Christ, rather let me glory in His sufferings for me.—Lightfoot.

## DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also." 2 Cor. 8:7.

What grace? Why the grace of giving—a grace, or gift, in which very many come behind. It touches, very closely, you know, the reality of one's consecration; it costs sometimes more than many care to pay. True generosity proves the sincerity of your love; the consistency of your utterance; the working power of your faith. And while all these gifts are essential to the development of the body, ask God that He finish in you this same grace also. Then the more you exercise yourself therein, the more you shall abound, "being enriched in everything to all bountifulness."

Monday. "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee." Deut. 8:2.

He guided by paths that I could not see,

By ways that I have not known.

The crooked was straight and the rough made plain,  
As I followed the Lord alone.

Tuesday. "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." Col. 3:4.

This blessed union with Christ, which is daily growing more unspeakably real and precious, will soon blossom into its full culmination; and we shall be glorified together with Him. He is more and more becoming the center of our lives, yea, our very life. We are, as one saint expresses it, "To let in the love of Christ; live out the love of Christ; work out the life of Christ; look on to the coming of Christ." He is all and in all. Hallelujah!

Wednesday. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26:3.

Be sure the confusion that seems to annoy you without, does not come from the state of your heart and mind. It is remarkable how our own inward attitude colors the circumstances around us. And often when everything and everybody about you seems to be irritating and out of the spirit, just stop and ask God to show you whether much of the irritation does not come from your own heart. If so, there is a remedy—the God of peace to more fully possess your heart and mind.

Thursday. "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:3.

Here is a real Christian Endeavor to which we all should belong. If you think it possible to "keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" without some earnest endeavor on your part, you will soon find yourself sadly mistaken. What sadness it brings—the thought of how little many have sought to preserve the unity amongst God's children! And if you search deep enough you will find almost invariably that selfishness has been the great underlying hindrance.

Friday. "I will direct all his ways." Isa. 45:13.

"You have trusted Him in a few things, and He has not failed you. Trust Him now for everything, and see if He does not do for you exceeding abundantly above all that you could ever have asked or thought, not according to your power or capacity, but according to His own mighty power, that will work in you all the good pleasure of His most blessed will. You find no difficulty in trusting the Lord with the management of the universe and all the outward creation, and can your case be any more complex or difficult than these, that you need to be anxious or troubled about His management of it?"

Saturday. "I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth." Psa. 109:30.

Thy hand hath brought salvation near

In this my hour of pressing need;

Greatly I praise Thy name most dear

For love made known, for help received.

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### GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS OWN.

"As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even forever." The permanency of those mountains! Those hills are still there. So the Lord is round about His people. Sentinels, guarding, ever standing, so the Lord is permanently round about His people. The seven hills show perfection in number, so the Lord gives perfect protection and care for His people. Round about! So the Lord encompasses His people. Henceforth, even for ever! The Lord wants to teach the permanency of His care of His people and His church.

He loved Jerusalem, but the New Jerusalem is beyond compare. The old Jerusalem was a city of beauty, a delight for Israel. It was a sight for the stranger. It was God's dwelling place. But God has transferred His affections to the New Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem is His masterpiece. The old Jerusalem has been devastated and spoiled, so that the church may look up to the New Jerusalem.

Words fail to tell of the beauties of this wonderful city whose Maker and Builder is God. You are amazed at the wonders of the heavens, the majesty, beauty and extent, but that is nothing to be compared to the hidden Jerusalem, God's dwelling place, the Son's Throne and the home of the saint.

It is a prepared place, and you are kept by the power of God for that habitation. The place is prepared, and do you think the place will be empty? As surely as God's activity is being brought into play preparing this wonderful New Jerusalem, so surely will the power of the Spirit of God be at work preparing the saint to occupy the place.

David sought to prepare a place for God to dwell in, and God was pleased. God only had a makeshift in the past. *But now God is preparing a place for man.* God dwelt with man, with the children of Israel in the past, and now God is seeking man to dwell with Him. Though surrounded by angels and the archangels, with the glories of the eternal, God, such is His love, craves for man, longs to be with him, and longs for man to be with Him. And

to bring this about in its fulness, and to get as near to man as possible, and to bring man as close as possible to Himself, He sent His only begotten Son, made of a woman of earth, in order to bring the sons of earth up to the standard, to the relationship of sons of God, God coming into man in order to link man on to God.

The incarnation tells of the great longing of the heart of God for man to be near Him. Oh, how He loved Adam, and the sorrow when He lost his companionship! But God never rested until He had the second Adam with whom He could have communion and fellowship, and because He had fellowship with Him, He can now have fellowship with every true believer and follower of His Son who is a partaker of the Divine nature. God and man reconciled! Great is the mystery of godliness; great is the wonder of redemption.

### GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING AND MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

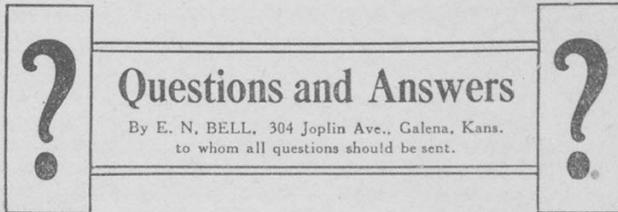
St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 9th, onward.

We covet the prayers of all the Evangel family for these forthcoming meetings, that the presence and power and wisdom of God may be vouchsafed to us, and that there may be such blessed unity in the Spirit that the Lord may be able to command His blessing in our midst. We give a most cordial invitation to all who can come to be with us.

We hope to see the following missionaries with us at the Missionary Conference, Bro. Sidersky, representing the Jewish work, Bro. and Sister J. R. Buckley from British East Africa, Bro. and Sister Doney from Egypt, Bro. and Sister Simpson, Bro. Ivan Kaufman, Sisters Nettie Nichols and Ethel Webb from China, Bro. W. K. and Sister Mary Norton, Bro. James Harvey, Bro. and Sister Schoonmaker, and Bro. Max Wood Moorhead from India, Sister Bernauer from Japan, Bro. M. M. Aijian from Armenia, and Bro. Andrew Urshan from Persia. We hope Bro. Bender will be here from South America and to have some missionaries present to represent the Mexican work. Sister Elizabeth Sisson, who has been a missionary in India, but whose ministry through her pen and through her prayer life has been for many years world-wide, writes us that she feels the tug of this conference and hopes to be with us. We trust that most of the editors of Pentecostal papers will be with us too.

Now a word as to entertainment. Our hearts are big enough to cause us to want to take care of everyone that comes along, but unfortunately the Evangel Home will not hold any more than the missionaries, and we shall have to take rooms for some of these brethren outside the home. We trust to take care of all these missionary brethren, as the conference is especially called for their benefit, but everyone else who comes must be prepared to provide for their own room rent and board, also their own car fare to and from the meeting. There will be opportunities given to those who wish to help us out with the expenses of the meeting. There will also be a missionary offering. Let it be a big one, please.

There will be an early devotional service every day and a revival meeting every night. Come praying, come expecting, come with a purpose in your heart to do what you can towards unifying the body of Christ, and towards getting this great Gospel to the uttermost ends of the earth. And if Jesus should come whilst we are assembled together, He could not find us better employed than occupied with the things that pertain to His kingdom. And if He tarries a little while longer we shall be all the better equipped in the battle for souls through having come together for these meetings.



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

**255. I vowed to God I would fast four days out of every week and I find it hard to work and fast so much. Am I required to keep this vow as in Old Testament times?**

Ans. Any vow to do good, or that will glorify God, should be kept in either Old or New Testament times, even though the Word of the Lord nowhere requires us of itself to do what we have voluntarily vowed to do. But it is wrong to make vows to our bodily or spiritual hurt. To keep such is not doing good, not glorifying God. Rather we hurt ourselves and disgrace the cause of the Lord by the bad results. You should repent of making such a foolish and rash vow, ask God to forgive you, and He will do it. Then you are loosed from the vow, and free to seek the face of God through the free grace offered in Jesus. If moderate fasting helps you to draw nigh to God, then observe it. But do not bind yourself under a vow to do the thing week after week, or month after month.

**256? How do you reconcile John 3:22, 26 with 4:1-3? Who baptized Jesus or His disciples?**

... John 4:1-3 explains 3:22, 26. The baptizing was under the ministry and authority of Jesus, and so He is said to be making and baptizing disciples. But in all cases the act of baptism was performed personally by one of the apostles.

**257. Is it right to help in this war?**

It is evidently the duty of all to uphold the law and authority of our government and for all to respond, if drafted to war, coming in an orderly way to the authority designated. If any person belongs to any well recognized religious body that cannot conscientiously engage in actual warfare, he should come to his exemption board and put in a respectful and orderly plea on this ground to be legally excused, as the law permits.

**258. What does 1 Cor. 15:23-25 mean?**

Paul is talking of the resurrection of the saints and the order of events. Christ was first raised. At His coming in the rapture, perhaps nearly 2000 years later, all who sleep in Jesus will rise to meet him. This thought here is meant to include Christ's reign for one thousand years on earth till the last rebel to God has been either won over or put in subjection to Jesus. Then cometh the end when Christ returns to the Father His authority that God may be supreme in all things.

**259. What does John 1:1-3 mean?**

This is a very poor and uncertain way to ask a question. Such a question leaves the editor to guess what is the point of trouble or to write a long commentary on the passage, covering all the points in it. A questioner should explain just exactly what the point is in any passage which he does not understand.

This passage means that the Son, the Logos, the Word, has always existed, always been with God, and is as truly Deity as God the Father is. His taking on a body of flesh by birth of the virgin Mary was not the beginning of the eternal Lord, it was only His incarnation.

It means further that this eternal Logos, Word, or Son, was the agent through whom God created all things.

**26. Does John 3:5 refer to the same thing as Acts 2:4?**

Ans. No, John refers to the new birth, and Acts to the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

**261. Are there any degrees in hell, the lake of fire?**

Ans. The Bible does not say so, but Jesus does teach that a lighter punishment will be given to those who do wrong things out of ignorance than to those who know better but still do the same things.

## ADVENT TRUTH CAMPAIGN.

### A Suggestion from Great Britain.

It being generally agreed that we are in the last days "and that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" should not the land be flooded with a knowledge of Advent truth and the cry "Behold the Bridegroom cometh" be more widely raised? Might not the next great religious movement be along this line and is it not now time for that movement?

If carried out by the usual methods, such a movement would attract little general attention and be of small advantage, as it would mostly help persons who are already more or less informed on the subject. What is required is to reach the uninterested and uninformed. Such are not attracted to churches and mission halls for the teaching of doctrinal truths, and if they are to learn and hear, the truth must be carried to them. The printed page in itself is not enough for this, since printed matter dealing with religious subject is of little interest to the general public.

We may occasionally learn from our enemies, Rome, under the guise of the High Church, is erecting her shrines and carrying, at least in this section of the country, her banners bearing pictures of the virgin. A bold method of propagating what they believe to be the truth! Could not large and handsome banners bearing Scripture on the subject of the coming of the Lord be manufactured and religious leaders in sympathy be communicated with and asked to join with their people in street procession?

The wording of the banners apart from the Scripture might be of such a nature as to awaken interest and curiosity and lead to the reading of literature freely distributed en route. Besides giving clear and simple teaching on the subject; this literature might also bear a forceful Gospel message and an earnest appeal to the saved and unsaved alike to get right with God and prepare for the coming of the Lord.

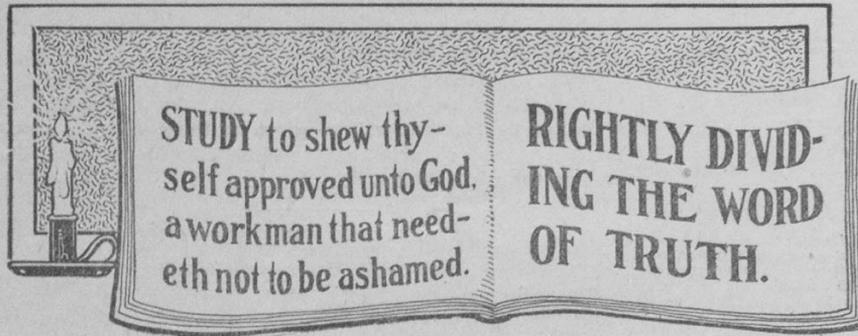
After one or two days' parade (in which the organizing leaders had taken part) a meeting, strongly evangelistic in spirit, might be held for further teaching, the best men being chosen for this purpose. When this program had been carried out in, say a dozen leading towns, the banners might be loaned to other leading towns still unreached, for parades undertaken entirely by local churches or mission halls.

To fully ensure satisfactory results, every detail of the work should be planned and carried out in prayer. All Christians in sympathy with the effort might be exhorted to observe at least a partial fast, abstaining from pleasant and unnecessary food, unnecessary conversation, reading occupation, etc., and to wait upon God in humiliation and chastening of soul for their own, the churches' and the nation's shortcomings and sins, with earnest entreaty and simple faith that he would honor the proclamation of the truth.

All might be encouraged to help in some way. If every Christian who holds this truth were to write to all unsaved relatives and friends enclosing a simple booklet on the subject, accompanied by a loving word of exhortation, who can tell what the gracious outcome might be? If such a campaign were conducted in the Spirit and by the right men it would doubtless result in great blessing and be a mighty factor in preparing the way for the coming of the Lord.—J. C. Burgess.

(Miss Burgess, whose address is Robin's Nest, Bushey, Herts, England, writes us that she has gotten out a booklet, "A Canadian Girl's Testimony," which is especially suitable for distribution amongst Christians, which she will be pleased to send to anyone who will send stamps to cover cost. Also her other tracts, "Maranatha," "The Devil's Dumping Ground," and "When shall we rise to meet the Lord?" she will also be pleased to send the same way. American and Canadian stamps received.)

If you have a friend who is growing cold in his experience, send him a copy of Bro. Urshan's book, "Timely Messages of Warning." Can be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House, 25 cts. in paper, 50 cts. in cloth.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

September 2, 1917.

### THE SHEPHERD CAPTIVE OF ISRAEL.

Lesson Text: Eze. 34:1-31.

Golden Text: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psa. 23:1.)

Practical Truth: (The Lord deals justly and mercifully with his people.)

Topic: A lost nation restored.

Time: Ezekiel began to prophesy 592 B. C.

Place: Tel-abib, on the Chebar, in Babylonia. The Chebar was an irrigating canal connecting the Euphrates and Tigris rivers.

Our last lesson was about the fall of Jerusalem and the plunge of the Jewish nation into captivity. This lesson text is some of the prophetic utterances of Ezekiel during the period in which they were held captives. Ezekiel himself was a prophet and priest in Judah and most all his prophecies pertain to that nation in a greater or less degree. His whole prophetic career was spent while they were exiled into captivity. He told the nation of its sin and of the destruction that was coming upon them. The sin and wickedness of the nations was the object of his unsparing denunciation. He well knew that there was a time to expose sin and the works of the devil, and he did not hesitate to lift us his voice like a trumpet and showed the people their sin. Isa. 58:1.

1st. **Israel's False Shepherds.** Vs. 1-10. The symbols of the Bible form one of its most interesting features. God speaks about his Church under the figure of a "flock." He speaks of the salvation and the Spirit under the figure of "water." Jno. 4:14. In the days in which we are reading about, God's people constituted the "flock," and the kings and princes the shepherds. After the final captivity of Judah and the complete destruction of Jerusalem, some of the people opened an investigation to see if the cause of the fall could be discovered. The profound investigation immediately revealed the cause of the disaster, which was, viz., the rulers (shepherds) were unfaithful to the trust that had been confidently committed to them. As a rule, the kings of Judah

were wicked, weak characters. Some, however, were good, but the good ones were largely in the minority. They did not possess the indispensable qualifications of true and faithful shepherds, nor did they have the best interest of God's work upon their hearts. (The office of a shepherd is not to exercise lordship over the flock, but rather to serve the flock. Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2. Here they failed God, then the calamity came upon them.

2nd. **The Task of a True Shepherd.** Vs. 11-22. A "sheep" in the Bible, many times, means a child of God, and one who has a place in the fold of Christ. To be a good sheep he must first by regeneration become a "partaker of the divine nature." 2 Pet. 1:4. He must hear the voice of Jesus and follow Him. Jno. 10:27. The Word makes a vital distinction between sheep and "goats." The goat has always been rejected as an utterly depraved creature, and an offshoot of the devil, whose "works he will do." Jno. 8:44. The goats will be set on the left hand of Jesus in the day of judgment and will finally lodge in hell. Matt. 25:33, 46. Jesus is the Chief Shepherd of the Church. When He came to live on the earth as "Son of Man," He began His public career by calling followers by name, and one by one they went after Him. A good shepherd is one who will both search and seek them out. If we truly belong to the fold of Christ, though sometimes driven far away, His protecting love will keep us, and He will still remember those that are His; He knows their works and where they dwell and where they are hidden. Rev. 2:13. **Cause them to lie down.** If we are not in Christ's sheep-fold we are not in a position of comfort and safety. It is impossible to make sheep lie down when they are hungry or frightened (and they are easily frightened), so the 15th verse shows how abundantly safe and satisfied the sheep are under His care and keeping. Jesus makes His flock lie deep in the rich green pastures after their desires are satisfied. Read Jno. 10th chapter.

3rd. **The Reign of Christ.** Vs. 23-31. It is good for us to know that only a part of two tribes of the children of Israel returned from the Babylonian captivity. The others are lost to us until this day, and it is God's business as to where they are. Those who returned were scattered at the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A. D. The Jews are now a scat-

tered people among all the nations of the earth, but in God's own time they will be gathered and restored the second time. Then instead of them having a succession of rulers, such as kings and princes, there shall be one Shepherd, whose leadership shall be forever. "And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to 'recover the remnant of His people,' which shall be left from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea." Isa. 11:11. In the 11th chapter of Isaiah, a beautiful description is given of the condition of the earth during the Millennial Age when Christ shall reign as "king of kings and Lord of lords."

There shall be showers of blessings. The way that He will bless the people then is spoken of under the figure of rain. For in Palestine they get no rain from April to October. But when He takes possession of the earth there will be no drouths. Christ, with His sinless angels and glorified saints, will soon take the ruling power of this earth, and we who are looking in glad expectation for His coming have the blessed hope of living here with them. Won't it be wonderful to live then? "Even so come Lord Jesus."

September 9, 1917.

### THE BENEFITS OF TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

Lesson Text: Dan. 1:1-21.

Golden Text: Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor of the wine which he drank. Dan. 1:8.

Practical Truth: They who abstain from the use of strong drink have great advantage over those who do not.

Topic: Freedom in the captivity.

Time: B. C. 605. Place: Babylon.

Daniel, like Ezekiel, was an Israelite in Babylonian captivity, but of a little earlier date. The prophecies that were uttered by Ezekiel during the captivity, which we studied last week, pertained largely to the future of Israel—God's chosen people. This week's lesson is a study on a striking incident that occurred among many other interesting experiences of Daniel and his three companions while they were held captives in Babylon. The very best moral and religious people who lived at Jerusalem when the city was captured, were taken to Babylon; if any were left at all, they were of such an order that made them insignificant, and of no importance. Among the good families of the captivity were found boys like Daniel, Honaniah, Mishael and Azariah. These were bright, promising young boys as will be seen in the position of service that they were chosen for. According to ancient custom some of the captives were to be selected and trained for important service in the land of their captivity. So it came to pass that the four boys just mentioned were chosen for this distinguished service. At the time these boys were decided upon for this work, their ages ran all the way from twelve to sixteen. Ordinarily it took a course of

training of about three years length to qualify for this particular work. Their former Jewish names were at this time changed to signify a new and different relation to the king whom they were appointed to serve.

**Daniel's purpose.**—Daniel was a young man of noble parentage, with deep religious convictions, possessed of a powerful mind which gave him great influence and responsibility. The first chapter of the book of Daniel gives an account of the selection and education of him and his three companions. Many scholar'y men believe Daniel to have been a relative of King Hezekiah, but this we cannot be too positive about. He lived throughout the entire captivity and for about fifteen years afterwards. He was over eighty-five years of age when he died. **Purposed in his heart**—Daniel was a man with a principle.

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank." Vs. 8. He was determined not to transgress the law of his conscience, nor prove untrue to his God, even if he was surrounded by heathenism. A man without a principle is like a ship without a compass or rudder. He can do nothing but drift, drift, drift. The first thing for every man and woman to do is to do right. **Purpose** shapes one's course, determines one's occupation, decides the lawfulness of one's pleasures and leads to a desirable haven. Do not be a compromiser, don't be a weakling, be true to God and your convictions. If you haven't got a character, God will take you and give you one. Never sacrifice principle for custom in any sphere of life. It is never wise to be vacillating, such as, "creatures of the circumstances," and, "when in Rome, do as the Romans do." (To gain the confidence and esteem of the unsaved we must be as Paul advised us "stedfast and unmovable," "that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive, but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ. Eph. 4:14,15.)

2. **Might not defile himself.** If ever a young man could plead excuse for taking wine, Daniel had the opportunity. Vs. 9, 10. The world would say if he **did not take it** he would lose favor with the prince, which would be very unwise, and to risk the king's displeasure was dangerous, but Daniel resolved to be obedient to God at any cost. Such world monarchs as Nebuchadnezzar had the power of life and death, and they did not hesitate to exercise such power when they were provoked in the slightest degree. Dan. 2:5-12.

The highest ideals for the human race are in the Bible. Eph. 1:5; 2:7. The Bible gives record of real lives more sublime and stronger than words can portray. (The lives of such holy men as Joseph, Josiah and Daniel are to show us that these things are not merely

ideals beyond all possibility of accomplishment, but that it is a proven fact that such life and character can be attained. The sweet, holy, victorious life of Jesus Christ was lived here on earth in a human body, and every man and woman who is willing to absolutely surrender their **body and will-power** to him, can have that same sweet, holy, victorious life re-produced in them.)

#### Questions.

Who was Daniel and how come he in Babylon?

Who were his three companions?

How old was he when he was chosen for the king's service?

How many years training did it take to qualify him for that position?

#### Next Week's Lesson.

September 16, 1917.

**Lesson Text:** The Fiery Furnace. Dan. 3:1-30.

**Golden Text:** Isa. 43:2.

—C. M. O'Guin.

#### SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE.

Our brother, W. T. Alan of Greenville, Pa., sends us the three following cuttings from different papers.

#### Cross Seen in the Sky Last Night by two Young Men.

While the city of Manitowoc was wrapped in slumber, at fifteen minutes past twelve last night, two young men of this city at Silver Lake saw a large well-formed cross of light, very clear and distinct. The one who saw it first says that he noticed first a blaze of light in the western sky, and then in the midst of this a clear-cut cross. He spoke of this to his companion, who likewise saw it, and soon it vanished. Both were much affected by the sight, which they are unable to explain. These young men are not superstitious or visionary, and their testimony is unimpeachable.

When interviewed this morning by Rev. C. H. Schellhase and Evangelist P. C. Nelson they verified the report as absolutely correct. Neither of them had heard Evangelist Nelson's sermon at the tabernacle last Sunday afternoon on the second coming of Christ in which he quoted the text, "Then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Matthew 24:30.

These ministers are much impressed with the report, but do not venture to give any explanation or interpretation of the marvellous phenomenon. Their only comment is, "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:30.

The following cutting is from the Oil City (Pa.) Derrick and Bro. Alan states that he has since been there preaching and saw those who witnessed the phenomenon.

For more than two hours on Saturday night, commencing about 8 o'clock, there was a celestial phenomenon visible to residents of Oil City and vicinity that appealed most equally to the sense of beauty and superstition of the viewers.

The moon was full and unobstructed by clouds. Across its face and extending for a considerable distance, there were four broad rays that formed a perfectly marked cross. At a great distance from the edge of the moon, there were two perfect circles, the blunt edges of the cross extending about two-thirds of the way from the outer edge of the moon to the inner portion of the first of the large circles.

For a time the end of each of the four projections of the cross were illuminated as if by a large but partially obscured star, and still further from the end of the points of the cross, there were half circles, the horns pointing in the same direction as the ends of the cross.

The illumination was so bright that the full reflection of the beautiful and impressive phenomenon was reflected on the surface of the river.

#### Falling Meteor Seen from Many Georgia Towns.

Atlanta, May 1.—What is believed to have been a meteor passed over north central Georgia shortly before midnight and was brilliantly visible for **several minutes** in towns between Macon and Atlanta. Telegraph operators on the Central and Georgia railroad at Griffin, Forsyth and Bolingbroke, reported the flash visible at 11:20 o'clock moving in a northeasterly direction. Many saw the light in Atlanta and described it as "blue-white." No explanation of the phenomena was available here to-night.

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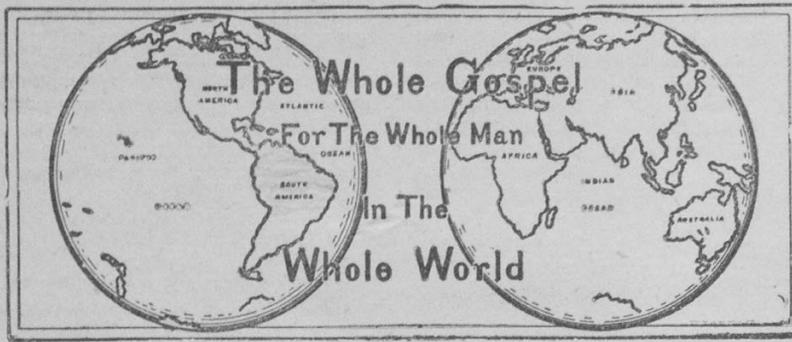
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#### MISSIONARY NOTES.

**Hong Kong, China.** I have had to leave Saam Shui because of high water and am now in Hong Kong, but expect to leave the 1st of August for Saam Shui again. The work there is going on slowly. China is again upside down; in North China they want to have a king, and the Southern a president, and there is a general uproar. One leader says that in the future the missions will be burned up and the Christians will be killed, so some day we may have a martyr death. Pray for us.—L. Hofer.

**Interior Mission, Cape Palmas, Liberia.** We are sorry to report there has come in our ranks a division, and all but four of our number of eighteen missionaries have taken a decisive action and refuse to recognize Mr. Harrow as superintendent of the Interior Mission any longer. In January of this present year a matter came up and he was asked to resign, which he did. After deliberation we forgave him and asked him to again continue as superintendent, which he consented to do. Conditions have arisen which compel us to take this action. We shall write full explanation to editors of papers and heads of different assemblies with whom we are acquainted.—Wm. H. Johnson and J. M. Perkins.

**Peking, China.** Your letter with enclosed draft received two days ago. God bless you and each donor that had a part in this love offering. The offering came at a needed time. We are up in the mountain spending the hot summer months. We had a letter from our Chinese brethren who we left in charge of the work while we are gone, and Bro. Feng stated that he needed money. We are happy to be able to send this offering to him to carry on the work with.

There is a threefold blessing in our being here on the mountain: first, we have an opportunity to preach the Gospel to the village Chinese and distribute tracts and Gospels; second, we rest our bodies and take on new strength, so that

we can return to Peking and carry on the battle for another year; third, we can study and advance in the Chinese language.

We earnestly desire the prayers of the saints that we may be instrumental in God's hand in sowing the Gospel seed to these village people while we are here.—H. E. Hansen.

**Tai-yuan-fu, Shansi, China.** The Lord is continuing His blessing upon the work in these parts. In the early spring we were permitted to baptize about thirteen in Tai-yuan-fu. One of them was an army officer, and he received the baptism of the Spirit before leaving the river bank, and walked home like a drunken man. In the evening meeting the power of God fell like rain, and the slain of the Lord were not a few, two more receiving the baptism.

A month ago we went to Sinchow, a city of 50 miles north from here, and had a little more than two weeks' meeting. Twenty-eight were baptized in water, and six received the Spirit's baptism during the meetings. Praise God! In that place already about eighty have been baptized in water since we first came up to these parts, and more than thirty-five have received the baptism of the Spirit. In that city God raised up a native pastor who has labored much in the Lord. He is an ex-Confucianist, and they make good soldiers. God has raised up an ex-Confucianist for the work here in Tai-yuan-fu, and I can go away any length of time from meetings without needing to feel uneasy about the work, for this native brother is very capable in taking the meetings. The meetings were in his charge last summer while we were at home, and the power of God was still on the meetings when we returned. These two men are self-supporting. The church in Sinchow is also self-supporting. Altogether we have eight native workers, three of which depend on us for financial support.

Pray the Lord to raise up more good native workers. That is China's need. All the Chinese saints in this province work together in most blessed harmony.—Yours for souls in China, Edgar C. Steinberg.

**Ancud, Chile, South America.** I believe all of you dear saints in the favored land of America are interested in the work of the Lord in South America, the

long neglected continent, where darkness to a great extent yet covers the people. But praise the Lord that the light has come to those who have heard and accepted the blessed Gospel of Jesus Christ. As we have from time to time traveled in Chile we have seen also the wonderful work of the Lord which He has done in several places, and especially since the latter rain began to fall on the people. In the north of Chile the Gospel has made more progress than in the south, but taking it as a whole, Jesus has won a great victory in Chile, and the battle is still going on. Almost in every town there are some groups of believers who are shining in the darkness that surrounds them. Many are baptized in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and have also received some of the gifts of the Spirit. Our work in the last years has been limited to the island of Cheloi, with its population of 80,000, all more or less under the power and influence of the Catholic priests. It has been a long, hard battle to fight; we have often felt discouraged, but never given up. Jesus has sustained us by His wonderful grace. The last year many were converted and baptized in a new place where they never had heard the Gospel before. The work is now spreading to other places, the latter rain is falling upon the seed, and fruit is appearing, glory to His great name! Some of the new converts are baptized in the Spirit, and they shine with the glory of the Lord. Truly the harvest time has come and we can gather in the golden grain. Honor and glory to the Lamb of God!

My husband and Bro. Jakobsin have been led of late to pray for means to build a mission hall in Ancud, the capital of Chilae. The place which we occupy is an old house, situated in a damp, unhealthy place, so we cannot expect any of the better class people to attend our meetings. It is a real need, and we believe our Lord will supply it. Will you dear Evangel family join us in this prayer, that the Lord will move some to help in this work. It will be for the glory of God, and the salvation of many souls. How often I wish we had means to build several mission halls here on this island. But if the old heroes of faith could subdue kingdoms, surely we who have better promises can build a mission hall through faith. Don't you think so too, dear reader?—Yours, dedicated to His service, Marie Gunstad.

God is working on His framework these days. Just hold still in His hands as He is doing some framing. Next will come the joining. Each member will fit into his place, a living stone. Christ is working until He gets us where the old nature is gone. There is much in the human make-up to be destroyed in making us like Himself. Let us not be satisfied until He gets us like Himself.

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

**BRO. URSHAN MARRIED.**

A very precious wedding service took place at St. Paul, Minn., on August 9th, 1917, at the home of the bride's parents, 899 Case street, when Evangelist Andrew D. Urshan of Persia was united in marriage to Miss Mildred H. Hammergren.

Pastor Harvey McAlister, of Midway Tabernacle, where Miss Hammergren attended, performed the ceremony in the presence of intimate friends, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. J. Nader of Chicago, who represented the Persian mission there, and Bro. H. O. Scott of Los Angeles.

Our Lord, who attended the marriage in Cana of Galilee, and adorned it by His presence, was again present on this occasion. Although absent in body, yet manifestly present in Spirit; inasmuch as His power filled the room, thus witnessing His smile of approval on the scene.

It surely was a typical Pentecostal wedding! The songs of Zion, prayers and praises ascended, in such a way that one and all felt that it was good for us to be there.

Bro. and Sister Urshan are invited, by Winnipeg friends, to spend this month in Minaki, Ontario, Canada, which invitation has been accepted by them. Their address for two weeks will be: Grand View Camp, Minaki, Ontario, Canada.

If the Lord tarries, Bro. and Sister Urshan will leave this coming spring, D. V., with a band of co-workers and missionaries, for Europe, Russia and Persia. His marriage is a preparation for that much desired missionary trip.

Let us all pray for Bro. Urshan and his dear wife with more fervency than ever before—that God may bless richly their new step in life to the glory and honor of His name, and that this union may result in a more fruitful ministry for our brother than ever in the past.—Mrs. Harvey McAlister.

**25 de Mayo, Argentina, South America.** The blessing of the Lord continues to rest upon His work here since I last wrote. Sometimes the order is disturbed, but we generally have a policeman at the door, and so the people are more respectful and quiet. They like to hear Bro. Barrio preach. We all do. At least two souls have recently professed conversion since our special services. One woman came out very brightly, she prays with liberty, and is now trying to bring others to Christ. Says, "It seems I have been born again; that this has been my salvation." We do not doubt it. There is great poverty among our people. Some are without work, and suffering much, as this district is entirely dependent upon the crop, and that was almost an entire failure this year. There is a better prospect for the next season I understand, as the weather is favorable, but there is a plague of "langostas," or locusts is the English word. These come thick enough to darken the sun every year. I marvel that they leave anything behind, but, thank

God, we always have enough to eat, though prices are exorbitant now. We are all quoting now what we read in the Weekly Evangel, "Potatoes are up, flour is up, sugar is up,—and we are going up too," Hallelujah. This blessed hope is what bears us along above every hard trial.

Sister Anita Kildegaard, who has been my good and faithful companion since we moved to this city last January, received a call to go and help in mission work in San Justo, near Buenos Aires, so, as funds with us were scarce, and she was not specially needed now since Bro. Barrio brought his wife into the home, she left us June 26th. There were many tears shed over her departure, for she had wonderfully endeared herself to the natives, and to all of us. God had used her much in our midst. I never witnessed a more triumphant Christian life. So faithful in her work, never murmured, never spoke evil of any one, and was loving and kind to all. Best of all, she is one of God's faithful intercessors. The visible glory of God was seen upon her in one of our special prayer meetings for fasting and waiting upon God. I doubt not she already has the earnest of translation power and glory. Praise Jesus.

As to the opinion of my friends about my returning to North America for purposes which I previously wrote about, some say come, and others say no, the Spirit does not witness to them that it is of God. At one time it certainly seemed He was leading that way, but now I have changed my mind, for He closed every door, and made it impossible from many, and from every standpoint I may say. There is not sufficient money, and I am needed here to help my co-laborers, etc. Bro. Barrio is now thinking of taking a correspondence course in Bible study instead of entering a school in North America, as he had hoped to do for a time. His health and mine are about the same, but we are praying God to give us the victory where we are, and we will persevere in the battle here the little time that remains before Jesus comes. God has not provided for the automobile we wished for, but perhaps He will let us buy a horse and sulky before long, then we can carry the Gospel much further into the surrounding country as well as in the city.

Please unite with us in prayer for the restoration of two women in our congregation whose minds are weak. One was baptized in water since we came.—Yours in the blessed hope, Alice C. Wood.

**A CORRECTION.**

Bro. C. M. Carraway of Shongaloo, La., asks us to make a correction in reference to the account he sent us of a deaf and dumb girl who prophesied the close of the war and then died. This remarkable incident was recorded in the newspapers, and he was under the impression that it was a deaf and dumb child in a neighboring mill town, but this last child is still alive.

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"That they all may be one." Jn o. 17:21.

### FIELD NOTES.

**Saratoga, Tex.** Praise the dear Lord, we are having a good meeting here, several saved and thirteen received the Holy Ghost, and the same number baptized in water.—Geo. G. Harrison.

**Ozark, Ala.** Barnes meeting closed, good results. God mightily blessed the preaching of Bro. Dan Debose. Some few saved, several seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost; all persuaded to go on with the Lord.—W. R. Carmichael.

**Modesto, Cal.** There have been twenty-seven saved as a result of the tent meeting, and we expect to establish an assembly here. Quite a few church members have come with us and are seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—Lillian Wells.

**Westport, Cal.** I have been out in the rural and mountain districts these ten weeks and our blessed Lord has granted me the privilege of baptizing four in water and they are reaching out for the full Pentecostal light and salvation as it is in Christ Jesus.—Evan. J. G. Hansen.

**Midway, Tex.** We are glad to report victory at this place. Our meeting proved a blessing to all God's children that were present. Seven or eight saved and six received the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Hundreds of the people of this country stirred.—J. D. Sheumack, O. Thornton and A. C. Densan.

**Bethelbom, Ia.** We had a splendid time at this place. There were forty-five souls sought the Lord and forty-two baptized in water. We had a very large attendance at the baptismal services. We counted over a hundred and fifty automobiles, so there was a great deal of interest shown. D. E. Boatwright.

**Liberty Hill, near Russellville, Ark.** I came here about two weeks ago and pitched battle against the devil. The fight was hard for a few days. But God heard and answered prayer, praise His name, and saved about fifteen souls and baptized about eleven according to Acts 2:4. Pray for this place that God will continue to work.—H. E. Sims.

**Denver, Colo.** The dear Lord is greatly blessing the work at this place, and the people are getting through to God for salvation, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and Divine Healing in nearly every service. Glory to God for His abundant mercies. All true Pentecostal people are welcome to the Denver tabernacle, Full Gospel Mission, 2412-14 Curtis St., Denver, Colo., H. J. Richardson, Pastor.

**Noxall, Mo.** Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! We have just closed a revival meeting of four weeks. Twenty-one were gloriously saved, and two baptized in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Sixteen were baptized in water. God wonderfully blessed one brother, seventy-six years old, who was baptized in water. Several were healed by the mighty power of God. Praise God for His goodness.—C. B. Huston, Sikeston, Mo.

**Palestine, Tex.** The meeting at my home church was a success, five saved, three baptized in the Holy Ghost and several baptized in water. We went back to the place where I gave our last report, there were thirty-seven saved, twenty-six baptized with the Holy Ghost, and nineteen in water. We came from there to this place, twelve miles south of Palestine, Tex. It looks encouraging, just run one day and one saved and two baptized with the Holy Ghost. Pray the Lord may keep us humble.—Doyle Davis, Fred Gardiner and band.

**Houston, Tex.** We praise God He has helped us to be overcomers, and today we thank Him that we are all together in love and unity and all praying for the salvation of souls. We have had our tent meetings going on in different parts of the city for the last two months, and we have been trying to keep the mission and street work going on at the same time. At all these meetings the Word has gone forth, several have been saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost, and the saints are holding on to God and expecting great things from Him.—Wm. Morwood.

**Kingsville, Tex.**—We have just closed a ten days' meeting at Davy, Tex., in which several were saved. We found the people hungry for the simple Gospel. They came to the meeting in crowds from many miles around, and begged us to stay on, but we had to come away. We find many places calling for meetings and the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few.

We hope, the Lord willing, to start a meeting in Brownsville, Tex., this week. This is an untouched field, but on account of the Lord having begun to work among the Spanish speaking people of this district we feel it important that the work among the English speaking people should also be pushed at this time. Pray for this meeting, for Brownsville is one of the important gateways into Mexico; and we feel that it is needful that a good work be established and maintained there for the effect it will have on the Mexican missionary work as we'll as for its own sake.—F. A. Hale.

**Ozark, Ark.** I want to report victory at No. 1 Schoolhouse. Bro. P. Le Crosino was with us. The Word went forth in power and the Lord blessed it. Three souls saved. The daughter of a Presbyterian preacher got saved. She shouted, the preacher and his wife shouted and said they were glad to be in such a meeting. Things are in much better shape since the meeting. We are now at Pilate Grove, the Lord is blessing, souls being saved and filled with the Spirit, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. (Acts 2:4.) Crowd good, and lots of hungry souls. We covet the prayers of the saints.—J. W. Hudson.

**Jacksboro, Tex.** Just closed a three weeks' meeting here, the best this town has ever had. Bro. W. W. Hall from Wichita Falls, Jodie Thomas of Quanah and H. Rhea of Newcastle were with us, and workers from other places. The old time power fell in every service, some one filled with the Holy Ghost or saved every night; about thirty-five or forty saved, and about twenty-five baptized with the Holy Ghost; seven were baptized in water and ten more will be baptized next Sunday, and the saints are wonderfully built up. We will go to a new field and desire the prayers of the saints that we may be used for the glory of God.—Oscar Jones and wife.

**Monroeville, Ala.** About April 15th we joined Bro. W. B. Jessups' work in and around Mobile, Ala., and continued with him until June 15th, when we returned to Garland, Ala., our home town. Here we had a very successful meeting for two weeks. We then came to Garette School House near Repton, Ala., where we ran a meeting from July 7th to August 5th, and we had quite an old time revival. Quite a number were saved and several were baptized in the Spirit according to Acts 2:4. We are now just beginning another meeting in this place. This part of the country is all new territory that should have the Gospel. People seem hungry. Pray for us and our work.—A. L. Shell.

**Overton, Texas.** The camp at Franks-ton was owned and blessed of God. From the first God's presence was manifested. Five received the Holy Spirit the first night. About fifteen or more received the Comforter during the meeting. Quite a number were saved and several reclaimed, among whom was one preacher. About ten young people felt the call of God and gave themselves to Him for service. Bro. M. M. Pinson gave us some good teaching which was badly needed. He also stirred our hearts in regard to the poor Mexican people who are perishing at our very door for "lack of knowledge." We began a protracted meeting at the Overton tabernacle last Sunday night. Some have found God and quite a few are seeking Him. We ask the prayers of all the saints for a real outpouring of His Spirit at this time.—G. C. Mangum.

# The Evangel Prayer Band

## RETURNING TO GIVE THANKS.

I want to tell you that my dear mother has partly recovered, in fact as fully as one can expect at her time of life. I am delighted, and certainly I am convinced that her recovery is due to the faithful ones of God, who though thousands of miles away, supplicated God on her behalf.—John L. Dexter, Loughborough, England.

Received handkerchief O. K., the sister has received great blessing—unite in praise. She earnestly desires the full baptism. Praise God for giving me a suitable place to dwell. I asked you several months ago to unite with me for this. Also unite in praise for a dear lady who was going into Roman Catholicism—you put a request in your paper for her. I am holding on for her salvation and baptism and that of her gentle, elderly mother.—E. Dimmick, Long Beach, Cal.

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

"Remember me in your prayers."—W. A. C.

A mother requests prayer that her son may not have to join the army.

Pray that God will open the way for a Pentecostal meeting in Hannibal, Ill.

"I am a cripple because of fever, please pray for me."—C. C., Stantonville, Tenn.

"Please pray for my family, have six children and a husband not saved."—C. M., Charlevoix, Mich.

"Please pray that I may surrender all to Him and be baptized in the Holy Ghost."—T. S., Pardeeville, Wis.

"Pray for this place that God will send workers to this part of His vineyard."—Mrs. C. E., Georgetown, Ill.

A sister in Pomona, Ill., requests prayer that her children may be saved and delivered from the tobacco habit.

A sister requests prayer for healing of female trouble, she also desires prayer for her husband and three children.

"Please pray for my husband who is living with another woman, and for our children and for me."—J. T. J., Milltown, Wis.

A sister in Caney, Kansas, requests prayer for healing and for guidance. She is in a very hard place. Pray also for her son.

Pray for a mother whose eyes are weak through loss of sleep and for her sick children that have whooping cough, one very sick. She requests prayer for her little boy that he may receive the baptism.

A sister in Pella, Iowa, requests prayer for her hearing and eyes, she is also suffering with rheumatism and a touch of dropsy, but believes the Lord will heal her of all her ailments.

"Would you please pray that we may sell some property we have, that we might get out of debt, and that we may have something to give to the Lord's work."—C. A. F.

Bro. Burt McCafferty writes from Overton, Texas, "We are starting a protracted meeting here. Pray that God will bless. Pray that God will give me strong eyesight in my left eye. I suffer severe pain in it sometimes."

"Please pray that God will send some Pentecostal workers here as I am the only one of that faith. Pray also that my husband may be saved and that I may be an overcomer."—Mrs. M. L., Aldrich, Mo.

"Pray for the Lord to open up the way for the pure Gospel to be preached here in Clay County, Ala., and pray that we as a Pentecostal people may know the truth as God would have us know it."—W. J. Williams, Millerville, Ala.

"We are holding tent meetings, beginning August 5th, and continuing two weeks or more; we ask your prayers that the Lord will save souls and baptize with the Holy Ghost, also for the receiving of the nine gifts of the Spirit which are so very necessary in our midst."—Elders Smith and Jones, Buffalo, N. Y.

"Please pray for my husband that he may be healed from ulcers of the stomach and general breakdown. Also my mother in Arkansas that she may be healed from all her bodily affliction and that we all may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and be ready and willing to do just what God would have us do."—E. A. G., Caldwell, Idaho.

"Pray for my dear husband who says he does not care what becomes of him when he dies. Pray for me that I may be perfect and let my light shine for Jesus, and be ready when He comes. Pray for some one to come this way with the full Gospel and that other souls may be saved and accept the truth."—Mrs. G. C. Simmons, Holt, Texas.

"I am sick and run down. The doctor here says my bladder is in a bad condition, my womb is out of place and I have a tumor on my left ovaries. He says he will have to operate. I do not want to be operated on. I live by faith that Jesus has a stronger power, and can heal without a knife. Will you please pray for me."—V. M. S., Sunnyvale, Cal.

"Pray that my mother may be healed of rheumatism, also that her eyes may be healed; she is almost blind in one eye. Also for a cousin whose gums are in a very bad state. Also for a niece who has rising all over her body, and that three brothers may be saved and one reclaimed. Also for my father that he may receive the Holy Ghost."—L. W., St. Louis, Mo.

## 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.

Bro. E. L. Banta of Essex, Mo., and a singer from Kansas City, Mo., will have charge of this Camp Meeting instead of Bro. Collins.

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.

**Camp Meeting at Cheriton, Iowa., Sept. 1st to 12th.** Beautiful location half mile northeast of city. Good grove. Small tents can be had at cost. We are expecting some of the leading brethren and preachers. Dining tent on the ground will be run on the free will offering plan. Bring your bedding and toilet articles. We are expecting the largest and greatest gathering of the State. Further information from D. E. Boatwright, Cheriton, Iowa.

The Camp Meeting at Fraser, Iowa, is postponed to Sept. 5th to 19th. Full particulars from Arthur C. Berry, Fort Dodge, Iowa. Meeting now being held at 11th and 4th St. north, Fort Dodge.

Elder J. E. Simms of Woodston, Kansas, has twenty-three Messenger and Kingdom Combined Song books for sale at cost price, 30 cents each, and will be glad of a purchaser.

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We are in need of a good Pentecostal stenographer to help us in getting out the Evangel each week, with correspondence and other work. A small salary is offered, and a good home where everything is provided.

## 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:

**Carols of Truth**, shaped notes only, \$2.50 per doz., postpaid; \$15 per 100 not prepaid.

**Soul Stirring Songs**, round or shaped notes, \$1.50 per dozen postpaid, \$10 per 100 not prepaid.

**Utility Edition, Songs for Service**, 60 cts. per doz. postpaid, \$3.00 per 100 not prepaid.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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, E. 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.

**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.

### WHAT THE PENTECOSTAL SAINTS ARE DOING IN SAN FRANCISCO.

God is giving us blessed victory at Glad Tidings Mission. A real revival spirit prevails. Evangelist A. J. Lankin and wife are with us. Many have been saved and baptized. We baptized ten in water Friday night and many are being baptized in the Holy Spirit as on the day of Pentecost. One man from Central America who could not speak the English language was saved and later baptized in the Spirit and spoke a clear message in the English tongue, "Jesus is coming soon."

God is stretching forth His mighty hand in healing the people. Some striking miracles have been performed in the name of the glorified Christ. What wonderful days these are! We have discovered a valuable means of advertising our meetings. We have the whole rear end, sides, and the upper front of our Ford car covered with signs. On the front in large letters "Jesus Saves;" on the sides the Glad Tidings Auditorium, 1536 Ellis St. We take a party of five with a magnavox, a wonderful new invention for amplifying sound. We go through the streets singing songs of salvation. We hold meetings beside the parks, and with this instrument we can speak the warning message for blocks to hundreds or even thousands at once. This instrument cost an immense sum to develop and was intended for the devil's service, but we have taken it and use it for Christ and His kingdom. We feel that God wants us to work quickly, since calamities are coming on so rapidly and the time for labor is very short.

We have also installed in our building a modern multicolor printing press, and with this we are able to turn out our own tracts and circulars, which are freely distributed by the members and by workers from the auto. Our cry to God is that all the people may be faithfully warned that all who will may escape.

We solicit the earnest prayers of the whole Evangel family that a world-wide revival may speedily engirdle the globe and sweep thousands into the fold of safety in San Francisco.—Cordially yours, Robt. J. Craig, pastor.

**Flat Rock Mich.** God has been confirming His Word with signs following, nine saved, seven received the Holy Spirit; two others received the Holy Spirit in their own home. One young lady that was saved in the meetings got her baptism while in a hammock at home, another at a hotel where she works while in bed. One young woman was healed from a burning fever that she had been sick with for a month. Jesus saved her, healed her and filled her with the Holy Spirit and she is now a living witness for Jesus and the power of God. I would like to come in touch with some young man who is filled with the Spirit that has musical ability that could help and take the singing part of the service. This is a most neglected field and I want to enter upon a campaign in these neglected towns.—Joseph Murphy, P. O. Box 136, Flat Rock, Mich.

**Winnipeg, Man.** I am glad to report victory, as the Lord is manifesting His mighty power and blessings upon Winnipeg. The good work began on October 15th, 1916, and has continued without a break, and signs have followed in all the meetings, and many precious souls have been brought out of darkness into the light and liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Glory be to God! There was a baptismal service on the 5th and also on the 12th. In the former service Bro. Garr officiated, and in the latter Bro. Black. Nineteen in all were immersed according to Matt. 28:19, and the power of God fell upon all the candidates while they were obeying the command. Hallelujah! Sunday's meeting opened at 10:30 a. m., and in the singing of the second hymn the power fell. It swayed the saints in a remarkable way, people fell from their seats prostrated in a remarkable way in different parts of the hall, and the glory of God filled the house. At 11 a. m. Bro. Urshan and his wife entered the hall, his first appearance in Winnipeg since his marriage. Bro. Garr preached in the morning, and Bro. Urshan preached at night in the big tent on Portage Ave., and at the close about twenty decided for Christ. A wonderful day for the saints in Winnipeg! Hallelujah!—G. D. Lockhart.

**Bro. F. F. Bosworth of Dallas, Tex.,** sends us a newspaper clipping of the latest meeting he and his party have been holding. The Presbyterian preacher referred to has received a wonderful baptism of the Spirit.

The last week of the very interesting evangelistic meetings being held on Cole avenue by the Bosworth Evangelistic party is marked by the preaching of Rev. Wm. Matthew Holderby, of the Second Presbyterian Church.

#### Churches Co-operate.

Much of the success of the work has been due to the co-operation of the churches in the vicinity. Rev. F. C. Holden and the congregation of the Cole Avenue Methodist Church, have been especially active in the matter of affording the church for afternoon prayer groups and in the matter of help in filling the choir with singers.

#### Many are Reached.

The real fervor of the services is represented in an old-fashioned altar rail where the scores of people are found every night kneeling in prayer and strong cryings and supplication.

#### Singing is Helpful.

The singing is led by Evangelist B. B. Bosworth, and is a feature of the meeting that has been most helpful in strengthening interest in the nightly services. A quartet of brass instruments with piano accompaniment greatly strengthens the chorus singing. The songs from the Billy Sunday hymn book are being used and have caught on with the people who show a fine acceptance of their message and music.

The meeting will close Sunday night, when, after a season of rest for about a week, the Bosworth evangelistic party, lead by Evangelist F. F. Bosworth, will

begin a meeting in Houston, taking the large tent with them for the purpose.

### THREE SPECIAL NUMBERS.

Three Special Numbers have been published for general distribution as follows:

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