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A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING.

If love and truth could be at strife,
My soul would cease to soar,
And crush the song that pleads for life,
And sing it nevermore!

But truth and love dwell not apart;
But both in God unite,
Who makes His home in every heart,
That turns to Him for light.

Where He may wake a song of praise,
And lift the soul above,
The transient joys and meaner lays,
That do not spring from love.

And nature's voice, when understood,
Doth this sweet fact proclaim:
That all things beautiful and good,
Are anthems to His name.

And we, when love becomes the theme,
By which our praise is moved,
May humbly live and sing for Him,
And have our songs approved.

—John T. Boddy.

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OUR GREAT INHERITANCE

A few thoughts on 1 Peter, 1st Chapter

"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia." To strangers! How much of the spirit of a stranger have you got? Do you feel as if you were away from home? The dear Lord wants us to live as pilgrims and strangers living the tent life down here. He tells us: "Our citizenship is in heaven." With some there is a tendency to settle down, especially when circumstances get comfortable. But this is not the spirit of the bride of Christ. To her the present state of things on the earth is intolerable. Her cry is for the Bridegroom to return. Our most blissful hope is that we shall soon have to pull up and go home.

"Elect, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ."

Elect! Do you believe in election? Have you been elected to this life of obedience, suffering, separation, this life of following the Lord so as to taste in some small measure the fellowship of His sufferings and to be made conformable unto His death? God has "laid in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious," and those who are united to this Elect Corner Stone are themselves also elect.

In order to make this life real, He has sent the Spirit, who, through His gracious sanctifying power, enables us to live a life "unto obedience;" but note, this very obedience needs the blood of sprinkling. Under the law almost all things were purged by blood, and under grace we never get beyond the need of this precious blood of sprinkling.

"Grace unto you, and peace and love be multiplied." Grace! What a wonderful word it is. Abundance of grace! Unlimited supplies of the unmerited favors of God! Help yourself. It is *unto you*. (No need for spiritual poverty when the riches of His grace are made over unto you. And peace too, so that though there is war all around, for you there is apportioned the peace of God that passeth all understanding.) Hallelujah for such heavenly provision for the pilgrims and strangers!

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

• Begotten again or born again. Have you been born again? Are you one of those who through faith in God's only begotten Son have become an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ? The foundation of this hope is the resurrection of Christ. And it is "to an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away." What is our inheritance? Our inheritance is God. Heirs of God! We inherit God. We begin to possess here, but the greater part of our inheritance is reserved. One of these days we shall take a whirlwind ride to glory and we shall see our inheritance in the light of eternity. When I think of it, it almost overwhelms me. We are on the way, Hallelujah! We have had such visions of our inheritance, but as yet we are only looking through a "frosted" window, but "then face to face." It has not yet been fully revealed to us, we long for a clearer vision, but we know that it will be perfect and complete. Who could improve on our inheritance? To some of us there is coming through the Spirit a measure of revelation, and we know

that our inheritance will be nothing less than God Himself.

"Reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith." Sometimes there comes a fear over us lest we might miss our inheritance. While we may have a few pennies out of our millions we wonder if we shall have the balance. But here comes the promise that we shall be "kept by the power of God." Jesus tells us, "Let not your heart be troubled. Let not trouble in. Don't let him in. Believe in God, believe in Me." No need for any anxiety! We shall be kept in condition as *we believe*. When shall we cease to be like children, pulling at Father's apron strings, and start to live by faith as He told us the righteous should live. Faith is taking God at His word. Faith is turning to God's book and declaring "I believe this and that." (May God deliver us from the life of sense and bring us into a real faith life.)

We Pentecostal people are as much in bondage to feelings as any other people. I do not mean that we should be devoid of emotion, for emotion is a sign of life. Why do I weep and laugh? Because I have life. Go to the cemetery and you will see a people devoid of this. But there is a life of faith beyond that of emotion. It is not a question of what I feel or what I think, but of what God says. He keeps His own, but do not forget the condition, "Believe in God, believe also in Me."

What boundless possibilities are open to faith. He has said, "If ye ask, I will do." There are possibilities in the prayer ministry that none of us yet know anything about.

"Unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time." What an inspiration we get as we look into the future side of our salvation. Though we may be only getting a few pennies of our inheritance down here, the vision ahead is most encouraging. Read the promise to the overcomers of the church of Smyrna, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." He promises this to us if we overcome. He says to us, "You may be looked down upon and reviled now, but go on for a few days and I will let it be known that you belong to royal stock, to the royal line of David." Some say to us, "Surely you have not identified yourself with the Pentecostal people!" And then they let you alone. Never mind; a little while, and then the "crown of life" for those of God's royal stock. His royalty will be victorious. We are on the winning side. Andrew Murray, shortly before he went home to his Lord, raised his hand and shouted, "Victory! Victory!! Victory!!!" Royalty coming to its inheritance! There is a great conflict ahead, this way will become more and more unpopular, but to the faithful the prize is certain and the result sure.

See also the promise to the overcomers of the church at Pergamos. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written." In the ancient courts when a man was tried, found innocent and acquitted, he was given a white stone. So we who have been justified freely from all things through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, shall be declared acquitted from all our guilt and it shall be known in earth, in heaven and in hell that we are innocent. Hallelujah! When the Premier of Canada was over in Europe recently he was granted the freedom of many cities. But some day we are going to have the freedom of the universe. No wonder that Paul

was willing to consign all earthly things to the dump-pile that he might win Christ.

There was also another custom in ancient times, to split a stone, and one friend would write his name on one half and the other on the other half, and there would be a lasting friendship between these two parties. Now there is to be an unending friendship between the Lord and ourselves. Even now He has entered into a covenant to be our eternal Friend.

"Wherein ye greatly rejoice." Yes, the vision of these things, the flashes of light from the hills of glory on some truth concerning things to come, make us rejoice exceedingly. I often laugh for joy. Let us rejoice, for we all look so much better in choral robes than in the garb of mourning. This is a most opportune time to rejoice in what the grace of God can do. I have heard people ask forgiveness for the sin of sadness. Times and conditions bring them inward grief. But the Lord wants you to be glad and joyful, to rejoice with "joy unspeakable and full of glory." Faith and love link us with the unseen Christ.

And now, where are we? To make sure of prospects ahead, we need to live up to our present privileges. If we live in actual possession of our inheritance, we need have no fear as to future blessings. Let the Spirit of God search you and show you where you are, and see that you come in no way short of your high calling.

—Notes of a message given by Pastor A. G. Ward at Elim Home.

PROPHECY ON ARMAGEDDON.

There seems to be much misinformation and misconception concerning the "battle of Armageddon." Ever since Theodore Roosevelt applied the name to present world wide war, it has been assumed by secular papers and many religious ones that this war is the real Armageddon of Revelation. Note the following clipping:

WILHELM'S PROPHETIC NUMBER.

A Minneapolis man has figured out the duration of the war, according to an ingenious system of his own, based on biblical prophecy.

The present war, as all the modern followers of prophecy agree, is the "Armageddon" foreseen in the Apocalypse. The Minneapolis man, having a talent for numerical puzzles, took the word "Kaiser" and gave each letter of the word a number according to its place in the alphabet, thus—11, 1, 9, 19, 5, 18. After each of these numbers he placed the figure 6. Then he added the numbers together. The sum he found is 666. That happens to be the precise number of months there were in Kaiser Wilhelm's age when the war started.

And wonderful to relate, it is the same as the number of the beast given in the twelfth chapter of Revelation. And thus we have a key to the duration of the war. Any reader may pick up his Bible and read the passage for himself.

Since the Bible is our only authority and source of information regarding it, it is to the Bible we must turn for the truth of this matter. A little study will show that this war cannot be the Bible Armageddon.

Armageddon means the Mount of Megiddo, which has also given its name to the great plain of Jezreel, which belts the middle of the Holy Land, from the Mediterranean to the river Jordan. The name means, to act off, to slay. This plain is the great battlefield of the Old Testament. Here the battles between the hosts of Israel and the enemies of God's chosen people were fought; here on this plain, on up to Jerusalem, will God's King, in resurrection power and glory, mete out justice to His enemies. The battle of the Marne was fought, not in Palestine but in Europe. And so the great battle of Armageddon must be fought in the locality of that name.

What is this battle? It is the great culmination of the rebellion against the Lord Jesus Christ which has been going on since the disobedience of Adam; who was the first rebel on earth against the command of God of whom we have any record.

Enoch, "the seventh from Adam," prophesied of this battle, as Jude tells us, "behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands (note: not ten thousand, but ten thousands) of His saints to execute judgment upon all. This rebellion, as it thus culminates, takes form as a furious assault upon Jerusalem and upon Jehovah's chosen people, who have been gathered back to their land.

Whose are the armies which gather to this great battle? Let the 2nd Psalm tell it: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, *against the Lord*, and *against His anointed*, (not against each other). John the Revelator says, "I saw the Beast (Antichrist) and the kings of the earth and his armies gathered together with his armies to make war against the sinner upon the white horse and His army." Gathered in a last mighty attempt to defeat the purpose of Jehovah. Who is this "Sinner upon the white horse" who appears for the rescue of God's chosen nation and His Holy City? And who His armies? None other than the Lord Jesus Christ who comes forth as King of kings and Lord of lords, followed by "ten thousands of His saints," and "the armies of heaven followed Him upon white horses," Rev. 19:11-16. It is the coming forth of the powers of heaven to take forcible possession of the earth, to wrest it from the grasp of Satan and the Gentile world-powers who for about twenty-five centuries have held it in groaning misery. "He comes forth out of the heavens." "Out of His mouth proceedeth a sharp sword that with it He may smite the nations." The sword of the Spirit, the Word of God.

In this great war all sorts of material weapons are used, mighty engines of destruction are brought into action, but in the battle of Armageddon the innumerable hosts gathered to the battle are slain by the breath of Jehovah.

There is nothing in this great war to compare with the battle of Armageddon. The former seems to show no prospect of a definite or immediate conclusion; the latter is only one battle and a swift decisive victory follows. Now nation is rising against nation; then all nations will band themselves together "against the Lord and His anointed." Now the battle is first to one side and then the other; then there will be but one result, utter defeat and destruction. "And the beast will be taken and with him the false prophet... these two will be cast alive into the lake of fire which burneth with brimstone, and the rest slain with the sword of the sinner on the horse which (sword) proceedeth out of his mouth, and the fowls were filled with their flesh," Rev. 19:20, 21.

The world is now struggling toward Democracy, and it may, probably will, accomplish its purpose. Prussianism may be abolished and war suppressed for a time; but the Word of God declares that in that "Great Day of God" kings and their armies shall gather themselves together and there will be "captains of thousands." This present great war is undoubtedly a step in the development of prophecy. Armageddon will be the *last* attempt in this age of a wicked world at supremacy over Jehovah, and its overthrow will usher in the real dawn of peace. Coincidences in figures by no means spell prophecy. Be ware of "wresting Scripture," or of attempting to measure the plans of Jehovah with the foot rule of human intelligence. —Emily S. Hubbell.

The Christian's duty is to admit, submit, commit and transmit.—Wilberfore.

I wonder many times that ever a child of God should have a sad heart, considering what God is preparing for him.—Rutherford.)

THE SOON COMING OF CHRIST.**The glory yet to be revealed.**

"And you that are troubled, rest with us; when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels. . . . When He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe." (2 Thess. 1:7-10.)

I.

When Jesus was raised up to be at the right hand of the Father, He was glorified by the Father, and in proof of this He was given the promise of the Father, and wonderful and glorious as that blessing was, His glorification at that time was not complete. There was another glorification to come and He has not received it yet. *"To be glorified in His saints!"* His glorification in His saints is yet to take place. Not that He was dissatisfied with His Father's glorification, but He loves His saints so much that He wants them to share in and to contribute towards His final glorification. That He should give honor to the saints is wonderful, but to think that the saints can give honor to Him is still more wonderful.

"The glory which Thou hast given Me I have given them." *Every saint possesses a portion of glory received from the Son, who received it from God the Father, and the saint holds this glory in trust.* (Some vessels hold more than others. Seek to have a full vessel and a large vessel.) Every saint holds this glory in trust on behalf of the Saviour, so that when He comes in glory He meets the saint who has his portion of glory. Glory meeting glory! And the Son is glorified in His saints. (See that your vessel does not leak and the glory is held, nay rather, increased.)

Christ said, "Father, glorify Thy name." Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." That was a prayer uttered on earth and the voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it." He glorified it in heaven, but the promise was that it should be glorified again. The inference was that it would be glorified on the earth. Have you seen it fully glorified yet? But the promise is sure, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." The Son was glorified by the Father, and the Son is yet to be glorified in the saints. He is coming with ten thousands of His saints, and jointly the Father's name is to be glorified in the earth through the presence of the glorified Son and through the presence of the glorified saints.

II.

God, the Father, was rejected on the earth. "Give us a king!" Not only Israel cried that, but man all down the ages, and these kings have been semi-gods to the people. Yes, even in modern times, men believe in "the divine right of kings." Yes, and some kings think they have a right divine. The Kingly government of God rejected, and the Son rejected in like manner! Man cries, "We have no king but Caesar." "Come, let us kill the Son, and the inheritance shall be ours." Rejection of the Father, rejection of the Son, and think you they will treat the Holy Ghost any differently? The final rejection has not yet taken place. But He is being insulted enough (also ignored almost enough) to cause Him to leave.

But before the restoration can take place the whole race of rejectors have to be dealt with, and the Son has been commissioned to deal with the situation. "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all: and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." Note the repetition of the word "all." The Holy Spirit seeks to include every class of rejector, every one who "has

spoken against Him," the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The Lord Jesus shall be "revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be punished with everlasting punishment from the presence of the Lord." There must be the purging and the flaming fire, for it is written of Him who is coming, "His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength," and He will be accompanied by His glorified saints. It will be a judgment of fire, a purging, a cleansing, preparing the way for the restitution, of the putting in the right place of God the Father, who was rejected on the earth, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Then will be brought to pass, "I will glorify it again."

Christ was glorified by the Father in heaven after the ascension: He will be glorified in His saints at His coming, and God will be glorified in His Son, and the Son glorified in the Father and in His saints on the earth when He shall come to be glorified in His saints and to be admired in all them that believe, at the same time that the flaming fire takes vengeance upon all the ungodly, and upon every class comprehended in those two words that sum up the indictment against the sinner—"Against Him!"

III.

On the one hand we see the rejection by the world of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but acceptance and glorification of the triune God through the Son and through the saints on the earth. Yes, on the earth on which these saints were born: they were sinners but they accepted the Saviour, and it is through them that the Son can come back to the earth when He shall come to be glorified in His saints. Oh, the condescension of God! It was wonderful, the Son of glory coming to earth as a babe, but still more wonderful that the Son of man seeks to be glorified in His saints who were once sinners, and by this means comes back to the world to execute judgment, establish righteousness and equity, and put God in His right place.

God walked in the garden with Adam and Eve, but when the serpent defiled it, God took no pleasure in it. And the trail of the serpent has been defiling the Father's creation and handiwork all down through the ages. God has been a stranger and an outcast to His own garden because of the usurper, but the Son of the Father undertook to deal with the usurper and will not leave off till He has completed the work given to Him by His Father, so that God once more can visit His garden. And God has chosen the saints to help accomplish His purpose through Jesus Christ, His Son.

ASSEMBLY LIFE.

Throughout the realms of this movement there are saints with real pastoral impulses. Men and women who long to see the walls of Jerusalem rebuilt and strengthened; who mourn at the lack of love, of depth and development among the new converts and even among the saints themselves.

To all such I beg to point to a scriptural admonition, the neglect of which is responsible for the troubles noted and the heeding of which affords the maximum of spiritual life and power in any local assembly.

I refer to the admonition that we forsake not the assembling of ourselves together, (Heb. 10:25.)

The inspired apostle does not say: "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves and the public together;" and it is vital to understand that we are not obeying this admonition when we merely meet each other casually in public gatherings. The need is for regular meetings of

the saints and the new converts and the penitents entirely apart from the public.

Such meetings should not give way to anything else—because they are the life of an assembly. Not even to a revival meeting. Revivals long continued without meetings of this character always run to seed and backslidings begin to occur right in the midst of them. This is because the new converts need instruction and help that cannot be given them in the hurry and bustle of a public battle, and they literally starve to death spiritually in the midst of the "revival." The history of Methodism alone would be sufficient to instruct us on these points, if read considerably. And we are sure to go the way of Methodism, if we follow in her later steps—among which the most significant and harmful of all was the abandonment of the old "class meetings."

Necessary Rules.

The Scriptures, history and long experience have taught that three rules are essential in inaugurating and perpetuating the assembly meetings which did so much for us in the early days of this movement. They are:

First. The meetings must not be held in the meeting house or other public place—because there you cannot exclude onlookers without giving offence. The meetings should be held in a prayer-room not frequented by the public or in a private home.

Second. It should be announced as obligatory upon all who attend to testify. If this rule is faithfully adhered to, the meetings may safely be announced in public and everybody cordially and earnestly invited—the enforcement of this rule will obtain the privacy so much needed. Never say that only Christians are wanted—just be sure it is understood that all who attend will be questioned concerning their spiritual state.

Third. The meetings should be held regularly, once a week, if possible.

A prayerful consideration of the foregoing rules in the light of Paul's admonition will fully sustain the rules as essential to obedience.

Order of the Meeting.

Once assembled, let the pastor if there be one, or the local leader whoever she or he may be, take charge and direct the meeting tenderly but firmly along brotherly and devotional lines.

Each person should be invited and if necessary, urged to speak out frankly concerning their real spiritual state—their trials and their victories should be simply and truthfully drawn out. The result will be that faults will begin to be confessed, wrongs to be righted and burdens to be shared that have otherwise been eating away like a canker-worm at the very vitals of the spiritual lives of the members. Bonds of sympathy and brotherly love will begin to spring up that will continue to grow stronger while time lasts. Instruction and help can be given the new converts that will so fortify them against the wiles of the enemy and the allurements of the world, as they will not backslide—or certainly backsliding will be reduced to its minimum. Divisions will melt away, and new ones will find a more difficult entrance into the assembly because of these regular meetings. Here above all else may the pastor's gifts be brought into play in developing and enlarging the spiritual life of his congregation. It will be found that the power of the revival going on perhaps at the same time will be multiplied and made durable.

Indeed the good pastor will find that his members, as lively stones, are being built up in a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 2:5). He will find a real, conscious ASSEMBLY LIFE which could not have existed before, and which is sadly lacking in nearly all Pentecos-

tal Assemblies where I have visited, whatever else of temporary good many be said of them.

Caution:

Do not let the assembly meeting degenerate into any other sort of meeting. (And I have used the word degenerate after prayerful consideration, because there is no higher meeting on earth than of an ASSEMBLY OF BELIEVERS, as such, and therefore any other kind of a meeting is of lesser consequence.)

If you do not watch and hold firmly to the scriptural injunction and its objects, you will find your assembly meeting drifting into a prayer-meeting, or more likely, a Bible study meeting. (Both of these are good in their places, but they should not be substituted for the assembly meeting.)

To hold steadily to the scriptural aim, it will be found necessary to devote the greater part of each meeting to personal dealings with those present. If occasionally the power falls and the meeting is broken up in shouts of only "two or three" saints or inquirers in a community, praise, etc., start at the beginning again at the next meeting, etc., etc.

The leader should guard against formality on his own part. For instance it is easy to fall into a rut of trying to reply to each testimony, with scripture applications or otherwise. Use prayerful judgment and wisdom here, replying to some, exhorting, rebuking, instructing as the case may be, and passing silently by other testimonies that do not call for anything from the pastor. Let there be simplicity, freedom and faithfulness throughout the meeting.

Universal Adaptability.

One stamp of divinity on this character of meeting is its perfect adaptability to any local situation. If there be only "two or three" saints or enquirers in a community, these are entirely sufficient to claim the definite promise of the Head of the Church to be present. If there is no local pastor, any local leader can conduct these meetings. And if there is a local pastor, they will afford him his best opportunity for works of development.—W. F. Carothers, Houston, Texas.

(Editor's Note on Above:—Our people, as a rule, have been more interested in revivals than in keeping up the fences. God forbid we should ever do less to get souls saved! But we need more special care of the young converts, that they may be nurtured and developed and not backslide. We are glad, therefore, to insert the above as a suggestion along this line.—Editor.)

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By C. W. M. Turner



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"WITH THANKSGIVING."

Our needs are always great, and sometimes greater than we realize. Hence we have much to ask God for. Have we stopped to think we have even more to *thank God for*? If we have been short in praise or thanks to God for His mercies, this thanksgiving season will be a good time to make amends.

National Thanksgiving.

It is a pity that our day of national thanksgiving is no longer, as a rule for most people, in keeping with the spirit that started this day in our country. Then all the people gathered to the house of God truly to thank the Lord out of grateful hearts for His mercy in giving them a good harvest and bringing the time of real pinching times for food to an end. Now it takes the union of a half dozen churches to get enough people together to have a respectable service. Even then crowds are often very small. In fact every church of the community ought to be able to have an overflowing crowd on Thanksgiving Day.

Where are the people now on Thanksgiving? At the football game, out duck hunting, at home lazing around waiting for a big dinner and such like. I do not mean to say it is wrong to have the feast. But I do mean to say that the curse of the modern Thanksgiving Day is the absence of a real remembrance of God, and the loss of the true spirit of thanksgiving.

With God's Children.

Now with the children of God, let it not be so. We are not of the world, not of the night, then let our spirit be one of real praise and true thanksgiving to the Lord for His mercies.

High Prices.

Some will answer that prices are so high and getting higher, that they see nothing in this to thank God for. Dear hearts, if you were in Belgium, Poland, Serbia, or Jerusalem for two days, and should see the workshops in ruin and the people out of employment, should see the desolations and death on every side wrought by the havoc of war, the prices four times as high as with us and nothing left to buy with at any price, see our children in rags and starving to death at our feet—then we could see something in our situation to thank God for. Thank Him that the desolations of war are not sweeping over our own land, thank Him for plenty of work to do, thank Him that

prices are no higher, thank Him for the good crop that insures that real starvation cannot come to this land this year. Oh, we are a thousand times better off, even on these lines, than our brothers and sisters in these devastated lands!

Requests with Thanks.

Around the heading of this article you will notice quotation marks, which signify it is a quoted phrase. Note the full sentence of the apostle in Phil. 4:6, "In everything by prayer and supplication, *with thanksgiving*, let your *requests* be made known to God."

In our asking so much we really need of God, do we remember that the petitions must go up to God from a grateful heart "with thanksgiving?" It would cease to be a joy with most of us to continue to give to people who never expressed any gratitude or thanks, but were continually whining around us with their hardluck story. I wonder if some of our unanswered prayers may not find even in God this very reason why. If after we have "done all" God commands us, we really can in our hearts feel, as Jesus told us to, that we are still but "unprofitable servants," then we shall have a thousand things given freely in the mercy of God for which our souls will run over with praise and thanks to the Lord, right in the midst of our requests to Him.

Companies to Give Thanks.

Nehemiah says, "I appointed companies that gave thanks," Neh. 12:31. This was in the midst of trying times. Surely the whole "company" of the Evangel Family will join us in these days in giving thanks to God.

Daniel in a time of great distress to Israel says, "I prayed and gave thanks before the Lord." Let us remember he got a glorious answer.

Our blessed Lord habitually gave thanks. "He took the seven loaves and gave thanks," says Mark. Even when underneath the very shadows of the Cross with its certain agonies, "He took the cup and gave thanks."

A Godly Characteristic.

It is not something merely for Thanksgiving Day once a year. Thanksgiving is a thing that in all ages has characterized the godly. The saintly Anna of old "gave thanks to the Lord," Luke 2:38. When Joshua had "given thanks" he then made the distributions, Josh. 6:11. In the midst of an awful storm and in the face of almost certain shipwreck, "Paul took bread and gave thanks to God," Acts 27:35. In Corinthians 15:57 he says, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ." In Eph. 5:20 it is, "Giving thanks always for all things to God." How can this be, you ask? Are there not many evil things that Satan is back of? Yes, but mixed in with our love to God and His care for us, "All things work together for good to them that love God." This is no "may be so." Paul says, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Well, hallelujah!

Thanks to God for You All.

The apostle says, "We give thanks to God for you all." There is not a one in His blessed kingdom today for whom we should not praise the Lord. Some say, "Brother So and So, or Sister So and So does try my very soul so." I do wish they would not come any more." Did you not call him "brother" and her "sister?" Dear one, that settles what our attitude should be—that of a true brother to them, one that has patience and loves them. It does not mean that we should let them always have their way. Some times we have little fellows in our homes that are awfully "trying," but we never think of turning "a baby" out of doors. True, some of the Lord's "babies" are very trying babies, but if they are His, they are also ours—our very household of faith.

But this is not what is most on my heart to say. With the apostle, from the very depth of our hearts we desire to say, "We do thank God for you all." We are not perfect, perhaps you have not been so; but you are our brother, our sister in the Lord. Never, no never, not even among our own earthly kin, has there been such a tie as this that binds together the "blood-washed ones." It is truly a blood tie. We have been in the awful pit together. The same One heard our cry, and pulled us out. We have one great Elder Brother, one Father and one God, one joy, one great and blessed hope. Hence while we are calling your attention to thoughts of thanksgiving, thanks for health, for food, for raiment, for a good land, for home, for loved ones, for "trying ones," for the Gospel, for salvation, for Jesus and the blessed Spirit, for a white harvest field and a privilege to labor therein, for hope and for heaven—while we are doing this, we desire also to give thanks to God "for you all." It is a wonderful thing to have this great Saviour; it is a wonderful thing to have each other—more wonderful than we always realize. How would we get on without your loving criticism, your co-operation, your prayers, your love and your help? Oh we thank God for all the Evangel Family! In our thanks for other things, let us not forget each other in the Lord.

E. N. B.

•A THANKSGIVING SUGGESTION.

On Thursday, November 29th, a number of our readers will be reviewing with thankfulness the goodness of the Lord during the past year. Most of us Pentecostal folks have three hundred and sixty-five thanksgiving days in the year, and in leap year we have one extra. But there is one day when we feel like shouting the praises of God a little louder and that is the day set apart for national thanksgiving.

We believe, however, that the Lord would have us do something more than shout. In the day of their deliverance from Haman in Babylon, the Jews instituted a national thanksgiving day, and they had a good time of feasting and rejoicing. But this was also a season "of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor." Now, would it not be a happy thought for all the Evangel Family to lay aside a "portion" on thanksgiving day for some of our precious missionaries who are having quite a hard time of it because of the high cost of living and the low rates of exchange? We are at the present time only sending out to our missionaries about half the amount that is needed for them to do effective work.

It is more blessed to give than to receive, and if you want to have a happy day on November 29th, start it by sitting down and sending a portion, (if it is a dime, or a dollar, or a large amount, it will alike be gratefully received,) to the Missionary Treasurer of the Council, and it will be sent out in time to give some of our missionaries a good Christmas, or a special encouragement for the New Year. Please send all amounts by Post Office or Express Money Order, as we have to pay exchange on checks and drafts, to Stanley H. Frodsham, 2838 Easton Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

ARMENIAN RELIEF WORK.

Sister Maria Gerber sends us a notice that she is not any longer co-operating with Bro. Aijian of Detroit, Mich., in this work, and that all who desire to help her should send funds to her at 109 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. Bro. Aijian also sends us a word saying he will send on all funds sent to him in the future through the American Committee of Armenian Relief.

Now let the editor say that always relief to any needy one, saint or sinner, is a worthy deed. Hence let all who so desire, send help through either of these.

But we desire to call your attention to an even more solemn responsibility. In Persia are our own true Pentecostal people who are in the same sad plight as the dear Armenians. They have not been receiving nearly so much help as these others. They are of our own faith, and therefore we are under special obligations to help them. Bro. Andrew Urshan sends such funds as he can to these our brethren in the faith—for bread and clothes. The Evangel office will forward to Bro. Urshan, or to the others, any amount sent us for Persian relief. Why not begin, these times of Thanksgiving, to get ready to reach these needy ones by Christmas with something that will make their hearts rejoice, because we truly love them in the Lord?—E. N. B.

(A CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING.)

There are many things to praise God for, and not the least is the assurance that the "heavens do rule," (Dan. 4:26) and that in spite of all the multitudinous activities of the enemy of souls, "he hath but a short time." It is well to remember that he is not only the enemy of man but that he is the enemy of God, and God is regulating His dealings with His enemy and man's enemy. God's enemy can only be dealt with by the Son of God, and man's enemy is dealt with by the Son of man.

In the counsels of God the enemy was doomed before he put his poison into the seed of the woman. "It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." When He who was to bruise the serpent's head came to this earth the enemy never lost sight of Him, and He never lost sight of the enemy of God and man. All the wisdom and force of hell was levelled against the representative of heaven. After one defeat, the enemy left Him for a season, only to marshal all his forces against Him in the garden. But God had His forces in heaven to succor the Son. Though the enemy emptied hell of its legions, though the many "bulls," demons from the pit, compassed Him about, and the "strong bulls," hell's mightiest angels, beset Him around, and gaped upon Him with their mouths "as a ravening and a roaring lion," and all the pressure of hell came down upon Him, so that His sweat was as it were great drops of blood, God did not leave Him alone but sent an angel to help and strengthen the Son of man.

The Son of man again met the enemy at Calvary and it seemed as if the forces of hell had triumphed. But the death of the Son of man was the very thing that for ever rendered powerless him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. And when the Son of man cried, "It is finished!" He finished the work of the salvation of a race. But the enemy was not finished at that time. God has not forgotten, however, the place where the chain is kept wherewith the angel is going to chain that old serpent, which is the devil.

In the fulness of time will the Son of man be manifested in all the greatness of His power, and in the fulness of time will that chain be brought forth. The enemy hates to hear this, and he will still more hate to feel those chains on his wrists. Remember that the enemy is doomed.

See one on yonder white horse, He who is clothed with a white vesture dipped in blood, and His armies following Him on white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, bringing the utter defeat of all the forces of evil. (Rev. 19:11-21.) And see that final fight when "the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone." (Rev. 20:10.) Jesus Christ is the final conqueror. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing. Then shall the Son Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him that God may be all in all.

Questions and Answers

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

293. Has the war department made any provision for exemptions on the basis of religious beliefs? If so, please state to whom we may apply for these exemptions.

Ans. The draft law exempted those from war service who belong to some well recognized religious body, whose organization was in existence before the time of the passage of said law May 17 last, and whose creed or principles forbade its members to engage in war in any form.

The Pentecostal principles held by the Assemblies of God have always been against our killing any one, but they have not forbade non-combatant service. If you belong to one of our assemblies which formally organized before the passage of said law, or if you are a member of the General Council or of any other church which stands as we do, then you may apply to your local draft board, not for complete exemption, but to be assigned to some service where you are not called on to kill men. You will have to make out an affidavit to the facts that entitle you to such non-combatant service, also have the clerk or pastor of your church to make an affidavit on the same facts. There must be nothing but the straight, solemn truth affirmed in these. The General Council is not in sympathy with any sort of twisting, shirking or "slackering" in our duty to our flag and the interests of humanity at stake in this great war. We should, even if exempted, do all in our power, consistent with our faith in God, to sustain our President in this great conflict.

Blanks to be filled out may be obtained from your local draft board. Go up like a man and talk the matter over frankly with the secretary of said board, and he will give you needed information.

294. How do we know the Bride will go up before Christ comes to conquer in the battle of Armageddon?

Ans. (1) Because she returns with Christ when He comes.

(2) Because she is at her own wedding, of course, at the marriage supper of the Lamb sometime before His coming, Rev. 19:7-9.

(3) Because the overcomers are to be kept from that "hour of temptation (trials of the tribulation) that shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth," Rev. 3:10. Surely the Bride is an overcomer.

(4) There are twenty reasons why the true saints will not experience the terrors of the tribulation. In this short answer we cannot give all the Bible says on this. Take this one more. The tribulation is the outpouring of God's wrath upon those of the earth. But Paul says the saints are "not appointed unto wrath." Then they must be caught up before this wrath falls. For fuller explanations send for Turner's Book on the Revelation, from the Gospel Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo., 57 cents in paper, or \$1.00 in cloth.

295. Can we expect Jesus to come before the fulfillment of Ezekiel, chapters 36 and 37, and the rebuilding of the Temple at Jerusalem? Or do you understand these things will take place after the Rapture and only before the battle of Armageddon at His return to earth?

Ans. The return of Christ is one journey in two stages. In the first part we meet Him in the air and attend the marriage supper of the Lamb.

His coming to the earth when "every eye shall see Him and they that pierced Him" is the second stage. As I understand the Scriptures it is impossible to expect His appearance on the earth any day. Israel must become a nation. Temple must be rebuilt. Chapter 12 in Zechariah and similar passages also must be fulfilled. The Antichrist must first come, 2 Thess. 2:3-4. The two witnesses (possibly Enoch and Elijah) must also prophesy before Christ's feet rest upon the Mount of Olives, Rev. 11:3-13; Zech. 14:1-4. Most of the book of Revelation from Chapters 4 to 19 likely will be fulfilled after the rapture and before His appearance at the battle of Armageddon in end of chapter 19.

296. Do Pentecostal people teach that a child is lost whose parents are unsaved if it dies before the years of accountability? What do other denominations teach on this?

Ans. No, Pentecostal people do not teach any child will be lost which dies before personally accountable for sin. Hardly any denomination teaches such today.

297. What is the significance of the man getting into the marriage supper without a wedding garment on, Matt. 22:9-14?

Ans. It means that some will expect and try to get the benefits of salvation, without making the necessary preparation of heart to meet the approval of God. All such will be cast into outer darkness.

298. When and where does the marriage supper of the Lamb take place?

Ans. It takes place after the Rapture and in the air, (heaven) before Jesus comes on to the earth to take possession, Rev. 19:1, 7, 8, 9.

299. What did Paul mean in Eph. 5:26 by saying, "That Christ might sanctify the church by the washing of water by the Word?"

Ans. The better translation of this passage is, "That He might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the Word."

Here the church is looked on as already cleansed when saved, but not yet perfectly holy, or without spot or wrinkle. So the Lord desires it to go on in holiness or sanctification so that he might "present the church to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish," Eph. 5:27.

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DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "Thou art the God that doest wonders."
Psa. 77:14.

"Say not my soul from whence
Can God relieve my care?
Remember that Omnipotence
Has servants everywhere."

Monday. "Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart," 2 Cor. 3:3.

The little fellow sat on his grandfather's arm, while the old gentleman read from God's Word. "Why grandpa," he suddenly cried, "I see a little Bible open in your eye." Little man, he knew not the depth of truth suggested by his innocent childish utterance. Do the old as well as the young nearest you see a "little Bible open in your eye," and in your words and your life also? I am not straining the figure. You all know what I mean—it is eating God's Word until it does become the very essence of your life. "Let the word of the Christ be indwelling within you richly." Col. 3:16. (Roth.)

Tuesday. "The Lord do that which seemeth him good," 2 Sam. 10:12.

God's will a chariot is to me—
Wherein I ride most joyfully,
Singing while passing roads most rough
Because I find them smooth enough
While resting thus in Him.)

Wednesday. "How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings," Psa. 36:7.

Oh the extent of this wonderful word "lovingkindness." How very expressive of the faithfulness of our God. Blessed be His name forever! We hide away under the shadow of His great wings just as the little chick hides under its mother's wings. The little chick finds it dark there; it cannot use its eyes. But the mother's eye is ever watchful, and all her wisdom and love are used in behalf of that little hiding chick. Will that soul who hides away in God, trusting that eye that never sleeps, that love and wisdom that never fails, be any the less cared for?

Thursday. "If ye fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well," Jas. 2:8.

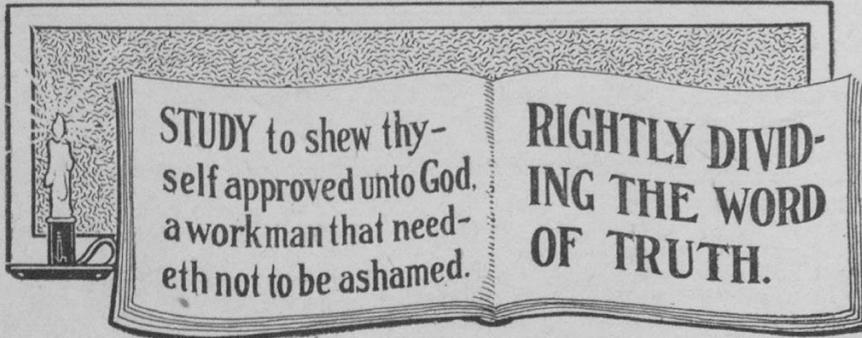
It is so very easy to make all sorts of allowances for ourselves, and then bring the law down with a Shylock exactness on the failure or mistake of our brother. Then most generally we, even professedly good people, put our best side up in contrast against our brother's worst side. We say we would never do some of the things he does; but we forget how many things even more despicable in God's sight we have done. The dear Lord help us.

Friday. "Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord," Zeph. 3:8.

"Be still before Him, and allow His Holy Spirit to waken and stir up in your soul the child-like disposition of absolute dependence and confident expectation. Wait on God till you know you have met Him; prayer will then become so different. And when you are praying, let there be intervals of silence, reverent stillness of soul, in which you yield yourself to God, in case He may have aught He wishes to teach you or to work in you."—Andrew Murray.

Saturday. "Brethren, be not weary in well-doing," 2 Thess. 3:13.

It is like the voice of our Captain, calling to us in the last watch of the night, "Be not weary." Some of our very comrades have fallen by the wayside, have deserted the service; our own hearts have grown faint as we saw evil men and seducers waxing worse and worse. But the end is almost here. The morning of gladness, when He shall appear and all our labor for Him be finished, is already breaking. Brethren, "Be not weary."



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

December 2, 1917.

NEHEMIAH REBUILDS THE WALL OF JERUSALEM.

Lesson Text: Neh. 4:1-23.

Golden Text: The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me, Heb. 13:6.

Practical Truth: The Lord prospers those who work and watch and pray.

Topic: Opposition.

Time: B. C. 444.

Place: Jerusalem.

This week's lesson follows up the lesson of two weeks ago, in which Nehemiah had received permission and commission from king Artaxerxes to return to Jerusalem and rebuild its walls, which had lain in ruins for nearly a century and a half. He arrived there in midsummer, and after resting three days, he went quietly out at night, so as not to arouse suspicions, and investigated the condition of the walls of Jerusalem. He saw the distress of his brother Jews, how they were open to attacks of their enemies on all sides. So he spoke to them of what the king had done for him and they said, "Let us rise up and build."

Opposition from Enemies, Vs. 1-9. When they began actually to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, Sanballat, a Persian officer who hated the Jews, became very angry and began to ridicule the Jews and what they were doing, saying, "What do these feeble Jews?" And Tobiah, another enemy of the Jews, added his derision by saying that if they did build a wall, it would be such an one that a fox could break it down! When these taunts reached Nehemiah, he did not argue with them or justify himself before the people. He did not give up in disgust or discouragement, he went to God and told Him about it—what we should do when we are ridiculed, threatened or lied about. He did not try to punish his enemies for what they had said; he handed them over to God. Christ gave us an example of how to act when we are despised and ridiculed.—"He opened not His mouth." Yea, more, He said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Oh may we be filled more and more with the blessed Spirit of Christ so that we

will pray for those who despitefully use us and say all manner of evil against us falsely.

After Nehemiah committed his enemies into God's hands, he went on with his walls. In verse 6 we read, "For the people had a mind to work." That was why they accomplished something. They were ready to obey their leader and do the work God had given them to do. There are some people today who have received a call of God, and who are willing to sing or preach, but they do not have a mind to work. Paul says, "Work with your own hands." We are here not to be waited on, but to serve, even as Christ hath given us an example in washing the disciples' feet, the lowest menial task he could do. If the Jews had been unwilling to work and do what Nehemiah said, the walls never would have gone up. When the enemies around Jerusalem saw that the walls were actually being built so that Jerusalem would no longer be exposed for them to rob and plunder, they "conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem." They became more bitter against Nehemiah and the Jews. Again Nehemiah resorts to the helper who never fails those who call upon Him in faith. In the face of great danger, they prayed unto God. But that was not all; they "set a watch" against the enemy. Christ tells us to "watch and pray," for we have an enemy who is going around "seeking whom he may devour."

Opposition from Discouraged Brethren, Vs. 10-15. Not only was there opposition from enemies outside of Jerusalem, but many of the Jews themselves were in a disheartened condition. They had become accustomed continually to seeing the ruined walls and realized it would be a gigantic task to clear away all the rubbish which had accumulated, and when the work commenced, some became weary and discouraged. Some were weak in devotion, in courage and faith, because they stopped to listen to the voice of the enemy, to their threats and boastful statements. They allowed their thoughts to dwell more on the enemy than on the promises of God. They forgot that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who had brought His people through the Red Sea, had given them water out of the rock and fed them forty years in the wilderness, the God who had driven out their enemies before Joshua and Caleb, and caused the

walls of Jericho to fall—that He was still just the same unchangeable God, and able to protect against all foes. Oh, what a true picture we see in all this of the weakness of the natural heart and mind! (How prone we are to forget God's promises and to listen to the whisperings of our great enemy who is always seeking to discourage us in any work for God.) Dear ones, are we standing firmly on the promises of God; or are we allowing ourselves to become discouraged through listening to what is said about us and about what we are doing? God help us to keep "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith," and to consider Him and what He endured "lest we be wearied and faint in our minds."

The Jews who dwelt outside Jerusalem among the Samaritans and other enemies carried the report to their brethren who were building the wall, that there was a conspiracy to come and take them by surprise and destroy the workmen and thus hinder the work. Here we see there are two ways to meet danger, one would have been to get frightened and leave off the work, but Nehemiah chose the other way. He became more vigilant than ever, and put armed soldiers on guard, and even the workmen carried weapons. Then he rose up and spoke encouraging words to them, saying, "Be not ye afraid of them; remember the Lord." Let us in times of danger and discouragement just remember the Lord and trust Him to take care. Then we read: "God brought the enemy's counsel to nought." Take in connection with this thought, Isa. 54:17, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; * * * this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord." Praise God for such an heritage!

Strength in Unity, Vs. 16-23. The work of building the wall went on, some working on the wall, and others guarding the workmen. A man with a trumpet stayed by Nehemiah who kept watching for enemies that might appear, and he told them, "In what place ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us," and then he adds, "Our God shall fight for us." Though the battle belonged to God and He was to do the fighting, yet the people were to stand together. (Co-operation is needed among God's children, and though the battle is God's, we need to stand in unity.) Paul says, "I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together." And because there was unity, prayer, faith, watchfulness, and the people had a mind to work, the wall went up and was finished in fifty-two days (Neh. 6:15) in spite of all opposition, without or within. When we are in God's will we can go forward undaunted by opposition or threats and can boldly say, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." But we cannot say "the Lord is my helper" if we are doing

something contrary to His will. So let Him guide each step of the way.

Next Week's Lesson,
December 9, 1917,

EZRA AND NEHEMIAH TEACH THE LAW.

Lesson Text: Neh. 8:1-18.

Golden Text: Psa. 119:105.

—Florence L. Personeus.

REVIVAL SPIRIT IN LONDON, ONTARIO.

Our work here during the last two weeks has been much blessed of God despite the situation being a very difficult one. We encountered terrible opposition here, upon our arrival from Montreal, where the work is much newer and more vital in spiritual power. During our first efforts at prayer in London, satanic pressure was so strong that its depression almost defeated our spirits. But "God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform," glorious victories soon rushed in and the cloud completely lifted. Results have surpassed our highest expectations. Praises be to our faithful God.

Among the first to respond to the call of God was the secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of whom we rented the large auditorium. Through him we were allowed freedom unlimited in our services. A newspaper reporter who came in to secure sensational news about Bro. Urshan's thrilling experiences in the Orient was also captured by powerful preaching. With this daily newspaper prestige our publicity was thus increased. Preaching and standing for the pure word of God brought conviction to many hearts prejudiced against the latter rain outpouring of Pentecost. One of the churches whose membership had largely fallen in line with full Gospel teaching and whose minister opposed Holy Spirit manifestations, causing many to doubt their spiritual Baptism, has now practically turned Pentecostal as a body.

Results of the meetings tabulate mostly in large numbers of restorations and re-consecrations. Forty-one candidates were baptized in the Y. M. C. A. swimming-pool at the Baptismal service Sunday night. More than thirty new people have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Great victory is now prevalent and we trust that results will be reaped daily under Brother Armstrong's capable pastorship.

Now at our departure for San Francisco, via Chicago, Winnipeg and Portland, Ore., we earnestly entreat the prayers of the Evangel family that the power of God will mightily work in us and the hearts of saint and sinner during our ministry on the Pacific Coast as God shall direct in His own good providence.—Yours for lost souls, C. Orville Benham.

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A Testimony.

About twelve years ago God saved my soul. Well do I remember my tears, and desires to follow Him; but alas, like many more, when the test came I did not stand. For years I have been trying to be a Christian, claiming promises with tears and heart sorrow over sin, only to go down again, until almost despairing of ever reaching the goal. Once I was greatly stirred through reading a little poem, called the Mud Speck's Prayer, which described my case. The impression of that poem made me all the more heartbroken with my backsliding until the beginning of this year, when at an allnight of prayer watch night service in the Salvation Army, under the preaching of the Gospel, that we, like Israel, should "Go forward," I was determined to go through. About the second Thursday of January this year God led me to the place where I completely yielded to Him and deliverance from the power of sin came. My chains were loosed and I was free.

Then a dear Salvation Army sister, since gone to her reward, told me, when I went to visit her on that afternoon, how the Pentecostal people were having a convention. She herself had come home from it looking so happy and praising God, because she had seen a helpless paralytic brought in and instantly healed. I went to see this wonderful Pentecostal meeting during Bro. Urshan's mission here in Ottawa, heard about the wonderful power of the Blood of Jesus for victory over sin for deliverance from Satan, and, blessed be the name of our God, sought it, got through to Jesus, and was baptized in the Holy Ghost. Praise God. Now I am having a wonderful time feeding on the milk and honey of Canaan. I go regularly to the mission.—Sister Jessie Ross.

DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR ALABAMA AND FLORIDA.

The District Council for Alabama and Florida meets at Enterprise, Alabama, December 3rd at 9 a. m. We desire every minister of the southeastern States to be present and each church to send delegates according to number of members. We expect 150 ministers, and the Chairman of the General Council, Bro. J. W. Welch, to be with us. Also a mighty spiritual awakening, a stirring up of the gifts of the Holy Spirit within the body, and a great ingathering of souls. Let each one come prepared to support himself as far as possible. Let us go deeper into God and forward with His cause.—W. B. Jessup, Chairman of District Council and General Presbyter.

CASH WITH ORDER.

Owing to the large amount lost through giving credit, the increasing cost of collecting accounts, and the extra help required to keep books, it has been decided that the Gospel Publishing House will run on a "Cash with Order" basis in the future just as far as possible.

NOTICE TO MINISTERS.

The time is here and fast passing when all Fellowship Certificates issued up until about July 1st of this year, are to be renewed. About July 1st we began to mark all Fellowship Certificates "valid for one year from date." These, so marked, may be retained until the time they expire. Certificates issued before that time have already expired and should be renewed at once, and should be attended to during this month.

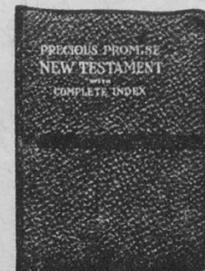
In getting the Certificates renewed, please send in the one you have. This is quite important as it will save us a great deal of labor in issuing the new ones. All changes of address and all changes of Ministry should be mentioned, that the official list may be correctly revised.

It is hoped that we may have all certificates renewed—that need renewing—before December 1st, as the new list is to reach the R. R. Bureaus before the first of the new year. Names of persons who do not renew their Fellowship Certificates, will not appear on the list, as the official list is composed of those who are in regular standing, having the certificate of fellowship. At the 1916 Council meeting the brethren adopted a resolution that all the ministers should send in the sum of 50 cents towards the heavy expenses of maintaining the Council Office, with their applications for new Fellowship Certificates.

Let us urge all ministers in the Council to be prompt in these matters. The number is increasing and the work of caring for the lists requires much time and patience. Care and promptness on your part will relieve the pressure here.

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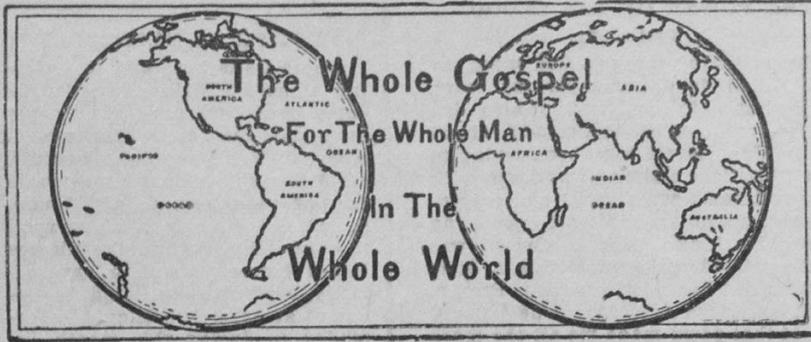
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TRIUMPHS AND TRIALS IN JAPAN.

Bro. W. J. Taylor of Kobe, Japan, who is in this country, writes:

"Wife has had 'much fruit' since I have been over here, including the salvation of a Buddhist priest through a tract given him on the street by a beloved brother.

"The Japanese authorities have been trying to shut my hall, in fact have done so, until I can get back and make an official application for re-opening. 'Red-Tape!' with the devil back of it. Hallelujah, we are not ignorant of his devices, are we?

"I feel the call of Japan strong upon me just now, and will gladly welcome the day when I too can write as Paul did, 'And finding a ship sailing, we went aboard and set forth.' To this end please join in prayer."

MISSIONARIES EXPENSES GREATLY RISING.

Have just returned from a trip in the interior. While inland, we had opportunity to preach the Word to many heathen; the colporters also sold several hundred Gospels. And we know our God's Word "will not return unto Him void but will accomplish that where unto it was sent." Praise His name!

I have translated, with my teacher, the tract, "The Baptism with the Holy Ghost, with speaking in tongues." by Bro. E. N. Bell. It is now in the press. I feel it will be a great blessing in giving the Pentecostal truths to hungry hearts. In the past there has been some Pentecostal literature published in Chinese, but very little comparatively speaking, and by no means sufficient to meet the needs.

This is the first book of its kind that I know of that has gone forth, and while we know it will meet a need, yet we are still in need of more Pentecostal literature in Chinese. We request the prayers of our brethren at home, that this need may soon be supplied. Anyone feeling led to send an offering to help in this work, please specify for Chinese Tract Fund.

We are sorry to say that our rents have been increased because of the war taxes. Also exchange is very low. For \$1.00 gold we used to get more than \$2.00 in this money, but now for (one dollar) \$1.00 in gold, we get only \$1.28 Mexican. This makes our expenses very much more than formerly.

Our expenses now for mission, native workers, rents, food, etc., are \$130.00 Mexican each month, which equals at the present exchange \$101.60 in gold. In consideration of these facts we earnestly request your continual and united prayers. I am

Yours faithfully in the Master's service,
John D. James.

AMONGST THE LEPERS.

We are very happy in our work here among the poor outcast lepers of India. There are 500 under our supervision and we feel the need of continual blessing upon us. Kindly pray for us to this end.

Any extra funds sent us will be passed on to others for the glory of God, as we now receive our personal support regularly, and do not need it for ourselves.—Mrs. H. T. Wagoner, Mission to Lepers, Baitalpur, India.

DEATH OF SISTER COOK.

Beloved of the Evangel Family:

With much sorrow I inform you that in August 31, 1917, my precious darling wife and yokefellow, and mother of our two daughters, Blossom and Dorothy, aged 11 and 8, folded her frail tent here on earth, and went home to glory there to ever be with the Lord.

Though deep sorrow fills my heart and everything around me seems desolate, nevertheless, I have this consolation that I shall see her again, and that right soon. Praise God for this blessed hope. The trump shall resound and the dead shall arise, praise the Lord. Praise the Lord oh my soul! Until then, and by His grace I shall fight on. I dare not run away, or turn back in the day of battle. I want to join wife in the victor's song. Thank God, the fight will not be long; THIS day the NOISE OF BATTLE, the NEXT THE VICTOR'S SONG!

Wife overcame sin and the devil, but I am left to continue the fight. I must overcome, I am determined to hold out to the end. Amen.

Truly wife's departure was a great blow to me, and for some time it stunned me. It seemed as though I could never work, fight, or live without her. Nevertheless the Lord of all comfort graciously comforted me, and told me to take courage and fight on. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away, besed by the name of the Lord. He makes no mistakes. He doeth all things well. Thank God, the cross is not greater than His grace.

Wife surely presented her body a living sacrifice for Christ and the Gospel's sake. Yes, she was willing to live if needs be in an Indian hut and sacrifice all conveniences for the Gospel's sake. Her reward is great. Well, the Lord had done great things for her, and in return she gave up all for Him.

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill;
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sovereign will.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own Interpreter,
And He will make all things plain.

Yours in His service,
R. F. Cook,
Frasertown, Bangalore, S. India.

Note: As we learn in another beautiful letter from Sister Clark, Sister Cook died of typhoid fever. May the Lord comfort our brother as one whom a tender mother comforteth.—Editor Weekly Evangel.

PENTECOSTAL WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA.

With rejoicing and much glad interest I received your good letter. I praise God for the awakening amongst His children and the grip they are taking of the situation on the foreign fields. For years I have felt the need of a greater unity—more standing together as one man—overlooking differences and the one supreme aim of the church be to spread the Gospel into the interior where Christ's name has never been heard. As the coming of our Lord draws near our time and opportunity is fast approaching an end and as a mission our heart burns within us to up-build Christ's kingdom.

I will endeavor, briefly, to give you a bird's eye view of our mission. About seven years ago I came out alone to Africa in obedience to God's call. I expected to settle down somewhere in the heart of the continent. Instead of this God kept me continually opening new stations—not localizing, but establishing new posts and praying in the needed workers and the money to hold the forts. Our work has not sprung up, it has taken much time, prayer and hard labor and many lives have been sacrificed, but God has been pleased to let His blessing rest upon our efforts until now we can say that by His grace He has enabled us to open a large number of mission stations extending, over three thousand miles, from Cape Town, north, into the Belgian Congo. We are at present contemplating entering new fields as God opens the way. Have just returned from Natal where we secured another site among the Zulus. In about two weeks' time we are going into Portuguese East Africa, in response to an urgent call from the natives, to open a station there. In our compound work on the Rand we come in contact with many Shangaans, from this district, and their appeal is most pathetic that we take the Gospel message to their wives and children.

The Pentecostal Mission was incorporated on March 18, 1913, in Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal. This gives us, as a mission, the privilege of holding properties, reduced railway fares, etc. If we were not incorporated the various mission stations would require to be held in the name of some individual, but as it is, the Pentecostal Mission holds its properties in its own name and should the mission be dissolved, for any reason whatever, our constitution is so worded that all properties would have to be passed on, by deed of gift, to a religious body of like faith.

We have forty-three missionaries working on our various stations at the present time, also five missionaries on furlough. Brother Hooper, our vice president, is among the number on furlough and is in America at the present time. We are sending him your letter and we trust that he will attend your convention and personally represent the Pentecostal Mission of South and Central Africa. God is wonderfully bless-

ing the efforts of these untiring workers with souls. Some of these workers are self-supporting, but many among this number never receive one cent toward their support. These the mission undertakes to support as God sends it in. We also have fourteen native evangelists whom we endeavor to support.

Our mission has no guaranteed source of support and our work is carried on along faith lines, looking to God to supply our needs and He has never failed us. Praise His dear name.

I am, your brother, in the joyous service of our coming King,

George Bowie.

SOLDIERS ON CANAL ZONE.

Mrs. L. R. Yarrow, of Los Angeles, Cal., sends us a letter which she has received from the Cristobal Canal Zone which we publish in the Evangel because, as it will be seen, conditions there need our most earnest prayer.

The writer is one of the representatives of the American Bible Society, and he says:

"The Society has sent out a number of Testaments for free distribution among the soldiers, so at present I am working largely on that. I have visited two of the most earnest army chaplains, and secured their co-operation. Last Saturday I went over to Panama, and as I walked down Central Avenue in the afternoon, I met numbers of the soldiers coming in, some in jitneys, some in coaches, and some on foot,—coming in, I suppose to have what is called "a good time." The amount of money which is squandered in the saloons and dens of vice, in Colon and Panama, by American soldiers, must be tremendous. Panama and Colon are what are called "wide open" towns. They are wide open for missionary effort, too, and greatly in need of such, so that if you know of any prospective missionaries looking for open doors, you will be able to enlighten them. On Sunday I went out to Fort Grant, and found an attendance of ten soldiers, out of a garrison of 1500 or 1600. I was given the privilege of making a short address at the end of the lesson.

"The way young American manhood is being wasted in these two towns is something terrible, and the church is inert. The percentage of professing Christians is much larger in the Portorican regiment than in the American regiments. Now what do you think of that?"

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THE MORNING STAR.

I woke, and the night was passing,
And over the hills there shone
A star all alone in its beauty,
When the other stars were gone—

For a glory was filling the heavens
That came before the day,
And the gloom and the stars together
Faded and passed away.

Only the star of the morning
Glowed in the crimson sky—
It was like a clear voice singing,
"Rejoice! for the Sun is nigh!"

O children! a Star is shining
Into the hearts of men—
It is Christ with a voice of singing,
"Rejoice! for I come again!"

"For the long, long night is passing,
And there cometh the golden day;
I come to My own who love Me,
To take them all away.

"It may be to-day or to-morrow,
Soon it will surely be;
Then past are the tears and the sor-
row—
Then Home for ever with Me."
—Frances Bevan.

FIELD REPORTS.

Winnipeg, Canada. The revival continues in Winnipeg. Yesterday was the third Sunday in our new hall. Eight received the baptism in last night's meeting and a number of others have received during the past two weeks. Pastor Wittich of Ohio is with us. Other missions are also seeing good results in their midst. The churches of this city appear to be awakening to the great needs of evangelistic efforts.—Yours for the Gospel, A. H. Argue.

Pawhuska, Okla. The Oklahoma District Council was a great success, and those attending went to their homes much encouraged over the steps taken by the Council for the advancement of the work in the State. Bro. Fred Eiting of McAllister is staying with us for a week of teaching, and getting the saints ready for the evangelistic campaign, which follows. Bro. Fred Lohman of Malvern, Ark., will have charge of these services. We are expecting a great time from the Lord; already there have been several souls saved, and several remarkable healings. Praise His name. Pastor S. A. Jameson of Tulsa, Okla., is now Chairman of the Oklahoma District Council. I have been called to take Brother Evans' place as pastor of the Assembly at Pawhuska, and I request special prayer that God may help me to fill the position to which I have been called. This is my first real responsibility.—S. L. Shockey.

King Hill, Idaho. I have worked in meetings for sixteen years, and this is the hardest place I have ever seen. Mr. and Mrs. F. Sellers and Henry Butler from Iowa held meetings here this summer, but they only had one conversion and she is now backslidden. I am so hungry to see this worldly place stirred. We have been writing to every preacher we can hear of to come and help, but none comes to this community.—Mrs. John H. Jones.

Bethel Temple, Chicago, Ill. We have just closed a very successful convention. The Spirit mounted high. Many received "the Baptism," and all a great refreshing. The Lord is blessing all the meetings. Some really wonderful healings are taking place. The attendance is increasing, so that now we have some six or seven hundred people at our Sunday afternoon gathering. Praise the Lord for it all!—Yours in His sweet fellowship, Andrew L. Fraser.

Delta, Iowa. We are having a good meeting here every night, and God is saving and baptizing souls with the Holy Ghost. We had baptizing in the river on Sunday. We are building a church and are looking for great things from the Lord. Any Spirit-filled visitors will be welcomed to come and help us out in the battle against sin. We have the opera house and are holding services in it until we get the church finished. Pray that God will keep us humble at His feet.—Harry H. Nigh and band.

Washburn, Me. The meetings here are wonderful. Each meeting seems to be better than the last. Eight were saved last Sunday and one baptized in the Holy Ghost. There were a hundred saved and over one hundred baptized with the Holy Ghost at the camp meeting. A week ago we had a march around the church of two hundred people who joined hands and pledged God and one another that they believe in the old time Pentecostal power and would stand true to it and to God. There is a great unity of spirit in the work here. We have almost every kind of belief in our midst but one Spirit. Praise the Lord. This is, I believe, why God works in such a wonderful way.—Mrs. N. J. Magoon.

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Ridge Station, Ark. A good Pentecostal meeting has just closed at Ridge Station, conducted by Pastor W. P. Eisiele of Jonesboro, Ark., and S. B. Drew of Paragould, Ark. It continued for two weeks and was a fight from start to finish, because of so much erroneous doctrine that has been preached there. After a hard pull of a week, the saints from other places began to come in, faith was increased, and several were healed of various diseases in answer of prayer. The testimonies were much used to increase interest and seed was sown that we are sure will bring forth fruit for eternity. It was a hard pull throughout the meeting, but God overruled and gave victory at last, and great joy was on the saints the last three nights. The sacrament was taken and foot washing observed. One was saved and two received the baptism. The meeting should have gone on for another week, but the people were so busy gathering corn and picking cotton that we thought it best to close now, and to hold another meeting there in a month or so.—S. P. Drew.

BRIDEGROOM'S MESSENGER DISCONTINUED.

Mrs. E. A. Sexton writes to us that she is discontinuing her paper, the "Bridegroom's Messenger," and that she will be connected with the Pentecostal Holiness Advocate of Falcon, N. C., in the future. The Bridegroom's Messenger has been a brave witness to the Pentecostal truth for many years, and has been a paper of a distinctly missionary character. It will be greatly missed by many.

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A City-Wide Revival Campaign will be undertaken simultaneously.

All ministers of the assemblies of God, with as many as possible from each assembly, should plan on coming, and all others of like testimony as matters of mutual interest will be taken up and a District Council formed.

Come fully prayed up, for a royal feast is fully anticipated. Entertainment may be had at reasonable rates near-by. Special workers, Andrew D. Urshan, evangelist, Orville Benham, cornetist.—Robt. J. Craig, Pastor.

LOCAL BIBLE SCHOOL.

A local Bible school for Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma will begin at Howe, Okla., December 2nd next and will run for about two weeks. A second school will begin at McCurtain, Okla., on December 15th, and will run for ten days or two weeks. The prayers of the Evangel family are requested for these schools.—Evangelist Jacob Miller, Ft. Smith, Ark., and Pastor E. R. Fitzgerald, Russellville, Ark.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MARYLAND AND WEST VIRGINIA.

The first annual convention of the District Council of the Assemblies of God of Maryland and West Virginia is to be held at Lonaconing, Maryland, Nov. 23rd—December 2nd.

Pastor Andrew L. Fraser of Chicago and Elder C. H. Schoonmaker of Burdett, N. Y., (missionary to South India) will be our special evangelists. Many other ministers and workers from this district and adjoining States are coming, D. V. Each assembly in Maryland and West Virginia should send at least three delegates to this convention.

Those wanting to know about entertainment please write Pastor C. B. Webster, Lonaconing, Maryland. For further information about the convention write W. H. Pope, chairman, Frostburg, Md., box 347, or O. P. Brann, Secretary, Westernport, Md., box 612.

NOTICE TO THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ASSEMBLIES.

The Lord willing we will have a union meeting at Puxico, Mo., on Dec. 1st and 2nd. We are expecting a good attendance from many assemblies. Let as many come as possible. The District Council has recommended union meetings amongst neighboring assemblies as a means of cementing the tie of fellowship which exists between them as bodies of believers. Come expecting a feast of good things and a blessed time of waiting upon God. We hope to continue these union meetings, D. V., from assembly to assembly as the Lord may lead.—Pastor E. L. Banta, chairman Southern Missouri District Assembly.

NOTICE OF CONVENTION.

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Please pray that God will save two young men who are keeping company with baptized saints, and that God will show these young ladies how wrong it is for God's children to go with worldly boys.—Mrs. W. B. McC.

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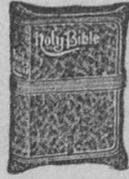
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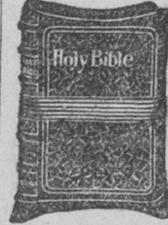
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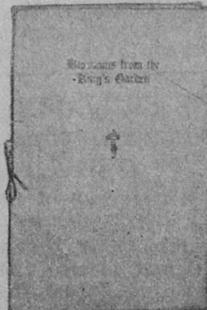
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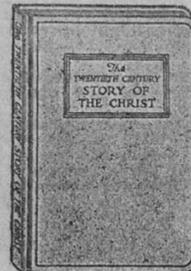
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