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The Pentecostal Baptism--Its Foundation

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A foundation is a necessity if a building is expected to withstand the ravages of time. The greater the building the more need to give heed to a sure and firm undergirding. Besides giving a firm footing it provides a sense of security and confidence in time of storm, a thing which all declare to be the most desired.

The architect, the contractor, the builder as well as the owner, begin there with their calculations. The ground must be gone over and considered in relation to the possibilities of a foundation. What of the beauties of construction and carving and finish if it be founded on the sand? The storm is going to try and test the work and if the first be wrong, then all the work and labor, time and expense goes for naught and disappointment and bankruptcy reigns.

Let us pause a moment in considering the importance of the "Pentecostal Baptism." I mean that recorded in the 2nd chapter of the Acts of the Apostles and the 4th verse. In our seeking God in Pentecostal services for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit have we given the proper attention to the ground work, or have we just run to the altar and waited for God to do something for us and give us a blessing and a manifestation? In the latter case we are in the main disappointed with the outcome and the work does not have the lasting results one hears preached.

Let us consider briefly the foundation of the Baptism of the Spirit. First in its positive character or the work as planned by the Divine Architect. Second in its negative aspect relative to the believer.

First: The Positive Foundation.

1. THE WORD OF GOD: "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever.—Deut 29:29. God's Word is SURE, it is PURE, it has been tried in the FIRE. It has remained throughout the generations the same dignified, unchanging, unaltered, unerring declaration of God and His desire toward mankind, and like Him it has remained the same YESTERDAY, TODAY and FOREVER. It has survived the ravages of time, it has withstood the hatred and animosity of its enemies of the "dark

ages." It has been ripped with pen knives and burned in fire, in hate and disregard, but it has withstood and come forth without the smell of smoke, stronger and more powerful than ever. See Jeremiah 36:21-32. The Word of God therefore is the first consideration. Hath the Lord spoken or hath He not spoken? Hath He said and shall He not do it? There is no other ground more positive on which one may build than on the fact of God's Word to his people.

2. THE PROMISE OF GOD: This might be termed the Specific Word. Inasmuch as the Word of God deals with all manner of need, so His promises specifies His will in each direction of our spiritual and physical life.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit rests positively on the Divine Promise, and can His Promise fail? In a very special way the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is spoken of as "THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER." "The promise of My Father UPON YOU" (Luke 24:49). Upon whom? Hear the message of Peter, Acts 2:39: "The promise is unto you (Israel) to your children (Israel's descendants), to all who are afar off" (the Gentile nations), and lest there should be any possible chance of misunderstanding the scope of this mighty promise he adds, "even to as MANY as the Lord our God shall call." The Promise of the Father therefore is grounded on His specific promise to all who come to Him in the name of Jesus. See also Joel 2:28; John 14:16; Acts 1:4, 5.

3. THE CHARACTER OF GOD: To Moses He said, "I AM THAT I AM" (Ex. 3:14.) His character is Holy and Righteous, and His attributes are Justice, Love, Truth and Mercy.

The Character of God as revealed in Christ is typified in the law of the High Priests' garments as noted in Exodus 28:33-35. On the HEM of this garment were pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet along with bells of gold. It would speak thus that the very character of God is revealed in all its perfections in ministry in behalf of His people. Blue signifies holiness and purity of character, purple and scarlet speak of royalty. The High Priest of the Royal household, the dignity of Kingship revealed. Christ was King and Priest

after the order of Melchizedek and came of the royal house and lineage of David. The gold stands for the Divine nature. Christ's Holiness, Divinity and Royalty were therefore typified in the border of the priest's garment. It was this I believe that the woman who was stricken for twelve years touched when she made her way through the press, to TOUCH THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT. She touched God's character, and virtue flowed into her weak and sickly body and she was healed forthwith. Luke 8:43-48. See also Matthew 14:36; Heb. 6:13-20.

4. THE OATH OF GOD: God's covenant to Abraham was a covenant of Grace. That which God would perform in his behalf apart from works or flesh merit. A covenant is dependent on the character as well as the backing of the one making it. In taking a loan on a bank one gives his note of promise but the bank requires security, so one of reputation and wealth must endorse your note to make the loan good so in the event of your failure your security stands good. To make God's covenant sure to the seed He, so to speak, sought for some one greater than Himself to go on His note, to be security, if you please, and He found none greater than Himself, so He swore by Himself, by His own power and eternal, limitless wealth, by His own name, wherein it was IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie, in order that WE MIGHT HAVE STRONG CONSOLATION who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the HOPE set before us. Here is a good place, beloved, to stop and have a shout, to praise and magnify His name, for He hath SWORN BY HIMSELF AND HE CANNOT LIE, THAT BLESSING I WILL BLESS THEE. And lest we might mistake just the meaning of this blessing we turn to Galatians 3:13-14 and read: "That the BLESSING of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through CHRIST JESUS; that we might receive the PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT through FAITH." Glory to God, Hallelujah! That, beloved, is the bedrock, and you can rest assured your house will not tumble if you build there.

5. THE BLOOD OF CHRIST: The Blood of Christ lies at the threshold of every experience. It means the surrendered life of Christ in our behalf. He died that we might have His life mani-

festated in our entire being. Apart from the blood there is no remission of sins, and apart from the blood there is no reception of the Holy Spirit.

The oil which was used in the Old Testament for anointing purposes was of special compound and restricted to a holy use only, and a death penalty imposed for those who dared try making like thereto. This is a type of the Holy Spirit, pure and holy for anointing purposes. How useless a life to God apart from the anointing of this precious oil. And forget not that God will accept no counterfeit of any character. But the chief characteristic of this oil was that it should not come on any flesh. Exodus 30:22-33. In the consecration of the tabernacle and the instruments of worship, as well as the priests, the blood was first sprinkled, after which anointing would follow where indicated (Ex. 24:6-8 and Hebrews 9:18-22). In Leviticus we see the cleansing of the leper and after the ceremonies of the birds and slaying of the lamb the blood was taken and placed on the right ear, thumb and great toe respectively, after which the oil was placed, not on the flesh but on the blood, after which the residue was poured on the head of the one being cleansed. Thus we see the basis of the true Baptism is not founded on our own merit or worth but on the blood of Christ (Lev. 14:14-18).

6. THE GLORIFICATION OF CHRIST: On the basis of the glorification of Christ to the right hand of God is the Spirit poured forth. John 7:37-39 shows us the reason for the Spirit not being poured forth, "because that Jesus was not yet glorified." This was the judicial act by which Christ the Anointed One was exalted high over all things. Then it was His to receive the Promise of the Father and pour Him forth in His official relationship to the church and also to the believer. Peter's statement in his Pentecostal message, Acts 2:33, is conclusive evidence that these things are so. Therefore, beloved, His position at the Father's right hand is a guarantee that the Promise will come upon thee. It is founded on the complete victory of Christ, which victory was attested by His resurrection and ascension. No one who is not a victor ever ascends triumphant as did our Lord and Christ.

7. THE CALL OF GOD: It is not necessary to emphasize this point more than to call attention that it forms the perfect setting of a complete foundation on which rests our claim to the Promise of the Father, Acts 2:39, "Even to as many as the Lord our God shall call" is emphasized by the Apostle in pointing out the will of God in this respect. Eph. 4:4 points out that we are joined together in one body and one Spirit, even as we have been CALLED in one hope of that Calling. Amen.

Thus we have a perfect foundation provided of God on which we may claim the fullness of Pentecost; yet we wonder why more do not enter the blessed state of fullness of blessing. There is a

reason. Let us consider then the negative aspect, the manward side.

Second: The Negative.

1. SONSHIP: Are you a son of God by regeneration? If not, then you are in wrong in seeking to be filled with the Holy Spirit. You have no claim on the Holy Spirit whatsoever. You are completely out of order in being at the altar seeking the Baptism if you have not the true witness to sonship in your heart. You may be a member of church and you may possess a great store of scriptural knowledge; you may teach a Sunday school class and you may feel religious. But still with it all HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN? If not, stop seeking for the Holy Spirit and come in by the door which "Petros" opened on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:38.

When you get a title clear to sonship you may then realize the Promise of the Father to you (Gal. 4:4-6). The world cannot receive the Spirit nor, as we have mentioned in a foregoing paragraph, is the oil poured upon the flesh of the unclean. May the Lord show us the importance of these things.

2. LOVE FOR CHRIST: "If ye love Me, ye will keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father and He will give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth whom the world cannot receive because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him" (John 14:15). What is the motive behind your seeking? Do you desire to have an experience of speaking in tongues which you know to come with the reception of the Spirit? Do you want to have power or gifts or do you seek great things for yourself? Are you ambitious to lead and be great and have it said that you have the Baptism, etc. Search yourself now and be honest before God. Don't keep yourself out of what God has for you by the lack of true heart honesty. If you have had these things in your mind in seeking the Holy Spirit ask God to forgive you and get under the blood. Your motive should not be self attainment or love of things, but "IF YE LOVE ME." Do you see a company of disciples on Mt. Olivet after their Lord had been taken up from them. What do you suppose were their thoughts? They loved Him so that they knew not what to do. They stood there, heart-broken and homesick for Jesus. They loved Him so they knew they could not live apart from Him a day, an hour, yea a moment. The men in bright apparel told them what to do and where to go, and in obedience their Lover and Friend was enthroned upon the throne of their lives by the coming of the promised Holy Spirit. That waiting period was not filled with desire for place of prominence in service. That day for them had gone by; they wanted only HIM. Do you? You say, Is it wrong to desire the best gifts, etc.? No, in no wise is it wrong to desire the best. That is the reason we write as we do. Can you find any better gift than Christ enthroned on the highest seat in your life? Lord of ALL? Can you

not let Him choose for you whether He wants to use you here or there? LOVE for Him, beloved, will cause one to yield all, and in humble contrition at His feet await His choice and call to service. Don't be afraid of not being fully satisfied. Your heart will abound with Joy in the power of the Holy Spirit.

3. LOVING RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATING INIQUITY: Hebrews 1:9. A full love of Christ will constrain us (2 Cor. 5:14). It has the impelling and propelling power in bringing about such a love for all that is righteous and a hatred for all that is wicked. This is imperative. We cannot take a neutral stand with sin and get by. A sort of passive feeling against things wrong will not do, we must hate sin and iniquity, thus only shall we guard against catering to things which rob one of true righteousness. We must love righteousness, pursue it, thank God for it when we see it in others, covet it, and live and move in the very righteousness of Christ Himself. Hallelujah! See the result. ANOINTED with the OIL of gladness above thy fellows! Amen. Beloved, this serves as a call to clean cut separation from every form of worldliness and faithlessness unto a life of devotion, holiness and true faith.

Let us not be deceived, beloved, by the looseness of these last days. God's standard requires a holy walk and the finished work of Jesus on Calvary does not mean that you can act as you please regarding the issues of the hour. If there ever was a time when we needed to stand for a clear cut separation and a clean life it is now. God will not fill a selfish, unclean life with the Holy Spirit. He follows only the path of the Cleansing Blood.

4. FAITH IN GOD: Luke 11:13. Faith is no mere feeling. Faith is sensible action. It sees a thing. It knows what it wants and why it wants it. It knows the source from whence blessing comes and acknowledges with humility all that God has to say. Faith in the woman with the "issue" did not stop because Jesus was surrounded with a multitude. She pressed her way through every difficulty because she said within herself, "If I may but touch I shall be whole." If she had not had faith she would have surely given way to weakness of her flesh against the crowd.

The Canaanite woman besought the Lord for her daughter. She was met with rebuff—"I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." If she had not had faith she would have slunk away and quit. She petitioned again, and was told it was not meet to give the children's bread to the dogs (Gentiles). Wouldn't that stagger you? Of course it would, but not Faith. Faith just humbly took its place at His feet and said, "Truth Lord, yet the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from the children's table." What faith! What humility! What an answer! Beloved, when you are seeking God, take your place. Let Him search you until you get right where you belong. Sometimes we begin to seek God with lofty feelings and big

ideas about ourselves and we presume that He will give us anything the moment we speak, but don't be disappointed if He should hold you off, and reveal a few things before answering. Bear it humbly, go lower and lower, and in due season He shall lift you up.

The man borne of four would never have been forgiven of his sins or healed in body had his friends given up at sight of the packed house. They went to the roof and provided a way by which they let the man down into the presence of the Lord. Faith saw no obstacle. It pressed its way right into victory.

And so the man going for three loaves to set before his midnight friend went in faith, a persistent and determined

faith. He went, he knocked, he sought, he asked and the result was he received, and Jesus adds, "I say unto you ask, seek, knock." Not in a haphazard way, but as this man went for bread, and "ye shall receive."

"If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him."

When once we come to God with such a full purpose and all side issues and excuses laid aside we will have such an assurance and fullness that all the storms and dark days may come, but the house stands unshaken. Your heart will rest in comfort and God will be glorified in your life. Amen.

Some Important Questions Answered

By E. N. Bell.

631. What is conviction?

Ans. It is a sense of guilt before God due to hearing the gospel and the work of God's Spirit upon the person. It often begins with an uneasy, impatient, troubled feeling, and sometimes the person does not know what is the matter with him. It is God after him, and he should confess his sins and call on God for mercy and salvation.

632. What is repentance?

Ans. It is the first thing God commands the sinner to do. It is such a change of mind as to sin as will acknowledge sin is wrong and makes one guilty before God, and such a change of mind as will make the person turn away from sin. Godly sorrow for sin leads to repentance.

633. What is saving faith?

Ans. It is an act on the part of a repenting sinner in which he turns his sins and himself over to Jesus Christ and trusts in and depends personally upon Christ to save him from sin and the punishment for sin.

634. What is salvation?

Ans. It consists in having Jesus in the heart by faith and through the Spirit, in being washed by the blood of Christ from sins, in having new life imparted to us by Christ which gives us power to hate, fight and be delivered from sin. It consists in having our sinful disposition changed, which change is called Regeneration or the new Birth, changed so that we can love God as our Father, love God's people, and know that God loves and forgives us.

635. What is the New Birth or to be Born of the Holy Spirit?

Ans. It is the change above described wherein new spiritual life is imparted to our spirit and nature by Christ through the Spirit, and in which we pass from spiritual death into spiritual life, a change from the sons of wrath to the sons of God.

636. What is sin?

Ans. There are two aspects of sin, sin in our nature and sin by wrong acts. Sin in the nature of the unsaved person is that bent or tendency in their

life or character to love worldly and sinful things, or to do wrong. It is in every child or unsaved person more or less. Personal sins grow out of this sinful nature into wrong deeds, anger, and other sinful acts and deeds which we know are wrong. For these sins we are responsible, and from both kinds of sin Christ stands ready to save us.

637. What is it to be cleansed or purified?

Ans. It is to be washed in the blood of Jesus through faith in Christ and through the operation of the Holy Spirit, to be cleansed from our sins and to have our souls purified by belief in the truth and by trust in Christ. It is purchased for us complete by Christ, and is appropriated instantly by faith, and it gives us the standing of saints (holy ones) before God the moment faith accepts the blood for sins and for sin in our nature. The Spirit of God continues to make us more and more holy in heart and life as we learn the truth and yield ourselves to it and to God. Cleansing comes when we first surrender unconditionally, and holiness is finished in process when the will of God is fully known and fully worked out in our lives. Cleansing from sin is done with the blood by the Spirit; it takes away sin. Holiness is wrought into our character by the Holy Spirit. One takes out and the other puts in.

638. How can we be saved?

Ans. By hearing the gospel, by yielding to conviction, by repenting of and turning away from sin to Christ, by accepting Jesus as our personal Saviour, by putting our trust in Jesus and His blood for salvation, and by obeying what the gospel tells us to do.

639. What is the Baptism with the Holy Ghost?

Ans. It is a great experience received after we accept Christ as our Saviour and are cleansed in His blood, (Acts 8:5-17), an experience in which God pours out or sheds upon us the Holy Spirit from heaven (Acts 2:33; Titus 3:6; Acts 10:44-45), and as a result our whole body is enveloped or

baptized with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:8; Acts 1:5; Acts 11:16; 1 Cor. 12:13). It is not the same as conversion nor the same as cleansing, but it is for all believers after being saved.

640. What does one receive in the experience called the Baptism with the Holy Ghost?

Ans. Chiefly two things. First we receive the Holy Ghost as a permanent gift to dwell within us forever, making our body literally a temple of the Spirit. Second we are filled with the Holy Spirit and have power to witness for Christ (Acts 1:8).

In conversion or the New Birth, the Holy Spirit operates upon us, convicts us of sin, and by the Spirit we are quickened or made alive, the Spirit is present and works within us; but the New Testament never calls this the receiving of the Holy Spirit as a gift. But after the apostles' conversion they were promised the Spirit as a future experience which came at Pentecost (John 14:16-17; Acts 1:5 and 2:1-4), also after the Samaritans believed and were baptized in water they later received the Holy Spirit as a separate experience (Acts 8:5-17). Note that it was in the Baptism with the Holy Spirit that God "poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 10:45) upon the household of Cornelius, that it was there they received "the like gift" (11:17) as did the apostles at Pentecost, that it was then Peter said they "have received the Holy Ghost" (10:47), and that Peter applies the words of Jesus to this experience as "baptized with the Holy Ghost" (11:16), and that in such an experience believers also get "filled with the Holy Ghost" and speak with other tongues (Acts 2:4 and 10:46 and 19:6).

641. How can one receive the Baptism with the Spirit and the gift of the Spirit therein with the sign of speaking in other tongues as on the day of Pentecost?

Ans. By repenting and being baptized (Acts 2:38-39), by thirsting and believing (John 7:37-39; Mark 16:16-17), by consecrating to fully obey God (Acts 5:32), by asking God in prayer (Lu. 11:13), and by tarrying until (Lu. 24:49).

642. What is the General Council of the Assemblies of God?

Ans. It is the name of the general annual meeting of the Pentecostal or Apostolic Faith Churches or Assemblies which come together in such meeting once a year. These churches believe in the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and are filled with the Spirit.

643. How many foreign missionaries are working in connection with the General Council of the Assemblies of God?

Ans. One hundred and twenty. There are nearly that many more Pentecostal missionaries who work under other Pentecostal centers, over two hundred all told.

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"AS ON US AT THE BEGINNING." Acts 11:15.

There are many great and precious promises in the Word of God, but there is a special one which is called "The Promise," or "The Promise of the Father." What is this promise? Turn to Joel 2 and you will find the Father promising a special gift for the last days, saying, "I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit" (Joel 2:28, 29). This is "The Promise" and "The Promise of the Father."

Jesus spoke much about the Spirit to His disciples on those last days before the crucifixion (see John XIV. to XVI.), and there is one sentence that stands out: "And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him. But ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you."

When His disciples went forth at the command of Jesus to preach the Kingdom of Heaven, and to "heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead and cast out devils" (Matt. 10:8), they knew they had a mighty power with them, and they must have known that this was the power of the Holy Ghost. He was with them, but not yet in them. It is well to remember this distinction, for it is very important.

After His resurrection, Jesus was with the apostles forty days, speaking of the Kingdom of God, and being assembled together with them, "commanded" them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but "wait for the Promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of Me: for John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."

These instructions were not something optional, but they were the "commands" of the King. If we love Him we will keep His commandments, and we too will tarry until we are endued with power from on high. Jesus knew that

in the future the apostles would need to have the Holy Ghost not only with them but IN THEM.

What happened? When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place, and suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting, and there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them: and "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." The gift of the Holy Ghost, or the Promise of the Father, was thus given. The Holy Ghost was now within them, as the Master had promised. Peter, under the power of the Holy Ghost, declared, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." This then, described in Acts 2, is that prophesied by Joel, and if this is that, nothing else can be that. Men would like to have it otherwise, but the Holy Ghost has placed His index finger for all time on this experience of Acts 2:4 as the fulfillment of the Promise of the Father as prophesied by Joel.

"But," someone declares, "I know I received the gift of the Holy Spirit at conversion and everybody else does." Kindly give us chapter and verse for such a statement as this. We cannot accept it otherwise. An honest minister once affirmed there were one thousand passages which said this, but upon search could not find one such. Jesus, speaking of the Spirit, tells us the world cannot receive Him, so that He is only received by those who are already believers or disciples of Christ. He may be with you but He is not in you in the sense Jesus promised, unless you have received Him as they received Him at Pentecost.

I remember being at a meeting where a preacher stated that every believer at conversion was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and as he invited questions we asked, if that was invariably the case as he stated, why was it the Samaritans, whose conversion is described in Acts 8, were an exception to this rule, for we read that these people believed and were baptized, but when the apostles at Jerusalem heard they had received the Word of God they sent down Peter and John, who, when they were come down, prayed for them that they might "receive the Holy Ghost, for as yet He was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of Jesus." He could give no real answer to our question. If all believers receive the gift of the Holy Ghost at conversion, as he stated, why was it necessary for Peter and John to go down and pray for these Samaritans after they were saved that they might receive the Holy Ghost? And, too, their prayer was answered, for the Word records that they then "received the Holy Ghost." Commentators agree that there must have been a repetition of the day of Pentecost in Samaria, and the subtle Simon wanted to clinch a bargain with the apostles to

receive like power that on whomsoever he laid hands they might receive the Spirit. Praise God, the poorest can receive the Spirit for nothing, and the multimillionaire cannot purchase Him with his millions.

When Peter was at the house of Cornelius we read that while he was yet speaking "the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard the Word. And they of the circumcision were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost: for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." Then Peter asked, "Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" The reason that the Jews accompanying Peter knew that these Gentiles had received the Holy Ghost was because "they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God," God giving them the "like gift" as He did to those (on the day of Pentecost) who had before believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. They received according to the pattern. "This" was "that."

When Paul came to Ephesus he asked the disciples, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" They replied that they had not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. What! disciples without the Holy Ghost? Paul could not stand for such an irregularity. He straightway saw that they were properly baptized and laid his hands on them and "the Holy Ghost came on them and they spake with tongues and prophesied." Pentecost repeated. "This" was "that" again.

From a careful comparison of these scriptures it will be seen that the gift of the Holy Ghost, receiving the Holy Ghost, the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the Promise of the Father are synonymous terms.

Have you received the Holy Ghost as at the beginning? Or are you being deceived by believing you have the Holy Spirit within you when He is only with you? If you are in this state, we would reverently quote the words of Jesus, "He dwelleth with you and shall be in you." "For the Promise is unto you." Don't be satisfied with anything less than the same filling that the disciples had at the beginning as described in Acts 2:4. That is the way Jesus baptized then, and that is the way He baptizes today.—S. H. F.

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Healed and Filled With the Spirit

By Mrs. E. M. Whittemore

(An extract from a letter to a friend.)

For just about one year following that awful trolley accident, my sufferings can scarcely be described, but through the sufficiency of grace promised, and the "more grace" when specially required, I went on and on, filling every engagement, but ever through a pathway of almost indescribable pain. I had no liberty to do otherwise, nor could I pray somehow for healing. Only one prayer ascended continuously, and that was for God's highest and best, and my soul rejoiced to see Him work much more gloriously, for in almost every service, fruit born of His Spirit was manifest, and my soul rejoiced. So, taking courage and giving Him all the glory, I felt Divinely compelled to keep on in these special calls from place to place. God gave power to trust Him without fully comprehending this rather seemingly strange and decidedly new experience. As I now look back, it may have been to teach me, as in no other manner, the extent of the sufficiency of His grace, and how I thank Him today for thus dealing with me. About September 1st, after receiving a commission to go into the war service, I longed to accept, but felt so hindered, not being able to walk but a little distance without great distress. After waiting on the Lord for His thought, suddenly He put within my heart a definite faith for the healing of my body. Two days later a letter came from Miss Lizzie Sisson, the first one received through her pen for over four years, stating how earnestly she had prayed for me, and felt led of God to write and urge me to come on to Philadelphia and attend a Pentecostal Convention led by Mrs. Aimee McPherson. She added, in closing, that she had the assurance that if I came I would return to New York healed.

It seemed most significant, something like an "Amen" to what God was unfolding to me of His willingness to do this very thing; and after waiting on Him for special guidance, I went to Philadelphia, and spent two full days there; days never to be forgotten, but ever to be recalled with gratitude and praise. In the afternoon service, when the invitation came for those who desired healing or anything special from the Lord to come forward, I was among the first to leave my seat and kneel at the altar, and God touched my body, but I did not fully realize to what extent until the next day, for the deep touch upon my spirit overbalanced aught else. That was September 4th, just one year from the time I was so seriously injured. Since then I have not had any return of pain, and each day my strength is being renewed, so that my body fairly tingles with health and vigor, and to Him be the praise.

Naturally a deeper hunger for God and all that He had to bestow was created from the moment of this truly wonderful healing. You know me well

enough to know that I am not one to be influenced into accepting any faith without being intelligently enlightened and spiritually led. Although I never felt to unduly criticize the Pentecostal movement, I had, up to this time, rarely attended any of their services. While in Philadelphia I was an eye-witness to many remarkable demonstrations of God's glorious power. Hundreds were being saved, healed and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and speaking in tongues. It could not but emphasize to my heart His willingness to satisfy the would-be recipients of His power. Crowds thronged the place from six to eight feet around that enormous tent, and could not seem to leave until after 11 p. m., when the lights were turned off. Even a skeptical mind witnessing what in two days was my privilege to see and hear, surely could not but be convinced it was the Lord's own doing.

I returned to my home not only well, but with a holy determination born of God to seek for positive light, not through talking with people, but simply waiting upon Him, who is the light, and searching His Word, to know if what others so rejoiced over was for me to possess. I heard that Mrs. McPherson was coming to New York for a few days Convention, and owing to this fearful epidemic no visiting in the huts or hospitals would be allowed, so I had a few days rather unexpectedly free, and attended several of the services. Mrs. McPherson did not have any conversation with me concerning what she believed, but undoubtedly with dear Miss Sisson prayed that the Lord would enable me to accept of this marvelous truth. This afternoon the words, "according to My word," kept ringing in my inner ear, and after dwelling for a little on James 5:7, some blessed thoughts about "The latter rain" fastened upon my heart, and quietly I began to grasp the situation. I attended the services, and about five o'clock, suddenly the glory of the "latter rain" fell upon me, and for a little while I was shut up with God. Finally I was conscious of the pressure of what I thought was a hand upon me, and I opened my eyes to find I was alone; but I can still feel that wondrous touch and know I was aware of saying something that I did not understand, but at the same time there was a most blessed consciousness of the Godhead bodily around and about me, that no words can fully explain nor justly describe. It can only be known, I believe, through a living experience, for it is the mysterious working of the Holy Ghost, and none other. And now, dear friend, what God has done for me He can do for you or anyone, and this may be His time to so quicken your mortal flesh in a similar manner as to render you of greater assistance through Him to thousands and thousands still. Mrs. McPherson is

only twenty-seven years old, but has been preaching ever since seventeen. She is very humble and child-like, and surely is filled with the Holy Ghost. She knelt by my side this afternoon and rejoiced over the workings of our gracious God, and I could feel the actual presence of God through her words of adoration and praise to Him.

I give this testimony gladly, for I know I am now more than ever open to receive all that our God has to bestow, or to be used in any way where He can be glorified, even if I may be possibly misunderstood by some. I intend in Him and through Him and for Him to press on and on till Jesus comes, or calls me into the great beyond. It is surely from glory to glory He leads if we will but follow. Then if we follow on to know the Lord we shall fully know Him. This means more to me tonight than ever before. Hallelujah!—Triumphs of Faith,

ANSWERING BY FIRE.

Malachi prophesied of the Messenger of the Covenant, "He is like a refiner's fire. And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." Fire refines the silver but does not destroy.

John the Baptist testified of Jesus, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into His garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

The word of God links together the Holy Ghost and fire, and what God hath joined together let no man put asunder. God will do much where the fire is recognized.

Sometimes the fire is seen and sometimes not. On the day of Pentecost there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. Those who receive the Holy Ghost baptism have a real fire, though it may not be seen.

Fire is necessary. You need to have the Holy Ghost fire to counteract the fire of the enemy. The enemy's fiery darts are real, and the blasphemy out of the mouths of his servants is a real fire. But God's servants have power to counteract the fiery darts of the enemy. The woman who had the spirit of divination in the days of Paul had fire, but Paul turned round and cast the spirit out. When Paul had an abundance of fire upon him, he quenched the false fire in this woman. And God says to us through His Son, "I give you power over all the power of the enemy."

How much fire have you? Do not despise your earnest, but seek fresh fire and constant fire. Fire needs replenishing. We need heaped up coals of fire. Single coals will go out. To him that hath shall be given. Seek and receive much more of the fire of God. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

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The Importance of Receiving the Holy Spirit

The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. Jesus declared, "When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth." Men are seeking for Truth all over the world. But they neglect and ignore Him whose office it is to guide into all truth, the Spirit of Truth: they have their own conceptions and ignore Him. He is a Personality, not an influence. And when He, the Spirit of Truth is come, He will be a Personal Guide leading you on into all truth, and a Guide as to the future, for "He shall show you things to come." He is a personal Guide for two things, to lead into the truth and to show you things to come. He is the **Spirit of Truth**, therefore His leadings and showing as to the future must be true. And the fountain of truth is the Word of God.

The Spirit is like the light, it strikes the prism and is broken up and you see all beautiful colors. And that is the only way light can be broken. And so God works through His prisms in order to break up the white light of truth. He has the prism of the Word, godly men, the providences of God, the unfoldings of prophecies as seen in the affairs of the earth. One is a red light, another violet, another orange. They come through the prism. There should be no quarrelling but perfect harmony, although the one may be differing from the other. The Spirit of Truth through them all will guide into all truth. Don't think that they are discordant lights, the view of one and the view of another, the light of one and the light of another, they are just various views coming through the same prism, each beautiful because they are of the light.

The red light of warning; the orange light of the rising of the sun; the purple telling of the riches of reward; the green, the perpetual beauty of the home beyond. You could not see these things in the beam of light, so they are broken up so that you can comprehend them. And so God is the Light of prophecy. He has Old Testament saints, and Peter, Paul and John, each one is a prism and giving out various aspects of the great white light. It is the one Spirit permeating through them all.

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars, and one star differing from another in glory. In the firmament there are moons reflecting the light from great suns. As in the natural, so in the spiritual. There is much light coming forth. It has the element of truth. Prize the light, but go beyond. The moon is only reflecting. Go to the fountain source of Christ and God Himself through the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit wants to take hold of His saints and so fill them with light and with power, and by that means divide up the lights, the fruits, the graces, that out from their beings may

be rainbows of beauty that will bring forth praises to Him who is the Author of all light.

The Spirit of Truth not only guides into truth, but brings the truth out and shows things to come. The same Spirit which was in the prophets, searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow, is sent forth to show us things to come.

The things that are coming can be known beforehand, because God gives you the Herald. Have you welcomed the Spirit as the Herald, as the One who shows things to come? They are shown inwardly first and often kept inwardly until the right moment when they may be given out in public.

Simeon went into the temple, and not until he was in the temple and took the child Jesus in his arms did he give away

A QUESTION FOR YOU TO ANSWER.

Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed according to God's pattern in Acts 2:4?

the secret that was revealed to him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. God wants to give the inward revelation to His saints, showing them things to come, not necessarily to talk about them, but to be Simeons, having the revelation within, and not talking it out but living it out.

Moses wist not that his face shone. The power worked upon him unconsciously. So the knowledge of the truth of the coming of Christ, the secret revelation, will work out though it may not be told out.

You claim the baptism of the Holy Ghost; this baptism entitles you to revelation. Some have more than others. Paul had abundance of revelation. John had a wonderful revelation. The whole 120 had the baptism and were entitled to revelation. The twelve men at Ephesus had the baptism, they spoke in tongues and prophesied (Acts 19:6). Men who were ignorant of the Holy Ghost one hour, filled with the Spirit and illuminated the next hour. God's people are living below their privileges. Revelation should follow inspiration. The twelve men prophesied after they spoke in tongues. And they laid the foundation of a mature Christian church. Paul could write to the Ephesians deep spiritual truths. The Holy Ghost had right of way. He was the accepted Teacher and Revealer.

There is an individual waiting on God

needed for the inner revelation of things to come. The prophetess Anna likewise came into the temple and spake of the child Jesus to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. She had no official position, ignored by the rich and mighty and learned, but she had the revelation. Two in the temple, not officially connected with the temple, had what all the leaders in the temple had not. Even the priest, who held the infant to perform the circumcision, did not know who he was holding in his hands, but we are better informed, or should be if only we let the Spirit do His work.

"He will guide you into all truth . . . and He will show you things to come." He takes of the things of Christ to show them unto us. The Holy Spirit is the official messenger of Jesus Christ. He is the one who goes before to prepare His way. John was mighty as the forerunner of Him who had an earthly ministry, but the Holy Spirit is the forerunner of Him who is soon to take up a new Heavenly ministry, to take those who sleep in Christ and we which are alive and remain, to Himself in the Heavens.

John was in the wilderness years and years unknown, until the time of His showing to the children of Israel, and then there was an intense activity. In the past the Holy Spirit has been in the wilderness, so to speak, but now He is coming forth in an intense activity. The latter rain is falling, and as John was the forerunner of Him who was to come, so the Holy Spirit is the forerunner of Him who is to come, not to be baptized in Jordan, but to come in the power of His Father, to come to a people prepared by the Holy Ghost Himself. They must be recognizing, seeing and acknowledging the very working power of the Holy Spirit in the bodies of those who are to meet Him of whom the Herald tells.

Welcome the Spirit, not only as the one into whom you are baptized, but as the one who leads into a knowledge and deep experience of Him who is to come. The baptism is the forerunner of a deeper experience of the work of the Spirit.

THE ORDINARY AND THE EXTRA-ORDINARY IN CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE.

J. T. Boddy.

Jesus said to some in his day, "Except ye see signs and wonders ye will not believe," and it would seem that some Pentecostal believers in our day demand the same evidence as a stimulus to their faith, becoming unsettled if they do not see, feel or hear something out of the ordinary all the time. Jesus again declares, "Blessed are they whom having not seen yet believe." Is there, therefore, no place for the evidence of the senses in the walk of faith? There certainly is, coming in proper order.

Listen to a further word from the Lord: "Said I not unto you if thou wouldst believe thou shouldst see the glory of God?" But we must not depend too much upon the outward and tangible to feed our faith; for things seen, even when proper, beneficial, blessed and wonderful, are often only temporary; but the unseen source from which they proceed is eternal. So, unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith we must continue to look, and not on states, frames or experience, not on manifestations or operations however truly of the Spirit. Paul said he had learned (and so should we) in whatsoever state he found himself to be content therewith.

Notwithstanding this word of caution let us, as believers, earnestly contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints, and seek for a realization of all that was provided for and fulfilled to the Church on the day of Pentecost, and promised to all believers until the Church is called up, including the same graces, qualities, equipments, power and manifestations of the Spirit, signs and wonders, etc., that characterized the Church in the beginning, none of which—including the last great commission—have ever been withdrawn, and all are still in evidence from time to time where the proper conditions are met.

Some of us are rejoicing, through the grace of God, in the realization of the Divinely supernatural and truly spiritual, and while we live with every avenue of our three-fold being open to God, we welcome Him on any and every line, through any channel He may see fit to reveal Himself; but recognize, at the same time, that in the realm of the Spirit there is, what might be termed, the normal or ordinary as well as the unusual and extraordinary, and that the supernatural, though much in evidence, is not constantly producing the miraculous, else there would be nothing miraculous or extraordinary in anything.

We should always expect, welcome and encourage these evidences of God's presence; but leave it to His sovereignty to bring about such manifestations as He deems best, and not to strain after them, nor attempt to lay down any rule or set up any standard for ourselves or others in connection therewith; but being filled with the Spirit and living under the anointing that abides, be prepared for any extraordinary anointing God may see fit to put upon us for some special purpose.

Unction and power are not always manifested in the same way nor to the same extent on all occasions. But some, having realized the extraordinary power and manifestation of the Spirit, seek to live and act under it all the time, thus making the unusual the standard. This often results in false inspiration and false manifestations. There is a place for teaching, testimony and living, as well as for prophesying, and they should not be discounted because not always accompanied, outwardly, by the same degree of unction one time as at another, or through all persons alike. Our experiences to be normal, sane and healthy

cannot be measured by these things, and be up to the top notch of our conception all the time; nor should they be depreciated on this account. No unusual state in the individual, or revival wave on any line is ever continuous, otherwise there would be no epochs or special times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Instance, the lives and labors of the Apostles on and after the day of Pentecost. On that day three thousand souls were converted under the preaching of one sermon by Peter. Shortly after—through the first recorded case of healing—five thousand men alone were added to the Lord, and later on, through their ministry, whole towns and districts were brought to Christ, and for a time they seemed to "turn the whole world upside down" by their messages and ministry. Why did not results at the same ratio continue during their lives?

We hear it said: God has not changed. What then caused the declension? Had the Apostles backslidden? According to the reasonings of some teachers of today we might infer they had. Are there not some very special providential features recorded concerning the lives and ministry of the Apostles, and other eminent saints who preceded them? Take Moses, for example, coming down from the mount with veiled face. Did he always have to wear the veil to prove to himself and others that he was in the will of God? This was entirely out of the ordinary, and we have no record that it ever occurred again in Moses' experience.

When the tabernacle in the wilderness was completed and dedicated the glory of the Lord so filled the tent that Moses could not enter it. Because this manifestation did not continue in the same degree had the glory departed? Again, when the temple built by Solomon was dedicated the same thing occurred: the glory so filling the temple that the priests could not minister therein. Was the edifice less sacred afterwards when it was made possible for the priests to engage in the services for which the place was built? Jesus in his earthly ministry was transfigured but once, as far as we know. He was both human and Divine, but He took upon Him our nature to live His earthly life as a man, not as God, though He did occasionally let His Divinity shine forth. Now, we, through transforming grace, are partakers of the Divine, but we are yet in the body, amenable to two laws, the natural and the spiritual, and must recognize this fact; and while we praise God for the measure of the supernatural which we realize and welcome more and more, we are not yet out of the realm of the sanctified natural.

It is recorded of Stephen, when before the Sanhedrim, that his face shone as the face of an angel. Would that there were more angel faces, but it would not do for those possessing them to become too conscious of the fact. Moses wist not that his face shone. When Peter was miraculously delivered from prison by an angel he fell back

into the commonplace when the angel left him to pursue his way to the house where his friends were praying for him, and might have thought it strange that he had to knock for entrance at the little wicket gate of the house, whereas a very little while before the great doors and gate of the prison had parted before him.

Take the case of Philip being caught away in the Spirit and transported through the air to his destination, have we knowledge of any repetition of this very extraordinary experience? Or in the case of Paul being caught up into the third heaven? Could not these disciples have reasoned, as some do today, in recounting their experiences to one another: "Why, brethren, that was the Lord, and we must depend upon Him to undertake for us on all such occasions?" Philip might have said, "Brethren, we have been living below our privileges; that experience of mine was of the Lord, and I don't propose to walk or ride donkeys any more, but honor the Lord by trusting Him to transport me from place to place. God is no respecter of persons and He'll do the same for you."

Paul might have exhorted the brethren in a similar way with regard to his being caught up in the Spirit, and have urged them to seek a like experience, as was their privilege; but did he do so? No, Paul did not speak of this particular experience for fourteen years afterwards, and declared at the time that he would not have done so even then had they not "compelled him." In the ministry of Paul and Peter in healing note the special miracles wrought through the blessed aprons from Paul's body and the healing through the power of Peter's shadow. Did this characterize their ministry through to the end? No. Why? Nobody knows. A few cases of the raising of the dead through them. Why not more? Who can tell?

But we hear it urged upon us, God is the same, He has not changed, He is no respecter of persons, All that is required is faith to see these things reproduced. Well, amen. We would gladly hail a repetition of them. But take our own unusual touches, prostrations and other operations of the Spirit, oft-times "beside ourselves in the Lord." Could we live continuously in such frames and states, however blessed? No. The manifestations of the supernatural are not continuous, and the too frequent repetition of them would make them commonplace, and they would cease to be impressive. We walk by faith and not by sight or sense, but welcome all we see, feel and realize of God.

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THE NEW BIRTH.

Robert A. Brown.

Ye must be born again, Jesus once said to a religious man and a master in Israel. This took him by surprise; he had never heard of such a thing, not even an expression like that concerning spiritual things, so he looked at the Master in amazement and said, "How can a man be born when he is old, can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" He saw nothing save the natural birth.

Jesus was very tender with him, and explained that there were two births, a natural and a spiritual, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

This is the secret of leading a Christian (spiritual) life—we must be born again—you might as well try to make the water of Niagara run backward as to try and lead a spiritual life without being born again. Sin is the work of the devil, but Jesus died to restore to us all that was lost by the fall. Man lost the Divine nature when he yielded to sin, he receives it again when by faith he accepts Christ's death upon the cross as a full atonement for his sin before God.

We do not grow into this experience. It is a definite transaction between God and man, executed by the Holy Spirit. When man fell it was by the assent of his will to the will of the enemy, hence he became his (the enemy's) subject, and by nature his child. Jesus said of those who were His enemies, "Ye are of your father, the devil, and his works ye will do." But when we repent and turn to God, laying hold upon Christ's finished work, we are by faith made partakers of the Divine nature and thereby become the sons and daughters of the living God.

The writer well remembers when he was bound with the chains of the devil, doing his bidding, led captive at his will. For years my soul was among the lions without God and without hope, but there came a time in this awful darkness when I cried mightily to God for deliverance, and Jesus heard my prayer and came to my rescue. The conflict raged for three days, as the enemy contended for my soul, but the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Jesus), the Lamb of God, burst the bands that bound me and set me free. In the twinkling of an eye, I was born from above and became a new creature in Christ Jesus. Then instead of a continual struggle with those things that bound me, it became a delight to serve God. It is now over twenty years since I became a new creature in Jesus, and the pathway grows brighter every day.

This is what God is saying to you that are unconverted; though you may attend church and be respectable like Nicodemus, who was a master in Israel, you may be an officer in the church, or a Sunday school teacher, and yet not have the new birth. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." The new birth is not reformation or turning over a new leaf, it is the Divine life imparted by God through faith in Jesus Christ as our

substitute. Oh, mortal man, with an immortal soul, on your way to an eternity without an end, "Ye must be born again."

The Jews under awful conviction after they rejected and crucified the Lord, cried out, "what shall we do?" Peter answered and said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

If you will turn to God with all your heart, and forsake all your sin, and cry to God for pardon, in an instant God will take away your old carnal desires and in their place establish His Divine nature which will make it a daily pleasure and an unspeakable joy to love and to serve your Creator.

THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE HOLY SPIRIT OPERATES.

We read in Hosea 14:5, "I will be as the dew unto Israel."

What the dew is to the vegetable kingdom, the Holy Spirit is to the Christian. The Holy Spirit selected this beautiful figure to illustrate the method of His operation in the lives of His people. In order to better understand the workings of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the Christian a knowledge of the formation of the dew will be helpful.

How is the dew distilled? The air is like a sponge which absorbs the moisture during the day. After sunset the earth cools faster than the atmosphere, which coming in contact with a colder surface, causes the moisture in it to be condensed, and settle upon the earth. When the atmospheric conditions are right then the earth is covered with copious dew, and the vegetable world is greatly blessed.

We are living now under the dispensation of the Holy Spirit and the child of God complying with His conditions is greatly blessed with spiritual blessings.

Notice the following points about the dew, illustrating the work of the Spirit.

First, The dew is distilled only on a clear night.

If there are clouds the principle of condensation has been interfered with in some way. When the night is cloudy the surface on which the dew would be deposited is not sufficiently cooled to draw the moisture from the surrounding atmosphere. The same is true with the Holy Spirit. If we allow sin to enter our lives by yielding our minds to be entered by a sinful thought, the Holy Spirit is grieved and ceases to operate in our lives, as He would have done if unhindered by the clouds of sin in our mind. When we willfully fellowship the world, then we silence the Holy Spirit. He refuses to act and we not only miss His presence but also His blessings.

When the night is cloudy and there is no dew the vegetable world suffers the loss of the blessing that the dew would bring with it. So our souls suffer greatly when we let sin creep into our lives and thus stop the operation of the Holy Spirit. Let us see to it that we keep

sin out of our lives that the Holy Spirit may constantly bless us and the inner man be nourished with His presence.

Second, The dew is distilled only on a still night.

If the wind blows hard all night there is no dew the next morning and the vegetable world has lost another blessing. The beautiful process of condensation has again been interfered with. The water that was intended to refresh the plants was locked up in the atmosphere. So if we allow the thoughts of business, of society and home cares or anything else contrary to God's will to take up nearly all our time we again compel the Spirit to cease to work in our lives.

The Holy Spirit requires that we should walk softly before Him, meditate upon His Word and be able to hear Him when He speaks to us. Deep waters run smoothly. God requires that His people be still before Him. We may do a great deal of talking to God but we don't give God much chance to speak to us because we are so taken up with the things of the world, and still we are surprised that we do not enjoy the presence of the Lord. How can we when we give so much of our thoughts, time and attention to the things of this world, instead of yielding to the Spirit's control. A man was talking to a friend over the phone and his friend said: "I do not hear you for the noise in the street." He replied to him: "Shut the door and you will hear me." If we want to be able to hear the voice of God we must shut the door of our souls against the world.

Remember when the night is calm the dew is distilled, but if the wind blows hard there is no dew on the ground the next morning. David said: "In His law doth he meditate day and night." I knew a brother that would commit a passage of God's word every morning and would meditate on that passage all day while at work. When night came he always had a bright testimony for the Lord. He told me that though working he was dead to the world around him and was absorbed with the Lord and conscious of His presence all the time. God forbid that we should allow the world to crowd the Holy Spirit out of our lives.

Third, The dew is distilled all night.

Some people have an idea that the dew falls only a little while after sunset, but on the contrary it is distilled all night. As the night advances the dew is distilled in greater quantity. The same is true of the Holy Spirit. He came in not only to abide but also to enlarge every faculty of the soul so that the Christian will bear more fruit as the years go by and grow in grace. Under favorable conditions the vegetable world opens every avenue of its being to receive the blessing of the dew that it may be able to withstand the scorching heat of the day and thus be able to furnish food to man. So let us open every avenue of our soul to the Holy Spirit that we may have power to be strong witnesses for God and also bear all the fruit of the Spirit.—S. A. Jamieson.

HOW TO BELIEVE GOD.

Jesus said, "Have faith in God,"

Mark. 11:22.

1. Contemplate His works in Creation and you will know He is able to do anything—He created the material universe out of nothing—nothing too hard for Him.

2. Think of His work in redemption—giving His own Son.

3. Meditate on His wisdom—He foresaw the end from the beginning—knows all things, hence knows what is best for you at all times.

4. Admit His justice and holiness, knowing that He alone doeth all things well.

5. Accept His Word, and He will verify it.

6. Believe His Word when He tells you that He loves you, and you will believe His promises—"All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive."

7. Believe that God is love, then you cannot doubt His willingness to forgive your sins for Jesus' sake—nor His power to keep you, for He says "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out."—"Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace." Job. 22:21. The more you know God, the better you will love Him and the easier it will be to trust Him, for we know that "all things work together for good to them that love God," Romans 8:28.

8. Practice the presence of God. He says, "I am a God at hand," Jer. 23:23. He is omnipresent. Read Psa. 139 and see if you can get away from Him.

If you do not recognize Him He will seem far away, but if you will recognize Him, you will realize that He is near—He hears all you say—sees all you do—knows all your thoughts and understands your secret motives. Act, speak and think to please Him.

SHOALS OF FISH RUNNING INTO THE NETS.

When the day of Pentecost was fully come, on the stroke, on the dot, the floods came. "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:2, 4.) They were waiting and expecting. God was on time. And they were waiting God's time.

There was the co-operation of the human with the Divine. They were not disobedient to Christ's command to tarry in Jerusalem.

The Holy Ghost knew exactly where to fall. He did not fall in the Holy of Holies, nor in the house of the priests. He fell into prepared hearts—hearts prepared for what God had prepared for them.

Christ desires to lead captivity captive. In the Latter Rain Psalm we read:

"Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive: Thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them" (Psa. 68:18). "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and

forever." He is leading captivity captive.

Who are the captives? The hinderers to the spread of the Gospel. Hinderers in the Spiritual realm as well as in the physical (Eph. 6:12). He is going to make captives of these hinderers, and at the same time bestow gifts for the rebellious. He is going to remove opposition to the progress of His kingdom, and then give abundance of spiritual blessing.

It will then make it easy for the seed to grow in the right place and bring forth fruit some thirty, some sixty and some an hundred fold.

Whose harvest is it? It is the LORD'S. Remember He is the Lord of the harvest. "I, the Lord, do keep it, I will water it every moment" (Isaiah 27:3).

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This harvest is the work of His hands. It is written, "Concerning the work of My hands command ye Me." Though the harvest is God's work, yet He invites you to command Him!

He wants co-operation, unity, partnership. On a certain occasion Jesus said unto Simon, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." They brought in a great multitude of fish. They had previously toiled all night and caught nothing; but at Jesus' word they let down their nets on the other side.

Peter thought he was a good fisherman; but he wasn't so good as the Creator of the fish. There is a Divine time to launch out as well as a Divine place.

The harvest is coming. Shoals of fish will be rushing into the nets to be caught. Nets will not break in hauling

in the fish, and supernatural strength will be given to workers to haul in the nets.

The harvest belongs to the Divine Husbandman. Have faith and confidence in Him who gives the command and who gives power and results.

ONE GOSPEL FOR CIVILIAN AND SOLDIER.

There is only one way to be saved—only one name under heaven or given among men, and that is Jesus. Acts 4:12—Only one way to God. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life," John 14:6. He that hath the Son of God hath life, he that hath not the Son, hath not life, no matter whatever else he may have. "No man can come unto the Father, but by me," Jesus said. "I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and go in and out and find pasture." John 10:10. "He that climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber," John 10:1. The death of Jesus Christ is the only death that could satisfy the demands of justice, for His was the only perfect life ever lived and the law of God demands perfection. So not finding it in us, it must be in our substitute, Jesus Christ, who knew no sin, but was made sin for us. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and the blood of Jesus Christ is the only blood that will cleanse from sin. 1 John 1:7, 8. He tasted death for every man, and His blood was shed for the remission of sins and He, Jesus, and Jesus alone, is the propitiation. He was delivered up for our offences and raised again for our justification. Rom. 5:23. No other was ever raised from the dead for us, and ascended unto God the Father to appear in the presence of God for us. Sinful man may die to save a country, but the Son of God died to save a whole world from sin and hell. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16. On no other ground could salvation be, except on the simple ground of repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. "Except a man be born again, born of the water and the Spirit, he cannot see nor enter into the Kingdom of God." John 3:1-5. "Ye must be born again."—Jesus.

—A. P. Collins.

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Oftentimes that very quarter or even less is the very amount needed by the individual to whom it is given to meet their need; and if withheld, puts a heavy burden upon the heart and mind of the needy one, and causes suffering in many ways until perhaps some one else is obedient.—Ida F. Sackett, Winterset, Ia.

WANTED—A blacksmith who believes in the baptism of the Holy Ghost and desires a shop in a good small town to write me at once. W. Rufus Cooper, Fredrick, Kansas.

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FAMINE IN INDIA.

Famine conditions prevail now with intensity in many parts. How we see God's hand in locating us here for the present. We are having our opportunities to witness here and there. We are in the regions of the shadow of death. Cholera and small-pox is at our doors, with Indian sore eyes and spiritual death manifested in all sorts of evil. We thank all God's children for their continued interest, prayers and gifts. —C. H. Schoonmaker.

PONCE, PORTO RICO.

The Lord has been giving us a good revival in these days. On the second of February we had the privilege of baptizing seven according to Matt. 28:19, four from Ponce Playa, one from a place called Cyclon, one from our little mission that we have in San Antone and the other from our mission in Ponce. The next Saturday we went to Galicia, and there we had an all night's meeting. One sister received the blessed promise of the Holy Ghost, and in the morning at 6:30 eight were baptized in Father's great baptistry. The saints there are all rejoicing, and going on with the Lord. On the 12th we went to Montes Llanos, a place where we are just beginning to work, and there we baptized three.

We are having very good services. The mighty hand of our Heavenly Father is moving, and we trust in Him that in a very short time we will have this Pentecostal power all over the Island.

I am weak in body, but trusting Him who called me out of darkness, and has given me light. I know that he is able to give me strength to push this battle ahead. Will be glad if you could put my name on the list of prayer. —J. L. Lugo.

CAPE PALMAS, LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA

I am sure your heart will be sad to hear of the homegoing of my dear wife. I praise God for His great love, and how Jesus is so precious to me and has comforted me in these dark, testing days. I would have fainted if I had not believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Her sweet, yielded, consecrated life will always be missed. Hers was a triumphant homegoing. She praised God until she went into His holy presence. Pray for me. My need is great. At the time of Mrs. Bowley's death I was also very sick, but praise God, He is so merciful. He has raised me up, and I am here at Brother and Sister Perkins' receiving station.

It looks as though there will be famine in this land this year. Many natives are hungry and are begging for food now. It is a number of months before rice harvest again. May God have mercy. The Lord has blessed us with the necessities of life, and a number of surprises with them all along the way. He daily loadeth us with benefits. Amen.

I want a yielded broken spirit and a will given up to God so that I will not shrink or draw back in the hardest place He may call me to fill. All the workers need your prayers. —Harry E. Bowley.

NAWABGANJ, INDIA.

I praise Jesus for ever sending me to such a needy field. I send you a little snap shot of one of India's spiritual leaders. (As this "spiritual leader" is practically nude in the picture, we deemed it wise not to reproduce the snapshot in the Evangel. Ed.) I took his picture while at a Mela (religious gathering) last Spring. His body is smeared with cow dung and ashes. Hair also, and piled upon his head. He walked about begging food and money from the poor. The people were proud of him instead of being ashamed of his nakedness. It made me fairly sick to look at him. He is one of hundreds of thousands who oppress the poor people of India. Not until that time did I realize the awful darkness of these people. I have not fully realized it yet. May God help me as well as the whole church to do our duty in spreading the gospel of salvation over dark India.

The Influenza has taken thousands and thousands in India. I just came home from a trip to Lucknow where I went for supplies, and as I crossed the great sacred River Ganges, here and there could be seen dead bodies and heaps of bones. These are common sights along the rivers these days. I always wonder if these people heard the gospel message before death came. There are villages a short distance from us where the gospel has never been preached. We do need consecrated men and women who are willing to follow Jesus wherever He leads them. Won't you pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth reapers into this great harvest field. —Leonor Hazel Parker.

BELGIAN CONGO.

Yesterday, two old wizened men sat on the clay floor of my veranda, looking beseechingly into my face. They had come fifteen days' journey, (part of the distance through cannibal country), with about twenty-eight others—head men and retainers from a great flourishing, heathen kingdom—to plead with me to go and settle among them and give the gospel to their people.

Five of them have yielded to Jesus and all are spending the rainy season with us, in order to hear more of the gospel message. They used all their native persuasiveness to entice me. O that I had four good men for a great district where cannibalism is practiced, and where several chiefs are asking for Christ. I want two well educated men to tackle a particularly difficult district of big villages. I want three or four men to make a pioneering start in the villages of the two old fellows who sat yesterday on our veranda as above mentioned. We want some well educated sisters who have a balance of mind as well as a largeness of heart to tackle the job of teaching reading, and who can give time for visiting.

Our work here is moving slowly but steadily. Since I returned from the South I baptized seven at Mwanza, nine at outstations, and Bro. Gatzke has baptized four at Ngoimani.

Bro. Salter has left for the South and England on a well earned and much needed furlough. How we miss him. He did sterling service. If he reaches U. S. A. give him every possible opening. I would like to see him come back with a young band of recruits for Congoland. —Wm. F. P. Burton.

BAHBAICH, U. P., INDIA.

The East is under the awful strain of famine, which is even now sweeping over North India. We have started taking in orphan boys. Just yesterday an old man with two boys and a little girl came to our compound, more than half starved, and asked to be taken in. We have now eleven boys and one girl. Prices of food stuffs are extremely high and the common laborer only receives an equivalent of from twelve to twenty cents daily. How the people live is a mystery to me. What Bro. W. K. Norton says is true, that "the people in India do not live, they merely exist." —Frank Nicodem.

ROYAPETTA, MADRAS, INDIA.

While I write, one who has recently been saved from Brahmanism is shut up in his room with a young lad about fifteen. The latter is being shamefully abused, beaten and mistreated in all the despicable ways the heathen mind can conceive of, because the lad has avowed his choice of Christ and left idol worship. For months this has been going on, and there seems no redress until the lad becomes of age. The convert whom he visits secretly reads to him from the Bible and good books, and prays with him that he may stand true. Tonight he is reading to him from Bro. Urshan's book. The lad seems as true as steel, though day by day he is beaten and denied proper food, clothing, or anything right or respectable. He has found peace and joy in Christ, but cannot be baptized until he is eighteen. This is only one case of many. We are praying that God may interpose in some way on his behalf. —Mary Chapman.

TAIYUANFU, SHANSI, CHINA.

I do not know how it is in the States, but somehow we here feel that the pressure in the Spirit is constantly increasing, so much so that there is scarcely a day passing but what we groan under it. I could not understand it for a time, and then the Lord made it plain to me by reminding me of the increased groaning of the Israelites in Egypt just prior to their deliverance, and brought to my mind Rom. 8:18-26; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; 2 Cor. 5:1-5 and Rev. 12:1, showing me that we should not be surprised at it, but it is the necessary and natural condition of His children before their deliverance. So, thank God, we take courage, and groan on, being patient until the coming of the Lord, knowing that the greater the groaning the nearer the day of redemption.

Two of our sisters in the Lord have been suffering for Jesus' sake, the one having been severely beaten by her husband, but they became the more determined to follow Jesus.

Yesterday, another one of our young men left us to help another Pentecostal missionary work. I have prayed much for the Lord to raise up good native evangelists and he is answering. Already four of our young men are helping others in Gospel work and we have three who are helping in the work, one of whom lives in the city with his family, being self-supporting. The other two I support. It truly makes me rejoice when they go out to help in the blessed work of the Kingdom. —Edgar C. Steinberg.

Enclosed you will find \$5.00 for the missionaries. We had a sick cow and I promised the Lord if He would heal her and give me some milk customers I would give the first five dollars to the Lord. He has answered prayer and given me the desire of my heart, so praise His Name. Mrs. Wm. A. Hook.

THE INDIAN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

We have received a letter from Bro. C. H. Schoonmaker, Chairman, A. A. Blakey, Vice-Chairman, and James Harvey, Secretary, telling us of a blessed meeting of a number of Pentecostal missionaries at Saharanpur in which they formed the Indian Assemblies of God. We have received a printed copy of the Minutes of this meeting and regret that we cannot, because of limitations of space, publish either the letter or Minutes in full. We are pleased however, to make the following quotation from the letter received.

"Some twenty missionaries were led to respond to a call to a special gathering at Saharanpur, some of whom are connected with the P. M. U. of Great Britain, others with the Assembly of God in America, others with Scandinavian Assemblies, and others were connected with no special home body. While our gathering at Saharanpur was small representing numbers, yet it was fairly representative of the Central and Northern part of India.

"As we came to realize the unity of the Spirit we were unanimously drawn to unite and enroll ourselves under a banner to be known as the Indian Assemblies of God, Incorporated, whose object is to preach the gospel as embodied in the fundamentals adopted by the Assemblies of God in America, and help prepare the Church in India for the coming of our Lord. We are to gather in conference yearly for fellowship and counsel and to transact any business requiring attention. Every missionary in India who embraces the fundamentals as adopted by the 'Indian Assemblies of God,' and is in good standing with the brethren, is eligible for membership regardless of what mission he or she may belong. Seven men are to be elected yearly as presbyters by the members themselves, three of whom are to be elected as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. These seven presbyters will constitute the governing body of the Assemblies. Moreover, three representative women also will be elected yearly as an advisory committee to the presbyters.

"All present realized so keenly that the Holy Spirit Himself was leading us in our deliberations and decisions, that all felt glad and free to declare themselves as part of this organized body. No one felt that their liberty in Christ was in any way curtailed, or that anyone was going to dictate to them or take charge of their work, by becoming identified with it. On the contrary there was mutual rejoicing over the fact that the Lord was bringing His servants together. We all recognize the New Testament Church order, and that it is necessary to have wholesome conditions existing for the development in Christ's likeness, yet our full personal liberty as His servants is preserved. God's work is always perfect and we truly rejoice over all we believe He wrought in Saharanpur in this Conference."

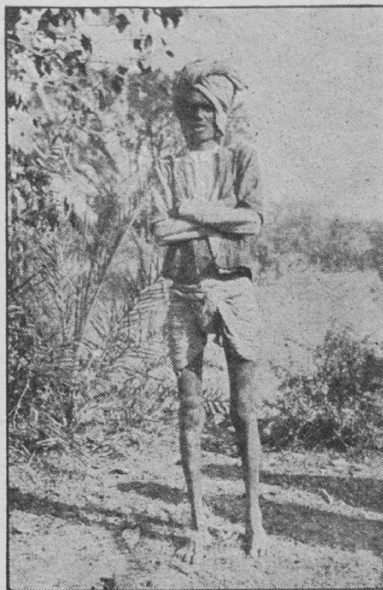
CENTRAL ASIAN PIONEER MISSION.

We have received a letter from Bro. F. D. Norwood, of 2 and 4 Tudor St., London, England, in reference to an article by Mrs. M. L. Peck on Miss Herron's work in Saharanpur, India, in which there was a phrase "since the closing down of Mr. Norwood's work in Abbottabad". Bro. Norwood states that this is quite a mistake, and although he has temporarily left the work there is no thought or idea of closing down. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson will shortly be resuming the oversight of the mission base, and the work of the outstations will then be resumed.

We gladly make this correction for Bro. Norwood.

ORAI, INDIA

God is still with us here at Orai, and is giving us much encouragement. We have a nice band of workers now, and we will do what we can to evangelize this large district, where most of the people have not heard the name of Christ. At present a severe famine is prevailing in our district. The poor are brought to the verge of starvation and probably many will starve to death. We are doing what we can to help them, and we hope we will be enabled to do much more. Wife has it laid on her heart to receive famine orphans, and other small destitute girls, whose parents cannot care for them. She has already received three. John E. Norton.



AN INDIAN FAMINE SUFFERER
(Photo sent in by Bro. John Norton.)

KOBE, JAPAN

The opportune arrival of the Springfield raven enables us again to render unto Caesar his things and unto God His—including many thanksgivings. What a "pile" some folks will have laid up in heaven. Won't they? And there they will have plenty of time for doing over again what Hezekiah once did, viz: "Bless the Lord when they saw the heaps"; while in the meantime you and I and all other poor—rich—having nothing—possessing all things—faith folk will be able to say as Azariah once said, "We have had enough to eat." It is evident that at one time he didn't, eh?

We are having good meetings in Kobe night after night and seeing the salvation of our God. We have gone through a severe test again on the sickness line. Bro. Miller was near passing away in his little tent 30 miles from Okayama. We brought him in an auto to Okayama and wife nursed him night and day for seventeen days. Excessive fasting was one of the chief causes of it, and little sleep. He is a blessed holy man. He has only been out eighteen months. Truly it is the Lord's great mercy that has enabled me to stand thirteen years, for I am without a doubt "a bunch of nerves." To one and all much Christian love.—W. J. Taylor.

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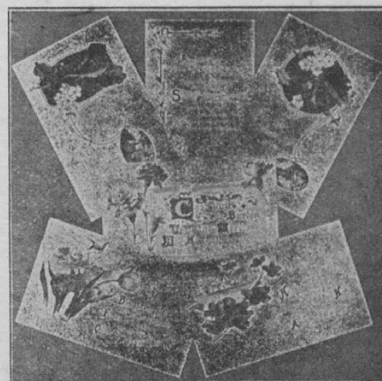
SAINAM, CHINA.

We are in receipt, from you, of a letter enclosing \$200.00 for the work. I was very glad to get this offering as I had just received the second bill for money on the house. I had prayed that we would have enough money for the second payment, and we just did have enough, and the Lord seemed to give me a gentle rebuke for asking for enough when He wanted to supply abundantly, so I promised the Lord I would never pray again for just enough to meet the payment but I would pray for MORE than enough. I have paid about half now of the sum needed for the finishing up of the building, with a margin of 88c in the bank to my credit. Now the devil tries to harass me by saying, "You will never have enough money to meet the next payment, for the money you have collected for the two payments has been collected during a period of two years, and how can you collect the balance within three months." But we know that the God who has given us one-half can and will give us the other half. Hallelujah! Every one of the missionaries who sees the house is more than pleased with it. We will have it finished, the Lord willing, by the last of May. Stand with us in prayer for the remaining amount of money.

We rejoice to say that the work of the Lord is going forward and there is every evidence of a great awakening in these parts. I visited one of the stations recently for the purpose of uniting one of our precious little Bible women in marriage to one of our Pentecostal boys there. Just previous to the wedding there was a death in the mission of one of the most saintly of the Christians. She was the one whom the Lord taught to read and sing after she was about seventy-five years of age. She lived in the humblest little dwelling you ever saw, but she was shown, just before her departure to heaven, a dwelling all prepared for her, and the beauty was such that she said she could not describe it. She called to the friends in the room with her to look at that beautiful house, but none but her eyes could see it for all were hidden but hers.

Now we ask that you pray for our native ministry. We have in our three missions six native workers for this year, and three of these have the baptism and three have not yet received.

Geo. M. Kelley.

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APRIL 13. CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR.

Lesson: Matt. 20:27, 28; Jno. 1:35-51; Rom. 8:31, 32.

Read Jno. 1:35-51. Golden Text Jno. 3:16

Jesus the God-man. "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son . . . He hath declared (interpreted) Him." This Scripture teaches us that the visible manifestations of Jehovah in the Old Testament were manifestations of the presence of Jesus before His incarnation. Jesus confused the Jews when He declared "Abraham rejoiced to see My day" and John writes, "These things said Esaias when He saw His glory" referring to the glory of Christ. When we recognize this it will help us to understand Paul's great conception of Christ in Colossians and in other epistles. It is well for us to remember that it is written, "His Name shall be Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

Jesus the Lowly One. Although Jesus was so great, for our sakes He took the lowliest place He could find. He said to His disciples, "Whosoever would become great among you shall be your servant; and whosoever would be first among you shall be your bondservant" (Matt. 20:26, 27, A. S. V. Marg.). Jesus took upon Him the form of a "bondservant" (Phil. 2:7), and we find Him doing the work of the humblest slave, washing the disciples' feet. He humbled Himself even to the death of the Cross. The reason why He stooped so low was in order to pick up the lowest of sinners. He is indeed a "Friend of Sinners," yea, our Ransomer and Redeemer.

Jesus the Lamb of God. John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as God's Lamb; and as he repeated his message, "Behold the Lamb of God," two of His disciples followed Jesus. "Then Jesus turned," and if you start to follow Jesus He will surely turn and speak to you. He did to John and Andrew, and that day they abode with Him. Oh, the delight of a day with Jesus!

Andrew was convinced that Jesus was God's Messiah and straightway sought his brother Simon, and brought him to Jesus. Jesus said to him, "Thou art Simon (one heard), thou shalt be called Cephas or Peter (a stone, a silent thing). When we first meet Jesus He tells us what we are, and then He lets us know what He will make of us. "We shall be like Him!" It is worth while following on to know the Lord.

Jesus the Ladder of Salvation. Jesus called Philip to discipleship and straightway Philip sought the guileless Nathanael and declared to him the glad news, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets did write Jesus of Nazareth." Nathanael had his doubts about any good thing coming out of Nazareth, but when Jesus told him about that time under the fig

tree he had been having when he knew no eyes but those of God saw him, he declared, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God; Thou art the King of Israel. Jesus said to him, "Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." You remember the ladder that Jacob saw that reached from earth to heaven with angels of God ascending and descending upon it. The Son of man is a ladder, and you will never be able to reach glory save thru Him.

Jesus our only Salvation. We might write a sermon on the Golden Text that would fill the whole Evangel, for this one verse has been blessed to the salvation of thousands. When John G. Paton was translating the Bible into the language of the New Hebrides he was at a loss to find a word in their language that was equivalent to "faith." He tried and tried in vain. One day one of his native helpers came in and sat down on a chair and put his feet on another chair, stating that he was tired and that he wished to lean his whole weight on the chair. "Praise God," said Paton, "I've got my word," "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever leans His whole weight on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Lean your whole weight on Jesus.

April 20. EASTER LESSON.

OUR RISEN LORD.

Lesson Matt. 28:1-10. G. T.: Matt. 28:6

Read the story of the resurrection in each of the four gospels and then read what the Holy Ghost thru the apostle Paul wrote about it in 1 Cor. 15. It is glorious to know that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures," but still more wonderful to know that having purged or got rid of our sins, He has risen to sit at the right hand of the Majesty on High. The good news that "He is risen," and "Behold, I am alive for evermore," is essential to our salvation, for Paul wrote, "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." If Jesus is not alive, we are still in sin. The presence of the indwelling risen Christ is our salvation.

At Easter Dawn. From Mark's gospel we learn that there were three of the women who went early to the sepulchre that first Easter morning, but from John's account it seems that Mary Magdalene must have been the first visitor, for she went "when it was yet dark." Jesus had done much for her, delivered her from seven devils, and she loved Him much. And she was the first one to whom the risen Christ revealed Himself.

There was a great earthquake, and an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled back the stone from

the door. Man had sealed the tomb, finishing his work of crucifying the Son of God by putting a seal on His tomb. Easier to keep the sun from rising that first Easter Day than to keep Him whom God raised from the dead sealed in that tomb. The temple guards who were keeping watch "became as dead men." Man proud man, is a sorry object in the presence of the power of God. If one angel can scare a whole crowd of armed valiants, what could a legion of them do? And God has promised to give His angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways.

The Angel's Message. The angelic message at the birth of Christ was truly blessed, but at His resurrection is yet more wonderful. Let us echo it again and again, "He is risen!" Not a dead idol on a crucifix, but a living, loving, ever-present Saviour, who says to us, "Because I live ye shall live also," making His own eternal life a guarantee of ours! Supplement the angel's message with Christ's own words, "I am the Resurrection, and the Life: he that believeth in Me though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." And the challenge comes down to us today, "Believest thou this?"

Go Quickly and Tell. Whilst the letter of the Word is stationary, its meaning is progressive, and there seems to be a new meaning in this Easter message in these last days. The women were instructed to go quickly, and tell His disciples, but the Spirit of God has quickened this message to us as a Pentecostal people to get the glorious news of a Risen Saviour quickly to the ends of the earth. We know one dear boy who went to China as a missionary who would always greet you with the words "Jesus lives!" We would always supplement this with "And reigns!" "Say among the heathen, the Lord reigneth!"

He Goeth Before! What a blessing for every herald of the living Christ to know "He goeth before!" "When He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him." No one needs to fear being His messenger even to the ends of the earth, for He declares, "Lo, I am with you alway!" Jesus Himself when He met the women echoed the angel's message, "Go tell!" The great need of the moment is that of a hundred thousand Spirit-filled witnesses to tell out the good news of Him who declares, "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen: and have the keys of hell and death." Will you be one?—S. H. F.

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GOD IS SEARCHING FOR INTERCESSORS.

There is a source of wonder in heaven. The Lord "wondered that there was no intercessor" (Isa. 59:16). "When multitudes are needing blessing, and such blessing is to be given, the Lord wondered that there was no intercessor. The Holy Ghost has exhorted us, "Give Him no rest till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

People have been quiet when God wants them to be importunate and the Lord has "wondered that there was no intercessor." The need is so great. People say, "Since Jesus Christ is our intercessor we do not need to intercede so much!" Yes, He is our Heavenly Intercessor, but there must be earthly intercessors.

Blessing will come when the intercession is complete and in harmony—when the saint has caught up to the Saviour, who spent whole nights in intercession, and, who wakened a great while before day to pray. Christ is our pattern. He has given us an example.

God is searching for intercessors. He is holding up to His people, so to speak, the promise that the heavens are willing to drop blessing. God says "I will pour out." "I will shake out." The promise is for FLOODS.

The promises seem sealed up. The key can be had. "I set before thee an open door." Some will enter. Many talk about entering. When the Lord says, "Go work today in my vineyard," they say "I will" and do not. One who says "I will not" does.

The church of God is too free in promising and too lax in fulfilling her promise. They fail God and fail themselves, and they fail those who would reap benefit by their work in the vineyard.

See how God wonders about you! Do you want to be an intercessor? Come as the disciples did and say, "Teach us to pray!" The Master Intercessor wants pupils. Who teacheth like Him?

He will teach. He will lead. He will instruct.

GOD "SO" LOVED.

Eben Herbert says: "We cannot indicate by words the quantity of love that exists in our hearts. A little boy whom I know when his mother asked him how much he loved her, looked at her utterly at a loss to know how to answer, but gazing around in his bewilderment, he looked up into the sky, with its immeasurable blue vault, and suddenly answered, 'Why mamma, I love you a whole sky-full.' Christ Himself was fettered by the limitations of our language, and striving to tell us how much God loved the world, had to fall back on telling the effects of that love. He 'so' loved, that He gave His Son to die."—Sel.

Evang. H. E. Sims will be glad to hear from any minister feeling led of the Lord to pastor the Assembly at Monette, Ark. Address H. E. Sims, Monette, Ark.

FAITH.

Abraham's faith was counted to him for righteousness.

Faith is the seed germ of righteousness, and when God sees us possessed of the seed, he counts us also as being in possession of the harvest which lies hidden in its heart.

When a man believes, it is only a matter of education and time to develop that which is already in embryo within him, and God to whom the future is always present, accounts the man of faith as dowered with the fruits of righteousness, which are to be the praise and glory of God."

Your faith may be weak, but it is faith in the embryo and germ. And as the ark saved the squirrel as well as the elephant, so does the covenant shelter the weakest and feeblest believer.—F. B. Meyer.

GOOD MEETING AT PUXICO. Missouri District Council.

The largest attendance was present at the fourth annual District Council of Southeast Missouri of any previous council. The presence and power of God was manifest from the opening to the close. In open session, also in committee rooms, the power of God swept everything before it.

People were saved and received the baptism throughout the meeting, even in business sessions. Our Chairman, Bro. E. L. Banta, was at his best during this meeting. The Lord used him in a wonderful way to give out His Truth for this hour.—John T. Wilson.

BRO. GRIFFIN GOES TO BELOIT, WIS.

Just a note of praise to the Lord for His wonderful keeping power during our stay at Springfield, Mo. We are leaving Springfield to go out into the evangelistic field, and we feel that we will be backed up by the prayers of the saints at Springfield, who so nobly backed us up financially and spiritually. May the Lord graciously reward them. Our next address will be, Evangelist Thomas Griffin, 1519 Porter Ave., Beloit, Wis.

HOKIE, ARK.

The Lord is still gracious to us here. Some getting saved and healed as we go on.

Bro. John T. Wilson from Thayer, Mo., one of the presbyters of the Southern Missouri District Council has been with us for a few days. One reclaimed and others blessed and lifted up. Bro. Higgins and Bro. Harry Donaldson were also with us and were made a blessing to all.

The Church was set in Bible order and 34 signed the roster. Bro. F. L. Doyle was re-elected pastor for this year and three men were elected as deacons. The whole service was filled with the presence of the Lord. F. L. Doyle, Pastor.

FRANKLIN, NEBR.

Bro. Lohmann was here with us awhile, and God wonderfully used him. The assembly is in the best shape it has ever been, and the saints are in blessed unity. All feel encouraged. We are looking forward to a big campmeeting.—Henry Hoar, Pastor.

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Reports From the Field

DECATUR CITY, IOWA.

We arrived here on the 6th of March and began our meetings at a place three miles outside the city where we found twenty-five or thirty baptized saints. We are having a hard pull on account of the weather, but we are believing God to do a work at this place.—James Shurron, Koshkonong, Mo.

COUCH, MO.

Have been here for one week and the Lord blessed from the first service. Two saved and four or five reclaimed, two restored back to the Baptism. Old time conviction was on the whole audience, and it was a blessed time to preach the Word. Glory to God! I feel that the Lord is going to do wonderful things this year. I am expecting a great world wide revival. F. L. Doyle.

A NOTE OF PRAISE.

Many of our readers have been interested in what is known as the "Waldron Case." According to the accounts received by this office, Bro. Waldron is a young minister who received his Pentecostal baptism, against whom charges were preferred for distributing some literature from the Moody Bible Institute, whilst he was pastor of a denominational church, which it was alleged would influence some of the young men of the congregation from enlisting in the Army. These charges were not made against him until he had received the Pentecostal experience and had withdrawn from his church. He received a sentence of twenty years imprisonment. Every endeavor has been made to secure his release. His father sends the following note of praise:

"About five weeks ago, my dear son was taken with a very bad case of influenza, and was placed in the Federal Hospital, at Atlanta, Ga. From the first he was a very sick man. Pneumonia set in, and his life was despaired of, the doctors giving but little hope. He grew worse, and hemorrhage of the bowels set in. The physicians of the Federal Hospital gave him up and placed him on the death list.

"All this time the dear Lord held us in 'a great calm,' resting, believing, praising. The saints were holding with us and we had the assurance of his healing, and while the clouds were black and heavy, and the storms were sweeping around us, we simply kept our gaze fixed on the advancing form of the Son of God as He walked the angry waters and our ears open to the voice of Him which sang above the storm, 'Be not afraid, it is I.'

"To the amazement of the head physician and two subordinates, new life began to come in, the hand of death was stayed, and our dear son was called back as it seemed from the very shores of eternity. The doctors declared it beyond their comprehension, and said, 'Young man, you have very much to thank God for.' He is now quite well again and lives to testify to the glory of God.

"Things also worked quickly at Washington, and nothing short of the power of God ordered the whole affair. We found all who were in authority, with whom we came in contact, very kind, very courteous and very willing, and now our dear son is to be set at liberty April 1st, 1919.

"To God be all the praise and glory. Amen."—S. W. Waldron.

PRICHARD, ALA.

I am conducting services in the new tabernacle at Prichard, Ala. Souls are being saved every night. The Spirit of God is prevailing over the enemy. W. B. Jessup.

BRUNSWICK, GA.

A strong battle has been on for about three months in Brunswick, Ga. God has blessed, praise His dear Name. Some saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost according to the Word. Satan has put up a strong fight against the truth, but God has set His approval on His work.

Bro. and Sister W. L. Snell from Alabama have been here three months. Their gospel tent was burned down, but the Lord's hosts are marching on, and God continues to bless. Anyone wishing to assist them address, W. L. Snell, 507 M St., Brunswick, Ga.

CONFERENCE AT PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA.

It was our privilege to attend the Conference of Pentecostal Saints held in the town Hall Pretoria from Dec. 20th to Dec. 29th, inclusive. I have attended a good many conferences at different times but never one in which the power of God was more manifest.

The messages were very largely to backsliders and to Christians; God spoke to the former several times in tongues pleading with them to confess their sins and to get right with Him.

About the middle of the convention a wave of confession swept over the people and for two days they were busy confessing sin, and making restitution, after this we had great liberty and power in the Spirit.

Several persons were baptized in the Holy Ghost, amongst them two little boys aged about nine and eleven respectively. They knelt side by side at the altar weeping and pleading to be baptized in the Spirit, and He came upon both simultaneously and they were stretched out side by side upon the floor and very soon were speaking and praising God in new tongues. Hallelujah!

During the time of confession a young brother had a vision in which he saw God's people kneeling before Him with their faces to the ground; over them shafts of fire were falling everywhere but he saw that except in a few cases, the fire seemed unable to reach the people because of a thick curtain spread over them. He asked that the meaning of this curtain might be revealed to him and the Lord showed him that lack of love in the hearts of His children was the reason why the fire was not falling in the measure we had a right to expect.

A goodly number were baptized in water during the convention, one couple were baptized in the morning of the first Sabbath and in the evening they presented their children to be dedicated to the Lord.

Altogether it was a season of rich blessing to our souls, a veritable feast of fat things. Glory to His name! We especially enjoyed it, because our opportunities for holy fellowship with God's children are so very rare. Now we are back at our own station, resolved more than ever to press the battle to the gate, and to spend and be spent in His glad service.

H. M. Turney.

PRINCETON, MO.

We have just closed a glorious revival at Princeton. On coming here about four weeks ago we found the gold wedge had been hidden away, but on getting the saints to pray through to victory and get filled with the Spirit, then it was that we were ready for a revival. We went forth in the Name of Jesus and saw fifteen souls saved, and two baptized in the Spirit. Souls were under conviction, and a good interest. Pray much for this needy field. G. W. Barton.

REVIVAL IN SAN FRANCISCO Led by Sister McPherson.

By Robert J. Craig, Pastor Glad Tidings Mission, 1536 Ellis St., San Francisco, Cal.

After months of patient, expectant waiting, Sister McPherson's campaign in San Francisco opened auspiciously on March 2nd. This is known as a peculiarly cosmopolitan city, where, since the days of 1849, when gold was discovered, Satan has been strongly entrenched. Nothing daunted, at the command of God, and under the definite leadership of the Holy Spirit, with the valuable aid of Sister Baer, together with her stenographer and helpers, this glorious campaign was launched.

From the very first meeting the power of God has been manifest. Many have been swept into their Holy Spirit baptismal inheritance, while heaven has been made to rejoice over many tears of genuine repentance. Oh, the joy in heaven over this meeting! By faith we see hundreds of church folks liberated from ecclesiastical thralldom, and a host of sinners saved by the power of God. Oh glory!

Sister Aimee S. McPherson meets our ideal of an evangelist. With messages heaven-born, delivered with that exquisite, though indescribable unction of the Spirit, she holds her ever-increasing audiences throughout. Her life, demeanor and message simply command the respect of all classes. By the grace of God we are soon to close our seventh year of ministry in San Francisco, and in all this time I have never met an evangelist so gifted, so used of God, and yet so retiring and humble. What hath not God wrought? The "masculine", overbearing spirit has found no resting place in the life of our beloved Sister.

Yesterday our large Glad Tidings Auditorium, seating about six hundred, was packed afternoon and evening, standing-room only being available at the hour of opening the meetings. Powerful conviction rested upon the people for the Baptism and for salvation, with many shouting or weeping their way to God—disorder to the natural man, but really true heavenly harmony. It is now clear that a larger hall must be obtained to accommodate the increasing number of eager souls.

If Sister McPherson will consent to remain two full months here, which I believe God will have her do, in this comparatively virgin field, it is my honest conviction that only the Civic Auditorium seating ten thousand people, will accommodate the throngs desiring to hear this glorious message.

Sister Baer is taking charge of the afternoon meetings in an able manner, and is bringing forth rich nuggets from our Father's inexhaustible mine.

One of the outgrowths of this meeting is to be a Pentecostal Bible School for Christian Workers. A building containing over thirteen thousand square feet of floor space has been selected and is being fitted up. Anyone desiring to enter should communicate with the pastor. A fuller report of the meetings will be given later.

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RETURNING TO GIVE THANKS.

A short time ago I asked prayer for my sore foot which had pained me so much for six months that I could hardly put it on the ground. Jesus healed it. Praise His Name. Alice Lechwatz.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Pray that I may be healed. M. B. Beaucus, Texas.
Prayer is requested for the work at Sparks, Okla.

Pray for a sister who is threatened with appendicitis and is suffering very much. K. K. Montclair, N. J.

Pray for us. We are starting a weekly meeting at Pascagoula, Miss. Pray that God will have his way. J. B. C.

Pray that I may be healed of rheumatism. Mrs. E. F. Remlig, Tex.

Pray that my children may be healed of a contagious skin trouble. Mrs. J. C. H., DeValls Bluff, Ark.

Please pray for one in great trouble. Reader.

Pray that I may be healed and filled with the Holy Spirit. I have been a cripple for seven years. Mrs. F. A. S., Anguilla, Miss.

Pray for us that we may have a Spirit-filled pastor very soon. Mrs. H. L. Applegate, Valley Station, Ky.

Pray earnestly that God will help my sister to sell a piece of property. Pray for three sisters and two brothers that they may be healed of a stubborn case of deafness. A reader, Ark.

Pray that God will send some Pentecostal minister to Bayou Meto, Ark. Mrs. Belle Maddox.

I ask the prayers of the saints for my daughter who has rheumatism. Also pray that my husband may receive the Holy Ghost baptism. W. E. C.

Pray for the salvation of my wife. Evangel Reader.

Pray that a son and two daughters may be saved at a coming revival. Reader.

Pray for my healing. M. A. B. Texas.

Pray that the way may be opened for me to go on a mission for Jesus. Reader.

Pray that the Lord will send a revival to Broken Bow, Okla. Pray for the salvation of a husband, brother and sister. H. P. W.

Pray that I may be set free from unbelief and doubt, and have grace to overcome sin, self and the devil; and that I may have faith to trust God wholly. One who has failed.

Pray for our little girl who is suffering with rheumatism. S. N. J., Anderson, Okla.

Pray that God will furnish us with a place of worship at Beaumont, Tex. Mrs. D. E.

Pray for the saints at Port Colborne and also for my husband who was powerfully converted a year ago but now is turning back to the world and evil habits.

Pray that I may be healed of heart trouble. T. H. Rice Lake, Wis.

Pray for my healing. E. F.

Pray that God will give us a tent or some suitable place to hold services at West Helena, Ark. W. T. Malle.

Pray for two ladies in Dallas, Tex., one with cancer and rheumatism, and the other with rheumatism. A. B.

STONE CHURCH CONVENTION

May 11th to 25th, 1919.

A fire having destroyed our place of meeting, the Spring Convention of the "Stone Church" Assembly will be held at Corner of 70th St. and Stewart Avenue. Special preachers and workers. Hardy W. Mitchell, Pastor, 4229 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING.

The Oklahoma State Camp Meeting will be held in Tulsa from May 15th to June 1st, inclusive, under the leadership of the noted Evangelist Almee Semples McPherson. J. W. Welch, Chairman of the General Council, and other good workers are expected to be here to assist.

Because of the heavy expenses connected with the camp meeting, it will be necessary for those who come to be prepared to take care of themselves, and we will do all we can to make your expenses as light as possible. Bring your bedding and towels with you. Come praying and expect a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

We have secured the Convention Hall located on Bolder and Brady Sts. It seats 3500 people, seated with opera chairs.

Full particulars from Pastor S. A. Jamieson, 1520 East Third St., Tulsa, Okla.

Please pray for my 11 year old boy who cannot walk. Pray that God will heal him. Pray for my husband. J. R.

Please pray for the work in Brunswick, and also here in Waycross, Ga. South Georgia is a needy field, so much error among those who have a desire to go on with God. May God send more soldiers that are rightly dividing the Word to South Georgia. Willie Olive.

Pray for a sister at Kennett who is very sick, that God may undertake. B. L.

Pray for us here in this part of the country. We are building a mission hall at Charleston, and God is moving. W. A. H., Monette, Wash.

Pray for my wife's healing. C. D. L., Eucha, Okla.

Pray for me that I may be healed of a serious stomach trouble. Pray that my wife may receive the Baptism. C. B., Calvary, Ga.

Pray for our little daughter who is on the sick list. Mrs. B. F.

NOTICE

The Annual District Council of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona is called to meet at Elgin, Texas, April 13-17, 1919. Every licensed or ordained minister in the district is called upon to be present, and every assembly is requested to send at least one delegate. Co-operative fellowship is the object of the meeting, and every one is asked to pray earnestly and continuously until the time arrives, and then come to the Council praying that God may have His way and that the name of His Son Jesus may be glorified. F. A. Hale, Chairman.

CONVENTION NOTICE.

A Pentecostal Missionary Convention will be held (D. V.) at Beulah Heights, North Bergen, N. J., May 24 to June 1st, inclusive. Meetings daily—10:30, 2:30 and 7:30.

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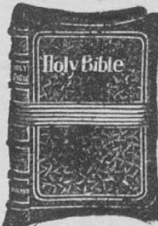
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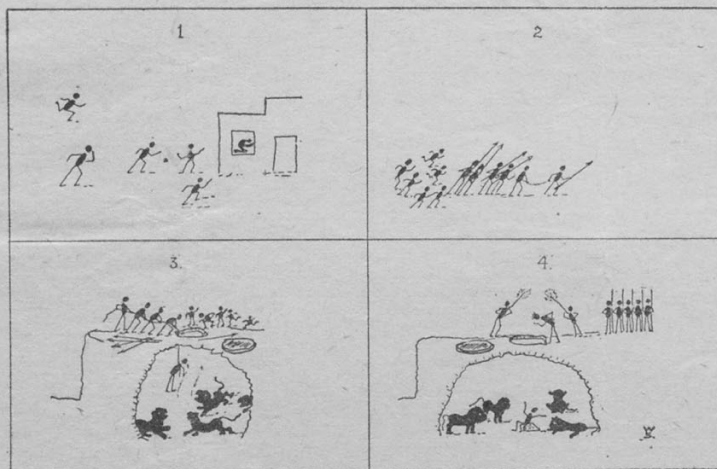
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