



## Sodom and the Modern World

**T**HE destruction of Sodom after being described in detail is mentioned five times more in the Old Testament in the way of solemn warning as to what God does to the wicked. Four times we find it referred to in the New Testament in connection with the most solemn protestations of warning by the Lord. Probably more than any other catastrophe in the history of the world, the destruction of Sodom stands forth as a supreme example of the coming judgment of the world. Our Lord plainly states the same conditions which were seen at Sodom when it was destroyed will be present again when Jesus comes back to this world. "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot . . . even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed" (Luke 17:28-30). The wickedness of Sodom became so great that finally the Lord would have no more of it and destroyed Sodom in the manner described in the Bible. Just so when the wickedness of the earth gets so great that He will bear it no longer He will destroy the Earth. Thus the destruction of Sodom and the escape of Lot picture the doom of the world and the escape of the church.

### Sin and Judgment

The first outstanding similarity or parallel that we notice is that the world itself fixes the time of the judgment, just as Sodom and not God fixed the time of its destruction by filling its cup of wickedness until it overflowed. There is a limit to sin as there is to other things. When that limit is passed judgment comes without warning and is final. "Now the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners against the Lord exceedingly" (Gen. 13:13). Extraordinary wickedness always indicates the falling due of God's promise of judgment. "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, through the lusts of their own hearts. . . . For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections" (Rom. 1:24-26).

Although in the preceding verse (Luke 17:27) the Lord mentions marriage among the people living before the Flood, he omits it in speaking of the evil doings of the people of Sodom. They had probably dispensed with marriage. A marriage license today costs less in Moscow than does a dog license in most countries; and the marriage can be dissolved at any time, for any reason, by either party. The prominent Russians are uniting without any ceremony either civil or religious. **There is not a vice of Egypt which is not practiced in every city of America today.** The very ease with which men sin; their complete indifference to God; wickedness so unblushing and callous as to be hardly conscious of the horror of its own iniquity; above all monstrous sensual sin;—these are Sodom-marks of a judgment due. These same conditions mark the earth as unsafe and uninhabitable for the holy. Holiness ripened sets the date for the harvest of the grain and its gathering into the garner of God (Mark 14:29), whereas wickedness come to the full shows the time for gathering out the grapes and casting them into "the great winepress of the wrath of God" (Rev. 14:18, 19).

### The Doom of the World

The second outstanding parallel is in the nature of the doom. "Sodom and Gomorrah" says Jude (v. 7) "are set forth as an example"—a type, a forecast, an actual specimen of the material of hell—"suffering the vengeance of **eternal fire.**" So our Lord says: "But the same day that Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed" (Luke 17:29, 30). The region that is judged will be swept by a sheet of flame (such as in 1902 sprang from Mount Pelee and wiped out St. Pierre, with its forty thousand souls) and become a lake of fire and brimstone.

God's stores of fire and sulphur are unexhausted.  
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## The Seven Fears and the Seven Cheers

By Pastor S. A. Jamieson

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring: men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:25-26).

These two verses certainly give us a foreview of a state of great perplexity in the world. The nations today are like the raging of the sea when lashed by a storm. Confused, they do not know what to do. Like mariners in the storm, they are at their wit's end.

Christ adds in the above passage, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." It has been well said, "when fear haunts the mind, the ability to do things is paralyzed." Our Lord further adds, "For looking after those things which are coming on the earth." There are certainly plenty of things to look after, and they are more than man can master. Men are overwhelmed and submerged by the storm of events that are assailing them and they are sinking under them.

Looking at the world today does not encourage one, but has quite the opposite effect. The Westminster Gazette of London gives out the following statement. "In Europe we are still struggling, with the old Franco-German controversy. The idea that Germany can be made to pay the costs of her victorious enemies has proved illusory, and the belief that she can be permanently disarmed grows thin. If she remains hostile there will be no peace or security in Central Europe. France is staggering under a load of armaments, disordering her finances and preventing her recovery. If there is no peace in Central Europe there will be none in Eastern. The junction between Russia and Germany will be a nightmare not only to France but to Poland as well as all the new states that have been carved out of old Empires. But the trouble will not be confined to Europe. With Russia ostracized from the rest of Europe and posing as the friend of Eastern as against Western man, there will be incessant friction and difficulty in the outer world. We see the condition of China at the present time—a condition which at a most inopportune time threatens one of the few promising outlets for British and European trade. France finds herself involved in a struggle which has the outward appearance of another Boer war and for the time being threatens to turn all her assets into liabilities."

When we turn to the pages of Holy Writ we find it foretold both in Old Testament Prophecy and in New Testament Revelation, that the world will continue to go from bad to worse. In fulfillment of this, the metals, to us the figure of

Daniel's image (Daniel 2:32-33), are becoming baser instead of better. The true journalist in his observation finds present world events tallying with God's Word.

The same condition is found in the religious world. Dr. Sanford, Principal of the Methodist College in Canada, says, "We cannot possibly accept 'the supernatural and plenary authority of the Holy Scriptures, the substitutionary atonement and the second coming of Christ.'" Such men are none other than the enemies of the Cross of Christ.

Looking over the political, industrial and religious world today we are not surprised to see that most men of our time, observing them in any sphere we may, are **haunted by the fear of approaching evil.**

It is my intention to call your attention not only to the seven great fears that are gripping the world but also to the seven cheers that fill the Christian's heart with joy.

**The first I call the Biological Fear.** This fear is well based. It arises from the fact that the race is now being chiefly replenished from the lower grades of the human family, rather than from the better human stocks. In other words, the best people are having the smallest families and the worst people are having by far the largest families. As we successively examine groups more and more vicious and worthless we find an ever increasing fecundity.

Men inheriting from their parents tendencies to liquor, gambling and general lawlessness are not fit to reign over their fellow men, but that is the very class that is coming to the front. It is a common saying today that politics is corrupted to the core, meaning thereby that the reins of government are in the hands of unrighteous men. If this state of affairs goes on we will end in biological bankruptcy.

**There is what is known as the psychological fear.** There is also good ground for this fear. Under the modern condition of things, men's minds are not normal because to a large degree they have ceased to think for themselves. The independent mind is replaced by the borrowed mind. Man's mind has been weakened through the abnormal condition of the day. Giving himself over to greed, selfishness and the degrading influences of the times has very much injured his capacity of thinking. How often we hear the expression, speaking of men in office, "they are acting more like children than men." The mind when normal has accomplished wonderful things, it has laid the foundations of great institutions which today are being destroyed at the behest of disordered brains. The activities of men's brains cannot today be trusted as formerly.

As we seek to understand the causes of the things we see about us we find

three laws, the natural, the preternatural and the supernatural. The second one of these is a fruitful field for the working of religious demons. This is the realm where Satan does his work as an angel of light.

A man is consciously under the power of the Holy Ghost for some time, his soul all aglow. Then the Holy Spirit ceases active manifestations through that individual for the time being, whereupon a religious demon endeavors to step in to make the man believe, if possible, that he is the Holy Spirit and suggesting some thing which if carried out would bring reproach upon God's cause. By this means many saints have been induced to do many dreadful things. For instance, I knew a very devout saint who, while having a wonderful experience with the Holy Spirit, suddenly felt very strongly impressed to get up and run through the hall of his large rooming house, at midnight, praising the Lord at the top of his voice. But having the gift of discernment, he recognized that the suggestion came from one of these religious demons who must be rebuked and resisted. If he had followed his suggestion he would have brought a reproach upon the cause of Christ. Here many Christians make a mistake, obeying religious demons in the belief that they are under the power of the Holy Ghost. Oh how we need the gift of discernment and to beware of the deceptions worked by the devil through preternatural means.

**There is the political fear.** Dr. F. E. Marsh of England well says, "Western civilization is committed to democracy as a system of government. Are we sure that democracy is going to succeed? Can it be depended upon to secure for us the leadership of the best and wisest, to maintain a well-ordered society and to defend the liberties of the individual?" James McAlister says, "Democracy will be the last attempt of man to govern the world without God. Monarchy in most countries has admittedly failed. Aristocracy, militarism and capitalism all have failed. Self and greed have poisoned the springs of government. Democracy too will fail and will fail tragically because it has no Christ in its political program." The scripture does not use the term, "democracy" nor "monarchy" but uses the name "Kingdom." The kingdom, when Jesus is made the King, will last because God is in that government. The world some day will be made to know that their political fear was well grounded.

**The Economic Fear.** The outlook in the industrial world is anything but encouraging. Continuous and combined strikes are producing unspeakable loss to the world and damping the spirits of many leaders of labor. It is said that "our industrial civilization, with its minute division of labor, its standardization of product, its quantity, output, may cease to be human and may become mechanical." Something is certainly wrong with our industries. Greed and Selfishness are the causes of this gigantic trouble which is threatening national bankruptcy and the ruin of the governments in certain countries. The high price of living does not exist because God has not made ample provision for the needs of the

human family but because ungodly men are robbing the people of what properly belongs to them. To enrich themselves they run up the cost of living so that a great many people cannot reach it. I call this bad economics, but Christ will right things soon. Sin is the cause of it all. Oh, how we need a deliverer!

**We have the Historical Fear.** History seems to show that civilizations move in cycles. The world today, knowing that civilizations in the past have had their birth, youth, maturity, old age and decay, and seeing the many indications that our civilization is growing old and hastening to its end, is afraid. What would the world do without civilization? The teaching in both state and so-called church is certainly poisoning the very springs of civilization. How true are the words of Ecclesiastes, declaring that all the product of man is vexation of spirit and vanity. The life of civilization being that of man, is of necessity of short duration and will come to an end soon.

**The Administrative Fear.** Who are the men that can be trusted to administer righteousness in State and church? The very men who should make righteous laws and enforce them and thus curb crime are the very ones that open our jails and let the criminals go free. The law no longer protects society. The church is torn asunder through an army of false teachers. The world will not have a theocratic government, for the world does not want God as their ruler; but the time is near when Christ will break into pieces all human governments and establish a righteous government whose ruler the whole world can trust. The thrones of the world are crumbling from want of proper men to occupy them, having instead men who are working for their own selfish ends and not for the good of the people nor for the glory of God. The church likewise has suffered much from the lack of consecrated leaders in her pulpits. Yes, the fear is well grounded and no one but Christ can bring about proper administration in either church or state.

**We come now to the Moral Fear.** Morality is certainly on the decline. A century ago or even fifty years ago the word "morality" stood for something. It has certainly lost its standing. This fear is related to the younger generation upon whom the fate of the coming years depends. "Does the present generation maintain its allegiance to those wholesome standards of thought and conduct upon which alone a stable civilization can be built, or is it morally adrift without aim or guidance?" The fact that the population is coming from the lowest grades of society and that this naturally results in a low grade of public morality is generally admitted. The sooner the world learns that it must not trust human morality but God Himself, the sooner its fears will disappear.

The prevalence of all these fears strongly proves that we are at the very close of this dispensation. No one can remove them but our Christ, the Lord of lords.

I will now call your attention to the seven cheers of the Christian. In the Christian realm there is no biological fear, because our biology is upward. The unregenerated man will not control God's

kingdom. In Ephesians 2:1 we discover that God found man dead in trespasses and sins, and quickened him and made of him a new creature; old things passed away and all things became new. We have much to thank God for that He has quickened all those that were willing to believe in Him and made them sons of God, so we Christians can rejoice in our Christian biology for it testifies to our sonship.

Neither are we troubled with the psychological fear because through the Gospel of Jesus Christ we are in possession of a sound mind. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." (2 Tim. 1:7). Being crazy is not just our epithet for we have the mind of Christ. The world has great reason to fear that minds will not function properly but not so the child of God.

Political fear does not cross the path of the Christian for His government is theocratic (God ruling). How comforting are the words of our Saviour recorded in Luke 12:32, "Fear not little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." If we are God's little flock we need fear no evil.

We are also protected against the Economic Fear that is taking hold of the world. Through the greed of certain individuals, starvation will stare millions of people in the face, but listen to God's Word on this subject, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:32). Herein is the safety of the Christian. We also read in Philippians 4:19, these words, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus." God promises to become our storehouse of supply. Praise His Holy name.

Historical fear has taken possession of the world. This is the fear that civilization will come to an end. Here again the Christian perceives the hand of God in history, seeing, in the rise and fall of empire the fulfilment of prophecy. He sees the purposes of God carried out for man's good and God's glory being made manifest. As soon as a chapter in History is recorded we know that a certain prophecy is fulfilled, thus history is God's voucher. We rejoice that after all, the great historian in this world is prophecy's pen. Look at the Jewish nation and you will see the evidence of it.

We come now to what I have called Administrative fear. The reason that man is full of this fear is that he has nothing to lean upon stronger than the arm of flesh and that he knows to be corrupt and it has failed him many a time. The Christian, on the other hand, is standing on the everlasting promises of God, which guarantee him security. The Psalmist truly says, "For the Kingdom is the Lord's; He is the governor among the nations" (Psa. 22:28). I praise the Lord that the government is upon His shoulders and that He is the prince of Peace and we can rest in quietness under the shadow of His wings. Herein is our cheer.

The moral fear. The world is fearful because it knows it cannot trust to the present standard of morality for all along

the line there is a giving way to the Antichrist spirit. But the Christian has nothing to fear, for his trust is in Jesus who is the same yesterday, today and forever. "Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end" (Isa. 9:7).

The seven fears that I have referred to in this paper are also great signs that we are very close to the tying up of this dispensation. Christ refers to this when He speaks of "men's hearts failing them for fear." In this connection He mentions His return to this world to deliver those that put their trust in Him from the result of sin. To this people, He says, "Look up, and lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). Christians may suffer for a little time in this world and will pass through some tests, but God's grace will take them through triumphantly. How true are the words of Paul in Romans 8:15, "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the Spirit of Adoption whereby we cry Abba Father." God grant that all His little ones may dwell in the secret place of the most High and abide under the shadow of the Almighty. This is my prayer for all spiritual Israel.

#### THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

So sacred, so holy, so pure, so precious are the gifts that God bestows upon His own. They are the rare things, the things that beautify. They are the things that mark His own as belonging especially to Him. When Eliezer put the jewels upon Rebekah, they were the jewels that belonged to Isaac, and they marked her as his own. They were a sign to all that beheld them that she was his own.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are as rare jewels, past rubies, past pearls in their value. Nothing can compare with them! Oh, that God's children would value them! But alas, they snap at them, they grab for them, they rudely appropriate them. They use them for themselves instead of letting God use them. They are to be reserved for the service of the King. They are to be held as sacred, as devoted, that is, put upon the altar and never to be removed, never to be desecrated for fleshly use.

Walk calmly with God, and when the mighty, surging power of the Holy Ghost enters your being, when He comes forth and possesses you fully in every intricate part, and presses you forward, and urges you forward, then it is time for you to let Him have His way with you, and to use the gift which He has bestowed. But never, oh never, never may a child of God say, "Go to now, I will do this thing." That is fleshly energy.

Every gift is to be used in the energy of the Holy Ghost. Let Him possess, let Him fill, let Him urge you forward. Then shall your gift bring glory, bring honor, bring praise, bring results that shall glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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## MORE PEARLS FOR PREACHERS

The pure in heart shall see God; not in Heaven alone, but already down here (Matt. 5:8). Are your motives pure—that is, the reason for which you do things?

Do you speak evil of any man?

The greatest obstacles do not always lie in the condition of your assembly, but sometimes in you.

Why not keep a book; and write in it your sins and failures and bear them daily before the Lord in prayer until you are delivered.

Nothing gets a preacher under conviction like meeting another preacher that is holier than he.

A muddled mind when preaching is the reflection of a muddled life.

Holiness is divine health. Are you a sick soldier—If so you belong at the hospital, not at the front.

No soldier can fight two wars at the same time. If the flesh and the Spirit are in heated conflict in your own bosom don't expect to be an effectual warrior in the greater war of the powers of light against the powers of darkness.

Are you in right standing with the brethren?—Yes!—Good! Now how about God; are you in right standing with Him?

This is separating time! Not the wheat from the tares, but rather the wheat from the chaff (Matt. 3:12).

Jesus lived thirty years before He preached His first sermon; therefore He lived ten times as much as He preached. Do you?

Are you concerned regarding other men's spiritual condition, interested in their souls, anxious to see them saved, moved on their behalf, eaten up with the zeal of God's house, overflowing with compassion, and at white heat with the fire of God's love, often drunk with your own tears, passionately filled with a sweet violence to compel all to come in?

We will never get Apostolic results until we have Apostolic living.

If we are so hard up for a sermon that we have to chose for a text a subject upon which God is pommelling us from pillar to post—we are backslidden.

A miserable thing it is to preach a great sermon on the need of prayer when

for weeks we have been neglecting it and God in vain has striven to convict us of our wrong-doing and then we go up to the people and quote all these scriptures that have been brought to our mind by the Holy Ghost and deliver a "wonderful message" to the assembly as if we were blameless of the thing we strive to convict them of.

Many say whilst preaching "and in this saints I include myself." If your own preaching condemns you—sit down until you live what you preach.

If this hurts don't quit reading it—"love rejoices in the truth."

Jesus' messages came straight from heaven. His words were quickening life, and they were with power. He was the mouthpiece of God, Yea, God spoke when Jesus spoke. And what flowed through Him was not contaminated by an unholy life. Satan had no claims on him and could put this finger upon nothing in His life that was wrong. "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me" (Jno. 14:30).

Do not preach such things about which and upon which your own heart is now condemned. What God reproves you for is for your own benefit. Don't vomit the contents of your soured spiritual stomach upon the people—digest your own food (Read Isa. 28:8).

God wants clean channels. A clean channel never pollutes its flow.

If you are the instrument through which water must flow to the multitudes and your heart is defiled, as the water flows through you, it will borrow the taint of your unholy life.

Watch your heart for out of it are the issues of "preaching."

The greatest destroyer of true preaching is a bad heart condition. But if our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God (1 John 3:20 to 22).

Don't prepare a sermon and neglect to prepare your heart; for out of its abundance the mouth speaketh. Luther said: "He that hath prayed well hath studied well."

Cook your sermons, don't serve them raw. Prayer is the oven.

Don't expect a message to move the people if it doesn't move you.

Don't introduce your sermon—preach it.

Who likes a cooled off dinner—serve it hot. Be fervent in spirit.

There is more truth in the sentence "A good beginning is half the battle" than what you think. Unless you can, by the power of God, grip your audience in the first five minutes, it is almost impossible to succeed the rest of the time.—Just A. Worm.

## VICTORY OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY

"Let us make man in our image." The choice of God, the desire of God was thus expressed and voiced.

And God formed man out of the dust and breathed into him the breath of God Almighty. Man became a living soul; the dust of the earth with the imprint of heaven—the likeness of God impressed upon a tabernacle of clay.

The Word of God carried out the mind of God in producing a new order in created beings, having the image of God upon it—a distinct order from angels, separated by a great gulf from the animal creation.

Man was under the dominion of God and had dominion over the creation of God. Man was unique in his relationship to God and the material world. But through sin and the fall man became earthly, and lost the heavenly nature.

The image of God in man was marred and his power was lost. Had God failed? Listen, before the expulsion from Paradise God gave to Eve the promise of another One, a new Adam, who would regain the lost paradise and man's lost position. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15). Before man was driven out, God revealed His plans for the Man who was to restore all things, as was later expressed through the prophet Isaiah, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bare a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Christ said, "A body hast thou prepared me" (Heb. 10:5); a prepared body through a prepared woman, distinct from any other body ever made or born. Adam's body was perfect yet frail, innocent, susceptible, vulnerable. Christ, born of the Spirit, controlled by the Spirit, empowered by the Spirit, could meet the spiritual forces that assailed the first Adam. Christ from the high plane was victor before the assault.

Satan—a spiritual force through the serpent—attacked Adam the son of God in his frail tenement. Satan attacks Christ in a body prepared of God that was controlled, dominated, empowered by the Spirit of God Himself. Satan meeting a man who was God, but in the form of frail man, was really meeting the Spirit of God incarnate. It was the created meeting the Creator, and it was proved so when Christ said, "Get thee behind me, Satan" (Luke 4:8). He receded; Christ came forth triumphant. It was the first serious conflict on earth, the second Adam meeting the conqueror of the first Adam. He was triumphant, is and ever will be. Did He overcome alone? Was the victory over Satan for Himself? He had in view the bringing of many sons unto glory.

Why do Christians fail today? Because they are fighting an unequal fight. But defeat is unnecessary if they will put their whole trust in Christ the Lord. Victory means a daily, hourly, momentary appropriation of the fact that the incarnate, suffering, tempted, crucified, risen, glorified Christ is available for the weakest saint. He was manifested to destroy, undo and nullify the works of the devil, and to completely save His people from their sins.

God is pleased when His Son is allowed to triumph over Satan on behalf of the Christ-redeemed ones. The creation of Adam was no mistake, no error of judgment, for it opened the way for the incarnation of the second Adam who was to overcome, defeat and destroy the arch-enemy of God and man. Amen.

## The Natural Versus the Spiritual

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**Fact of the natural.** "That is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural, and afterward that which is spiritual." This scripture may be applied, not only to the resurrection, but also to life here. Some would have us believe that deep spirituality eliminates the natural in one, but the natural will abide until the resurrection, and, no doubt its holy characteristics will remain eternally. For example, Peter will always be Peter, and Paul will always be Paul.

The natural and the spiritual are illustrated in such characters as Cain and Abel, Lot and Abram, Esau and Jacob, and Saul and David. Cain was devout and zealous, but sought to serve God in the natural, by bringing the fruit of his own works; but his brother, resting in the work of another, brought of the firstling of his flock. Lot reasoned and chose after the natural when he decided to take the way of the plains leaving Abram only the hill sides. But Abram here committed his all to God. What young Christian has not questioned why God loved the keen Jacob more than his brother Esau, for in many things the latter seems to have been the better character, but Esau lived in the natural and despised his birthright which was spiritual, and which Jacob supremely prized. Again Jacob was continually scheming, trying to help himself into that which God had promised him, until, finally cornered, and having no other source of succor, he resorted to God, who, after a mighty struggle, changed his name to Israel. Saul was, in many respects, greater than the simple lad who cared for his father's flocks, but it was little David who had God for the strength of his heart and had the divine approval.

**Hindrances of the natural.** Mere natural intellect blinds. We are living in the age of reason. Worldly-wise men would discard that which they cannot explain, but, "Where is the wise? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned." "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are His ways higher than our ways, and His thoughts than our thoughts" (Isa. 55:9). "Who by searching can find out God?" The natural mind must yield to God to receive the things of God. "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes; even so Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight" (Luke 10:21). Far more would be known of the Divine richness if men would trust in the Lord with all their heart and lean not unto their own understanding.

**Natural religion runs ahead of God.** God had promised a son to Abram. Sarai

could wait no longer for the fulfilment but gave her handmaid unto her husband. This resulted in the birth of Ishmael...he became a continual thorn in the side of the child of promise. Jacob must have the blessing which God would give him since his brother had despised his birthright, but Jacob could not wait. Urged on by his mother he would get it by craft, and what were his years of separation and disappointment! We do not know how God would have worked it otherwise any more than Abram did when he committed it all to God and gave Lot his choice; but God is sovereign, and, had Jacob trusted, God would have seen that he had the blessing. What trouble we bring! What misspent energy! because we rush on in the unsubdued natural. James and John must want to call down fire from heaven, Peter must slash with his sword. May we be saved from ourselves and be lost in the Lord. The prominence of the natural only hinders God. Perhaps you cannot, but remember, God can wait. You must do. He lets you do until you are done. Then, when you are willing to surrender to Him, He takes up the broken threads and carries on His work. He waits for the natural to yield to the spiritual, and sense to yield to faith.

God is hindered in preparing for service, effecting deliverances, and fulfilling promises, by the turbulent activities of the natural. Moses must go for forty years to the desert to learn to move with God, and Joseph must go to prison where his soul is pierced in iron. While Abram had his natural vigor he would use it to help the Lord. Ishmael is the fruit, but the promise was not fulfilled, and, moreover, Abram knew it was not. The birth of Ishmael never satisfied the heart of either Sarai or Abram. And the mere activities of the flesh never satisfy the soul.

**The victorious place for the natural.** God is not destroying our human, He is saving it. To this end He calls it to yieldedness. "Yield ye your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." The Lord would give to Jeremiah a lesson in yieldedness, so directed him to the potter's house that he might see the clay on the wheels. Behold! the clay was unyielding and the vessel was marred. And what are we? "Earthen vessels that the excellency of the power might be of God and not of us." "I must decrease" was the plan of John. "I can of myself do nothing" was the motto of Jesus. "I keep under my body and bring it into subjection" was the practice of Paul. And may we, always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, seek that the life also of Jesus shall be manifest in our mortal flesh.

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### HEALED OF A CANCER

I want to tell the world of the wonderful things that the Lord has done for me. Some months ago an ugly cancer developed on my body, I suffered day and night. Ten different doctors examined me and every one told me there was no hope for me. The cancer could not be operated on and they gave me only a little time to live. I also had a bad form of kidney trouble. The Evangelist, Mae Eleanor Frey, was holding a campaign here in the Assemblies of God Tabernacle, of which Brother Harry Bowley is pastor. I was invited to go to the Friday night healing service, and when the invitation was given for those who wished to be prayed for to come forward, I went down to the front. Mrs. Frey said, "What do you want the Lord to do for you, dear?" "I want Him to heal that awful cancer on my leg," I cried. "You do not need to have it, the Lord is going to take it away just now, as you trust Him," said the evangelist.

After I was prayed for the pain left, and I went home feeling very happy; but I did not look at the cancer, I was half afraid to look at it. The next morning a sister came in to see me, and we took the bandages off, when, O, the joy, the glory, it was gone! That awful thing was really and actually GONE! Just a purplish ring around where it had been, and a tiny knot, like a scar, in the center! I could hardly believe my eyes. The Lord had healed me at once and caused that horrible thing to disappear some where, I don't know where, but I know it is gone and I am well. My heart overflows with joy. Pray for me, I am now seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.—Mrs. E. W. Goodwin, 4801 Terry St., Dallas, Texas.

### HEALED OF FELON

About four months ago, I had a felon form on my right thumb. On Sunday, August 9, we held a meeting and my thumb felt sore so I asked the saints to pray for me, believing that the Lord would heal me. One of the saints told me it was going to be a felon, but I kept on praying and asking the Lord to make it disappear. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the pain was worse and I could not rest. Everybody would say, "You will have to have a doctor lance it or you will get blood poisoning," but I had faith in the Lord for my healing. On Thursday, it was ready to burst, but the pain didn't cease. Finally my mother said, "You cannot suffer any longer," and she said that I must have a doctor, but I said, "I will suffer, but will not have a doctor, only the Great Physician, Jesus Christ." The Lord spoke to me and said, "Your felon has burst." I unwrapped my finger and it was all covered with pus. I shouted and praised the Lord. I told my mother that I knew Jesus would be my great Physician and Healer. God surely does answer prayer. I believed and had faith that the Lord would heal me and He surely did. I am seeking my Baptism and I wish everyone who reads this, to pray for me that I may be filled with the Spirit.—Miss Marie Filardo, Vacaville, Calif., Route 2, Box 109.

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## His Coming Draweth Very Nigh

E. M. Marquesa

"For a small moment I have forsaken thee; but with **great mercies** will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord **thy redeemer** (Isa 54:7).

These words are spoken to Israel. God has never "forsaken" the Church, not even "for a small moment."

The Scriptures teem with predictions of Israel's restoration to her own land and of her becoming—not only a Nation once more—but the foremost nation of the earth, with Jerusalem the capital of the world and the Mecca to which the Gentile nations will annually flow (Isa. 2:2-3; Micah 4:1, 2; Zech. 14:16, 17).

What do we see even now, pointing to the re-nationalizing of this ancient and scattered people? The **Jewish National Flag** once more unfurled and floating to the breeze. Only recently a ship sailed out of the New York Harbor bound for Palestine bearing returning Jews and flying the U. S. Flag—and still more significant, the Jewish Flag as well, the first occurrence doubtless of such a scene for 2500 years. Shall we not awake to what God is doing in the earth? He is speaking loudly today, and, back of all else He is saying, is the trumpet-toned message, "Behold, I come quickly!" Shall we not listen, and shall we not heed?

The design of the Jewish Flag is two broad blue stripes on white ground running lengthwise across the flag, one near the top, the other near the bottom, and between the two, two triangles also blue, crossing each other, one triangle pointing heavenward, the other pointing earthward, with the word ZION (in Hebrew characters) in the center of the triangles. These two triangles are known to all Jews as "the shield of David."

How does it happen that the Jews after these 2500 years of de-nationalization and dispersion are displaying a flag once more? Answer—the World War. The great world war (from God's standpoint) had a two-fold purpose: first, to restore Palestine to the Jews and the Jews to Palestine, and second, to cause the necessary upheaval among the European nations to revive the old Roman Empire, with its final stage of rulership by Ten Kings (the "Ten Toes" of Daniel 2:42 and the "Ten Horns" or "Ten Kings" of Daniel 7:24 and Revelation 17:12) over which ten kings will be the Antichrist. The ten men who are to become those ten kings and the man who is to become the Antichrist, are all, it can scarcely be doubted, somewhere in Europe at this moment and their rise to power may occur almost any day.

Daniel says that it will be in the days of **these** (ten) kings that God will set up His Kingdom on earth. John, in Revelation, shows the same fact. Jesus said that when we saw the fig-tree (the Jews)

putting forth its leaves we would "**know**" (not "guess") that His coming was **near**, "even at the doors." So from Daniel and John we learn that while the soon coming ten kings are reigning the Lord Jesus will appear to set up His Kingdom, and from the Lord Jesus we learn that shortly following the present appearance of the fig leaves He would certainly return. Thus we have a double proof (which will rapidly become more pronounced and convincing) that Christ will soon be here. Notice that all this means His **public** appearance to set up the millennial Kingdom, as both Daniel and John make plain.

The **secret** coming to catch away His own people is prior to this, Bible students being divided as to whether the secret coming will be seven years or but three and a half years before the public coming. The point is, if the Public Coming is **NEAR**, how **MUCH NEARER** must be the Rapture! Yes, what happens to the Jew—and even to the Nations—is intimately connected with the fortunes of the Church and should have a keen interest for us all.

On December 9, 1917, occurred an event which undoubtedly aroused a keener and more wide-spread interest in the prophetic word, in the Jews and in the Coming of Christ than any single occurrence in the whole Christian Era. It was the Capture of Jerusalem from the Turks. This, A. B. Simpson declared, was "the best news in a thousand years" and it "thrilled millions of hearts in the Christian world."

As an introduction to the inside story of the Capture of Jerusalem—a story which must stir the hearts of all who love God and His ways—the following is taken from a private letter written soon after the event:

"It may interest you to know that Gen. Allenby who took Jerusalem is a real Christian and gathers with us 'to the name of the Lord.' When his company came to the City they were commanded to dismount their horses and the General read a portion of God's Word and several led in prayer and praise. Then with bared heads marched into the City without a salute from cannon or gun. The allies had their aeroplanes flying over the City for protection against any disturbance. This to me was very wonderful . . . wonderful in the fact that the incident was the fulfillment of Isaiah 31:5, 'As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending, also He will deliver it; and passing over, He will preserve it.' No doubt in my mind that the General was the very man singled out by the Lord to take the Holy City."

### How General Allenby Took Jerusalem

The hearts of God's children the world over were thrilled as they had never been thrilled before when the wires flashed the news from land to land that the long

centuries of Turkish oppression had ended and that Jerusalem was **FREE!** Every account of the wonderful and sudden deliverance of the Holy City from the iron heel of the Infidel Turk was eagerly read by all who loved the name and held sacred the memories which for thousands of years have clustered around that City of all cities.

Brighter days are coming for the Church, for the Jew, for the World, for the Crucified One. And they are coming soon. Days so bright that "the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed when the Lord of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before His ancients gloriously" (Isa. 24:23).

When Gen. Allenby reached the outskirts of the City with his troops, there swept over him like a flood all he had ever known of the character, history and destiny of that sacred spot—her wonderful and tragic past, her long down-trodden condition and the glorious future which yet awaits her, as portrayed in glowing colors by the old Hebrew prophets and endorsed by our Lord standing upon her hallowed soil. For not only was Gen. Allenby himself a devout student of the Word, but his father before him had been a teacher and writer on prophecy, and to both father and son, Jerusalem's Past, Present and Future were an open book. As it all passed before him that day and as the thought of attacking the most sacred spot on all the globe rose up for decision, his heart failed him. Between his seeming duty as commander-in-chief of an invading army in a righteous cause, on the one hand, and his deep reverence for "the City of the Great King," on the other, he was truly distressed.

The unforeseen happened. Jerusalem's big gates swung open and an official embassy appeared bearing a flag of truce. They said, "We surrender." Thus, without the firing of a shot and without pomp or display, this man of God quietly marched in at the head of his troops—all on foot, their horses left behind, their heads bowed—and formally took possession of the City.

Fitting in just here with the foregoing account is the following description, which together with a beautiful full-page picture in colors of the scene, was published in the Ladies' Home Journal of December, 1918. The account follows:

### Reading the Proclamation from David's Tower

Within the Holy City was a great crowd gathered on that December day, when Gen. Allenby made to Christendom a Christmas present of recovered Jerusalem. As the procession led by him, flanked by the French and Italian commanders associated with him in his holy victory, proceeded from the gate of entry through the ancient streets into Mount Zion, to halt at the El Kala citadel, a hush fell upon the throng pressed back against the walls. **It was the Funeral of Ottoman domination of the Holy Place.** On the steps of the Tower of David—**standing at the time of Jesus**—and in four languages, the proclamation of military law was read. The city was restored and all Christendom gave praise.

Thus ended the event of greatest single appeal to the imagination in the war."

The whole affair—one of the most momentous events of the Christian Era, and deeply significant of events much more momentous which are soon to occur—reads like a chapter from the writings of Moses or from the King's Books, rather than a record of modern warfare.

The Turks (Mohammedans) had long had two sayings: first, that "when the waters of the river Nile should flow to Jerusalem the City would be taken;" and, second, "when a prophet of God should come to the City, it would be taken." It was stated that Gen. Allenby had piped water from the Nile to his camp outside the city for his troops, horses, and general camp needs, and thus the first saying came to pass. As to the second saying the Turkish name for God is Allah ("There is one God, Allah, and Mahomet is His prophet.") This is the Turkish form of "El" (God) of frequent occurrence in the Hebrew Scriptures. The Turks, it is said recognized in the "Allen" of Allenby just another form of "Allah," and in the last syllable of his name "by," an equivalent of their "bey," meaning "prophet," his full name thus meaning to them "God-prophet." With both of their sayings realized, they felt the end had come.

Putting everything together, we have the following interesting and explanatory statements:

1. God's time for the initial act in Jerusalem's freedom had come, because the World War itself was the initial act in closing "The Times of the Gentiles." See Luke 21:24.

2. He arranged that certain beliefs of the Turks should convince them that their time was up.

3. "As birds flying," the Lord of hosts (in the form of flying machines) was "passing over" the city, back and forth.

4. He had a child of His at the head of the invading army who though perhaps not a "prophet of God," as his name seems to imply, was a devout and intelligent student of God's prophetic Word, a lover of Jerusalem, and a man of prayer.

5. Prepared by heritage, Christian experience and life training, and solemnized by a clear understanding of the extraordinarily important and divinely imposed task before him, General Allenby sounded not the call to arms but a call to prayer.

Result—Turks throw up their hands, Jerusalem rises into life, Christians and Jews rejoice!

And yet people wonder why we do not care for "moving pictures!" The reason is, we are so occupied with "moving realities" of such transcendent importance and of such transporting interest, the central Mover being God Himself, that earth's pictures, which are not even cheap imitations of the real thing, have no attraction for us.

Some details have still to be worked out before Jerusalem's freedom is absolutely perfected. In the meanwhile, the end of "the Times of the Gentiles" is hastening and the final collapse of Gentile rule over the earth draws on apace. With this collapse and causing it **THE KING WILL COME!**

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### AN UNEXPECTED QUESTION

One morning about twenty years ago, a lawyer on the way to his office stopped outside a barber's shop door to get a "shine."

The little bootblack who plied his trade there was no stranger to him, although he knew him only by his street name. This morning the boy was unusually silent. The lawyer missed his bright remarks, and began to rally him a little, when suddenly the boy looked up in his face and said:

"Mr. Bartlett, do you love God?"

The lawyer was an upright, self-respecting man, but neither a church-attendant nor much given to religious thought, and he took the question at first as an attempt at a joke on the part of the boy; but he soon found that it was meant in all seriousness. No one had ever asked him that question before in quite the same way, and it staggered him.

"Why do you ask me that, Bat?" he said, after a rather awkward pause. "What difference does it make to you?"

"Well, I'll tell you, sir. Me mother an' me's got to get out; for the place we live in'll be tore down pretty soon, an' a feller like me can't pay much rent. Mother does all she can, but you see there's three of us, an' me grandmother's lame. I dunno what to do. Yesterday I heard two men talkin', an' one of 'em said God would help anybody that loved Him if they'd tell Him they was in the hole. I thought about it 'most all night, an' this mornin' I made up my mind I'd lay for somebody that knew Him well enough to ask Him.

The lawyer was embarrassed. All he could say to the threadbare little bootblack was that he had better ask some one else. He had better keep inquiring, he told him; for in a city of so many churches he would surely find the sort of person he wanted. He thrust a dollar into the boy's hand and hurried away.

But all that day he found his thoughts going back to the bootblack and his strange question. "A fine position for an educated man in a Christian country!" he said to himself. "Struck dumb by an ignorant street Arab! I could not answer his question. Why not?"

The lawyer was an honest man, and his self-examination ended in a resolution to find out the reason why. That evening he went, for the first time in many years, to prayer meeting, and frankly told the whole story without sparing himself. From that day life had a new meaning for him, and a higher purpose.

A few days later, at a conference of ministers of different denominations in the same city, the lawyer's strange experience was mentioned by the pastor who gave him his first Christian welcome. Immediately another minister told of a

young man in his congregation who had been awakened to a religious life by the same question put to him by the same little bootblack. Then the third declared that he had had a call from the bootblack himself, who had been brought to his study by a man who appreciated his unexpected question and knew how to befriend him.

Such an incident could not be allowed to end there. The boy was helped to good lodgings, and to patronage which enabled him to provide better for his "family." At last he had found somebody who loved God; and in time he learned to love Him himself, and "know Him well enough to ask Him." Opportunities for an education were opened to him, and he showed so much promise that his lawyer friend took him in, first as an office boy, and finally as a student.

Many would recognize the bootblack today if his name were given,\*\*as a church-member and a worker in the Sunday School. He loves boys; and the few who know that he was once a bootblack understand his interest in little fellows who need a friend. Helping them is for him loving God in the most effectual way.—Youth's Companion.

### BIG OAKS FROM LITTLE ACORNS

Dr. Wilbur Chapman tells of a time when he was in the offices of the Southern Pacific Railway in San Francisco, and the general passenger agent asked if he had ever seen the big trees of California.

"I have seen them as I looked from the car window in passing," said Dr. Chapman.

"Then you have not seen them," the agent smilingly replied, "for they must be studied to be appreciated."

Calling for his secretary, he stretched out before his visitor a measuring line. On one side was his affidavit, in which he said, "I have measured one of the big trees of California. Its circumference is 105 feet, its diameter, thirty-five feet, and the height was to me so amazing that I hesitate here even to suggest it."

Then he said to Dr. Chapman, "How large would you think the seed of a big tree like that might be?"

When Dr. Chapman asserted that it ought to be of enormous size, he received into his hand a number of little seeds, and they were smaller than a lettuce seed.

Even so it is with sin. An evil imagination encouraged, an impure thought harbored, an unholy ambition controlling us, and the work is begun, but the end no human tongue is able to describe.

—Selected

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## The High Reward of Faithfulness

### Chapter Six of Daniel

The above is the subject for our **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING**. Being of general interest the topic is given prominence to assure its being read by all.

A humanly constructed biography touches up and makes prominent the good things and minimizes or omits altogether the bad things in the life being chronicled. When God writes a biography the bad things in the life are described as faithfully as the good things. Because of this we know of the duplicity of Abram (Gen. 12:13); the favoritism of Isaac (Gen. 25:28); the rascality of Jacob (Gen. 27:24); the anger of Moses (Ex. 21:12); the frailty of David (2 Sam. 11:4); the lustfulness of Solomon (1 Ki. 3:11); the profanity of Peter (Matt. 26:74); the heartlessness of John (Luke 9:54) and the selfishness of James and John (Mark 10:37). But where can you find a blemish in the life of Joseph or of Nehemiah? Remembering that God is writing the record, makes the statement of the presidents and princes that "they could find none occasion nor fault" (Dan. 6:4) against the man Daniel, a most wonderful testimonial of good character. They were his enemies, and yet they had to confess that, so far as they could see, he was perfect.

**To Be Perfect Does Not Hinder Temporal Advancement.** Formerly it was considered a business truism that some deception and trickery in business was essential to the greatest success; but Ford, and Nash, and Mitten, and Ward, and many other striking business successes who today are conducting their businesses on lines squaring with the highest type of integrity, are making the world sit up and take notice that "honesty is the best policy" as well as the right thing. Men who walk uprightly, can be so efficient and so dependable, that even though their holiness may be a trial to their employers, still they will be put forward and advanced more and more. People did not suppose that Jesus meant, really, what He said when He demanded "whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" (Matt. 7:12); any more than they understood that the wonderful success of Daniel was pictured in the Bible as a pattern by which men who really want to go far in business, may shape their lives. If you desire to succeed in business, and are willing to follow the course Daniel followed, you will find the God of Daniel going before and wonderfully opening the way before you. God means what He says and all He says.

**To Be Envious Destroys All Pity.** Jesus was perfectly pure, absolutely harmless and he had come far to enquire of chief priests, moved with envy (Mk. 15:10) incited the people to cry out "Crucify Him, Crucify Him." Men who let envy occupy their hearts become devoid of pity. He was their own little brother, and he had come far to enquire of their welfare and he had done them

no harm, but because they envied him they sold Joseph into slavery. Their pity was dead. Daniel was an old man, probably about eighty-eight, when these envious princes and presidents hatched this plot against him. They confessed that there was no fault in him. He was the most competent man in the kingdom, and did the work of his office excellently. Still they sought his life. Have you thought just what envy made these men try to do? They were so devoid of pity that they set themselves coolly to get this grand old man thrown to the lions. Do you realize it—thrown to the cruel lions? Brother, Sister, dear, if you get any moving of envy in your soul, as quickly as you can, get the Lord to help you and kill it. It will take away every resemblance you may have to the compassionate Jesus, unless you destroy it.

**To Be Vain Leads to Much Foolishness.** How often have people been able, by appealing to the vanity of men, to induce them to make fools of themselves, as these princes did Darius. Darius was a friend to Daniel, and reposed the greatest confidence in him. He could not have been induced to do anything hurtful to Daniel, if approached directly about it. But when they appealed to his vanity, and asked him to sign a decree that he should be the only one to be prayed to for thirty days, his vanity was aroused, and he foolishly signed the decree. When someone appeals to your vanity, urging you to do something that will bring you favorably before the people, be very careful. He may be trying to make a fool of you.

**To Get Dirty Is Easier Than To Get Clean.** Getting married is often easier than getting a divorce. Paint goes on your cloak easier than it comes off. You can hear a dirty tale easier than you can forget it. Darius found no difficulty in signing the foolish decree, but he tried all day in vain, to get out of the trouble it got him into. The supposition common in many places that young people must sow their wild oats, is contrary to both good sense and sound experience. God hath said, "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth" (Lam. 3:27). Personally I have been thanking God for forty-two years that I obeyed the command of the Lord, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" (Ec. 12:1). I have lately been a good deal at the bedside of a very old man, a church member who has been an upright citizen for many years, but who has been seeking a born again experience on what proved to be his death bed. He found it almost impossible to change the habits of thought of a lifetime, from the things that are temporal, so as to think on the things that are eternal. A baby dirties a white dress quicker and easier than you can launder it.

**To Be Faithful Brings High Rewards.** Faithfulness is the price everyone must

pay for the crown of life (Rev. 2:10), but while not everyone can be wise, or rich, or handsome, every one **can be faithful**. It is a divine attribute, for it is said, "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins" (1 John 1:9). Moses "was faithful in all his house" (Heb. 3:5), and see what it brought him. Paul was counted "faithful" (1 Tim. 1:12), and his faithfulness brought him exceeding great and precious reward. Nehemiah says, "I gave my brother Hanani... charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man" (Neh. 7:2). The faithfulness of men, as much as any other trait or attribute, is what holds them in places of power and responsibility in our every day affairs of life. Employers greatly appreciate faithfulness, and while everyone can be faithful, not a few fail to be so, and so lose. Daniel, as we have seen, began his faithfulness when he was a boy, and persisted in that manner of life until the end. Thus it was that in the successive reigns of Nebuchadnezzar, Evilmerodach, Belshazzar, Darius the Mede and Cyrus the Persian, kings of Babylon, he retained his high and responsible position in the government. Grace is promised "to the faithful in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 1:1), and, as we have seen, worldly advancement also comes to the faithful. Let us take Daniel for a pattern of faithfulness.

**To Be Plotting Against God's Children Is Dangerous.** Look at the brothers who plotted against Joseph. Read in the sixteenth of Numbers what happened to Korah, Dathan and Abiram, because they plotted against Moses. In the days of Queen Esther, Haman plotted against God's people, and his end was such that to this day the saying, "Hang him as high as Haman" is used to express the idea of complete destruction (Esther 7:10). The savage lions, graciously held back by the Lord so that Daniel was as safe with them, as lying in his own bed, found themselves under no such restraint when those who had plotted against Daniel were given to them. I earnestly hope every reader will heed the warning I now send forth, which I have sent out before, and which I expect to send out again, to be most careful not to hurt anyone whom God has accepted. God will require it.

#### AN INFIDEL'S END

Probably no man ever lived who has written more bitterly of Christianity than Voltaire. Here is the last letter he ever wrote. "I, the underwritten, do declare that for these four days past, having been afflicted with vomiting of blood—at the age of eighty-four—and not being able to drag myself to church, the reverend Rector of Sulpice having been pleased to add to his many favors that of sending me the Abbe Gautier, I did confess to him, that if it please God to dispose of me, I would die in the church in which I was born. Hoping that the Divine mercy will pardon my faults, I sign myself in the presence of Abbe Mignon, my nephew, and the Marquis de Villeville, my friend, VOLTAIRE. March 2nd, 1778." But reconciliation with the Church is not reconciliation with Christ. He died with such shrieks and blasphemies on his lips as to drive the nurses and doctors from the room.

## Homely Things from a Pastor's Diary

C. E. Robinson

Wednesday June 25. Today I called on old Brother McCracken out on the Dixon Road. He lives so far away he does not get to church any more, being about eighty years of age, and I had not seen him for several weeks. Almost as soon as I had off my overshoes and we had been seated before the fireplace, he was ready with a question. He had heard of what I had said on the 10th of last month to Sister Shapleigh about using the word "nigger." He said, "You reproved Sister Shapleigh for using the word 'nigger' in speaking about anyone, especially about a child of God. Have you not noticed that in Acts 13:1 in enumerating several persons 'Simeon that was called Niger' is mentioned by the Holy Ghost?"

When I set the question down this way in my diary, it sounds like Brother McCracken was finding fault with me, but anyone who had heard the tone he used, and seen his earnest inquiring expression, would have known he was innocent of that great sin, found in so many churches.

I was very glad to have him ask the question as he did, for it brought out the Bibles in the opening of our conversation, and this is the ideal way to carry on a pastoral call. However it is much easier in some homes to get the Bibles open than it is in others. I must say though that the intensive campaign we have been carrying on now for over three months earnestly trying to get some of our literature into the hands of every person in town, is bringing great results, not the least of which is the greater ease I have in getting people to talk about and read the Bible.

Well, here is what I said to him. "Words are the vehicles in which thoughts ride. When you see a hearse passing you, do you expect to find it loaded with apples? When a garbage wagon goes by you are surprised if you find it loaded with potted plants from the conservatory. However you **could** carry apples in a hearse and potted plants **would** ride in a garbage wagon. Now remembering that words are the vehicle in which thoughts ride, it is not the vehicle, really, that we find fault with when we condemn the use of the word "nigger," but the thought that rides in that vehicle."

"When the Holy Ghost mentioned the fact that Simeon was called Niger, which means black, we are bound to conclude, knowing the Holy Ghost as we do, that the words were merely descriptive and because there were white men named Simeon, were necessary to sufficiently point out the man meant, and were not used as words of reproach, or to indicate his inferiority."

"So, if Sister Shapleigh, or anyone, as their hearts lie open and uncovered before the all-seeing eye of God, when they use the word "nigger" mean simply and only by using it to make it certain which person they mean, they would escape the

censure of God, unless He might find fault with them for doing that which has the **appearance of evil**. This He might well do, for the word is usually a term of reproach, used to point out the fact that the person spoken of is of a lower rank in life than is the speaker."

Brother McCracken listened carefully till I finished and then inquired gently, "Is he not of lower rank than we are?" By this question he revealed one of the most indelibly imprinted marks of the old man with which we have to do. The old man, like the world, is a respecter of persons, considering itself better than others, not on moral grounds alone, but because of race, position, occupation, dress and such like things. This the Holy Ghost in the first nine verses of James 2, declares to be sin.

I said, "Well, Brother McCracken, we live in the world, and so long as we do it is sometimes impossible for us to treat all men exactly alike, it being better for us and for them that we go our way somewhat and let them go theirs. But God, who looks at our hearts, if He is to be pleased with us, must see that in our hearts we do not make any difference. Just as Jesus makes no difference, but loves one man as freely and fully as another, so must we."

"You don't mean love them in a marrying way do you?" he said, and his voice was not quite as steady as it had been before. The way people are brought up leaves such deep furrows in their hearts that it is most difficult to get them fully erased.

I said, "No. Why should marrying enter anyone's head in such a connection. When you see one of our marriagable young women being kind and considerate to that evil looking, ragged, smelly man we met in our jail service a few weeks ago and who is now coming to church sometimes, nobody begins to think and wonder whether she is going to marry him. We are not so silly. We meet any amount of people toward them, rejoice in their victorious testimonies, weep with them in their griefs, and admire their bright eyed new babies, when they bring them to church, but we do not make them our companions in a social way. They would not enjoy our company socially any better than we would enjoy theirs. But as children of God we meet in God's house, entirely forgetful of whether they are poor, or ragged, or black, or red, or what not. However we must remember too what I said before, that sometimes we live in such environment as that it is not best for either of us or our black brothers, that we and they should meet together to worship the Lord. God looks at our hearts and if, when the Lord looks at our hearts, He sees our love toward them is undimmed by their race or such like inconsequential thing, He is satisfied."

I was very happy to be able to so state the matter that Brother McCracken could fully agree with me, for it is a subject that has in it great possibilities of trouble.

### APPROVED BOOKS

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### TO THE FAR-OFF REGIONS

To the far-off regions  
Men of God, away;  
Meet the hostile legions,  
Face the proud array,  
You who are appointed  
In this course to run  
Go ye forth, anointed  
By the Holy One.

Think not of delaying  
When your Master calls:  
'Tis no time for staying  
In the pleasant halls.  
Home is sweet, but sweeter  
Is it to obey;  
This is wiser, better,  
Men of God, away!

Soon thy God appearing  
Will dry up your tears;  
Wait, then, nothing fearing,  
Wait till He appears.  
Gladness without measure  
Will be yours that day;  
Holy joy and pleasure  
Not to pass away.

—Thomas Kelly

### DIGGING FOR JEWELS IN LIBERIA

Brother Frederick Knoll writes from Barobo, Liberia, W. Africa: "I have been out on one preaching trip. The Lord blessed as we gave forth His Word and one boy's heart was touched and he followed us to the mission and seems so contented. This is the way we get a lot of boys. Their heart is stirred and they come to the mission and then get saved. So many times I would like to go out preaching and often I am all ready when the rain pours down and we have to stay at home.

"I will tell you a little about our work since reaching Africa. I spent a little more than three weeks putting a new roof on our receiving station and building a fowl house. Then we packed up all our things in loads so the people could carry them. We had close to one hundred loads. We had to wait some time for carriers and we came to Nynabo, one of the stations the Liberians gave as a grant to the mission. We put a new roof on the house. We took the work over on Friday and the next week we started school. The school started with about nine and now we have twenty-nine in less than two months. Some who came didn't know any English and today can read quite well in the primer. Mrs. Knoll and Isaac, our native worker, teach school while I look after the spiritual part of the work. I give them an hour of Bible study every day before their lessons and one every morning and night. Mrs. Knoll makes a very good teacher. She has a lot of patience, which one needs here. We have had a real spiritual uplift at times. The Lord has encouraged our hearts.

"A heathen man was saved shortly after we came here and is earnestly following God. He comes regularly to the meetings. Some of the boys claim to have given their hearts to the Lord since we came.

"I am now in the Barobo tribe building a house for Miss Erickson, and Mrs. Knoll is staying alone looking after the station. She has her hands full with twenty-nine to look after. I have been here nine days and I think we will have the roof on the house this week. Pray for us."

### WORK IN TIBET

Mr. William E. Simpson writes to us from China, "I have been among the nomads for over two months this fall and have been home for only a couple of weeks. It was because of the fighting between the Tibetans and their Moslem rulers this summer that I undertook this trip in an effort to try and mediate between the two factions. The Tibetans had suffered terribly and I could not bare to think that there would be more blood shed. Whether we will be able to arrange a lasting peace or not, we have at least won our way into the hearts of the people and have been able to open a wide door into tribes which have never been touched before. Our reception by the Tibetans in all the tribes we visited was most cordial and hospitable. And best of all there were many opportunities to tell the people of reconciliation with God. So although I realize that it is not always best to get mixed up in political affairs, yet this time it has been for the glory of God, and the furthering of the Gospel among the Tibetans. Work has ceased for the time being on our house, as in this country building operations cannot be carried on in the winter. It is not finished by any means, but it is livable in the downstairs part. I hope to be able to complete it next spring as the Lord sends in the necessary funds. Please pray with me for this. I have been a little disappointed in the lack of response to my repeated appeals for new workers on this field. Are there really no men of God in America who would be willing to go the difficult way with Jesus? It seems that most people would rather choose the easy places, and still call it sacrifice. But it is not sacrifice at all. It is the greatest privilege on earth. The highest portion that ever fell to the lot of man is to be called and sent to take the message of salvation to the uttermost parts of the world. To be ambassadors for Christ Himself! What do all the temptations, the trials, the privations, the discouragements, the hardships, count if weighed in the balance against the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory that shall be revealed toward us?"

### A GOOD WORK IN EGYPT

Elder C. W. Doney writes from Cairo, Egypt: "The blessing of the Lord continues to rest upon us and over our work in Cairo. In one of our outstations a revival is blessedly going on; 30 have been saved and baptized with the Spirit recently. In another station a number have been saved and baptized and others are under the power of God.

"Our school is growing and doing splendidly. A little over three years ago, we began with 1 teacher and 12 children. Now we have 8 Christian teachers and 220 children. On Christmas Day we had our annual gathering, including teachers and students. We had over 800. They, the scholars, sang spiritual songs, gave recitations and dialogues, all of a high moral tone."

Sister Grace Van Scoit writes from Kunobo Station, W. Africa: "Our school is increasing every day. We have 30 boys and 10 girls for school now and they are doing really well in their school work, but best of all the Lord is doing a real work in their hearts. Several of our boys and girls have been saved since we came. Many are the palavers these days since the girls have been coming to school. Their heathen parents do not always agree. Therefore we have some hard palavers to talk as the girl problem is a big one in this people's eyes. The girls are their wealth in this country. They sell a girl for two bullocks. We sometimes have a hard time making them believe their girls have chosen the good part by coming to school. But praise God, after a long palaver we are able to convince them and they give their consent for the girls to stay.

Another big palaver is the witch palaver. Thomas, one of our boys, and I went in to see, as the king of the town was accused of witchery and he was drinking sass-wood, to prove whether he was guilty or not. They proved him 'not guilty' and after they finished their palaver, we talked to them, as they say, 'God Word.' Thomas, being the king's son, talked first. He told them the most important palaver should be the God palaver, that Jesus was true and would come, and then who was going to talk their palaver for them. He talked with big tears running down his cheeks. He is one of these precious jewels we find in Africa. Truly, there are some real jewels when they are once dug out and then the Master polishes them.

"We certainly see some pitiful sights here. One especially comes to my mind now. A poor, sick widow in town here, was shut up in a small mud hut to die, her children thinking her too old and too much bother. We went to administer to her needs and pray for her and talk some 'God Word' to her. She surely appreciated the small things we did for her and would say 'Azzuo,' meaning thank you so much. She died a few days later. We only hope she was prepared to meet God. All we can do is to be faithful in giving out 'God Word,' and He said it would not return unto Him void.

"Truly we desire your prayers for the burdens and trials are many. Prayer is the most needy thing."

**THE CONVERSION OF A BRAHMAN**

Brother Mueller writes from Laheria Sarai, India, of the experiences surrounding the conversion of a young Brahman, "You will be interested to know that the Lord has been working with the young man who broke his caste and had tea with us while you were here. You may remember him as the one who was being persecuted at the time. His people had locked him in a room and starved him for a few days and then kept him in their angan for some time after. I think he told us then that some of his High School classmates had brought one of the native cloth dolls nailed on a little cross, and in derision called him, before the others, to 'worship his God.' Much prayer has been offered for and with him during the past year, and step by step he has been fully won to Jesus. Nathaniel Barachias, which is now his name, has read a number of books from our little Indian library, but had to take small ones which he could conceal because it meant bitter persecution if caught with a book from the Mission House. He told us that he had absolutely no privacy for prayer excepting after retiring at night, as there were always some of his relatives in the room. He came to us last week asking for baptism within the week, telling how he had lost all hope in the idols around him, and that his heart was fixed to trust in Jesus as his Saviour. We spent hours praying with him and felt the witness of the Spirit that he was a child of God, and a few days afterward, when he came to us he told us how the love of God was filling his heart, and he said, 'Oh, I would love to be on my knees the whole of the twenty-four hours; I love prayer; I love Jesus.'

"At this juncture I was called away to help in the musical part of some meetings being held by one of the missionaries. The Lord blessed us in a most precious way while thus ministering to College students, etc. But before the meetings closed, Mrs. Mueller wrote and then telegraphed that my presence was urgently needed. I hastened home to find that the reason for the haste was the fact that a relative of this young man had died, and according to the Caste custom, all male relatives must have their heads shaved on a certain day thereafter, and then go through some Hindu rite or ceremony, having mutras said over them, etc. Nathaniel, feeling that he could not observe this custom any longer, and realizing what his refusal would mean, came and urged that he be baptized and sent off on that day or before. To remain and refuse would likely have resulted in his death. He said that he was willing for this if it was the Lord's will, but that he also thought that it would be wiser to get away. The open persecution would have meant a temporary closing of our work around here.

"On the morning of the 'shaving ceremony' which was to take place at eight o'clock, the young man arrived here and was put in hiding until I arrived at noon, and in a very short time we were off in the motor toward Muzaffarpur, where he was taken by train to another safe place of hiding until he could be put into

a Bible School at the beginning of another term.

"On the 15th of December, 1925, therefore, as we were speeding along, we arrived at a pretty winding river with a shallow bank touched by the high setting sun, and as with the Eunuch of old, the question came, 'What doth hinder me to be baptized?' As we made our way to the river bank, a few passers-by gathered to witness the sacred rite as he confessed that he too, like the Eunuch, could say, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' Afterwards, he also went on his way rejoicing. Praise the Lord.

"When Nathaniel walked away from his home that morning he literally left all. His father is dead, and he being the only son, naturally is the rightful heir to whatever there is. But he chose to leave his loved ones and his property for the sake of the Master. When he ascended out of the baptismal water, with the exception of an old black coat, everything he owned in the world was wet. This just shows what it means to a missionary to baptize a Brahman. We had anticipated this, and had a small tin box filled with two changes of garments and bedding, as well as a cup, plate and other necessities for Bible School.

"He loved his mother very much, and once told her that he was a Christian, that he would pray for her and that when she became a Christian he would make a home for her so that they could be together. She exclaimed that she would never leave her Caste. This was, of course, before that persecution. Please pray with him for her, and also for some of his relatives whom he desires saved."

**FIGHTING NEAR THE HOME OF ONESIPHORUS**

Sister Pauline S. Gleim writes, "For several months the Spirit has been speaking, through the little children and others, of a coming danger and serious times. There has been much exhortation for the unsaved to repent, and all to draw near to the Lord, for He would shelter us if we put our trust in Him. None of us knew what was ahead. Some time ago war began in Honan Province, but little did we realize it was coming in our midst. As the Northern Army was driven back, the Southern forces advanced toward Taianfu. On Thanksgiving afternoon we heard the cannon in the south for the first time. Some of the Northern soldiers, who realized their soon defeat, began looting near us, and the women and children of the east suburb ran into our compound for shelter. People locked up their houses and fled into other parts of the city for safety. Thanksgiving night there was a great rumbling of cannon as the armies passed by Taianfu on the north. They then located in the mountains nearby and for about ten days there was a desperate battle. Sometimes the battle was so near we could hear the rifle firing, and there was the almost constant sound of bursting bombs and cannon shots. The wounded were brought into the city and our work began in caring for them. The Methodist hospital and compound were open for service. As the beds were not sufficient, they put straw on the floors everywhere they could, and the wounded were

placed on it. Some lay on the turn of the stair case, some in the basement. I am so glad of having the opportunity of speaking to them about the Lord, and we really believe there are those whom the Lord has saved, and I know some lives have been spared in answer to prayer.

"One young man of 18 years had his hand almost entirely blown off. He grasped the bleeding hand with his other one and walked into the city to the hospital. When he arrived he had nearly bled to death. The doctor could not clasp the arteries, and he feared an amputation would mean an instant death, so he left him with his hand tightly bound up. I saw him lying in the straw and was attracted by his pale, deathly look. I went to his side and saw his hand bleeding profusely. I then bound his wrist very tightly to try and stop the bleeding. His pulse could not be felt and he was as one dead, only that when he was constantly called he would respond. I then spoke to him about the Lord and urged him to repent and believe in Jesus, that He could and would save his life. He seemed to make every effort to do so, and then I prayed that his soul might be saved and his life spared. Immediately his pulse came back and grew quite strong. We gave him some gruel to drink and he sat up and drank three bowls full. By morning he was so much stronger that the doctor amputated the badly lacerated hand. I am now spending many hours every day caring for two very serious cases. Naturally speaking, they look hopeless but I believe the Lord will spare their lives.

"When the Southern Army was in victory and the fighting was in the mountains here, we daily had the horrible experience of having bombs dropped over the city by the Northern army. Some fell not far from us. One day they were flying over the Hospital compound so low. I knew my only safety was in the Lord, so prayed earnestly for His protection. There was a terrible sound and a bomb fell about two squares away. We now hear they are fighting somewhere south of us. I don't know just how many miles away, but they are again digging trenches just outside Taianfu in the southwest. We trust and pray the Lord will soon bring this war to an end. Great numbers are seeking refuge here in the Home until they will be able to again return to their homes. Please pray much for the people of China and God's protection over us and provision in this time of need."

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## IN THE WHITENED HARVEST FIELDS

### REVIVAL FIRES AT PORTLAND

Pastor Thomas Griffin telegraphs that revival fire is burning at Portland, Ore., and the Lord is blessing the Washington Trio. Dr. Shreve is doing the preaching, the altars are full, and souls are getting to Jesus. He desires special prayer.

### BLESSING IN ALBANY, GA.

Sister Mattie Claspell sends word, "We have moved from East Albany over across town to the cotton mill district, where we are having good crowds and God is blessing. Praise God. The people are interested. Pray for us."

### AMARILLO, TEXAS, STIRRED

Brother W. D. Hall reports: "Having resigned the work at Seagraves, Texas, I came here Jan. 1 and began a meeting, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed from the first service. We have a down-town mission, can't take care of the people. We have found a blessed band of saints here. Sister A. R. Colbert from Childress, Texas, has just come to our meeting. She is bringing some wonderful messages. The place is stirred."

### REVIVAL AT EATON, OHIO

Sister E. O. Lockwood writes: "Brother Robert Benjamin, the Persian evangelist, assisted by Kosron Abraham, a Persian, just closed a three-week successful revival. Fourteen were saved, I received the Baptism, and several seeking; several were healed. The body of believers was built up; all differences were cast aside. Any Assembly needing a peace-maker, we would advise you to send for Brother Robert Benjamin and party."

### THIRTEEN SAVED

Pastor J. A. Witt of Stigler, Okla., reports: "I want to praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing here at Stigler. We have just closed a two-week meeting with Sister Sarah Muncey. The Lord blessed her in giving out the Word. Thirteen were saved and 5 received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. I have taken the pastoral work here at Stigler. We would be glad to have any of the brethren who are in fellowship with the Council, to stop with us when passing by."

### THIRD WEEK OF REVIVAL

Brother A. Watson Argue sends word from Port Arthur,—"Just starting the third week of a glorious revival in the old St. Paul's Presbyterian church here. The work is new, but God is blessing: Numbers, including a Baptist deacon, have received the Baptism. As many as 20 have surrendered to the Saviour in an evening service. Last night 18 made the start. My next meeting will be in Hamilton, Ontario, where my sister, Zelma E. Argue, is now conducting a campaign."

### A NEW MISSION

Brother H. Howard Shelley sounds a note of praise for the goodness of the Lord in York, Pa. "God has enabled us to open a mission at 14 E. North St., known as the Full Gospel Assembly, in which souls have been saved and backsliders reclaimed. Brother W. E. Albee is pastor. We desire the prayers of the Evangel Family."

### MORE SOULS SAVED

Sister E. B. Crump writes from Ft. Worth, Texas, "Since coming here last May, and taking charge of the Rosen Heights Assembly of God, the Lord has been with us. Just closed a two-week meeting with Brother E. F. Newby of Bridgeport, Texas. There were some 6 or 7 saved and reclaimed and 6 filled with the Spirit according to Acts 2:4."

### SAINTS REVIVED

Brother B. B. Harden of Three Rivers, Mich., reports, "Evangelist O. Olsen just closed a two-week meeting here with splendid success. The saints have been revived and built up. On the closing night 10 came for salvation. Two received the Baptism and a number are seeking, also young boys and girls were at the altar. It surely was a wonderful sight."

### NEW FIELDS BLESSED

SAN JON, N. MEX.—Sister J. A. Davis reports: "God is saving and reclaiming sinners, and baptizing believers just as He did on the day of Pentecost. Hallelujah! Our brother R. T. Lobb came to us a few days before Christmas to hold meetings during the holidays. The Lord was with us from the first service and God verified His word as it was given out in the power of the Spirit. Eighteen were reclaimed or saved; 14 were baptized in the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4. Praise His name! Some of us fasted and prayed right at the beginning, and God did melt the dear hearts down so He could have His way. We earnestly covet the prayers of the saints every where, as we are young in the way and there is much opposition. Our state presbyter, Brother A. C. Bates from Portales, N. Mex., set our assembly in order about two months ago."

### THE ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN IN THE EAST

Since my last notice in the Evangel I have closed a very successful meeting in Jeannette, Pa., with Pastor Ben Mahan, who is a very competent and blessed shepherd of the Lord's sheep. God worked in every meeting from the very start: souls were saved, baptized and healed in every meeting. Meetings were going on in the other churches at the same time but God met us and by the close of the services the town and region round about

were becoming stirred and the church which is the largest auditorium in the town was filled and packed to the limit. God was mightily with us and it was sad indeed that we had to close to come to Washington to fill the dates here. Otherwise the meeting might have gone on to wonderful results for another two weeks. Jeannette has a fine assembly of saints and under the patient and wise leadership of Brother Mahan and his faithful wife, God is reaching many souls.

The meetings at Washington are opening up in fine shape and the place of worship is crowded and packed to the limit every night. The Crandal Central Theatre is being used for the Sunday morning services. Great interest is being stirred and God is working in a wonderful way. The Divine Healing service on Tuesday night was a time long to be remembered by those present. The power of God was mightily there to heal and many were slain under God's mighty power as prayer was offered. Souls are being saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit and among them some who have been seeking for a long time, known as chronic seekers.

We are looking for a great time here as the news spreads and God continues to work. A great deal of prayer is being offered I know, and how I appreciate the fine letters from different ones over the country who have written me in response to my last article. I wish to say that God knows how thankful I am for this cooperation and He will take care of the proper distribution of the rewards in that day. Saints, it is just wonderful the way the oil is running. It cannot be expressed on paper and we would not try to say all that God is doing, for the work is far reaching. The class of people being interested here are prominent people in the city and from every walk of life. Thank God.

Continue to pray for me and the services for we will continue here until Feb. 7th or perhaps longer as the Lord leads. Tuesday evenings are set aside for Divine Healing, so pray especially for that meeting on that evening that the power of God will fall and do wonders.

Just a card from those who care to keep in touch will reach me at 3222—13th St., N. W. Washington, D. C.

God has raised up the Pentecostal work as an Evangelistic movement to carry His full Gospel message to the world for the last call. If we fail here we are through. Let us buckle up the armor a little tighter, take a firmer grip on the sword, put absolute faith in "The Captain of the Lord's Hosts," and in perfect humility and dependence upon HIM, let us press into the Great and Mighty things that we know not (Jer. 33:3).

Brother D. H. McDowell

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## SODOM AND THE MODERN WORLD

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ed, indeed scarcely touched. "Upon the wicked," cries the Psalmist centuries later (Psalm 11:6), "He shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest." Thus the wicked will experience "the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8), fore-sampled by Sodom.

### The Deliverance of the Church

The third outstanding parallel is God's well laid plan for the complete deliverance of the faithful. This is actually stated by the Apostle. God "delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked. For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations" (2 Peter 2:7-9). But there is another reason for God saving the righteous besides their safety. He must get them out of the way before He can proceed with His judgments in the earth. "Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything until thou be come thither" (Gen. 19:22). When angels vanish, and saints disappear, wrath is at hand, and the cry goes forth, "Hast thou any beside?" The angels express God's desire to rescue all His saints. Now Lot (to use the language of our time) is a fair sample of the ordinary Christian. He is fundamentally righteous; he obeys and yet argues and lingers. The angels have to use all possible pressure short of compulsion to get him to move, for it is desperately difficult to get him to loose his grasp on the world. Still he escapes. Contrast the spirit of Abraham who was saved from this destruction with all that he had. Lot is saved "as by fire."

### Ministering Spirits

The fourth outstanding parallel is the descent of God, and the double agency of angels for both escape and judgment. The Lord said, "I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me" (Gen. 18:21). In huge and overwhelming catastrophes there is nothing hasty, blind or accidental. In this earlier and typical parousia (or last day) the heavenly powers are put forth for the rescue of a single family. How sure may we then be that God will exert himself to save multitudes! "The reapers" says our Lord, "are the angels" (Matt. 13:39); and the angels who empty "the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth" (Rev. 16:1), are the angels that reap the saints. So the angels who deliver Lot destroy Sodom. "We will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it" (Gen. 19:13). What a multitude of emotions must have surged through the breasts of these holy angels fresh from the throne of God—lively realization of the closeness of judgment; hopelessness concerning the destiny of souls overtaken by God's wrath; great joy at being permitted to lead endangered precious souls out of their peril; above all, holy zeal for God's character and awaiting with horror the sudden and irrevocable act of God which they know will come. As sin-engrossed,

blinded Sodom did not see the escape of Lot, so our rapture will be equally invisible to those who are "left" (Luke 17:34). There are Elijah chariots equipped and ready for as many thousands as shall be prepared to ride in them, for "the chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels" (Psalm 68:17).

### The Responsibility to Escape

The fifth outstanding parallel is that God casts the responsibility for the escape wholly upon His people. "Escape for your life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed" (Gen. 19:17). The escape for Lot was purely voluntary and, like his sons-in-law did do, he could have neglected to make it. The angels persuaded him but did not compel him. **Their escape from Sodom depended wholly on themselves.** So the command to us is the same, "Escape." However we are to **leave the earth** and this is a feat physically beyond our power, so ours is a moral effort, on which our physical deliverance, to be worked out by a miracle, wholly turns. "Watch ye, and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to **escape** all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36).

Rapture is a jewel in the casket of prayer. "Look not behind thee," it is the forgetting the things that are behind in a world-divorced heart; it is Lot's sudden realization that in a few hours all his property will be under fire and brimstone. "Whoever is not already loosened from earthly things, ready to haste away without hesitation, taking flight toward Him freely and joyously, remains behind" (Godet). Sodom, and even his own sons-in-law, looked upon Lot as a strait-laced Puritan, a visionary, a fanatic; and all this **the night before** the crash of doom!

Dr. Johnstone of Jamaica, visited Martinique shortly after the eruption. He learned that ten minutes to eight on the fatal morning the official in charge of the telephone was transmitting a message through to Fort de France, reporting the restlessness of the volcano; when suddenly he was heard to say, "My God, it is here!" He was afterwards found still holding the receiver, himself a cinder.

### The Fate of the Unwatchful

The sixth outstanding parallel is the disaster which overtook one of the family of the saved, a disaster to which our Lord draws direct attention. "**Remember Lot's wife**" (Luke 17:32). Jesus sets by itself a part of the story of Lot, for everlasting warning, a single text: "But his wife looked back from behind him and she became a pillar of salt" (Gen. 19:26). For one wistful, lingering, hankering look at Sodom where were comfort, relatives, pleasures, reputation, wealth, God created a monument of salt, showing His abhorrence of a divided heart. She obeyed all injunctions save **one**; she escaped all the horrors that came upon Sodom, but **after** deliverance she fell under the severe chastisement of God. He who could raise up children to Abraham **out of stone** can turn a niece of Abraham **into stone**.

So the parallel with the conditions of our day is exact. God has given certain carefully stated conditions of escape; **not**

**one** of them can be safely ignored: as Mr. Moody said, "My heart has deceived me a thousand times; that book has never deceived me once." "No man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

She was punished **in the dawn**, far above the plains of Sodom—it is the judgment seat of Christ. The erosions of time and weather have obliterated the mournful figure; but the Saviour, mercifully keeping her nameless, has embalmed her in the Scriptures as a warning to all generations.

### The Kingdom

The seventh outstanding parallel is the glory of Lot in the dawn. "The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar" (Gen. 19:23). "Zoar" means "littleness." It was when Lot got into humility that he got into Zoar, when he had lost everything he gained everything. "Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him" (James 2:5)? The Sun of Righteousness has risen with healing in His wings. "Then shall the righteous"—Peter lays special stress on the righteousness of Lot, meaning, as always in the New Testament, imputed righteousness reinforced by the active righteousness worked out in the every-day life of His saints—"shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matt. 13:43).—Adapted.

### FINDING HONEY IN THE ROCK

Praise God we found the Rock of Jesus through the honey. A brother of God came to our home one evening, having been told that we kept bees, and asked us if we had any honey to sell. He used the honey as an excuse and after a few minutes he began to talk about God and God's wonderful ways of saving souls, and praise God, within three days I arrived at the Pentecostal church and my wife followed me within a week and within two months we both received our Baptism of the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. My wife received the Baptism on Wednesday and I on the following Sunday. Praise God. Our little girl is seeking Jesus, also.—Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Noski, Huntington Station, Long Island, N. Y.

### "LORD, HELP ME NOW."

An old country-woman, who had been selling her butter and eggs at the market-town, was returning home with a full purse and empty baskets.

On reaching a lonely part of the road some rough-looking men came up to her demanding her money! The old woman put down her baskets in front of her, and looking up, clasped her hands together and prayed aloud, "Lord, help me, **now**."

The men looked at her in astonishment, and ran away.

What a **very present help** in times of trouble is our God!

Will not that cry, "Lord, help me **now**," bring as instant an answer to us in the little troubles and difficulties of our daily lives as it did to that old woman in her time of danger?

**THE GRACE OF HUMILITY**

We often hear people complaining that they are not appreciated, the papers do not publish their mighty works; the church does not recognize their merits; the community does not elect them to office. Many of these disappointed men are prominent in Christian churches. Where is modesty? Where is meekness? Where is the spirit of the Master?

A few days ago, says the "Christian Advocate," a boy of seven years fell from a pier into the East River and a lady who saw his peril ran for help. The first person she met was a neatly-dressed gentleman who had just landed in New York from a New Haven boat. He dropped his suitcase, plunged into the water and succeeded in getting the boy aboard a sand barge. A patrolman found them on the barge and asked the name of the heroic rescuer. His reply was:

"That is not necessary. Just show me a place where I can change my clothes: that is all I want."

He was led to a near-by seamen's lodging house, changed his clothes, stuffing the wet suit into his grip, but steadfastly refused to reveal his identity.

"I only did my duty," said he, "only a little thing, unworthy of any notice in the papers or public praise."

Blessed is the man who can render heroic service beautifully. To murmur and complain because our services are not appreciated and we do not receive honorable mention is not beautiful.—Publisher Unknown.

**Forthcoming Meetings**

**NOTICE!**

All notices of meetings should reach the Gospel Publishing House three full weeks before the meetings start. Our printers demand all copy to be in their hands fifteen days before the date shown on the paper.

Pray God's richest blessings on these meetings.

**TULSA, OKLA.**—W. T. Gaston, Chairman of the General Council, will conduct a Bible convention in the Full Gospel Tabernacle, corner of 5th & Peoria, Feb. 14 to 21 inc. Oklahoma preachers specially invited to attend the convention.—Jonathan E. Perkins, pastor.

**DUNSMUIR, CALIF.**—Pentecostal Evangelistic campaign in charge of Evangelist Mary T. Miller of Seattle, Wash., at the Pentecostal Assembly of God, Dunsmuir, Calif., beginning Feb. 14, 1926. This is a return campaign with Evangelist Miller in this place. God wonderfully blessed her labors in the first campaign here. Pray that God will come forth in mighty power.—Pastor W. C. Anderson.

**THE MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT COUNCIL** will hold its first Bible and Missionary Convention D. V. the 25th and 26th of February, 1926, with the Kingston Assembly, 1st Ave. and 18th St., Laurel, Miss. Those who desire to be licensed or ordained will please be there. The Presbyters will be present, and let those who are seeking ordination write the Chairman for an application blank.—D. P. Holloway, chairman.

**WILMINGTON, DEL.**—Evangelist M. W. Richards, Jr., of Canton, Ohio, the Lawyer Evangelist, will conduct a series of Revival Meetings in the Pentecostal Church of Wilmington, Delaware, beginning February 14th and extending over a period of four Sundays. The church is located on the corner of Twenty-third and Pine Sts., with cars running immediately in front of the church. The Assembly is praying earnestly for an old-fashioned revival. Join us in believing prayer for an outpouring of the Latter Rain. A cordial invitation is extended to our Pentecostal fellowship to these meetings.—Pastor William A. Cox.

**NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION**  
The seventh conference of the New England District Council will be held in conjunction with a four-day convention at the Apostolic Faith Assembly, 243-245 Cumberland Ave., Portland, Maine, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Feb. 25th and continuing through Sunday, Feb. 28. Applications for license and ordination will be considered. We are expecting the greatest revival of Pentecostal power ever known in this District. Pray that it begin at once in every assembly, that all may be able to bring a contribution of power and blessing to this feast.—R. H. Norton, Secy.

**BROOKLYN, N. Y.**—Evangelistic Campaign at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, 71-73 Himrod St., near Evergreen Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Feb. 9th to 28th inclusive. Evangelist J. D. Saunders of Canada will be with us. Services each night at 7:45. Sundays 10:30, 3, and 7:30. For further information address Vernon G. Gortner, pastor, 72 Harman St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

**EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING.**—The tenth Annual District Council meeting of the Eastern District will be held in the beautiful new "Lighthouse Pentecostal" church 71-73 Himrod St., (near Evergreen Ave.) Brooklyn, N. Y. on March 16, 17, & 18, 1926. Owing to the fact that this is a very important part of the work, and one that vitally effects every ministering brother in the District, we urge that each one so arrange their plans as to be present. Plans have been made by the Pastor Vernon G. Gortner, to hold a full week evangelistic campaign March 14-21 inclusive, to which all are most cordially invited. There will be evangelistic services each night during the Council. The Credential Committee will meet each day during the Council. Those desiring License or ordination can meet with the above Committee at that time.—Edwin C. Sikes, Secretary.

**OPEN FOR CALLS.**—Having resigned my pastorate here, I am open for calls to evangelistic work or would consider a call as pastor. Anyone desiring my help, write to me at West Plains, Mo. I am in full fellowship with the General Council.—W. O. McKim.

**OPEN FOR CALLS.**—I have resigned as pastor in Chickasha and am open for calls either pastoral or evangelistic. I am in full fellowship with the Oklahoma District Council.—Pastor Bennie Lewis, 550 S Quaker, Tulsa, Okla.

**NOTICE:** Pastor John T. Wilson has resigned from the pastorate at Mattoon, Ill. and is making his headquarters at 1389 N. Campbell Ave., Springfield, Mo.

**WANTED.**—Pastor at Riverton, Nebr.; only those in good standing with the Council, and with experience, and can give references, need apply. Address, Evang. A. R. Shaffer, Riverton, Nebr.

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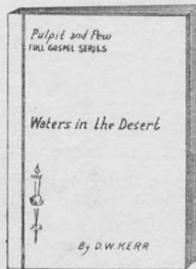
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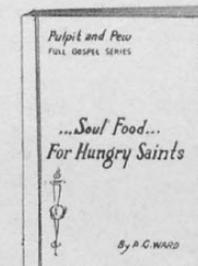
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