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## Fulfilled Prophecy in Bible Lands

By Roy Whitman, Missionary to Transjordan



THE fulfilment of prophetic Scriptures is a tremendous aid to faith. Prophecies which are unmistakably fulfilled are a wonderful proof of the inspiration of the Scriptures, particularly when working in the land in which the things are happening. The prophecies concerning Israel show us that God is seriously concerned with His earthly people, and how much more will He fulfil those promises made to His heavenly people? The fact of completed prophecy is a light for the last days. The greatest earthly prophecies were made concerning the Jews and the restoration of Israel.

### Israel's National Preservation

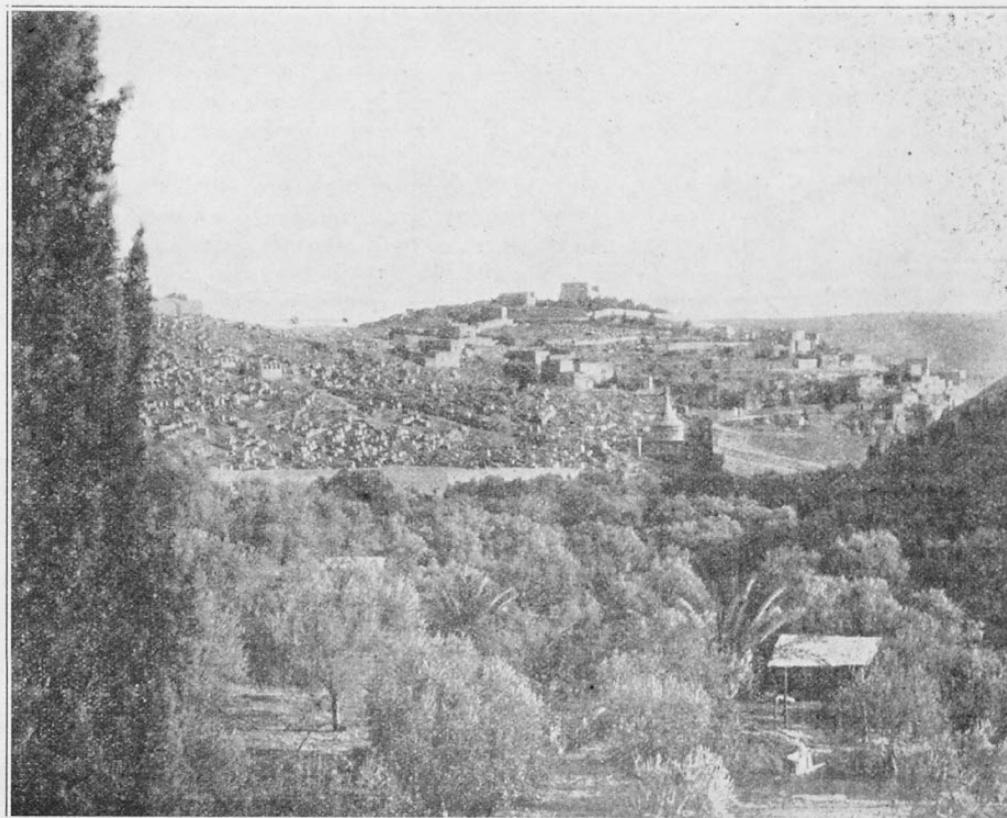
We find that the nations contemporary with ancient Israel have ceased to exist. Israel could not, because in Jer. 30:11; 31:35, 36 and other related Scrip-

tures the Lord promised that He would not make a full end of them, neither would He leave them. Frederick the

Great asked his chaplain the greatest proof of the Bible. He replied, "Sire, the Jews." They are a great example of God's election and power.

### The Covenant of God

God promised the land to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and said that in Isaac should His seed be called. He promised also that in the last days He would cause the Jews to return to the land which He gave to their fathers. Jer. 30:3. After thousands of years they are coming back. Boatloads come every week and immigrants enter legally and illegally. Tel Aviv was a little hamlet just before the War. Today it has an entirely Jewish population of 90,000 people. The Lord promised to gather them from the North and from all the countries of the earth. Jer. 31:8. This plainly refers (See Page Eight)



"Wash in the Pool of Siloam." John 9:7

This glimpse of the famous Valley of the Kidron was made from the ancient road which climbs from the Garden of Gethsemane at the foot of Olivet. In the foreground here is a flourishing olive orchard, while at left rises the ancient Jewish Cemetery; at right center we glimpse the traditional Tomb of Absalom, against the background of the modern village of Siloam, from the topmost roof of which one may look eastward, out of the picture at left, to Bethany and beyond to the region of the Dead Sea and the Jordan Valley.



# At Peace With God, How Great the Blessing

By J. J. Luce



"Then came the word of the Lord unto Samuel, saying, It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king; for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel, and he cried unto the Lord all night. Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the Lord hath said to me this night." 1 Sam. 15:10, 11, 16.

It was a very memorable year, and a very critical night in the history of Saul. But it was also, I think, a critical night for Samuel. That holy man of God passed that night through such an experience as he could never forget.

It was a night of *prayer*, and the word used here is a very remarkable one: "He *cried* unto the Lord all night." It means that he *screamed* for very pain and anguish of heart. The Lord brought to him news that distressed him very sorely, for He told him of the failure of the chosen king. He seemed to have been utterly unprepared for the announcement. He could not at once say, "Yes, Lord." On the contrary his whole being seemed to revolt against the tidings. He was a man of strong faith and of prayer, a man who knew his God, and yet there was much for him to learn.

There are many Christians who find out, sometimes in a moment, what they little knew before of the condition of their wills in relation to the will of their God. So it is often a time of *conflict* as well as of prayer, when God reveals something which brings about a revelation to ourselves of

## The Actual Condition of Our Wills Before God.

But it is also a time of *instruction*. We can imagine God and Samuel through the hours of that night in converse—Samuel pouring out his heart before God, telling Him of his disappointments and fears, his sorrows and his longings; and God instructing, teaching, speaking, condescending to explain things. How wonderful is God! How glorious to think that He should take such pains with us! To think that He should stoop so low! But how often some of us feel, as an aged Christian I knew years ago used to say, "Lord, Thou knowest

we are some of the biggest, stupidest dunces in Thy school." How slow, how dull, how ignorant some of us have been, and how wonderfully God has dealt with us in patient, forbearing love! What a time it takes to bring us into line with God! What an amount of argumentation it takes to bring us to know ourselves in the presence of God, and to let God have His way with us.

Now I do not know why it was Samuel did not agree with God. It may have been his love for Saul. We know that he loved Saul, and even after this night we can see traces of his personal affection. For instance we read in the last verse of this chapter, "And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death; nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul." Then in the first verse of the next chapter: "The Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel?"

I cannot help thinking it was a sorrow of heart to Samuel to hear that Saul was to be deposed. Human love is one of God's best gifts to us, but human love may become a cause of conflict between us and God—may occupy sometimes in our hearts such a place as to hinder us

from being thoroughly at one with God; and God sometimes has to speak to us in our night of crisis about some human affection, and set us right about it. We can never love better than God loves, and if God rejects Saul, we must agree with God.

And then another reason may have been that Samuel felt very jealous for the prophetic office to which God had called him. God Himself had sent Samuel to anoint Saul to be king over Israel, and only a very short time had elapsed; and now the thing that had been done was to be reversed. Samuel might say, "What is the use of a prophet speaking and doing anything in the Name of the Lord if this is to be the end?" One thing is quite certain, that our poor human jealousy for the prophetic office and for our ministerial position may become a cause of conflict between us and our God. Our very

## Jealousy for Our Name and Position As Christian Workers

in the church of Christ may often bring us into a condition of will in which we are not in line with God. But we need never be afraid for our office; we must rather be afraid for the will and righteousness of God. Let us be content to follow Him, even where we may have to lose our reputation.

But probably the root cause of the whole thing was this—jealousy for the honor and the Name of his God. I cannot but feel when I think of Samuel that this must have been the great secret at the bottom of the trial: "What will people think of my God?" He repents that He set Saul up to be king; has He made a mistake? Does God confess before men and before His own people that He has made a mistake? The thought was terrible to Samuel.

Beloved, how often the secret reason of the want of rest in God lies just there. Hearts that are true, hearts that love God supremely, hearts that are far more jealous for the Name of God than for any other name and whose one desire is that that Name shall be exalted, even such hearts need to learn how to agree with God, not so much about their name as about His

## Thou Wilt Abide With Me

Tune: "Abide with Me"

Abide with me! My Lord, Thou wilt abide!  
In Thee, O Refuge from life's storms, I hide!  
The world may fail, all creature comforts flee,—  
God cannot fail!—Thou wilt abide with me.

Beneath old age my weary back may bend,  
My hair grow gray, declining strength attend,  
My eyes a yawning grave ahead may see,  
But thou, my Saviour, wilt abide with me.

I do not beg Thee to forsake me not:  
Though trials attend and sorrows be my lot,  
Though storms may gather, foes around may be,  
Thou, Lord, my Refuge, wilt abide with me.

When Satan's fiercest darts are hurled Thou wilt  
Protect that house on Christ, the true Rock, built:  
There my house stands; I fear no stormy sea,  
Since Thou, unfailing, dost abide with me.

Death may assail me with his fearful bow,  
His fiery dart my mortal form lay low:  
Death's but a shadow, and all shadows flee,  
Since the true Substance, Christ, abides with me.

—J. Narver Gortner

Name. We may get into a false position even with regard to this.

But what a night of *blessing* it was, as well as a night of struggling and of teaching. You know that that night Samuel agreed with God, for he went at once, early in the morning, to carry out the Lord's solemn word against Saul, without a murmur. God spoke to His servant, and he heard. He came into full submission. He went and obeyed the Lord—against his feelings, possibly; or rather, his feelings were brought in to sweet and chastened fellowship with God's will.

#### *There Are Many Causes of Conflict*

Sometimes we are in rebellion before our God because we do not agree with Him in regard to our circumstances. Sometimes the cause of conflict is that we cannot get the blessing in our own way. Sometimes we want to get spiritual blessings for carnal purposes, in order that the flesh may be gratified, and we may be exalted. These are causes, amongst many others, of Christian conflict. You say to me, "What is to be done?" For one thing, let us go to God as Samuel did, and freely and fully pour out our hearts before Him, and tell Him frankly all our troubles, and then listen to what God has to say. I am so glad when Christians get through the struggling period. It is inevitable that there should be a time of struggling and conflict, but right glad am I when the conflict is at an end.

Will you let God bring you into that position in which, whatever may have been the cause of the unrest between you and Him, the controversy shall cease? Will you let God set you right? He can do it, and it does not take Him long when we are willing to let go the flesh and have no confidence in self. When we are done with struggling in our own will, our own thoughts and ideas, and let all go at the feet of the Lord, we shall find that the Lord can lift us up into a position in which we do not get the disappointments we used to have, because we expect nothing from self, and because we do not want self to rise and assert its will. We expect everything from God alone, and the will of God has become our will. Oh that we may be lifted up into that blessed position and experience in which God and we are at one, whether about ourselves, or our friends, or the church, or the world; and there will be no more friction, no worry, no warfare, and no struggling.

Why not come to that point? The Holy Spirit is here to work it. God can bring us to it now definitely, and having brought us there, *keep us there*, moment by moment, as we trust and obey. God can bring us to a point where the night of weeping will be ended and the morning of joy shall have dawned.

## A Three Minute Sermon

### *Plenty of Oil for All*

When Peter went down to the household of Cornelius he told the assembled company concerning Jesus, how God had anointed Him with the Holy Ghost and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him. And that same anointing which God had for His Son, He has for all. All His ministers should likewise, through the same anointing, go about doing good, bringing life and blessing in the power of God to needy souls.

In the days of Elisha the prophet there was one who had a need. She was a widow and her sons were about to be taken for bondsmen. She came to the prophet for help. And when you need help there is a Prophet in the glory to whom you may always call for help. The prophet said to the woman, "What hast thou in thine house?" She said, "I have a pot of oil." He instructed her to send around for vessels, for vessels not a few, and to bring them into the house. And he told her to pour forth from her pot of oil into these empty vessels. And as she poured she found she had oil sufficient for every vessel and all were filled, yet there was more.

Know this, that there is oil, yea the blessed oil of the Spirit, sufficient for all. You may be filled yourself; every day you may have fresh oil. You can be continually filled; you can have an abiding anointing. And there is more than enough for you; there is plenty for others.

There is a word in the 52nd Psalm that is distinctly Messianic. Christ who was in the prophet, speaking through the prophet, said, "I am like a green olive tree in the house of God." That is a picture of the Lord in the glory—a green olive tree. And even though we be Gentiles we can be grafted into this heavenly Olive Tree and partake of the oil and fatness of His boundless supply. You can have all the oil you need for ever and for aye. And through the continuous supply of this oil of the Spirit you too can go about doing good and bring healing, life, blessing, power and salvation to all around. Yea, you can bring this oil, this oil from the Heavenly Tree, and pour it into all the vessels that need it. Amen.

## Questions and Answers

*Why do Acts 9:7 and 22:9 read differently? In one place it says the men heard a voice, and in the other place it says they heard not the voice of Him that spake.*

We believe the men heard the sound of the voice, but not the words. A similar experience is recorded in John 12:28, 29 where Jesus heard and understood the words spoken while to the people it sounded to some only like the voice of thunder, while others supposed it may have been the voice of an angel.

*Is there a personal devil, or is the only devil with whom we have to contend the evil within us?*

There is a personal devil. He accused Job. Job 1:9-11. He tempted Christ. Job. 4:1-11. He goes about seeking to destroy. 1 Peter 5:8. He will be chained during the millennium. Rev. 20:2. He will finally be cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 20:10.

*What will become of the wicked during the millennium?*

Many scriptures would indicate that, although Satan will be chained during this period, persons will yet be born with a sinful nature and sin will have to be curbed. This is implied in such statements as show Christ ruling with a rod of iron, and "a sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed." Rev. 2:27; 19:15; Isa. 65:20. The Scriptures also indicate that evangelism will be carried on in that period. Isa. 66:19, 20. The nations will be required to go to Jerusalem from year to year at the feast of tabernacles and there will be punishments for those who rebel. Zech. 14:16-19. Also there will be multitudes of ready victims of Satan's enticements when he is loosed from his prison at the end of that time and gathers his hosts against the people of God. Rev. 20:7-9.—E. S. W.



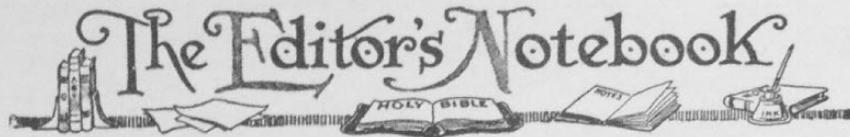
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# The Editor's Notebook



## The Way of Faith

It is written, "Yet a little while, and He that shall come will come and will not tarry." Heb. 10:37. And to this important announcement the Lord adds a word concerning what the attitude of the saint should be in the little while that remains before His coming, "Now the just shall live by faith: if any man draw back My soul shall have no pleasure in him." What does it mean to "live by faith"? In the Word God has given us in Abraham an example of a man who lived by faith, of a man who believed God. God gave to Abraham the promise of a son. But year after year went by and there was no son given. Many could have sneered at him and said, "Where is the promise of the coming of this son?" And Abraham would declare, "God has promised and that is enough. God is faithful and will surely make good His word of promise. In due time, in God's time, the son of promise will come." And he waited patiently. He waited in faith, setting an example to all who follow him in the footsteps of faith. In due time his faith was rewarded and a son was given.

## Faith for Conflict

Abraham had faith that God would always give victory as he moved in His plan and will. The time came when Lot was in danger. He had been captured. Abraham called his servants and armed them, and they went forth to rescue the one who was the prey of the terrible. They set forth in fullness of faith that God would be with them and would be their help and would cause them to win the conflict. There was a battle, but the Lord of hosts was with Abraham and his servants. They rescued Lot and brought back all that had been taken. After the battle, Melchizedek, the king of Salem, who was the priest of the Most High God, ministered to Abraham, giving him bread and wine. And he blessed Abraham giving him a new revelation of God. When the king of Sodom suggested that Abraham take the goods to himself, he showed that as a man of faith he coveted not the things of earth, but said, "I will not take . . . anything that is thine." The man of faith will always be content with such things as he has, for he is fortified with the assurance that the Most High God, the possessor of heaven and earth, will be with him all his days. Heb. 13:5.

## Shirking the Battle

There are some who draw back in the

days of conflict, who shirk fighting the good fight of faith. There were those who drew back in the days of Deborah. Was God pleased with these? No. The prophetess said in the power of the Spirit, "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof: because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges 5:23. The word of God's censure came to the children of Ephraim who, "being armed and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle." Psalm 78:9. It is written, "Cursed is he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully (deceiving himself that he is all right in his indifference), and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood." Jer. 48:10.

## The Call to War

We are in conflict with invisible foes. We fight not against flesh and blood, but against wicked spirits in heavenly places, and we need to be armed with the whole armor of God. There is a shield of faith provided, and with this shield every fiery dart of the enemy will be quenched. There is a sword, the Word of God, which is the sword of the Spirit, and in the last days the sword must be unsheathed and there must be an overcoming of the devil and his hosts. There must be on the part of the children of God a willingness to fight the good fight of faith. There must be a willingness to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Those of Laodicea were lukewarm, indifferent, negligent, holding back their swords from blood, and the Lord said, "I will spue thee out of my mouth." God will have no pleasure in them that hold back and draw back in the day of conflict. But those who give all, who are willing to go all the way, to fight and to stand against all the powers of darkness, and to believe God against all the attacks of the enemy, in these God will take pleasure.

## Faith's Attitude

Abraham further showed his faith in his willingness to give all to God. When the test came as to whether he would obey the command of God by giving up his only begotten son to be a sacrifice on Mount Moriah, he was willing, fully assured that the God who had promised that in Isaac his seed should be called, would raise him from the dead, from which he received him in a figure. He believed in the God of miracles, that nothing was too hard for Him, even the raising of his son from the dead. And

those who follow in the footsteps of faithful Abraham, the just who live by faith, will show their faith by withholding naught from the One in whom they believe.

## The Coming Again of Christ

The Son of God came forth to the conflict. At Calvary there was a seeming defeat, and He was laid in the grave, but the God of miracles raised Him from the dead. He ascended above all powers and principalities of darkness, winning the victory over them, and is seated at the right hand of God. And this One is coming again. Yet a little while and He will come, and will not tarry. He will fulfill every word of His promise. He will come for His own. In the days of His flesh He looked upon Jerusalem, realizing the tribulation that was coming to that city. He knew the disaster that would befall it, that not one stone of the temple would remain upon another, and that the whole city would be devastated. But in His love He said, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not."

## Preserved

He is the same today. He knows the travail, the disaster, the destruction that is coming upon the world. But He loves His own and is going to preserve them. Many are refusing His love. But there are some who love Him, who honor His Word, who believe Him. Unto such He will give an invitation, "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast." Isa. 26:20. And when disaster overtakes the world He will preserve His loved ones from the calamities, from the dire destruction, from the tribulation. After the conflict He will come back with His own to bring peace, to bring blessing, to bring beauty for ashes, to bring the oil of joy for mourning. The wilderness shall blossom as the rose. He will win the victory over all His enemies and they shall be His footstool. The arch enemy He will take and imprison for a thousand years when He brings in His reign of peace. Just a little while and He that tarrieth will surely come. In the meantime have faith in Him. Do not let your soul draw back from any conflict that He would have thee wage, and He shall have pleasure in thee. And just as faithful Abraham received the blessing of the priest Melchizedek, thou shalt receive from Him who is a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek, His eternal blessing.

The Church had never such influence over the world as in those day when she had nothing to do with the world.—Harnack.

# The Passing and the Permanent

A Review of Current Life and Thought in the Light of Scripture

## Jewish Colony in France

The first German-Jewish families have already arrived and settled themselves in the Ort agricultural cooperative colony in Southwestern France, near the city of Villeneuve. The colony will accommodate up to 300 families and will concentrate on fine gardening and horticulture as well as general farming.

## Talking Bibles

It is reported that The New York Bible-society has been largely instrumental in putting the gospels and some of the Psalms on disc records, for the special use of the blind, many of whom are unable to use the copies of the Bible in Braille. The society has plans under way to raise funds for the publication in "talking" form of the entire Bible.

## Anti-God

Writes Panton in *Dawn*, "It should be realized that the anti-God spirit is already vocal in high quarters in England. 'The Christian religion,' says Bertrand Russell, 'as organized in its churches, has been and still is the principal enemy of moral progress in the world.'"

The answer to men who speak like that was given centuries ago by the apostle Paul, "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, *deceiving and being deceived.*"

## Conditions in Mexico

A letter from a pastor in Mexico states that conditions there may eventually be even more terrible than they are in Russia. "At present there is a complete negation of everything that relates to God. Various Catholic churches have been converted into 'Centers of Socialistic Education.' The topics of our day are: 'Religion is a scourge and enemy; get rid of it.' 'God does not exist; man has evolved,' etc. Various numbers of our churches have been closed. Things are very sad."

## Russia's God

The Russian government has banished God from Russia, but by its attempt to dominate men's souls and bodies, it is claiming to take His place. And it is a cruel and merciless god, as witnessed by the following incident quoted from *Time*. "In picturesque Tashkent last week, Farmer George Lomakin was tried for sabotage. 'You are accused of failure to weed adequately,' rattled off the Bolshevik prosecutor, 'and of using too much fertilizer.' According to the Soviet official news agency, Farmer Lomakin was then stood up before a firing squad and shot."

## Russian Gideons

"The Brotherhood of Russian Gideons has been formed in Russia to carry on underground resistance to organized atheism and according to a bulletin received will have a Bible training course functioning by correspondence in Jan. 1935," we read in *Prophecy*. "They also plan to reach some parts of Russia through radio broadcasts. The work began five years ago with a group of ten and today several thousand of Russian young people are connected with the movement and receiving Christian instruction through literature. The headquarters are in Harbin, Manchuria, Kno, China."

## Seed Thoughts

Gathered by Alice F. Luce

"Jesus Christ is the *flower* of all that is beautiful and great in the universe." Let us take time in the busy rush of life to gaze upon the *beauty* of Jesus.

First of all there is the incomparable loveliness of His *character*. It is something that has no glare of footlights nor blare of trumpets, yet is all-pervasive and all-conquering like the fragrance of the orange blossom.

Then there is the beauty of His *words*. "Never man spake like this Man." The sweetness of the voice of Jesus is for those who hide away in the secret place with Him.

There is also a beauty which the world cannot see in the *acts* of our Lover-Lord. Sin warps and distorts everything, and causes us to attribute harsh or cruel motives to His actions; but the pure in heart can sing: "He hath done *all things* well."

Do you love your Lord well enough to trust Him in the dark? His permitting you to be brought there is a vote of confidence in you, and is also the assurance that He is with you, and that by His light you will walk safely *through* the darkness.

But that is not all. For those who trust when they cannot understand, and are "not offended" at His dealings with them, the Lord has *treasures of darkness*.

We are often so easily satisfied and so slothful in our faith life, that we are content to be paupers when we might live like millionaires. May the Lord make us more ambitious to be really rich toward God.

## Rabbi Warns Jews

Jewish leaders are becoming alarmed at the spiritual condition of their nation. For example Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner says: "The Jewish people face the greatest menace of their history, that of surviving bodily and losing their spiritual identity." Dr. Brickner added that he was not alarmed because of the enemy from without but rather because "the souls of some Jews today have shriveled and are unequal to the need of the hour." "I warn you by the light of Chanukah (feast of Esther) that the only thing we have is this torch that has sustained us. It is the light of justice, righteousness and peace. If it is extinguished, we as a people will be extinct."

## Disturbing Facts

Writes Dr. Wm. Evans: "I saw some figures a while ago that startled me. They declared that there were ten million children in the United States that never go to Sunday School; fourteen million youths that never darken the doors of a Church, and are altogether without any religious instruction, and that sixty-five per cent of our population is unchurched—that is, have no religious affiliations. A report from the Inter-Church World Movement some time ago stated that after careful canvass it was found that only eight out of every thousand children in the State of Massachusetts knew the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, and that the figures were more seriously disheartening in New York State."

Here is fertile ground for Communist and other pernicious teaching, unless the Church awakens to her responsibility.

## Turning Christ Against the Jew

Not content with turning against the Jews themselves the leaders of Nazi Germany are seeking to turn against them the very Christ who wept over them, and who one day will receive them. Writes J. C. Cooksey, "Reich Bishop Mueller in his induction address pressed upon German Christians their duty to suppress the Jew. Herr Julius Streicher also, when speaking at Furth on 19th October, stated that the Nazi ideal was a united Evangelical Church from which the Jews should be excluded, for, he proceeded, 'If Christ were to meet certain pastors today, He would say to them: "You wish to be my disciples? Did I not die two thousand years ago, murdered by the Jews, in order that you should now contend among yourselves whether you should adhere to the Jews, or to the New Germany which an enemy of the Jews has created?"' The argument was developed to the absurd conclusion that, racially, the Saviour was not a Jew at all, but of true Nordic origin, therefore the crime of the Jews was the more heinous."



## Daytime Conduct



Wm. I Evans, Principal of Central Bible Institute

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Rom. 13:12.

Because the world has not anticipated the factors that are at work today revolutionizing the face of things, it is in darkness. But the hearts of those who love the Lord are leaping with joy, because we know that when these things begin to come to pass it is time for us to look up, for our redemption draweth nigh. By the application and the effectual working of His precious Blood we have become sons of the light.

We are told in this passage in Romans exactly the time in which we are living. The night is far spent. It has run its course to the extreme end. It may seem darker than it ever has been, but that need not disturb us. Perhaps that is in itself convincing evidence that it has about run its course. During the World War, just before the German forces were about to yield, there seemed to be a special effort put forth to impress their enemies with the show of their strength. It was the last effort before the surrender. The night is far spent. The very darkness seems to be increasing. Every power of darkness seems to be raging. There is no cause for fear and alarm; there is cause for rejoicing, for soon the day will break.

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand." This expression is figurative. It is taken from the old Roman drama. When one actor, having occupied the center of the stage for a given time, was about to pass off and make room for another, there in the siding the other waited, robed, on tiptoe, ready to take the center of the stage. But the other lingers a moment, and the whole situation is demanding that he hurry off and get out of the way for the one who is coming. The Lord Jesus Christ is at the threshold.

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand." Already the star, that Morning Star of hope, has arisen. I like to think of this as the special and wonderful moving of the Holy Spirit in the world today—not in outward and spectacular fashion but that marvelous moving that is bringing more and more and deeper conviction to the hearts of God's people that the Lord is coming. How wonderful it is that in this marvelous outpouring of the Holy Spirit through these past years, He Himself has witnessed to the hearts of the saints that His coming draweth nigh. So many times when even the newly converted not versed in matters pertaining to the coming of the Lord, are baptized with the Holy Spirit, they

speak in tongues and interpret, "Jesus is coming soon."

We are told further that our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. What does that mean to us? It means of course that the consummation of this wonderful salvation is nearer, the glorious manifestation of the person of Christ in His relation to us as Bridegroom. We are very near to the breaking of all limitations in our personal fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ, that delightful, holy, and intimate intercourse with Him that draws out our hearts after Him and makes us hunger and desire to come into His presence as we never have. We have had touches at times, but deep in our hearts there is the longing to come into the fullness of this relationship. It is not far away. It is at hand, and soon we shall emerge into the fullness of it.

A chaste virgin has given herself in betrothal to a bridegroom. He has gone away but her heart is his. He communicates with her and his communications are precious. They make her heart burn within her. He sends her those things that have peculiar relationship to the delightful life that is awaiting them, into which they are yearning, to enter. But all the time she waits and rejoices in the fellowship and the communications, her heart is longing for the presence of the bridegroom himself. Her heart is going out in desire for him. His gifts are precious, they are appreciated. The communications that keep coming from him delight, comfort, inspire, and bless her heart, but she longs and waits for him. He is about to step through the portals and reveal Himself and take her to Himself. That is just a picture of the church and of Jesus, her Bridegroom.

But this passage of Scripture gives us concern not only with respect to time, but to conduct. Children of the light are exercised and occupied in daytime conduct. The world is asleep as regards knowledge of spiritual things, knowledge of Jesus, experimental knowledge of divine realities. There seems to be an atmosphere prevalent in the world that induces sleep. It is as if the devil himself were administering opium. He seeks to put to sleep even the people of God. What a wonderful thing it is that we have in our fellowship men and women, whom God has raised up, who are devoted exclusively to the ministry of evangelism, who are visiting our assemblies from time to time, and whom God uses to awaken the saints and stir the sinners. But I am sure it is the experience of evangelists, as it is of a pastor, that as they go from

place to place they see evidences of sleepiness, creeping over the hearts of God's people. This is one of the sad things in the Christian ministry—to see people who awaken so wonderfully, who respond so marvelously to the gospel message, and who seem to give promise of wonderful things in the divine realm, after a while go to sleep. In the measure that we have allowed things of darkness to enter our lives, in that measure we are asleep, and it doesn't matter how much effort we put forth to show that we are awake, we are asleep—and only the good old fashioned method of getting to God through repentance and turning away from sin will ever get us awake.

There is a whole score of things enumerated in this chapter. Some of them are the grosser sins. The devil has an infinite variety in his offer to men and women. He will present to you the most refined type of evil and sin in his temptations in order to get you asleep. No one of us is beyond the possibility of getting drowsy, and falling asleep spiritually. So we need to be on the alert and keep awake by seeking the Lord, repenting of the things that get between us and God, casting off the unfruitful works of darkness.

We are to make no provision for the flesh. How easy it is to provide for the flesh. How easy it is to yield to those interests and things that appeal to us, that may at their first presentation seem not especially harmful. We must not only differentiate between things that are clearly right and wrong, but we must recognize things that seem right in themselves but draw us in the wrong way, things with wrong tendencies that will lead us into darkness. They will take off the keen edge of our spiritual experience. They will rob us of the brightness of the light that shines. Almost imperceptibly it will begin to wane. Were it not for the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit we should drift into utter darkness but, thank God, He is faithful to let the light of His wonderful Word shine into our hearts to give us an opportunity to repent of the things that are wrong in our lives that we might walk in all the light of God.

When people are addicted to opiates or strong drink, they are overcome physically, and in the natural it takes some time for the effect of that opium to wear off, and the mind to get clear. Then you can talk with them. I have seen people stupefied by strong drink come to the altar so under the influence of liquor that they couldn't hold themselves up. They couldn't think straight. They couldn't frame an intelligent sentence. But as the saints of God have gathered about and prayed for them, they have become sober in an instant and all the influence of that awful thing has left them. They could think straight. They could repent and be saved.

That is in the natural, but it is also true in the spiritual. The devil's opiate makes us drowsy and sleepy, but the saints of God can throw off the works of darkness by coming to Jesus, confessing their sins, putting away the shadows and the dark things from their lives, experiencing the cleansing of the precious Blood of the Lamb, walking in the light, and being filled with the Holy Spirit.

That is negative in the way of conduct. The Scripture tells us that we are to put on the armor of light. In Thessalonians we have specified, as regards our conduct in the light of the Lord's soon coming, faith, hope, and love, the three abiding graces. We are told in Romans to put on the Lord Jesus Christ. These are the perfections of Christ—faith, hope, and love. "The breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation."

The breastplate is a twofold one—that of faith and love. The Lord Jesus lived a perfect life. He manifested these qualities in His life in a beautiful and wonderful way. Faith! It was faith that led Him to the mountain top for hours of seclusion and communion with God. It was faith that led Him to the edge of the grave and gave Him that contact with God that brought the dead to life. It was faith in the life of the Lord Jesus that led Him into Gethsemane in those agony throes, when He gripped and pleaded with God.

You and I are to live in faith in this world of sin and darkness, with the yearning desire to be used of God in the little time that is left. The only work that can stand, the only ministry that is going to be effectual for God, for eternity, and for the benefit of lost souls is that which springs from living faith in God. There is a throne of grace and a great High Priest at the Father's right hand, and thank God, for us there is access. We may lay hold in faith and God will perform.

God opened the heavens on more than one occasion in Christ's ministry, and gave the word to the earth below, "This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The man who stands in Scripture as a type of those who shall be translated, not seeing death, is the man of whom God testified that he pleased Him. I believe God is looking into our hearts to see what measure of faith there is there, what out-reaching there is heavenward. God hasn't sent us forth with a responsibility to do things in our own strength. He has sent us forth that we might learn how to link with heaven in faith and see God work and bring to pass.

Faith is the exercise of the soul Godward, that peculiar moving of our being in the direction of God. In all the circumstances, and shifting conditions of life, there is that reaching out, that laying

hold of God. We are never satisfied until we feel God near, ready to bring to pass. That is a characteristic of the children of light. Let the devil put you to sleep and you won't have that. It is only as we are awake and alert that God is able to exercise this wonderful abiding quality of faith in our hearts.

The other half of this breastplate is love. This is another quality of the children of light, a divinely imparted grace—love. Now as faith reaches Godward, love reaches manward. Some people have the idea that the love of God is something He keeps pouring in, making them feel good. Love is something that is going out all the time. Love is a passion, a concern, an unselfish desire that impels and moves out for the welfare of others, for the salvation of the lost, for the uplifting of mankind. Love isn't something for selfish gratification. Love is that divine thing that God brings into our lives and multiplies like the bread and the fish. You cannot be filled with the love of God unless you are giving out the love of God. The Baptism in the Holy Ghost brings us into an adjustment with God so that we become in a peculiar and wonderful way open channels for the pouring through of the love of God. Jesus said, "Out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." That is the love of God. It has but one form of expression. It knows no other. It is an outward flow in compassionate, yearning desire for the uplift and welfare and salvation of others. If the love of God is allowed to pour itself through our lives it can result in only one thing—the salvation of multitudes of souls, who shall stand around the throne singing the praises of the Lamb who hath loved them and washed them from their sins in His Blood.

"And for an helmet, the hope of salvation." This is part of the armor of light. It is figurative language. The helmet covers the head. It encases the thinking apparatus. It suggests to us that our whole thought life is controlled and directed from that one marvelous central thought—Jesus may come in the next five minutes. I order all my thinking in the light of that. When I plan for twelve hours hence, all that planning is in the light of the possible coming of Jesus Christ within the twelve hours. Do I plan twenty-four hours, or a year ahead? It is all in the light of His blessed appearing. My mind dare not entertain any thought that is out of absolute and perfect harmony with the fact that He is coming soon, and anywhere along the way of my life and planning this is directing all my thinking—Jesus may come. While I am thinking my thoughts, my ears are listening for the sound, and nothing in my thought life is allowed that keeps me from having the keenest sense of spirit-

ual hearing—for He may whisper in the next five minutes, "The time is at hand."

When they were gathered in the upper room there was a sound from heaven that filled all the place. I believe that if we are living in the light of the Lord's coming, if our minds are constantly stayed upon the Lord, thinking of that glorious hour when He shall appear, that we will have a sense within our hearts of His coming. The Holy Spirit within us is inseparable from the second Person of the Godhead. Did not Jesus say when the Spirit would come that both the Father and Son would make their abode in the believer? They are inseparable, and if the Holy Ghost fills and controls our lives there will be some delightful and precious intimation in our hearts as that moment approaches. Indeed, do we not now have such an intimation? Do we not have the witness of the Holy Spirit even now within our hearts that Jesus is coming?

We are occupied in business, professional pursuits, occupied in our various activities because we believe we are in the will of God therein. And we believe Jesus may come at any moment. Brother carpenter, you may lift the hammer tomorrow morning and before it strikes the head of the nail you may be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. You, down there in the department store, selling goods across the counter, may get a deal half way through when you will disappear. He is coming!

Faith gripping God close and fast always! Love, pouring out and out and out, seeking new avenues of expression, as did the Thessalonians concerning whom Paul said that they were abounding more and more in love. They were hunting every avenue and byway and hamlet in all the countryside seeking to pour out. Whenever I read that Scripture I think of a man down in the everglade country of Florida who was experimenting growing stuff. I was there in September when everything was growing finely. He said, "There is one thing I am sorry for on this land that I have experimented with. I am sorry I ever planted pumpkins." There were pumpkin vines everywhere—between the rows of beans, up the corn stalks, covering everything! And I thought of this Scripture. Those Thessalonians were abounding more and more in love—just going out in love—just covering everything like those old pumpkin vines. We are permitted to live where we do in order that our communities, which have not known the outflow of divine love, may know it because we have gripped God in living faith, and given ourselves as channels for the outpouring of the wonderful divine life of love while we have been looking for "that blessed hope."

## The Signs Follow at the Nation's Capital

James H. Taylor, West Roxbury, Mass.

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you."

"Guess who's in Washington this week?" asked a delighted voice. "Mr. Wigglesworth!"

The voice was Mrs. Taylor's, and naturally she was pleased, for nine years ago, when through faith in Him the Lord annulled the sentence of death against her, it was Brother Wigglesworth's book, *Ever Increasing Faith*, that next to the Word of God led us to victory. Praise Him!

The next Saturday we were in the Capital City and on the following day, Dec. 2, 1934, at the Old Fashioned Gospel Tabernacle, 505 L. St., N. E., or rather outside, for the doors were closed, and a placard told us, "Last two meetings of Smith Wigglesworth transferred to Masonic Temple."

When we reached there at 2:45, a large poster on the outside announced, "City Wide Healing Services." The hall was being filled rapidly, 800 or more gathering. The song service was delightfully informal, magnifying the power of the Name, the Blood of the Cross, and the friendship of Jesus.

Brief testimonies followed. One brother in a most clear and forceful voice said, "I was a sufferer from catarrh in a most virulent form. I had great difficulty in breathing and speaking. Tried all the doctors and all the healers without relief. Someone advised, 'See the Englishman.' I did last week, and God has most marvelously healed me. Glory to His name!"

The scripture was from Mark 5:25: "A woman which had an issue of blood twelve years and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse," etc.

Brother James Salter, Brother Wigglesworth's son-in-law, told how the Lord had healed him many times and marvelously, during his long service in the Congo region. "But," said he, "if I had never been healed, and if I had never seen anyone healed, I'd believe in it, because the Bible says so." Amen!

Brother Wigglesworth's text was, "Fear not: only believe." I remember he said, "No one in this place need go away with an ache or a pain." And this, "The Lord for the body and the body for the Lord." Concluding his talk, he asked the people to pray, and they did, in the ideal congregational way. Personal, public prayer has in it, to my mind, an element of danger, through tending to pride; and frequently what we might term "a beautiful prayer" is, in reality, merely a repetition of glib phrases, and of no spiritual account. But where hundreds of believers pray audibly and together, pride is, in a measure at least, defeated and God glorified. The latter is the "Pentecostal" mode—and thank God for it.

Brother Wigglesworth gave the invitation to accept salvation, and a score of people came forward, in the midst of which, from under the left balcony, came a clear message in a tongue, which was interpreted by Brother Wigglesworth. The handkerchiefs that had been

brought forward and laid upon the altar (in the spirit of Acts 19:12) were prayed over, following which a call was made for those who desired healing to assemble in the space between the platform and wall on the left.

A hundred people responded. Brother Wigglesworth addressed the longing group. "Look at me and listen," said he; "I want you to let this thought take possession of you—'I am going to be healed!' Think it and believe it. Second: Be sure to understand that I have never healed anyone, and that I never saw anyone heal another, but I have seen the power of God work through men to heal. Hallelujah!"

He came down from the platform, and reaching the head of the long line, he began to lay his hands upon them, commanding diseases and demons, in the name of Jesus, to depart from them. They shook when he touched them, some jumped, some shouted, some were prostrated, and many testified to healing.

The power of God was in the place and the praises of His people were a blessed accompaniment. My purpose, however, in sending this report is not so much to detail the healings—although hard not to—as to call special attention to an outstanding demonstration of power, as a single proof that Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, and today (praise God) and forever," and to show that our God means something more than the glory of ancient dates, but *this* day and to the end of days, He *will*, to those who will "only believe," confirm His unailing Word "with signs following."

I think it will help our testimony to state that we had seats in the second row (front) from the healing corner, so that what happened during the healing hour was almost within hand reach. Just before the meeting began, we had noticed that a young girl, with crutches, was coming in. She was assisted by a man and woman. Her legs absolutely dangled, with the feet hanging vertically from them. From her waist she seemed to be limp and powerless. Room was made for her in the front row. When the invitation to be saved was given, she attempted to go forward aided by her assistants. Brother Wigglesworth, on seeing her start, said, "You stay right where you are. You are going to be a different girl when you leave this place." When the rest had been dealt with Brother Wigglesworth turned to the girl and, having been told her trouble, said to the people, "This girl has no muscles in her legs; she has never walked before." He laid his hands on her head and prayed and cried, "In the name of Jesus Christ, walk!" Looking at her, he said, "You are afraid, aren't you?" "Yes," she replied. "There is no need to be. You are healed!" he shouted. "Walk! walk!" And praise God she did—like a baby just learning! Twice she walked, in that characteristic way, the length of the platform! Glory to God! When we left the room, her crutches were lying on the seat, and on reaching the sidewalk we saw her *standing*, as others do, talking with two girl friends. Glory to God in the highest and on earth—*healing to those who believe. Amen.*

The woman who assisted her forward was her mother, and the man was her uncle, who wept like a child during her healing, who testified in the evening meeting that she walked up the stairs at her home without assistance, repeated the fact that she had never walked before, stating also that her mother, who went forward for healing for a bunch in her breast, when asked about it said, "It's gone!"

Wonderful things happened at the evening meeting also. Our brother testified to the healing of a cancer of two years' standing. A poor sick man whom the doctors had given up, whose legs were useless, except for slow motion, was healed and *ran* twice around the hall! When asked how many had been healed during the week's services, at least two hundred rose. Well, what shall I say—but praise God?

And Washington.—The most beautiful city in the world, a city pledged to public welfare and the science of understanding, a city of palaces dedicated to the eradication of human weakness and disease, a city of national research, of latest aids in medicine and surgery for the repair and maintenance of the bodies of men; but alas with all this human might, no power to mend its broken master!

On the next morning I combed the papers for a headline and then for some lesser recognition but without success. And then I thought that as Jesus had spoken yesterday of the heart of Palestine, so it could be said today of the heart of America, "Thou knewest not the time of thy visitation."

Call unto me and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jer. 33:3.

### Fulfilled Prophecy in Bible Lands

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to the Polish, Russian, and German Jews. The "north country" must mean the Polish Jews for that country is in direct line with Palestine. Then "from the coasts of the earth," which would include other countries where they are dispersed. **The Jews are**

#### Brought Back

In Jer. 16:14-16 God speaks of sending after them hunters and fishers. Undoubtedly Adolf Hitler is one of them. Through tracing their ancestry to Jewish sources by the Aryan Clause he has proved many thousands to be of Jewish descent. This anti-Semitic persecution has driven the Jews back to Palestine. This hatred of the Jews will spread, enforcing a return to their own land. Thus we find that every tide of persecution is just fulfilling God's purposes. It accelerates the promises.

#### Building Up of the Land

Ezek. 36:33; 38:8.

The Plains of Sharon, or Jaffa, is blossoming as the rose. Orange groves are covering the land. Trees are being planted in Jerusalem. It is a very lovely sight to see the cyprus trees growing out of the red soil. Large companies are being formed and the wilderness is being transformed into a beautiful garden.

### Israel Is to Have an Army

Zech. 12:1-6.

From this and other Scriptures we see that there is to be a revival of the Jewish national fighting spirit and military prowess. This necessitates a revolutionary change from the Jew of today, who is often regarded as a cringing unwarlike person. This change has already started to take place. In Tel Aviv they hold great sports and there is a national return to physical culture. Jews are leaving their counters and money lending and are again becoming an agricultural people and this in turn is naturally producing a fine physical race. The Jews are only waiting before they are strengthened a little more and then they will press for a national council and government. Temporarily they are satisfied to remain under British protection.

### The Fact of the Mandate

Isa. 60:9, 10.

Many people are of the opinion that Tarshish is England. Undoubtedly it was a western mercantile power that had its seat in Spain. Today England has Gibraltar which, of course, is very significant. It is highly probable that the British Isles are the ones mentioned in the passage "The isles shall wait for me." It seems that the mention of Tarshish and "the young lions" of Ezek. 38:13 is in reference to England and her colonies. During the dispersion of Israel we are told that Jerusalem is to be "trodden under foot of the Gentiles," but a sign of the end of the Church Age will be that they will be gathered back again. In Jerusalem there are approximately 53,000 Jews to 38,000 Gentiles. The Jews are flocking back to their own land. "The fig tree" is beginning to bud. These prophecies have a great significance for the Christian, for if God has promised to give to His earthly people Canaan He has promised to give us heaven. If we can see the earthly promises being fulfilled, then we are strengthened to believe in the heavenly promises.

### Other Peoples in Bible Lands

(1) EGYPT.—Egypt was the seat of one of the first civilizations. To these people God made a promise that they should never lose their existence as a nation, but should continue as "the basest of the kingdoms." Ezek. 29:14, 15. Another significant word concerning them was that a native Egyptian should not be king over them. Ezek. 30:13. Since Alexander the Great there has never been another native Egyptian king. They have been under the Roman and Moslem dynasties and King Fuad, their present king, is of Turkish extraction. In Isa. 19:19-25 they are promised a spiritual blessing. This has been remarkably fulfilled in the first Christian century,

in which Egypt turned largely to Christianity. It may be noted that Athanasius, the great defender of the faith against the Arians, was Egyptian. Then came Islam, but still there is a real spiritual church in Egypt and many revival movements. At a recent convention there were between 6,000 and 7,000 present. They possess some splendid evangelists who do fine work among the Arabs. Nevertheless this promise will have its final fulfilment when Christ comes.

(2) THE RESTORATION OF SODOM. Ezek. 16:53-55. Sodom was in the valley of Jordan by the Dead Sea. This valley is a potential source of agricultural wealth. Some of the sweetest oranges in the world are grown at Jericho, where there are also banana trees and palm trees. The gardens here, though but early productions, show the possibilities of development in this district. The Dead Sea concern for salt extracts is a large undertaking that is greatly prospering. There is also a proposition to make a seaside resort on the Dead Sea, the first beginnings of which have already been commenced.

(3) THE PROPHETIC HISTORY OF THE AMMONITES. Ezek. 25:1-8; Jer. 49:1-6. In these scriptures God reveals the future of this people. They are to be dispersed and cut off from the nations and their country is to be given to "the children of the east," that is the Arabs. Rabbah is to become a couching place for the camels. This has had a literal fulfilment. The place became desolate and was practically destroyed. Sixty years ago there was very little in Ammon, but it has become the seat of the Sheikh Abdullah, emir of Transjordan, and is becoming quite an up-to-date town with modern buildings and a British aerodrome. Also, just outside the town is the palace of the emir. Palestine has a political influence over this part, but the land is not totally Jewish. This condition of semi-independence with outside influence is to be deduced from some prophetic scriptures such as Isa. 11:14.

(4) RESTORATION OF ELAM. Jer. 49:34-39. This prophecy seems to have been fulfilled in the revival of Iraq under the late King Feisal.

(5) ASSYRIA. Isa. 19:23-35. This is to the north of Iraq and the northern mountains of Persia. A motor way has already been planned between Palestine and Iraq (Bagdad), and as Palestine is already well linked with Egypt by rail and road this will fulfil the prophecy of a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The people a "blessing"—they went to the East and preached the gospel in the first Christian century and did much for the salvation of the world. Today a remnant of these people are true Christians and quite a number are Pentecostal.

### The Father of the Arabs

Genesis 16.

A child of the flesh, he came into being through a false step of Abraham. *The increase of the Arabian people* (v. 10). They are spread over the surrounding countries and their language is one of the greatest in the world. We derive many of our words from them, such as alcohol, admiral, etc. Today Arabs are to be found in Iraq, Persia, East Africa, and North Africa, Syria, Palestine, and formerly in Spain. *The nature of the people* (v. 10). The wildness of these people is very marked. Among the Bedouins raiding is and has been the rule; quarrels frequently occur, often with bloodshed, and resulting in blood-feuds. Their turbulence is well-known. *A persecutor and a mocker*. Gen. 21:9. The Moslems are amongst the greatest persecutors of the Christians and in bygone days have been responsible for the martyrdom of many of them. Missionary work amongst the Moslems is one of the most difficult tasks in the world. "*A great nation*." Gen. 17:20. In the mediæval days the Arabs were a great people. At the rise of Islam they made great conquests, founded empires and in the mediæval times held the torch of learning received from the Greeks. In our days this is seen in the rise of Iraq under the late King Feisal. This country will increase because of its situation. It would seem that when Abraham cried that Ishmael might live before God it had a spiritual significance as well as a natural one. The very name Ishmael means "God hears." The Lord said, "I have blessed him." Many people would leave Ishmael to die in the desert, but God preserved the lad, and in this Gentile age we can rightly expect God to save even these wild sons of Ishmael. It says "God was with the lad." He was concerned. He provided for the child and was with him. In this story we have a type—even for Ishmael there is the water of life. These naturally unlovable people will respond to the gospel of grace.

### A Promise for Ishmael

Isa. 60:6, 7.

The gathering of this people to the glory of Zion. Sheba and Kedar are both the children of Ishmael.

In closing it is worthy to note that the last people mentioned in that Pentecostal chapter, Acts 2, are the Arabs, and may not this indicate that the last to be gathered into the Church will be the sons of Ishmael, or the Arab-Moslem race?

Pray for Ishmael!—"Oh that Ishmael might live before thee!"

When trying to tune in to hear from God, being filled with your own thoughts is the static. Sometimes it is worse than at other times.

# The Gospel in Foreign Lands

## Sharing Salvation With Our Neighbors--The Latin Americans

MESSAGE GIVEN AT C. B. I. BY  
MISS MEYRICK OF VENEZUELA



Hilda Meyrick

Hearing so many testimonies tonight makes me feel that I want to testify, too. I praise God for that time fifteen years ago when He spoke to my heart and baptized me with the Holy Spirit and sent me on my way rejoicing. In 1923 He told me South America was the place where He wanted to use me,

and in 1926 He again spoke to me and made it known that Venezuela was the place to which He had called me.

Six years ago this month (December) He sent me forth. Well do I remember the sights that greeted me there as I went into that dark land—not dark to the natural eyes, for there were all sorts of bright colors, and the houses on the hillsides were painted in all the colors of the rainbow, but dark because of the heathen superstition.

Permit me to take you to our town on the Great Feast Day—a day when one of their great images is coming to town. The entire town and many villages for miles around gather into the city, then go part way out to meet that image and greet her and escort her in with all the pomp of a royal personage. It is laughable, yet pathetic, when we think of these images with their head and feet of clay and the rest of them made of wire, and dressed in thousands of dollars worth of apparel. The sad thing is that hundreds of poor people, sincere in their hearts, go out to meet her, possibly paying penance by walking backwards on their knees before the image, arriving in the city exhausted and with knees bleeding, because they have asked a favor—possibly the healing of some loved one, but to no avail. Such darkness! Such superstition! Yet such sincere hearts!

There are Protestant missionaries along the coast of Venezuela from east to west, but I should say the greatest working of God has been in the Pentecostal ranks; and well we know it is because of the power of the Spirit. God did a wonderful work in 1923 and 1924 when as many as seventeen received the Baptism of the Spirit in one day, deepening the saints and increasing the numbers in the church greatly.

When those dear ones have their eyes opened (it may take years of hearing before the message becomes real to them) the scales fall from their eyes and they see the darkness, superstition and idolatry of their former religion. Just to give you an idea of their ceremonies I might say that dur-

ing Holy Week they have processions daily, and many times hourly, of different phases of the life of Christ. They carry an image of the body of Christ, wounded and bleeding, dead, through the streets, but they know no living Christ. We thank God for the privilege of laboring among them, preaching a living Christ.

My work has been largely among the children. Because of the illiteracy, immorality and superstition drilled into the people from early childhood, we believe in getting the story of Jesus and His love into the minds of the children while their hearts are still receptive. Miss Roth and I had twenty girls from twenty different homes and circumstances, all in one home and all unsaved! We decided to agree on Matthew 18:19 and trust the Lord to do a quick work for them. We labored among those dear children under very discouraging circumstances, but God did hear and answer prayer and when we least expected it He came in.

One morning, when I was very ill and lying on my bed, I heard someone tapping at the door. In response to my call to come in I was informed that God was working in the girls' home that morning and nine of the girls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. It spread from one to another and the revival began and the flame spread over to the school. As I sat propped up in my bed I heard one of the boys, who very seldom prayed, praying very earnestly. I called the native girl who was taking care of me. "Juana" I said, "is that not Miguel praying?" "It is," she replied. "Where is he?" "Out in the center of the garden on his knees in real intercessory prayer for the children of the school." The rest of the children were sitting at their desks in school weeping. "I can't stay in bed any longer. I must see what is going on," I said to Juana. Oh, it was a precious sight and it overwhelmed me so that I

went back to my room broken before the Lord because of His great working in our midst and His mighty answering of our prayers.

Shortly after this my worst boy in school was touched by the Lord. He was but nine years of age but he loved vice. I have gone into drinking places to get my little Francisco and take him home. One day as I was correcting him he gave me a black eye. But God changed his heart. When I was at death's door I kept pleading with the Lord to save that little boy's soul. While the other children were in prayer Francisco was invariably up to a prank somewhere. But the day came when God did wonderfully save him and fill him with the Holy Spirit. Then day after day he came to my door to tell me about it but was not permitted to come in. "I must see the Senorita" he pleaded day after day, until finally they let him into my room. It was a scene I shall never forget. As he got to the threshold of the room he dropped to his knees, weeping

bitterly, then came crying to my bedside, "Senorita, is it possible you can for-



give such a bad boy as I have been?" Together we wept and thanked God for answering prayer. I believe God also used that little boy in prayer for my health, for shortly after this God wonderfully raised me up.

Those were wonderful days as we saw the mighty convicting power of God working in many hearts. During those days I saw many repent on their death beds, especially drunkards. When death comes in to the Venezuelan home the family usually goes out, so many times I have had to lift the body from the floor (that is where the dying one is laid so that he will not die in the bed) and place it in the coffin for burial. In all that vast population of more than three millions there are but some ten thousand Christians, and day by day many are passing on without Christ.

Venezuela is fast coming to the place where they do not want the foreigner to teach them—much less a Protestant. Our only hope, therefore, is to teach and train workers who will be able to win their own people when we are no longer permitted to preach there. When the Lord first called me to this work I felt it was next to impossible, but I knew as I waited before Him He would give strength.

You, too, can do your part. You may not be able to go or give, but you can pray. Pray that God will do a great and mighty work, especially in the plains, for this seems to be the field of opportunity at the present time in Venezuela. Should there be a change of government, I fear the door of opportunity for the gospel will close. Truly these are important moments for Venezuela. Will you ask God what He would have you to do? Will you wait before Him and ask Him if you should go? Are we willing to do our part? God help us to be faithful!

### GOSPEL GAINS FAVOR IN CARAZ

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Erickson

Greetings in Jesus' Name from Peru, South America!

We have much for which to praise the Lord in these days. Although we believe we are living in the closing days of this dispensation, which are days of apostasy, we are finding more interest and more open hearts here than ever before. Prejudice is being broken down and a real friendship is being created toward the gospel which we preach. New doors are continually being opened to us, and I cannot help believing that it is more than a passing interest which we see at present among the people.

Brother Russell Christopher, who is a violinist of rare talent, as well as having a real ministry of preaching, visited us recently from Callao. For about two weeks he held meetings in our hall. On the closing night of his ministry with us we arranged to hold the service in a larger building, where we were able to seat more than 200. Even this proved much too small. It was estimated that over 400 people crowded into the building while crowds outside the building reached out into the street and clear across it. Many people of the upper class came to hear the message. Attention was good, and nearly everyone stayed until the end of the service as he preached from 1 John 4:8. I doubt very much if so large a crowd would have turned out to

hear an evangelistic address in Caraz a few years back. We are rejoicing as we see barriers being broken down and Jesus being glorified.

At Christmas time we had a fine opportunity to exalt Jesus and His gospel. We arranged a program with spiritual recitations, dialogues and songs, and invited the public to our hall. People will sometimes come to such a program who will not come to ordinary meetings, and so it proved that night. Scores were turned away who could not get in. Best of all Jesus was exalted, and I believe we took another step toward breaking down fanaticism and indifference, and the gospel was presented to many who otherwise would not have taken time to hear.

We have found other doors opening to us also, and ask that you pray with us that the Lord will help us to take advantage of every opportunity to present His gospel to those around us before it is too late.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN ARGENTINA



Alice Wood

Miss Alice C. Wood, our only missionary in Argentina, writes: "God is blessing our efforts signally as never before. Souls are being saved continually now at all our assemblies here. We humbly praise and thank Him for it all.

"January 15 closed a quarter of a century since I landed in Argentina.

Thank God for such a privilege!

"During the month of November more precious fruit was gathered in. Alfredo Saco, a young man who used to attend our Sunday school, came and gave himself to the Lord. He returned to the country where he works, with a Bible and hymn book to set to work to tell the people the good news. Yesterday he returned triumphant, telling of his own victories and how two families read his Bible and they, too, accepted the gospel. They begged to keep his Bible to read a little more, so I sent them a copy to read among themselves so Alfredo can have his own Bible. I also sent Gospels and tracts for them.

"Elvia Acosta, my organist, and I took the little organ and went out to La Riestra recently to help in the Sunday services. Our good native worker, A. Sierra, has charge of this work. We found the building far too small. It appears that we shall soon need to buy a lot and build a chapel there.

"I am now busy training young men and women for the work. God's hand is upon several for service. Please pray for their spiritual as well as intellectual preparation before they go forth to proclaim the gospel message."

### TO THE REGIONS BEYOND

Leif Erickson, Trujillo, Peru

The great blue Andes have long defied our attempts to plant the gospel beyond them. Last year we went about eighty miles inland, but when we reached the great plateau we found that the roads were already spoiled by the rains; so in spite of

the disappointment of our party we had to turn back, preaching only in the towns which were accessible.

This year we chose a time when we thought the roads would be dry, and the Lord worked with us to open the way. We got the car ready, took thirty gallons of gasoline, our bedding and provisions and started out. The sun was fast sinking beyond the great blue Pacific when we climbed the foothills of the Andes. Just at dark we reached a little town and held a gospel service. The people remembered us from last year and came in crowds to hear more.

The next morning we were out early on a trip never to be forgotten—nor desired except for the kingdom of God. The road led up across steep mountain sides with the canyon hundreds of feet deep just below, looking like a tiny groove in the side of a great wall. The ascents were steep and winding. By noon we had reached the plateau on top of the coast range, some 14,000 feet above the level of the Pacific, which lay like a great gray sheet in the distance. The remainder of the way was rough and rocky, the descents steep and narrow, and I wondered how we would ever get back up again.

The city of our dreams lay below among the mountains, sleeping through the long generations, awaiting the voice of the gospel to call its thousands of drowsy, sad inhabitants to repentance. The great day came at last—the day when we could preach Christ to these people. How they thronged us to hear the message! We preached in the plaza and gave out thousands of tracts and Scripture portions; yet they seemed never to be satisfied. We found very much the same condition in most of the towns along the way. How thankful we were, like Jesus, to be able to take refuge in the lonely mountains to find a solitary place to eat and rest!

As we turned homeward our load was lighter so that the little car climbed the great mountains without difficulty. What a great opportunity there is here to win precious souls for Jesus! There are thousands who must hear the gospel soon for "The night cometh when no man can work."

### GOD BLESSING IN LIMA, PERU

A note from Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jeter says: "It seems that God is hearing and answering our prayers that every member of the assembly should be a worker. Although we ourselves have been handicapped, God is working in a precious way, blessing the work here in Lima. In spite of the feebleness of our own efforts, we are seeing definite results in souls being saved and sick bodies being healed. We have outgrown our little hall and are looking to the Lord to provide a larger, better place in the near future.

### BAPTIZE SIXTEEN IN PERU

A recent letter from Arthur S. Erickson tells of a baptismal service when sixteen new converts followed their Lord in water baptism. The service was a union meeting held in the valley near Chicama, which is the station occupied by Brother Erickson. Six towns were represented at the meeting by some of the brethren or groups of believers. The evening fellowship meeting was held in the little church in Chicama.

# In the Whitenened Harvest Field

FORDYCE, ARK.—Our new building is completed, our Sunday school has gained about 50 per cent in attendance, and interest among our young people is increasing. J. T. Smalling, our pastor, is putting every effort possible into the work and God is blessing these to His glory.—E. E. Lacewell, Superintendent, Edna Blakeley, Secretary.

(Near) EL DORADO, ARK.—We have just closed a good revival, Brown Brothers, of Charleston, in charge. God met with us in power. About 13 were saved or reclaimed, and a number were filled with the Spirit. God is still blessing and every department of the church is moving along nicely.—Jess L. Bowen, Bethel Chapel, Route 6, Box 29.

LEWISTON, PA.—Evangelist H. E. Hårdt just concluded a profitable campaign with us. The presence of God was richly realized during the meetings. About 14 were saved during the last week, the break coming when the Spirit fell so that our brother could not minister to the people. Souls were saved on that night and after. Fourteen new members were added to our assembly. We are going forward reaching out after lost souls.—H. A. Christopher, Pastor, 74 Central Ave.

WAPATO, WASH.—We praise the Lord for the results of the revival, Jan. 1-20, conducted by J. L. Isaacs, former pastor of Fremont Tabernacle, Seattle. From the first service to the last the power of God was manifested in our midst. About 41 were graciously saved and 36 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The saints were edified and built up in the faith, and there has been a real awakening among our young people.—C. D. Waters, Pastor, 319 W. Third St.

HOLLIDAY, ILL.—We closed a revival Jan. 20, in the new Full Gospel Tabernacle. We had a precious time and God gave us 27 bright conversions. Many were also revived. The meeting continued 7 weeks, and we had good crowds notwithstanding the bad weather. We opened a Sunday school with an enrollment of 59. This is a new field. I have accepted the pastorate. My new address is Beecher City, Ill. Our weekly services are on Tuesday and Saturday.—O. L. Bost, Pastor.

BARNSDALL, OKLA.—Pastor and Mrs. S. M. Padgett of Tulsa, took charge of the work here in October. The interest in both church and Sunday school is increasing. The Christ's Ambassadors are also taking a great interest in the work. Our pastor stresses work among the young people and endeavors to keep them busy for the Lord. The Lord is blessing every effort put forth here for the upbuilding of His cause. Evangelist R. L. Brandon, of Sand Springs, has just been with us in a precious revival. Nine saved, 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and a number healed by the power of God.—Mrs. Roy Duncan, Church Secretary.

## Stand Fast

*"Never think that God's delays are God's denials. Hold on; hold fast; hold out. Patience is genius. If there be no enemy, no fight; if no fight, no victory; if no victory, no crown."—Savonarola.*

## PENTECOSTAL WORK IN ITALY

A brother from Italy writes: "Accept my thanks for the *Pentecostal Evangel*. I read it through and enjoy every message. I have been a worker in Italy since 1922 and have gone through many hardships, the hardest being the closing of many of our churches because we are not organized. Pray for me. I hope to obtain permission to preach from Mussolini. I was in Rome where we gathered in a Methodist church. Three received the Holy Spirit, and two were baptized in water."

BAD AXE, MICH.—We have just closed a victorious campaign of 5 weeks, Evangelist and Mrs. J. F. LeBrocq, of Canada, in charge. The marvelous saving efficacy of the blood was demonstrated in a remarkable way. Under the anointing of the Holy Ghost souls were brought under such conviction that many rushed to the altar to make their peace with God. Altogether about 30 were saved and 13 reclaimed. On the last Sunday night a spontaneous testimony meeting started at 11:45 and continued until after midnight. The entire congregation remained right through to the end. One who found God at the meeting was marvelously healed. He had been suffering for many years with a diseased hip and had had to walk aided by a very stout cane. He had also been an atheist for about 9 years, and would have nothing to do with godly people. When his eyes were opened to Jesus the Saviour, they were also opened to Jesus the Healer. He came to the altar seeking relief from pain and the Lord met him and made him whole. He now walks without his cane. Another man was instantly healed of an affliction in his arm, of over 9 years' standing. A woman 86 years of age was saved in her home, and a man of 81 years, also was saved. A boy 6 years old came weeping to the altar and when he went home he told his mother Jesus had saved him. This has also been a glorious season of revival for the saints.—David Evans, Pastor, 119 Heisterman St.

## FIRST PINK WRAPPER NOTICE

*If the Evangel comes in a pink wrapper this week, it means that your Evangel subscription expires with the next issue of the Evangel. Please send in your renewal at once. We do not want to lose you from our Evangel fellowship. We are giving as a free premium at this time a new book, "Wholly for God" written by the Editor of the Evangel.*

TROY, N. Y.—Since last August, when William Walsh, of New York, was with us in a revival for 31 days, the "fallow ground" of many hearts has been broken up. Troy has had great outpourings of the Spirit in the past, and we feel that even greater showers will be given. About 75% of the congregation have subscribed for the *Evangel*, and our entire assembly stands firmly for the teachings of the General Council. We plan to secure 100 new subscribers in Troy during the coming convention Feb. 22-24, and to have our church set in order in the Council before April 1.—Ross Honsinger, Secretary.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Looking back over the past year we are reminded of the words of the Lord to Abraham, "In blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed." Here at Bethel Temple, 1901 W. Washington Blvd., quite a number have been saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and healed. Among those receiving the Baptism was a Baptist minister who had served in that faith for about 18 years. Upon hearing the message of Pentecost he prayed through to a remarkable experience. A very wonderful case of healing was that of one of our members who had suffered untold agony from cancer. God definitely healed her, and now the only trace of the cancer is a scar. God has also blessed us financially. In spite of the tremendous overhead expense, unemployment, high cost of living, etc., our foreign missionary offerings for 1934 averaged approximately \$80.00 per month. Each department of the work is moving along nicely.—O. R. Keener, Pastor.

## GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to our General Council ministerial list during the month of January, 1935.

Ausbury, Carl B., Chaffee, Mo.  
Clarke, Stanley H., Conrad, Iowa  
Ford, James N., Wildwood, Fla.  
Freeland, Fred J., Palmyra, Mo.  
Green, Elmer L., Wauchula, Fla.  
Howard, Mrs. Blanche E., Dade City, Fla.  
McPherson, Wm. F., Sanford, Fla.  
Montgomery, Albert E., Kansas City, Mo.  
Rodriguez, Antonio F., San Antonio, Tex.  
Ryan, Mrs. Helen S., Seattle, Wash.  
Ryan, Harry I., Seattle, Wash.  
Seely, George A., Jr., Colville, Wash.  
Snair, Curtis H., St. Petersburg, Fla.  
Vokrot, Peter, Quakertown, Pa.  
Womack, Robert B., Zephyrhills, Fla.

The following names were removed from our General Council ministerial list during the month of January, 1935.

Anderson, Henry, Bentonla, Miss. (withdrew)  
Corbin, Chester A., Bloomington, Ind. (withdrew)  
Hall, Virgil W., Enid, Okla. (withdrew)  
Worley, Frank B., Dania, Fla. (withdrew)  
Wyatt, Thomas, Aurora, Nebr. (dropped)

Half pound packet assorted tracts, 25 cents, postpaid.

# The Sunday School Lesson

## Peter Heals a Lame Man

Lesson 8, Feb. 24. Acts 3:1-10; 4:8-12.

The book of Acts is the "Genesis" of church history; that is, it is the book of "beginnings," recording the first sermon, first conversions, first persecution, first church trouble, etc. In our lesson we shall study the account of the first apostolic miracle.

**The Glance of Compassion.** "Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered the temple; who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us." Discerning a latent faith in the beggar (who probably had heard the gospel, compare Acts 14:7-15; Rom. 10:17) Peter aroused him from his lethargy, prepared him to receive the message, and inspired him with expectancy. That piercing, but sympathetic glance of Peter is a commentary on the nature of true Christianity. A characteristic feature of Christianity is that it fastens its eyes upon the sinful, sick, and destitute. A scientist would have fastened his eyes on the technical aspects of the man's complaint and spoken of him as a "case"; an artist would have fastened his eyes on the rare workmanship of the gate Beautiful; the moralist might have fastened his eyes upon the man's guilt and said, "He is reaping what he sowed"; the dainty worldling would (for a brief second) have fastened his eyes upon the man's loathsomeness, remarking, "What a disgusting sight." But Peter the Christian fastened the eye of sympathy on him, and saw him as one for whom Christ died and whom Christ could help. "When thou seest misery in thy brother's face," remarked an old saint, "let him see mercy in thine eye; the more the oil of mercy is poured on him by thy pity the more the oil in thy cruse shall be increased by thy piety."

**The Exceeding Abundant Gift.** "And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, (like a true Pentecostal preacher!) Silver and gold have I none: but such as I have give I thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he leaping up, stood and walked and entered with them into the temple." Four lessons are suggested: (1) The cripple expected a few coins flung at him in an indifferent manner; he received a supernatural healing imparted in a spirit of compassion. The Christ of the gospel "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Eph. 3:20. When Solomon unselfishly asked for wisdom, God threw in, for good measure, riches and honor. "And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked." 1 Kings 3:5-13. (2) Peter did not give the man any money, but instead conferred upon him that which would enable him to work for a living. The gospel does not directly aim at improving men's

circumstances (literally, that which stands around); it aims at improving the individual by changing his "inner-stances." The gospel converts the man and the man converts his circumstances. (3) "Poor, yet making many rich" (2 Cor. 6:10) was as true of Peter as it was of Paul. Through the Spirit's power he gave the man what all the wealth accumulated since the time of Adam could not have bought. A shrewd old gentleman said to his daughter, "Be sure, my dear, you never marry a poor man; but remember that the poorest man in the world is one that has money and nothing else." (4) The church must prove its divinity by its deeds. Said Dr. Parker, "Words can be answered with words, phrases beget phrases; but the church seeking out the lowly, helping the helpless, healing the sick, teaching the ignorant, defying the oppressor, and working and suffering for righteousness is a church whose character is the only vindication it requires."

**Sacred Advertising.** "And all the people ran together unto them in the porch which is called Solomon's." These words suggest one important purpose of miracles, namely to provide supernatural advertizing for the gospel and its preachers. Our cities are covered with billboards and signs glorifying the name of some product; Holy Ghost miracles are supernatural signs glorifying and giving publicity to the greatest Name of all—the name of Jesus. "These SIGNS shall follow them that believe." Miracles have been described as "God's gestures to man and gestures often arrest attention when words fall upon deaf ears." But miracles do not necessarily convert people. A person may read a sign indicating a certain highway; if he does not desire to travel in that direction he can ignore the sign. In like manner gospel miracles are signs pointing to Christ and righteousness; if a person stubbornly refuses to walk in that direction the miracle will not force him to do so. If people will not live right, "neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Luke 16:31.

**Holy Boldness.** Before Peter had time to pronounce the benediction and dismiss the enormous congregation, he saw the priests and temple police forcing their way through the crowd, and in a few moments he and John found themselves under arrest for disturbing the peace of the temple by preaching heresy. The next day they were arraigned before the imposing ecclesiastical council. There was no denying of the miracle, for the healed man was standing right there. That is the practical evidence of Christainity—the producing of the persons who have been transformed, blessed, and healed through its power! But the rulers attempted to get Peter and John tied up in a theological argument about the ways and means by which the miracle was done—about the why and how of the matter. Hence the question, "By what power and by what name have ye done this?" The point at issue was: what is the source of the power by which this man was healed? The question to be decided was:

are these men true prophets of the Lord or are they seducers to idolatry? Deut. 13:1-5. If they had answered, "This man was healed by the power of Jehovah and in His name," they would of course have been acquitted. John 9:24. But if they insisted that he had been healed in the name of Jesus, they would expose themselves to the charge of blasphemy, and thus incur the same condemnation as their Master. Matt. 12:24.

Not many weeks ago Peter had quailed in the courtyard before a servant of the high priest; how will he act in the judgment hall where his Master was condemned and in the presence of the high priest himself? Without a tremor in his voice he answered, "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the death, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole." How explain the change in the Peter who once denied his Lord? "And Peter FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST!" Said Dr. Parker, "That is a thousand Peters: Peter multiplied by very Deity. Peter, by himself, was a straw blown away by the mocking wind. But Peter, 'filled with the Holy Ghost' was a man of war, a mighty captain, a soldier not to be put down, clothed with heavenly panoply, eloquent with heaven's thunder, gracious with heaven's voice."

**The Inescapable Christ.** There was no excuse for these Jewish leaders asking, "To which Christ does he refer?" Peter plainly gave the name, stated the location, re-affirmed in unmistakable language His death and resurrection. There was no escaping that description, and the responsibility that followed from it. And Peter shut the door of condemnation upon them, so to speak, with the authoritative declaration, "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." But it is possible to escape from a Christ that is preached in some modern pulpits. For example, one would gather from a certain type of modernistic preaching that Jesus is a glorified Rotarian who benignly pats people on the back, and says sweetly, "Be a good fellow and play the game." No difficulty in escaping that kind of Jesus! From the liberal pulpits one hears about Jesus, a kindly rabbi who incurred the enmity of corrupt religious leaders, and was crucified as a martyr to truth. That kind of Jesus can be ignored without the slightest qualm of conscience. But the Jesus who claimed to be the eternal Son of God, the Jesus who died for the sins of the world, the Jesus who rose and ascended, the Jesus who declares that He will judge men according to their reception of His message—in a word, the Jesus of the Bible—no one can reject that kind of Christ and ever be the same! And why should a person desire to escape Him? "Believe a dying man," said Dr. Johnson, the noted English writer, to his physician, "there is no salvation but in the sacrifice of the Lamb of God."—Myer Pearlman.

THOMAS, OKLA.—We closed a 3 weeks' revival Jan. 24, Park Reed, of Canton, Evangelist. About 17 were saved and 13 received the Baptism, according to Acts 2:4. God is still moving in our midst. A hearty welcome is extended to all Council ministers.—W. W. Thomas, Pastor.

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**CALDWELL, KANSAS**—Feb. 26—; Dr. Otto J. Klink, Evangelist.—Oscar Davidson, Pastor.

**JEANNETTE, PA.**—Feb. 24-March 17; Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue.—D. H. McDowell, Pastor.

**MILES CITY, MONT.**—Feb. 24, for 3 weeks; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—W. H. Boyles, Pastor, 602 Orr St.

**NEWTON, IOWA**—Feb. 17—; Russell E. Griffin, Evangelist; Warren Hull in charge of music.—W. E. Longdin, Pastor.

**BARNSDALL, OKLA.**—Feb. 17, for 4 weeks or longer; A. J. Willcox, Speaker.—S. M. Padgett, Pastor.

**BONESTEEL, S. DAK.**—Gospel Tabernacle; Feb. 12—; Evangelist and Mrs. E. Bartlett Peterson.—C. T. Beem, Pastor.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.**—11th and Westmoreland Streets; Feb. 10-March 3; C. S. Tubby Evangelist.—Benj. H. Cox, Pastor.

**GREENSBURG, PA.**—51 East Pittsburg St.; Feb. 21-Mar. 10; J. Earl Douglas, Evangelist.—Charles Elliot, Pastor.

**LAKELAND, FLA.**—Idlewild Assembly; Feb. 25—; District Superintendent C. C. Garrett.—Fred A. Voight, Pastor, 324 W. Arianna St.

**SACRAMENTO, CALIF.**—Full Gospel Tabernacle; Feb. 10, for 3 weeks or longer; Loren B. Staats, Evangelist.—W. R. Steelberg, Pastor, 1927 L St.

**WILMINGTON, DEL.**—Calvary Church, Odd Fellows' Building, Tenth and King Streets; Feb. 10—; Ruth Cox, Evangelist.—R. P. Hughey, Pastor, 805 W. 22nd St.

**DALLAS, TEXAS**—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Peak and Garland Streets, Feb. 14-24. Morning Meetings, Feb. 14, 15, 21, 22. Smith Wigglesworth, and Mr. and Mrs. James Salter, Evangelists.—Albert Ott, Pastor.

**KANSAS CITY, KANSAS**—Seventh and River-view; March 3; Dr. Otto J. Klink, Evangelist; W. E. Long, Pastor, 209 N. Seventh St.—D. W. Husted, Acting Pastor.

**ILLIANA FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

**CLAY CITY, IND.**—Feb. 18; Harry Stemme, Henry E. Murray, and Bert Talcott, Speakers; three services; basket dinner; Herman Rose, Pastor.—Clarence Ferguson, Secretary, Paris, Ill.

**BROADCAST**

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(State of Missouri)

Feb. 22, Sedalia; March 4, Jefferson City, 113 E. Dunklin St.; April 4, Lexington; May 4, Excelsior; June 4, Lee's Summit; July 4, Barnett; Aug. 4, Warrensburg; Sept. 4, Kansas City, 31st and Fontaine; Oct. 4, Clinton; Nov. 4, Pleasant Hill; Dec. 25, Marshall.—J. Lon Hale, Sedalia, Mo., Chairman, E. F. Sanders, Jefferson City, Secretary.

**SECTIONAL MEETINGS FOR OKLAHOMA**

S. C. Section, Ardmore, 519 Master St., S. E., Feb. 11-12; address W. S. Bragg, Presbyter, Asher, or Ed Bice, Pastor, Ardmore, N. W. Section, Geary, Feb. 25-26, Free Pentecostal Church; E. E. Baker, Presbyter, Sweetwater, C. J. Brown, Pastor, Geary; first meeting 7:30 p. m. Those wishing license or ordination must appear in person, recommended by an ordained minister of our faith. Rooms furnished to ministers as far as possible.—James Hutsell, District Superintendent.

**EASTERN NEW YORK CONVENTION**

**TROY, N. Y.**—9 Bridge Ave., near River Street, Feb. 22-24. Speakers: Hiram Carpenter, William H. Dickinson, and ministers of the District. Three services daily. Refreshments served between afternoon and evening meetings. Sleeping accommodations provided. Make reservations at once. Welcome to brethren outside of District.—Ross Honsinger, Secretary, 86 Fourteenth St.

**WANTED**—Gospel tent, medium size.—A. A. Fuller, Angleton, Texas.

**BIBLE CONFERENCES**

**LAKE CHARLES, LA.**—Feb. 21-28; District Superintendent David Burris in charge.—R. A. Work, Pastor.

**WEST MONROE, LA.**—Feb. 12-21; District Superintendent David Burris in charge; ministers, please attend; free entertainment.—E. L. Tanner, Pastor.

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The evangelist begged her to stop, but received only insults for his pains. When he asked her husband to intervene, she defied him too. There was never a hymn sung but she would stand at a distance, her arms akimbo, mocking both tune and words with the most horrible blasphemies. Eventually the evangelist warned her that if she did not stop God Himself would put an end to her opposition? Sure enough, she fell sick soon afterwards. Of course the villagers said that the Christians had bewitched her. She became a bag of skin, bones, and filth. For some years she never left her hut, but lay there, barely covered by a few lousy rags. Necromancers and compounders of charms sought to cure her, but in vain.

Meanwhile the testimony at Kazadi fell on evil times. The Christians moved away. The heathen held high revelry, and when evangelists paid occasional visits they could scarcely get a soul to listen to them.

One day the husband of the sick woman came to her and said, "My wife, you are near death. The witch-doctors can do nothing more for you. You are only occasionally conscious now. All my wealth is gone, and I have nothing more with which to pay for charms."

She replied, "Husband, the only way I can get well is to call the elders of the church at Mulundu (a neighboring village), confess my sin and ask them to pray for me."

The elders came, heard the confession, and anointed her with oil. Immediately she got up saved and well. As soon as she could get a cloth to cover her she went from end to end of Kazadi, calling on the people to repent and turn from sin and hell.

All were amazed at her instant healing and could not but confess that God had done it. The result is that the whole

village is moved, and the meetings are more crowded than ever, while precious souls are once more yielding to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The One who in mercy healed and saved this poor blaspheming African woman is ready to do the same for you. She confessed her sin and found the truth of 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

## The Word of God

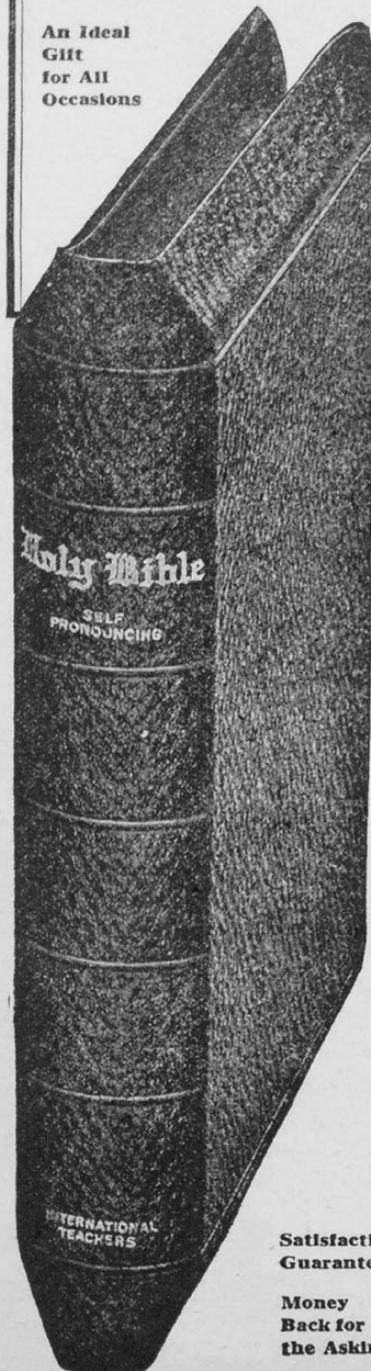
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