

The Lord is . . .  
the saving  
strength of his  
anointed.

Psalm 28:8.



He which . . .  
hath anointed  
us, is God;  
who hath also  
sealed us.  
2 Cor. 1:21.

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## The Prophetic, Priestly, and Kingly Anointings

GOD'S PURPOSE IN THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY GHOST

Gale F. Lewis at Central Bible Institute

FOR Many years some of us have enjoyed this wonderful experience we call the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Yet I wonder how much we understand of the thought and purpose of God back of the experience.

There are three scriptures I call your attention to. 1 Kings 19:16, last clause, "And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room." In Exodus 29:7, God speaking to Moses concerning Aaron becoming priest said, "Then shalt thou take the anointing oil and pour it upon his head and anoint him." In 1 Samuel 16:13 we read, "Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brethren and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward." Thus David was anointed as King over Israel.

There is a great deal of scripture evidence to prove that the anointing spoken of in the Old Testament is a type of the gift of the Holy Ghost in the New Testament. In Isaiah 61:1, which speaks prophetically of Christ, we read, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek," etc. In Acts 10:38 Peter said: "Now God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost

and with power, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil for God was with Him." This statement of Peter makes it clear I believe, that the anointing spoken of by Isaiah was the Baptism with the Holy Spirit which Christ received.

Now the special thought behind the anointing, or oil used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit, seems to be that of teaching, guidance, and equipment for an office. "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you; but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." 1 John 2:27.

There are many symbols of the Holy Spirit in Scripture, each one brings out a different phase of the Holy Spirit's office work. For instance, water is used as a symbol of the Spirit and speaks to us I believe of the Spirit's work in imparting life. Jesus likens Him to living water imparting life both spiritual and physical. Fire is also used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit, and speaks of cleansing, purification, and energy. But oil is associated with preparation for an office.

In the Old Testament Scriptures we have referred to, we see three classes of people being anointed—prophets, priests, kings. In each one of these cases I believe there is new light on the equipment for service which God has provided for His children in the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Our experiences at the time of Baptism are varied. In fact, I have never seen two people receive the experience alike. Yet they probably could all be described under one of these three heads.

Some come into this Pentecostal life with great boldness to testify and to give forth messages from God's Word. The Lord immediately begins to open His Word to them and they constrain the careless and lost to come to Jesus. A prophetic anointing seems to be resting upon them.

Others come through to this experience with a great burden of prayer upon them. We have seen them even in the midst of much joy suddenly overcome with a great burden of intercessory prayer, and they enter into fellowship with their great High Priest Jesus Christ, in making intercession for the lost. A priestly anointing has come upon their lives. Then there are still others who seem to have great victory over sin, self, and the devil. We hear them saying with Paul, "None of these things move me." While others seem to have a struggle with the flesh, they become real overcomers. A kingly anointing is resting upon them, and they are ruling and reigning in life. Some times those who have victory in their lives look at others who are having a conflict and question their experiences, but let us not forget that while you are rejoicing in your victory, they may be interceding for the lost.

Now many of us seem to be content to rest in the anointing we have received in the beginning of our experience without any desire to move forward in God, but it is possible for us to have more than one anointing upon our life. While these anointings are distinct, God has linked the last two together especially and in a peculiar way. In the Old Testament the prophet usually stands alone, but priests and kings are frequently united, as we see in the case of Melchizedec,

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## "A Good Report Maketh the Bones Fat"

A Record of Two Years of Progress

"It shall be said . . . What hath God wrought!" Num. 23:23.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Psalm 126:3.

By the time this issue of the Evangel is printed, the Seventeenth General Council of the Assemblies of God will be in session at Memphis, Tennessee. One of the first features of this meeting will be the reading of the report of the progress of this fellowship during the past two years. This report, a proof of which lies before us, also contains the record of the activities at the Council Headquarters at Springfield, Missouri, and tells of our progress as a fellowship on missionary lines. As we peruse this report our hearts are made glad, for we cannot but recognize that the hand of the Lord has been graciously upon our work during the past two years, and we give Him our heartiest thanksgiving and praise.

### *Increase in Ministers*

At the close of the fiscal year of 1935, we had on our records the names of 2,606 ordained ministers. At the close of 1937, our total has grown to 3,086 ministers, a gain of 480. At the end of 1933 we had 2,086 ordained ministers enrolled, so that the gain during the past four years has been exactly 1,000 ordained ministers, or practically 47.93 per cent.

### *Assembly Membership*

Two years ago there were 3,149 affiliated and co-operative assemblies with a total membership of 166,118. On August 1, 1937 our record indicates we have 3,473 assemblies with a membership of 175,362, a gain of 324 assemblies and 9,244 members. It might be stated that the Secretary has had difficulty in getting a full and complete census of our assemblies, and probably if this were complete it would show a yet better gain of members.

### *Ministers' Assistance Fund*

Two years ago, at Dallas, it was decided to start a fund for assisting our aged and infirm ministers. Since the last General Council, appeals have been made to our constituency twice a year. The result has been that \$12,543.83 has been contributed towards the support of our aged ministers. There are now 22 regular beneficiaries of this fund. In days to come demands upon the fund are bound to increase as more ministers reach the age when they will need help, and offer-

ings to meet the need ought to increase correspondingly.

### *Missionary Report*

Our Missionary Secretary, Brother Perkin, is able to report that the past two years has been one of the most encouraging periods in foreign missionary activity since the founding of the General Council. Our missionary list of 346 represents the largest number of General Council ministers and missionaries connected with foreign missionary work that we have ever had on our list, and represents a 20 per cent increase over two years ago. These missionaries are laboring in 34 different fields. We have approximately 870 stations and out-stations where either the missionaries or some of our 640 native preachers, evangelists, or Bible women have charge. There has been a net increase in our missionary force during the past two years of 59 names. Two of our precious missionaries have died since the last General Council, Frank Nicodem of India, and Mrs. Hugh Jeter of Peru.

### *Increase in Giving*

The total amount received for foreign and home missions during the two years is \$672,289.03, which represents an increase of \$196,331.51 over the preceding years (1934-1935). Including amounts reported as given direct, we have a grand total of \$773,582.81, which is the largest amount ever received during a similar period. Brother Perkin reports that although there has been this wonderful increase in missionary offerings, because so many new missionaries have been added to our list, every dollar that comes in is absorbed, and we could very conveniently use a much larger sum of money for developments urgently needed in the various fields.

### *Some Not Giving*

There is a sad note in this report. There are a large number of assemblies who have contributed nothing for foreign missions during the past year. Shame on us! Some of us thought that receiving the Baptism in the Spirit gave us missionary hearts and a desire to further the blessed commission given by our Lord that we should preach the gospel to every creature; and yet here in our assemblies so many are failing to do their part. May the Lord help every saint in these assemblies to catch the Master's vision and bring forth fruits meet for repentance.

### *What Some Are Doing*

There are some assemblies that have been doing magnificently. Foremost of these is the Glad Tidings Tabernacle of New York City, where Brother and Sister Robert A. Brown encourage all their saints to real hilarious missionary giving. During the past two years this one assembly has contributed not less than \$35,713.90. This is an increase of practically \$11,000.00 over what was reported from this assembly two years ago. Whose faith and example follow! The fifteen assemblies that have given the most during the past two years to our missionary cause are as follows:

New York City, Glad Tidings Tabernacle	\$35,713.90
Cleveland, O., Pent'l Church	14,939.82
Los Angeles, Calif., Bethel Temple	12,473.10
Philadelphia, Pa., Highway Mission Tabernacle	10,865.49
Minneapolis, Minn., Gospel Tabernacle	7,671.41
Tacoma, Wash., Pentecostal Tabernacle	7,416.01
Springfield, Mo., Assembly of God	7,347.14
Lancaster, Pa., First Pentecostal Church	6,759.77
Wilmington, Delaware, Calvary Pent'l Church	6,437.92
Milwaukee, Wis., Bethel Tab., German Branch	5,607.56
San Diego, Calif., Pentecostal Full Gospel Tabernacle	5,470.56
Battle Creek, Mich., Church of the Four Fold Gospel	5,327.05
San Francisco, Calif., Glad Tidings Tem. and Bible Ins.	5,232.67
Zion, Illinois, Christian Assembly	5,174.46
Oakland, Calif., First Pentecostal Church	4,309.13

### *Deputational Visits*

Brother Perkin made a trip to Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo, and Cuba in April 1936. He reports the work in Puerto Rico in splendid condition with 44 assemblies and 65 Sunday Schools. The government of this work is now entirely in the hands of the Puerto Rican brethren, and the major part of the work is maintained by local funds, only a little over \$100.00 per month being given from Headquarters' funds for the native ministry. Brother Perkin sees real opportunities in this field for the produc-

ing of ministers and missionaries for the Spanish-speaking people of Latin America. The work in San Domingo and Cuba is in its initial stages but there is much to encourage.

Brother Perkin also made a deputational visit to Egypt, Palestine, and Syria. Our General Superintendent, Brother E. S. Williams, and Brother J. W. Welch accompanied him on this trip. They found that Palestine is a very difficult field because of the strong religious prejudices of the people in that land, especially the Moslems. Egypt presents a far more encouraging situation. With a trained and Spirit-filled native ministry a great work can be done there. A number of Egyptian young men filled with the Holy Spirit are ready for training when we can supply it.

Brother Fred Vogler, District Superintendent of Kansas, also visited the Fiji Islands, South China, and Japan in the interests of the Council work, giving helpful advice to the missionaries in each place and also to the Missions Department.

Brother Perkin recommends that the General Council Executive Committee arrange for a survey of the entire mission field as soon as conveniently possible.

*Expenses of Missions Department*

The Missions Department is still continuing to send to the field all money designated for missions. They are thus dependent on the co-operation of our friends in meeting the expenses at headquarters, which involves not only the maintenance of the office staff but cost of postage, printing, cables, and educational matter on missions. If every assembly would be willing to make an offering equivalent to 5 per cent of their missionary offering to the Missions Department, all expenses would be met and funds would be available for extension work.

*A Missionary Objective*

Our objective is to plant in each field a native church that will be a self-governing, self-propagating, and self-supporting body. The most important feature to be emphasized is that of self-propagation, since the foreign missionary can never accomplish the task alone of preaching the gospel in all the world, but anointed and trained native workers backed by the local native church could do this.

*Central Bible Institute Report*

Brother Welch, President of Central Bible Institute, has a good report to bring about the Central Bible Institute. In the 1935-1936 school term the enrollment increased from 181 to 321.

A new building was erected in 1936 containing rooms for 220 students, as well as a new dining room, kitchen, and stock room, with offices and apartments.

These improvements, within their essential equipment, have increased the facilities of Central Bible Institute to where it can care for 450 boarding students. With a possible enrollment of 50 additional day students, the Institute may have a student body of 500. In 1936-1937 the enrollment reached a new high of 464 students. Brother Welch says:

"The real story of the Institute's recent history is the record of God's dealing with the enlarged faculty and student body as a household, and of His workings in all of our lives during the past two years. I hesitate to attempt to recount even a part of this record lest I utterly fail to give the great Triune God an adequate tribute of praise and due credit for what He has done among us. Perhaps I may venture to say that to my mind it has been most wonderful and most glorious, and the future must provide in larger measure a revelation of the results.

"At present, the prospects seem good for a full quota of students for the coming year and for the best faculty and management the Institute has had. I see no reason to doubt God's ability and purpose to make the 1937-38 school year a wonderful and fruitful year of training and character building for our young people."

*Gospel Publishing House Report*

Brother Kamerer, the Manager of the Gospel Publishing House, also has a good report to make. He says that all over the country Sunday Schools are showing great interest in the new courses which have been provided. During the past two years we have added to our Sunday School papers a weekly Primary Story Paper for the little folks, a new class quarterly for children of the Primary grade, and a teachers' quarterly for the Junior grade.

*Pentecostal Evangel Circulation*

We are now printing 55,000 copies of the Pentecostal Evangel each week. This is an increase of 6,000 over two years ago. Looking back, we see that we have an increase of 24,000 over what we were printing ten years ago, and 48,000 over what we were printing twenty years ago.

The other publications also show a substantial increase. The circulation of our Sunday School literature is as follows:

Gospel Gleaners .....	60,000
Intermediate Young People .....	26,500
Our Pentecostal Boys and Girls .....	32,000
Primary Story Paper .....	35,000
Adult and Young People's Quarterly .....	117,000
Senior-Intermediate Quarterly .....	52,000
Junior Quarterly .....	54,000
Primary Quarterly .....	20,000
Adult-Young People's Teachers' Quarterly .....	21,000

Senior-Intermediate Teachers' Quarterly .....	7,000
Junior Teachers' Quarterly .....	5,000
Children's Teachers' Quarterly .....	8,000
Sunday School Lesson Leaves .....	47,000

Compared with two years ago, this represents an increase of 33,500 Sunday School papers, and 72,000 quarterlies. We are now printing 90,500 more Sunday School papers and 162,000 more quarterlies than we were ten years ago. Twenty years ago we had not made a start at publishing Sunday School literature.

*Enlarging the Publishing House*

Owing to the splendid increase in the circulation of practically all of our publications, the instituting of new departments and the demand for more room for our editorial workers, it became necessary this spring to provide extra space for our rapidly growing institution.

Ground was broken in April for two additions to our present building. The larger of these two is a one-story building, built especially to care for the expansion in our printing, bindery, and mailing departments. The smaller addition will provide room for the Missionary and book departments. These new additions will give us approximately 20,000 square feet of extra space. We plan to have the work completed early in October, and when finished it will represent one of the finest printing and publishing plants in this part of the country. The approximate cost of these additions is \$60,000.

This is only a partial report but the complete report will be found in the General Council Minutes when they are published.

The Lord has surely been good to us as a fellowship. The best words we can use to express our heart's sentiments concerning His goodness are those with which we began this article: "What hath God wrought!" "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

We believe it will now be in order to sing the Doxology.—S. H. F.

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# He Sent His Word and Healed

Arthur W. Frodsham, Manhattan Beach, California

Ezekiel had a hard proposition. He saw the valley filled with dry bones, and the Lord said to him, "Can these bones live?" Surely the hardest question man ever had put to him. Ezekiel did not know, but he said, "Lord, You know. What I do not know, You do." The Lord said to him in substance, "All right then, I will undertake. You prophesy. Give the Word in the Spirit."

Ezekiel did as he was told and there was a shaking of the dry bones, and then bone came to his bone. There was a perfect adjustment—not of a woman's bone coming to man's bone. No, at the word of the prophet there was a perfect assortment, adjustment, and alignment.

The Lord undertook when Ezekiel obeyed and prophesied. Ezekiel did not perform the miracle. You do the obeying and let the Lord do the shaking. You do the obeying and let the Lord do the adjusting. Give forth the Word of God in the power of the Spirit.

He sent His Word and healed. No doctor has been able to analyze the creative power of the Word of God. He sent His Word and healed men that were sick unto death. Men talk of the wonders of radio, of cosmic rays and other rays, but none of these can be compared to the rays from the Word.

He sent His Word and healed. It lost none of its vitality in the process of going. There is a creative power in the Word of God. He spoke and the worlds were created. He spoke and bones were adjusted. One is as simple as the other. It was a valley full of dry bones, and they were very dry. There is nothing too hard for the Lord. His Word has lost none of its power, and it never will.

In Genesis we find that the Lord spoke and things were created. In Revelation 19 He comes forth as the Word of God, not in creative power but in destructive power. He destroys His enemies by the Word, and that same Word can destroy disease and counteract all poison. The Word is sharper than any two-edged sword, dividing asunder joints and marrow. There is no salve that can penetrate there, but His Word can. Dividing asunder! Oh, the penetrating power of that Word. Men boast about X-rays, but they cannot touch the rays of the Word. The disease of the bone has to go before the rays from the Word.

Christ is the Word. God sent His Word and He healed all that were oppressed of the devil. Christ is called the Word, and He ever is and ever will be the Word. Is Christ in you? Then

you have the Word. Then you have within you the healing properties of the Word, because you have the Word.

It is written, "And the Word was made flesh." It was made flesh, whole flesh, disease-proof flesh. The Word in you is better than all medicine in or out. Is the Word in you? Jeremiah complained that it burned in his bones. It is a great thing to have heart burn. It is a great thing to have bone burn—the healing touch, the burning touch of the Word in the bone.

It is not your faith that heals you. It is *the Word*. Your faith must be in the Word. Will you let the Word do its work? Then your healing is very simple. You simply let the Word do its work of healing.

Remember that elation does not save. An experience does not save. Wonderful, rapturous feelings do not save or heal. It is written, "The just, the justified ones, shall live by faith." *Faith in the Word*. Faith comes by receiving the Word. Faith is not an everlasting flower, dried up and put in a vase and kept indefinitely. It is a plant. It grows by having water and sunshine. Your faith is a growing faith when it is nurtured—when you live on the Word and are constantly filled with the Spirit.

The just shall live by faith—not experience. Experience is the result of faith. Relying upon the faith that you receive from the indwelling Christ, and count on that faith being augmented day by day and moment by moment, as you are ever looking to Him. Ever remember that we walk by faith and not by feeling, faith in the Word, counting on Him who is the Word, who bore your sins in His body on the tree, and by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 2:24.

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who was both king and priest. Christ was made a king and priest also after the order of Melchizedec, and we read in Revelation 1:6, that He has made us kings and priests unto God and His Father.

Let us consider a little more in detail these various anointings, what they are, and how they operate in our lives. For I believe God has given to every one of us one of these anointings if we have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. We have been definitely anointed of God to serve Him in an office, either as

prophet, priest, or king. If our conception of the Baptism is less than this we have missed God's plan for our life.

### The Prophetic Anointing

In the Scripture a prophet was a spokesman, a witness, an interpreter. We have this very clearly set forth in connection with Moses in Exodus 7:1. "And the Lord said to Moses, See, I have made thee a God unto Pharaoh, and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet." In Exodus 4:16 we have a further comment: "He shall be thy spokesman unto the people; and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God." Aaron was to be Moses' mouthpiece; he was to speak only that which Moses put into his mouth. This is a clear picture of God's prophet. Baalam, before his failure, declared that whatever God put into his mouth he would speak, and that he would not go beyond it. The prophet is chosen by God to receive the revelation of the divine will and then proclaim it to others as God's mouthpiece. His message may be past, present, or future. His mission is to forthtell the message received, whether past, present, or future. The early church prophets were those who preached and gave forth God's Word and message under the inspiration of the Spirit. I would to God that we had more real prophets today. Men who are not man-made but God-anointed, and who without fear or favor declare the whole truth of God, as God gives it to them from His Word. Those who receive a prophetic anointing when they receive the fullness of the Holy Ghost, will be given a revelation of the truth contained in God's Word. They are responsible to give forth the Word of God as God gives it to them. Not every one who receives the Baptism receives the prophetic anointing.

### The Priestly Anointing

God told Moses to anoint Aaron and his sons, and set them apart for the priesthood. They were to be holy and consecrated, bearing the breastplate of Israel's judgments upon their hearts continually. The anointing of Aaron to the priesthood seems to be a little different from the anointing received for the other offices. We read in Psalm 133, that the anointing oil was poured upon the head of Aaron, and that it flowed down over him even to the hem of his garment. Every member of his body came under the anointing oil. This is a beautiful type of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit which we may all receive. This anointing was not confined to Jesus our living Head, but flowed down over His body, which is the church. It reaches every member, and is for you and me. We may not all receive a prophetic anointing but the priestly anointing is surely for all.

The work of the priest is twofold. He was first to be God's representative before man and man's representative before God. As God's representative, he teaches man his need of a sacrifice for sin, and God's acceptance of the same. He constrains man to accept Christ who is his sacrifice; and as man's representative before God he intercedes for him in a life of intercessory prayer. Oh, that we had more God-anointed priests today who know how to pray. The priest's work, however, did not stop here. He was also to offer sacrifices. We read in Hebrews 8, that every priest is ordained of God to offer gifts and sacrifices unto God, and that without a sacrifice there was no need of a priest. Today we do not offer bulls and goats and the sacrifices offered by the priests of old, nevertheless God has given us sacrifices to be offered which are well pleasing in His sight. What are they? "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to God." Hebrews 13:15, 16. People often complain because we are so noisy, but my friends we cannot be quiet. God has anointed us to offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually. As Jesus said, if we were to keep silent the very stones would cry out. It is a part of our ministry to keep worshiping God continually, and lifting Him up that others may see Him.

We are also told in verse 16, to offer another sacrifice, "But to do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." In Phil. 4:18 Paul says, "But I have all and abound, I am full having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you an odor of sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable well pleasing to God." A sacrifice of temporal means which God has given to us. I believe the Pentecostal people are the most liberal people in the world, and many wonder why. It is because we have been anointed of God to give, to offer sacrifices as we minister in the priestly office. Romans 12:1 gives us another sacrifice to be offered. "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service, and be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

I was much impressed with a short article which recently appeared in our *Pentecostal Evangel*. Dr. James M. Gray in a service one evening expounded Romans 12:1. Leaning over the pulpit he said, "Have you noticed that this verse does not tell us to whom we should give our bodies? It is not the Lord Jesus who asked for it—He had his own body. It is not the Father who asked for it—He

remains upon His throne. Another has come to earth without a body. God could have made a body for Him as He did for Jesus, but He did not do so. God gave you and me the privilege and honor of presenting our bodies to the Holy Spirit to be His dwelling place on the earth." It will cost you something but it is well worth the price. We have asked the Lord for His anointing and He has given it. Have we been faithful in the office to which He anointed us?

#### *The Kingly Anointing*

Kings are anointed to rule. The Holy Spirit has come upon our life to make us overcomers. Jesus our King of kings has commanded us to overcome, even as He has overcome; and has given us the Holy Spirit to enable us to fulfill this command. The word overcome means to conquer, to gain the victory and have full power over our enemies. The enemies so clearly set forth in God's Word and so completely mastered by Christ while He was on earth are the world, the flesh and the devil and his hosts of wicked spirits—the powers of evil. By that we mean the bad things men do to us and say about us, and the evil environments or conditions in which we find ourselves from time to time. I mean the way we are affected by these enemies, attractions, and allurements of the world, the lustings and weaknesses of the flesh, the temptations of the devil, what people say about us, and the conditions in which we live. Oh! that we might be kings to rule over these things instead of bowing in subjection to them, that we might realize that the life to which God has called us and for which He has anointed us is to be a separated life, a holy life, a restricted life. "Others may, you cannot, is a faithful saying."

Often you may wonder why you cannot do certain things. It is because you have been made a king. There is an old French proverb that teaches a spiritual lesson. "The real nobility are above the mean, petty actions that smaller men might indulge in." The royal blood in a king's veins obligates him to live a life of justice, honesty, and purity, a life given to others, a life so restricted that it affects even his domestic relations.

We have seen an illustration of this in England recently. Most men could have married Mrs. Simpson and no one would have given it a thought, but when Edward VIII wanted to marry her, the world was stirred. Why? Because he was a king. He must be an example. He was the moral standard of the nation. When he insisted on indulgence, it cost him his kingdom. If this is true of earthly kings, how much more of God's kings. My friends, may we walk worthy of the high and holy calling wherein we are called, realizing that we cannot do what others do. We cannot stoop to the mean and petty actions of

smaller men. We must rule and reign victorious in life through the power of the Holy Ghost who has been given to us to enable us to live above these things, and to make us worthy to rule and reign with Christ throughout eternity. Let us live in the power of God's anointing, faithfully serving him in the office He has placed us in.

"Time is the gift of God, its duration uncertain, its loss irreparable, therefore spend it to the glory of God."

#### *Patience*

You need never to take a step in the dark. If you do, you are sure to make a mistake. Wait, *Wait, WAIT* till you have light. Remind the Lord Jesus that as He is Counsellor to the Church of God, He will be in your particular case Counsellor and Guide, and will direct you. And if you patiently wait, believingly, expectantly wait, you will find that the waiting is not in vain, and that the Lord will prove Himself a Counsellor, both wise and good.—George Muller.

#### *It Shall Be So*

The Hebrew word for faith is that from which comes the word "Amen." And what is the meaning of Amen? Not "let it be so," but "It shall be so," which is much more emphatic. If at the end of my prayer I say "Amen," meaning "Let it be so," I am simply adding another petition. But if I mean, "It shall be so," then on the ground of God's promise, and my asking in the name of Jesus Christ, my "Amen" is a prophecy.

"Faith is an affirmation and an act  
That bids eternal truth be fact."

Some things are so simple that they almost defy definition and analysis. Faith is so simple that to define and analyze it involves the danger of losing sight of its simplicity. Abraham said to God, when God made a promise, however impossible it might seem: "It shall be so." "Blessed is she that believed; for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord." "Sara . . . judged him faithful who had promised." And Paul said in the shipwreck, "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." And if you will accept it, this is all there is in faith—saying in your heart to any word of God: "It shall certainly be so."—A. T. Pierson.

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# The Sunday School Lesson

## The Last Days of Moses

Lesson for September 26. Lesson Text: Numbers 20:7-13; 27:12-14; Deut. 34:1-8; Luke 9:28-31.

**The Sin of Murmuring.** The Lord let Israel be tried. An hour came when there was no water for the congregation. Said George Muller, "Trials are the food of faith." When you are tried it is just an occasion of proving God and His faithfulness. He bids us, "Prove me now." Mal. 3:10. What was the attitude of the people? The Septuagint states, "They reviled Moses." They murmured, "Wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us unto this evil place." How forgetful Israel was of the many benefits bestowed each day. Let us not be ungrateful and murmur, but let us follow the example of David who said, "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

**Inquiring of the Lord.** Moses and Aaron went to the tabernacle and there the glory of the Lord appeared. It was the presence of the Lord that was the glory. And He spoke to Moses, "Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock."

**Imperfect Obedience.** Did Moses hearken diligently on that occasion and implicitly follow the word of the Lord as he had done so often? It does appear as if at this time Moses failed to give implicit heed to the exact words that God spoke—a warning to us who have the same tendency to fail God as did Moses, to heed most carefully every word that God has spoken, and yield implicit obedience. For every word He speaks is with power.

**Speaking Unadvisedly with His Lips.** Moses was disturbed by the continual murmuring of the children of Israel, and his spirit was provoked. He said to the people, "Hear me, ye rebels! Can we bring water to you out of this rock?" Verse 10, Sept. God said to Moses that he was to speak to the rock, and the waters would flow out. Was Moses looking at himself and at Aaron and at their inability, instead of remembering the word of promise which God had spoken? How often we have been guilty of saying, "Can we?" We do not have to look at ourselves and our inability, but at the promise of Him who cannot fail. He says to us, "I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" And in humility He invites

us, saying, "Concerning the work of my hands, command ye me."

**The Smitten Rock.** Instead of speaking to the rock, Moses smote it twice. Moses was doubtless thinking of the time when God had told him to smite the rock at Rephidim. Now he did what he had done formerly, instead of obeying the new instructions just received from the Lord. It is a mistake we are all inclined to make.

**Speak to the Rock.** That rock was a wonderful picture of our precious Jesus who says

tion. He assures us that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Moses is commended in Hebrews as one who was faithful. He is a blessed type of the Lord Jesus, but not one character of the Old Testament was a perfect type of our Lord. All lacked the absolute perfection of our precious Jesus.

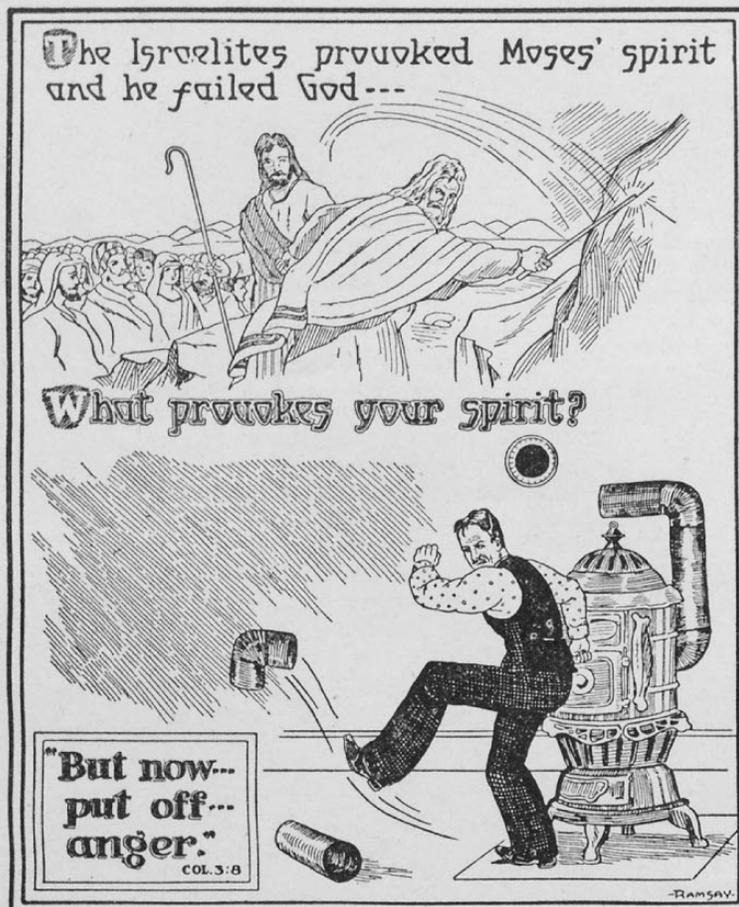
**Strong to the End.** From Pisgah's height he was enabled to see the whole of the promised land which God had given by promise to Abraham. On this mountain Moses died and the Lord buried him. It is a good thing nobody knows where he was buried, for it would only mean one more of those abominable religious shrines an apostate church would erect, which idolatrous people would visit with great sanctimoniousness, thinking they were getting great merit by making a pilgrimage to the place. What a magnificent old man Moses was even to the last. Though 120 years of age "His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated." The God of Israel who preserved him even to the last has promised to be our preserver and keeper. Psalm 121:1-8.

**The Death of the Righteous.** When Balaam prophesied against Israel he said, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!" But Balaam coveted the wages of unrighteousness and became an apostate. He was killed in battle. His death is in striking contrast to the death of Moses, the servant of Jehovah. The widow of Peter Cartwright the Evangelist went to church one day and gave her testimony, saying, "The past three weeks have been the happiest of all my life; I am waiting for the chariot." At the close of the service she did not rise with the rest. Going to her seat the minister solemnly said, "The chariot has arrived." The spirit of this saint had flown to Him who gave it. Said Paul, "To depart, and be with Christ . . . is far better." Benjamin Franklin wrote the epitaph that has been placed on his tomb: "The body of Benjamin Franklin, printer, like

the cover of an old book, its contents torn out and stripped of its lettering and gilding, lies here, food for worms. Yet the work itself shall not be lost, but it will, as he believed, appear once more in a new and more beautiful edition, corrected and amended by the Author."

**Moses in the Land.** When our Lord Jesus Christ was transfigured before His disciples, there appeared with Him two of Israel's greatest prophets, Moses and Elijah. That scene on the transfiguration mount speaks to us of an hour that is coming when our precious Lord shall appear in glory, and all His saints shall appear with Him. Those who like Moses have died, and those that are alive and like Elijah have been caught up to be with their Lord. We know not what hour our Lord may come. Let us always be on the watch lest He should come suddenly and

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to us, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." This Rock was smitten for us at Calvary and there is a plenteous stream of the water of life, of the blessed Spirit of the Lord, for each one of us. We have but to ask, and He will give. He invites us to ask, saying to us, "Let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice." There came from the rock in the wilderness an abundance of water, and from our precious Lord there comes to us life in abundance.

**A Faithful Servant.** God was gracious to Moses and preserved him most wonderfully until the end. Let us not put special emphasis on the one failure in the life of Moses, for who among us has not failed the Lord a thousand times? If He should mark iniquity who could stand? But, thank God, there is with Him forgiveness and a plenteous redemp-

# The Passing and the Permanent

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

## THE KINGS OF THE EAST

We read in Rev. 16:12 that "the kings of the east" will have a part in the great Battle of Armageddon. Is there not a foreshadowing of this dread event in Japan's brutal rape of China?

## CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Martin Niemoeller, former German Submarine commander, now an earnest minister of the Gospel, imprisoned recently for his stand against Nazi religious policies, was due to appear for trial more than a week ago but his trial was suddenly postponed indefinitely. Let us pray for our German brethren during this time of crisis!

## ISRAEL'S HUMILIATION

Writes Ernest Gordon in *Sunday School Times*: "The last word in humiliation is that which a Berlin ordinance affixes to Jews. They are no longer allowed to be even rag-pickers. This humble trade, in which so many in the past got their 'start,' is now reserved for Aryans decorated with a green band on the arm."

## THE BIBLE FOR RUSSIA

According to *Revelation*, Bible societies have demanded permission from the Soviet government for the importation of Bibles into Russia. The customs authorities have answered that Bibles and other religious books can be introduced into Russia only in languages that are not spoken in Russia, such as French, English or Dutch. All who purchase such Bibles must pay the customs fee, which amounts to about \$1.20 a volume, and this must be paid in foreign currency.

## WAR-FEAR

Said Philip Gibbs, noted journalist: "Get rid of fear, and I believe the world would be a safer place." But the nations of the world are poisoned by fear, and fear is about to bring forth its destructive harvest. Said Bernard M. Baruch: "The nations of the world are marching again down the same old road that led to 1914." And war is inevitable when war is glorified, as in Mussolini's saying, "War is to man what maternity is to a woman."

The only happy people are those who wait for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

## LYING SPIRITS

*Dawn* reports that at a private congress of the Occultists in Ascona, Switzerland, the project of building a convent for mediums was discussed, where they could be free to develop their psychic gifts. Many of the younger generation of Jews, especially in England and America, are turning to Spiritualism. A Jewish Society for Psychical Research has been formed in London. The spiritualists have issued a pamphlet to every home in Iceland with a purported revelation from Christ in which He disclaims His Divinity, denies that He is the Son of God, and indignantly repudiates any thought of being a Saviour. Paul warns us that in the last days, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to such seducing of spirits and doctrine of demons.

## SCRAP-IRON IN PROPHECY

It is reported that, along with the demand for metals caused by the "war boom," trade in scrap iron and steel has increased to an unprecedented figure. Rusted bed springs, old stoves, antiquated farm machinery and other metal junk is being sold abroad at great profit, for munitions purposes. The greatest quantity of scrap ever exported was over half a million tons in 1929. Last year exports were around two million tons. Immense quantities are being shipped to Japan. When Jesus comes nations will turn their weapons into scrap-iron, which will be beaten into instruments of agriculture. Isa. 2:4.

## MENTAL DEGENERATION

Some modern writers ascribe the present religious decline to the fact that people are thinking for themselves. But what are the facts? According to *America*, "A professor of psychology announced that the American people have three large 'flop-houses' where they let their minds go to sleep. These are the radio, the moving picture and the 'pulp' magazine. We have 28,000,000 radios in this country, and every month we buy about 15,000,000 pulps. As for the moving picture, reports the professor, if it 'is pitched above the mental age of twelve' we refuse to patronize it, and the producer loses his money."

## Questions and Answers

*What does Psalm 69:9 mean where it says, "For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up"?*

It means that desire that God might be glorified in the place of worship was so great in Jesus that it was a consuming passion, more to Him than his necessary food, even than life itself. It is the same spirit out of which revivals are born. We may talk about revivals all we choose and hold evangelistic campaigns, but until desire to see God glorified in saving of souls, healing the sick, and in Holy Ghost worship, becomes a consuming passion our talk will be largely empty words.

*Why did Jesus say to His mother, "Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come"? John 2:4.*

The sentence is rendered in the Pulpit Commentary as follows, "What is there to thee and me, O woman? Mine hour has not yet come." Adam Clarke renders it, "Oh woman, what is this to thee and me?" There seems no disrespect shown in the sentence. For the use of this word "woman" see Matt. 15:28; John 4:21; 19:26; 20:15. Here I quote again, "Almost all commentators seem to suggest that our Lord refused to be guided by a mother's direction; that he wished her to understand that He was breaking off from her control and from that silent submission which He had hitherto willingly yielded." That there was nothing unkind in His words we may be assured because of the confident instruction given by Mary to the servants immediately after, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."—E. S. W.

## BACK TO THE INQUISITION

"In Argentina the currents of political influence are many and strong, but the tendency towards a virtual dictatorship seems to predominate," comments *Alliance Weekly*. "A movement which is attracting considerable attention is a form of Fascism closely united with Roman Catholicism. Violent articles have been published by this movement against all evangelicals, and "the incomparable antiseptic of the Inquisition" is advocated.

The unhallowed union of Church and State generally means persecution for those who believe in the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## IN THE LAND OF CHALDEA

The *Christian Herald* reports that a firm has been selected by the Iraq Government to undertake the construction of a barrage across the river Tigris at Kut, and then to dig a canal, connecting the Tigris with a smaller river, which runs through the heart of Iraq—the traditional Garden of Eden—to reach almost to Ur of the Chaldees—Abram's native city. The work will cost upwards of five millions of dollars, and will take three years to complete it. It is hoped that this desert waste, once the site of the kingdom of Babylonia, by this undertaking, will once more become a fertile and habitable country.

## A "WAY TO GOD"

Many Jews are becoming alarmed at the failure of the Synagogue to meet the needs of Jewry. Witness the following words found in *Jewish Chronicle*: "No religion can exist that does not put God in the central place. That is surely axiomatic! The more spiritually-minded among us drift away to Christian Science and other religions because these, however erroneous in their doctrines, do offer them that 'Way to God' which they have failed to find among us. The children are seeking something to satisfy their emotional, imaginative and spiritual cravings, while we are feeding them on the intricacies of Hebrew grammar, facts of history or a little desultory ethics. What results can we hope for? If we want to stop the drift, we must make Judaism once more a 'Way to God.'"

Oh that Israel would heed the word of Him who declared: "No man cometh unto the Father but by me." He alone is "the Way" to God.

## REVIVAL IN MEXICO

The following report is from *World Dominion*. Walter Montano, a converted Roman Catholic, has been preaching the Gospel in Mexico, with great acceptance. President Cardenas sent him a warm welcome to the country and the Minister of Public Health seconded it. The meetings were held in Mexico City and many other towns. Everywhere there were great crowds and many conversions. In the Presbyterian Church in Mexico City, once a Franciscan chapel, 1,500 people gathered night after night,—high army officers, government officials, and even Roman priests among them. "When I told the story of my own conversion more than a hundred came forward, crying to God for the pardon of their sins. Professor Camargo stated that many had come full of pride and even hatred toward the Evangelicals. At the close of the service not a few were crying like children, among them an army general. They came to me saying, 'I am a Catholic, but I know nothing about life eternal and I now accept Christ.'"

# The Gospel in Foreign Lands

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## NEWS FROM WAR-TORN CHINA

### A Letter from W. W. Simpson

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus to you who have so nobly stood with us in prayer and financial support during the past trying months, while the fate of our Kansu work was hanging in the balance. When we learned that the Communist hordes from Szechuan had actually crossed the Tibetan wilderness and had entered Kansu near Minchow, we feared it would be the end of the entire work. Knowing what they had done in other parts of China we naturally supposed they would massacre the believers and destroy their places of worship.

When we learned from letters which finally came through the zone of fire that all our buildings in Minchow were burned, our fears were confirmed. We dared to hope only that some few Christians would escape to tell the horrible tale of fierce persecution, outrage, and death. "But God who is rich in mercy" proved to be far greater than our fears. In marvelous ways He protected His own, suffering them to be "tried by fire" only so much as was good for them to prove their faith and purify them from worldliness. Much of their worldly possessions were burned up and destroyed but their lives were spared for further service. Only one or two so far as we know lost their lives during those two months of the Communist occupation of our Kansu field.

Our Minchow buildings with all they contained were burned, not by Communists as we had supposed, but by Government troops under the command of General Lu Ta Chang, whom I have known for many years. His plea was military necessity, saying that he was compelled to destroy all buildings outside the city wall to prevent the besieging Communists using them for cover.

Our famine children, twenty-four in number, including twelve

blind, had to flee by night between the two armies with bullets falling like hail around them but none were hurt. Led by two of our workers they reached the assembly hall in Hsishe Chuang, but lost everything except the thin summer clothes they wore. Since food, clothes and money were all burned, these poor children had to suffer untold privations all winter long. Through the kindness and generosity of you dear people in the favored homeland, I was able to send them sufficient for the bare necessities of life, but often they had to beg for a little bread. Some left and found homes with relatives, three died from the cold and hunger, so now only ten blind ones are left.

My cousin, Miss Bertha Robberson, has kindly undertaken the responsibility of caring for these children. We continue to support them as the Lord enables us. All money that has been sent to us for the relief of the famine sufferers in our Kansu field has been forwarded as soon as received and distributed among those in the greatest need.

We still have forty assemblies in Kansu, of which half are receiving no financial assistance. The entire amount needed to keep these assemblies going, paying rents and aiding them in supporting their preachers so the gospel may spread in the surrounding regions is \$2.00 each per month on the average. As the older assemblies

become self-supporting new ones will be formed. Thus \$40.00 per month (\$480.00 per year) will insure the evangelization of Central and South Kansu with a population of about four millions. It will also cost me \$20.00 per month to continue the Tibetan work for which I am responsible.

Our work in Honan Province is very promising. There are about two hundred believers, two preachers and a student evangelist there now and they are doing excellent work in evangelizing a very populous region. We hope to open other places soon and extend the work throughout the ten counties north of the Yellow River. Being located on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, it is easy for me to visit them occasionally and hold conventions and see that the work is carried on along Scriptural lines.

Since it is becoming more difficult for missionaries to work in the interior of China, the work of evangelizing the country has now to be done more and more by the Chinese Christians. The Truth Bible Institute has been established by the North China District Council for the training of the native Christians who feel called into the work of the Lord. The first term of school closed May 30 with an enrollment of fifty students. Before long the district will be reaping the benefit of these trained native workers. No doubt the training of Chinese evangelists, pastors, and teachers will be my chief work in China henceforth.



Some of the Chinese and Tibetan Christians at Hwangyuan on the Tibetan border not far from Minchow where the Communist armies made their devastating march. This picture was sent in by Mr. and Mrs. Plymre, who can be seen in the middle of the back row.

The second year of the Truth Bible Institute will begin this fall. We are hoping for a hundred students from all parts of the East, wherever the Mandarin language is spoken, to take our two years' intensive course of Bible study in preparation for effective work in the speedy evangelization of all who speak Chinese. Many want to come to take this training, some from