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The Life of Victory Through Jesus Christ

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AND the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: but lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it; and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea." Ex. 14:15, 16.

"Why do you ask Me to do it? Do it yourself," God was saying, in reality, to Moses. "Stretch out your rod and divide the sea." In other words, Moses had said to God, "You do it"; but God answered Moses, "No, you do it." A glance through the Bible or Christian biography multiplies instances of this: take account of the lives of Jeremiah, Gideon, Hudson Taylor, and others like them.

Man starts on the Christian highway with much of the graveclothes of the Fall still upon him. Separation from God has been a stark reality to him; he knows the weakness of the flesh; visible lack and need are more real to him than invisible fullness and supply.

But to those who have ears to hear and hearts set to follow comes a new word: "Say not, I am a child." "Go in this thy might." Say not, I am weak, I am carnal, I am needy, I am earthy. Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead. Understand that the Lord is joined unto you, one spirit. Understand that you have the mind of Christ. Understand that the life of Christ is ever flowing in and through you as the sap of the vine through the branches. You do not need to keep asking for what you already have. You do not need to sing, "I need Thee, oh I need Thee." Sing, "I

have Thee, oh I have Thee." Never waste breath by asking Him to be near you, who is already within you, joined to you in such a union that you and He are described as "one spirit."

Do not cry for what you already have, but use it, use it. "Wherefore criest thou unto me? . . . stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it." Speak out the word of faith. Exercise the authority of God.

Christ spoke such a word as this. He spoke it once to a fig tree, "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever." Mk. 11:14. Next day Peter noted that it had withered, and he commented, "Master, be-

hold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away." Now note what Christ said, in effect: "You go and do the same. I spoke the word of authority with which I am equipped by the indwelling Father (John 14:10). Now you speak it also." His actual words were, "Have the faith of God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; . . . he shall have whatsoever he saith."

"Have the faith of God" is the literal rendering, as in the margin of the Authorized Version, and this conveys the vital meaning more clearly than just "Have faith in God," as in the Authorized Version text.

The words, to "have faith in God" means to many just a reliance on the ability of God in His heaven and a leaving it to Him to do it. But to "have the faith of God" means to recognize an indwelling God (as Jesus did in the instance cited above), to realize that we have His mind, and that by the inspiration of His Spirit we speak forth with our human lips the word of believing faith, of authority, just as He did when He said, "Let there be light: and there was light," or as the Lord Jesus did in the above incident. And we are told in Romans 4:17 the characteristic of the faith of God, who "calleth those things which be not as though they were." We are to do the same.

Thus Christ said, "Say unto this mountain." "Say," not "pray." The word is most significant. The thought is not that prayer should be omitted—for the Word counsels us to pray. *Prayer* is the attitude of one who has not and (Continued on Page Seven)

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"Our Father"

Harry J. Steil at the
Oregon State Camp



"Lord, teach us to pray as John also taught his disciples," entreated the disciples on one occasion. Jesus responded, "When ye pray, say Our Father." The Lord Jesus delighted in ever speaking about the Father. His first recorded utterance, at twelve years of age, is "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" All through His earthly life He constantly referred to the Father. Take your Bible and concordance and see for yourself how many scores of times He did so. And His dying words were, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." Upon arising from the dead He said, "Touch Me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father: but go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father; unto My God, and your God." His very last words, before ascending into the glory from Mt. Olivet were, "Wait for the promise of the *Father*, which ye have heard of Me." Father! Father! Father! The thrilling word rings through all our Lord's earthly sayings. It is the theme around which He built all His ministry and message. He summed it up succinctly in John 16:28: "I came forth from the *Father*, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the *Father*." Father! Father!

When ye pray, say "Our Father!"

Who has the right to pray "Our Father"? The modernist preachers declare that all men have this right. They prate of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. "God made us all, so He is the Father of us all," they say; even although on other occasions they own a monkey or a microbe as their original forebears! The Scripture teaching is clear that we have only the right to call Him our Father by *re-creation*, by redemption in Christ Jesus. In Gal. 4:4-7 St. Paul enumerates four of the cardinal New Testament doctrines.

1. Incarnation—"But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman."

2. Redemption—"To redeem them that were under the law."

3. Adoption—"That we might receive the adoption of sons."

4. Heirship through Christ—"And if a son, then an heir of God *through Christ*." The last two words need emphasis! It is only *through Christ*, through His redemption, His atonement, here mentioned that God becomes "*Our Father*." Again, notice John 1:12. "But as many as received Him (Christ), to them gave He power to become the *sons of God*."

In the 8th chapter of John is recorded, our Lord's conflict with the theologians of His day—the scribes and the Pharisees. Notice how the one theme Father! Father! resounds through our Lord's talk in this chapter. Christ here charges that they seek to kill Him, because He came to reveal the Father to them. They repudiate His claim and say, "We have Abraham to our Fa-

ther," i. e. God is our Father, not through you (you are a usurper) but through Abraham. God is thus our Father by our racial connection with Abraham. Jesus replied, "Ye are of your father the devil." Was not their ancient error—claiming God as the Father because of racial relationship—quite like the Modernist error—claiming God as the Father of all, because all are of the human race? And does not our Lord's condemnation of the ancient error—exactly fit the modern error? "Ye are of your father the devil!" God is not our Father by natural generation. But He does become our Father by *re-creation*.

In the 15th chapter of Luke we have what I call "Christ's Picture of the Loving Heavenly Father." That is just what the Lord Jesus wants us to see in it. Notice verse 20. "When he was yet a long way off, the Father saw him." The Father had been patiently, lovingly waiting for this moment of the prodigal's return. H. W. Brown once held a meeting in a Wisconsin town. When waiting for his train to depart he noticed one of the old men of the church where he had preached, standing on the station platform, anxiously scanning the faces of all passengers alighting from the incoming trains. Upon Brown's inquiry, the old father explained, "Mr. Brown, my boy left home in anger, but I am waiting for him to return." Twelve years later, Brown again come to that station and there he saw the aged father, still waiting, waiting, on the cold platform. It was a bitter winter day. His heart went out in love and pity for the heartsick old man, and going to him, he inquired tenderly, "Are you still waiting for that boy to return?" "Yes, Mr. Brown," was the reply, "I's still waiting for my boy to come home." Just then, both men noticed a young man striding toward them and with a glad cry, the old father ran toward him and tearfully embraced him. Then joyfully he returned, and said, "Mr. Brown, this is my boy, whom I've been waiting for these twelve long years. I would have waited until I died, if my boy had not come back." Thus the heavenly Father waited, and, "While he was yet a long way off, the father saw him, and had *compassion*."

We must pause here. This word *compassion* needs our undivided attention. It means "to feel with" or "to suffer with." The Father *suffered* when the boy suffered the pangs of hunger and distress in "the far country." The Father suffered with the boy as the pangs of sin and shame and remorse wracked the lad's soul. He had "*compassion*." It is amazing to me, how little of our theology and hymnology is devoted to thanking the Father for His part in Redemption's Plan. See for yourself. Take your hymn book and find if you can a hymn that exalts the Father! Practically all are given over to exalting the beloved Son. Needless to state, we cannot exalt the Son too much for His

part in Salvation's Plan, but why not include the Father in the praise? Was His part less? Let Paul answer. Hark!

"God (the Father) was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them." Paul is here referring to Christ's reconciliation of man to God through the "At-one-ment," the atonement. 2 Cor. 5:19. And he declares, God was there too, on that rugged cross. God *suffered with, felt with*, had "*compassion*." In the city of Denver an aged man lay dying. A skillful doctor sat by the bedside, baffled at the dying man's condition. Finally the doctor said to the dying man: "Friend, I believe you know you are dying, so I shall not be alarming you, when I tell you so. But your case puzzles me. I have carefully examined you and there is not a single thing wrong with any of your vital organs. I have come to the conclusion that you are dying of grief—dying of a broken heart. Am I right?"

"You are correct, doctor," responded the dying man. "Twenty years ago my beloved son committed a crime. The circumstances were such that I might as easily be suspected of the crime as he. Therefore I counseled him to say nothing and I ran away from home, thus drawing the suspicion of the police officials upon myself instead of him. For twenty years I have been a fugitive and a wanderer. For twenty years I have not embraced my wife or children nor seen my home. It has been too much for me to bear. My heart is breaking under the strain." Thus that good man died. Is not this a feeble picture of the "*compassion*" of our heavenly Father? "God was in Christ—reconciling the world unto Himself." No wonder we may reverently pray, "Our Father."

"The Father said to his servants, . . . This my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost and is found. And they began to be merry." Luke 15:23, 24. He is not only a compassionate Father—He is a *seeking* Father. Thus He came seeking His first lost son in the Garden of Eden, crying, "Adam, where art thou?" This is not the stern cry of a pursuing policeman after a criminal; it is not the vengeful cry of a criminal; it is not the vengeful cry of a relentless judge, wanting to burn guilty Adam to a crisp in judgment fires! Rather it is the loving heart cry of an anguished parent seeking his lost child. The whole Book, from Genesis to Revelation, is the story of that search. In Genesis we read of Paradise lost—in Revelation we see Paradise regained. In Genesis God cries to His lost children, "Where art thou?"—in Revelation He cries "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God." Rev. 21:3. The long, long search is finished—the lost has been found—and is safely nestled in the bosom of the Father—"Our Father!"

During the Civil War, a godly Quaker father, living in Pennsylvania, received word that his son's regiment had been in action. He had a premonition that the boy had fallen in battle, so he drove his horse and buggy day and night until he arrived at the Union encampment. Inquiring for his boy's regiment and company he learned from the captain that the boy was reported as among the missing. Night had fallen, but the old father took a lantern in one hand, water and first aid supplies in the other, and went out upon the battlefield calling for his son. "John Hartmann, thy father calleth thee," he cried. Wounded, dying boys would cry out to him eagerly, saying, "Oh, I wish you were my father." Stooping over quiet, unconscious forms, he would hold the lantern to their face, seeking to identify his own dear boy. At length, in answer to that father's cry, "John Hartmann, thy father calleth thee," he heard a feeble response, and he rushed to the side of his wounded boy. Tenderly he ministered first aid and drink to the boy and then picking him up in his arms he carried him back behind the lines. Receiving permission, he took the lad home and there tenderly nursed him back to health and strength. Has not our heavenly Father done this for us? Did He not find us sin-sick and wounded on life's battlefield and has He not restored us? "This my son was . . . lost, and is found."

Now, being safe in the Father's house, we begin to experience His Fatherly authority. Be sure to read Heb. 12:3-15 in connection with this thought of the fatherhood of God and our sonship. We begin to experience His hand of discipline. "For whom the Lord loveth, He giveth lollipops, and gumdrops to every son whom He receiveth." Is that the way it reads? Ah no! "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth . . . but if ye be without chastisement, . . . then are ye bastards, and not sons." Heb. 12:6-8. In these days of moral laxity and spiritual compromise, there exists a tendency to shirk discipline and correction. "We are free," people cry, "We have liberty" (what they mean is they are taking license—licentious). When faithful shepherds of the flock endeavor to minister correction to such they cry, "You don't have the spirit of love . . . we'll go elsewhere. We'll go to Brother So-and-so's church. He loves the folks." Ah, but it's a false love that refuses to deal with sin and ungodliness—for, "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him." Chastening draws us closer to God. It need not drive us away from Him.

When I was a school boy I sometimes brought home a rather unfavorable monthly report, which I had to show to my father.

He would then extend to me the rare privilege of going out to fetch him a stick with which he would chasten me. I learned very soon, that if I attempted to get away from him when he was wielding the rod, he could easily overtake me, also, that putting distance between us enabled him to wield the rod with full-armed strokes, whereas, if I crowded as closely to him as possible—he could only administer short light strokes. Divine chastening should have this effect upon us. It should draw us closer to the heart of the Father—"Our Father."

Numerous passages in the New Testament reveal the fact that there are three persons in the Godhead, Father, Son, and

His anointed?" God will declare the decree: "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. . . . Be wise now therefore, O ye kings; . . . kiss the Son." Plainly, the Millennium is the Dispensation of the Son.

But when the age of ages succeeds the Millennium. Eph. 2:7; 3:21. Then we shall witness the Dispensation of the Father, and Jesus the Son, will realize the dearest ambition of His heart, when He sees us properly appreciating and exalting the Father—His Father—"Our Father."

Read prayerfully 1 Cor. 15:24-28. "Then cometh the end (what end? the end of the Dispensation of the Son), when He (the Son) shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father, when (or "after") He (the Son) shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For He (the Son) must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."

Do we appreciate the meaning here? All of the Father's Creation—not merely on this little pin speck of an earth, but the whole universe, which was marred by sin and the curse—all of it—must be recovered—regenerated—by the atoning work of the Son. (This is not the Restorationism of certain teaching, for the Scriptures teach that the realm of the lost (Rev. 20:15) will be eternally full of Christ-rejectors and rebels against God.)

"And when all things shall be subdued unto Him (the Son), then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him (the Father) that put all things under Him, that God (the Father) may be all in all." In that glad day Jesus, the Son will join us, as we, the eternally redeemed, shall address God as "Our Father."

WISE WORDS

from the lips of J. W. Welch

Practice yielding to the Spirit.

Make new committals to the Lord each day.

There is no victory in running away from anything.

If you fight the wrong it will fight you. Get behind the right and push it.

You talk to God about power and He will talk to you about purity.

The human spirit is the seat of pride which hinders the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ there is everything to supply the lack in your life—if you believe for it.

There is no basis for judging a matter unless we have all the facts in the case. There are two sides to everything.

Pray that God will melt the people and get them into a condition of sympathy and accord with one another. Do not fret or fume, or whip the people; but pray, PRAY.

The more active people are the less liable they are to backslide; but activity can also be overdone.

All difficulties between believers grow out of a lack of understanding and perception of the truth.

There are two aspects to the life of victory: the inner hidden life and the outer life. If you live in communion with God in the inner life, you will have victory in your outer life. In the inner life you will imbibe refreshment from the Lord; you will assume an indescribable something—a sort of fragrance; and you will come away with definite fruit.

Holy Ghost. 2 Cor. 13:14; Matt. 28:19. This present age, dating from Pentecost, might well be called the Dispensation of the Spirit. A careful study of John 16:7-15 will reveal this. It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to "receive the things of Christ and shew them unto us." He, the Spirit, glorifies Christ.

This Dispensation of the Spirit will end when the Heavenly Eliezer, the Holy Spirit, shall have conducted the raptured Bride, the Church, into the presence of Christ the Bridegroom. Then, the Dispensation of the Son, will begin—the Millennial reign of Christ! The second Psalm makes this clear, as does Isa. 9:6-7. "Unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder." "Why do the heathen rage, and the rulers take counsel together, against

The Blessedness of Trial

Have you ever thought that some day you will never have anything to try or anybody to vex you again? There will be no opportunity in that happy realm to learn or to show the spirit of patience, forbearance, and longsuffering. If you are ever to learn these things you must learn them now, and oh, when you shall see those glorious jewels shining in some one else's crown which were formed out of tears of sorrow and drops of blood, what would you not give to be able to live your life over again and win the recompense which can only come from trial and suffering?—Matthew Simpson.

Love's secret is to be always doing things for God, and not to mind because they are such very little things.—F. W. Faber.

"Seasoned With Salt"

Excerpts from the sermons of A. A. Wilson at the
Pentecostal Camp, St. Helena, California

Pentecostal Power

Philip didn't show a piece of paper; he showed signs and wonders. No one could have gone to Samaria and moved it without credentials from heaven.

The best way to advertise a meeting is to pray some one out of a wheel chair or off crutches, or change a wife-beater into a respectful husband.

There never was so much sham as there is in the world today. There are more Bibles, more preachers, more churches but less real religion than ever before.

Take Pentecost where you please, but when the fire of God falls people will find fault with it.

Modernism is religion with the miracles taken out.

God's answer to modernism is a genuine salvation, accompanied by the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire with the initial physical evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

From the top of my head to the soles of my feet I am a tongues-talking Pentecostal preacher. I belong to Gideon's Three Hundred. It was a tongues crowd that lapped up the water and went over the top.

The Gentile reign began with an image. The Gentile age will end with an image. The Church of Jesus Christ began with an outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost. The Church is going to end with a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost and fire.

In Acts 19 we read of a real Holy Ghost revival in Ephesus. Ten years later the apostle in writing to that church said, "Awake, thou that sleepest." And thirty-two years later the message given to John on Patmos to the church at Ephesus was, "I have somewhat against you because ye have lost your first love." Let this be a warning to the Pentecostal Movement today.

Hints for Preachers

I know there are dispensational lines in the Bible, but I believe that what will bless a Jew will not hurt a Gentile.

I preach some heavy points for those who like heavy thoughts, light points for those who are light, foolish things for the fools, and a few bones for the hounds that like something to pick over.

When we have learned the art of preaching we are a failure—if we don't still have to get alone and meditate on the Word and depend on God. Untrained David could meet Goliath while trained and uniformed men could not.

Sometimes a little child has the very thing that's needed by the whole congregation.

Wherever God has had a Moses He has had a Joshua in reserve.

Prayer

An unbeliever heard the sounds from the prayer room and said, "It sounds like a maternity ward." "That's exactly what it is," came the answer. "The saints are travailing that souls may be born into the kingdom."

When we Pentecostal people let our

knees become more tender than our hearts, we have reached a pretty bad condition.

God can go by beautiful buildings, stained glass windows, fine choirs and grand music, but never can He go over the prostrate form of an intercessor.

Samuel came to the world because he was asked for. Every child born into the kingdom has been asked for by some one. No preacher is wonderful because he happened to be the one to shake the bush that brought the fruit down to the altar. The pastor gets the sticks, puts them in order, and pours on the oil; then the evangelist comes along and puts a match to it. Folk say, "Isn't he wonderful? We need him as our pastor!" I never feel when folk are saved that it is because I was the preacher.

Faith

Many folk call on the doctor instead of the Lord because they live nearer to the doctor than the Lord.

Some people have more faith in a mail order catalogue than they have in the Word of God. They read it more than they read the Bible. They send off money for their order before seeing the goods. They give the company a week or more to answer when they will not give God one minute.

There are people who believe that a little crowd signifies holiness. If that be the case, then Peter was in an awful condition on the day of Pentecost!

There are two classes of Christians. Second-class Christians say, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee." First-class Christians say, "I will trust and not be afraid."

Humility

There is only one place for any one in the presence of God. It is the place of humility, bowed low before Him.

Where should His sheep be? At His feet to be taught; on His shoulder for support; at His side for fellowship; in His arms for care; beside the still waters for refreshment.

The Lord would dress us in the garments of humility. At lot of people try to wear spiritual clothes that do not look good on

them at all. Wear something your size that fits.

Sometimes He would have us wear the garment of obscurity. We like the lime-light; it hurts when folk do not know we are around. It's a bitter pill but a sweet one after it is assimilated.

You cannot buy a dress that will make you holy. "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ." Joel said, "Rend your hearts and not your garments." The day is passed when it is to be believed that the more slovenly you look the holier you are.

Satan

Some would make us believe there is no devil; but when I see so many little devils, I am compelled to believe there is a big devil.

After trying to martyr the church, the devil said, "I will have to get me some religion," so he bought himself a Bible and learned how to preach and how to act in church. The devil is not an old nasty being with a long tail, red eyes, long ears and a pitchfork. He comes today as an angel of light.

Some folk say that when God baptized them He took their heads off. They had better get them back on. We need ears to hear, eyes to see, and a nose to smell the devil with.

Some Practical Precepts

Daniel proved that boys and girls can live for God anywhere, and that pure water with a clear conscience is better than wine.

God discarded Saul because he did not utterly destroy Amalek; and years later Haman, descendant of Amalek, rose up against the people of Saul.

As Abraham on Moriah had wood and fire and also a costly sacrifice, let us be careful that we do not gloat over the fact that we believe in the Cross and in the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and fail to have a sacrifice.

I am not rigid on the question of immersion. If a man has religion in the head, pour a little water on top of his head. If he has religion in spots, sprinkle him. If he has it down in his soul, immerse him completely.

True repentance makes one so sorrowful that he turns from sin never to do it again.

This Present World

The post-millennialists who are trying to fix the world up in readiness for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ are making a mighty poor job of it.

The only way we will make the world a better place to live in is to live better Christian lives. God does not want His children running for mayor or handing out election cards. Christians may vote but should not waste a minute on politics.

One tremendous responsibility for us in Pentecost is to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. As the whale that swallowed Jonah got sick and was glad to get rid of him, so the nations that have tried to absorb the Jews are getting rid of them.

The World To Come

God has something better for us than

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broken hearts, sick bodies and disappointments. "In My Father's house are many mansions." Our citizenship is in heaven.

In figuring the dimensions of the New Jerusalem and deducing the approximate world population, it is estimated that there will be $8\frac{3}{4}$ acres for each one. Plenty of room, and we have the title deed already! Hallelujah!

We look "for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

It is a golden city, with golden streets, golden harps, golden melodies and golden crowns. The gates are open day and night. There is an abundant entrance into that city for them that love God.

There will be no separation in that city. Camp meetings close, and perhaps we part never to see each other again, but we shall meet together in glory.

China Responding to the Gospel

China is literally opening her arms to the gospel of Christ. Burdened with distress over the tragic invasion which is being waged by Japan, her people have turned with eagerness to the refuge which is promised in Christ. Most missionaries agree that war, while it has hindered their gospel work in many ways, has actually brought them more gains than losses. One missionary declares that far more people from all classes of society in China have accepted Christ as their Saviour during these nearly two years of war than in any other equal period of China's history.

Addressing a certain missionary body in Hankow a little over a year ago, Madame Chiang, wife of the Generalissimo of China, expressed profound gratitude for all the splendid service rendered by the missionaries to the suffering refugees and soldiers. China has suffered greatly through the war. A hundred million of her people have fled from their homes in a great westward trek; others have bravely stood by their homes in the face of enemy advances at great risk. Among those who have stood their ground have been many gospel missionaries, who have lingered at great personal danger in order to minister to the physical wounds of the people and use every opportunity for winning them to Christ. This self-sacrificing work has made a profound impression upon the people of China.

Said Madame Chiang to the missionary body: "The most effective and worth-while contribution which you have made to my country, is not so much the work itself as the spirit in which you have worked." Referring to members of Government who had formerly been anti-Christian, she said, "I am very glad to tell you that those who criticized you and criticized Christianity in years gone by, are now the ones who are most articulate in their praises of Christianity. You have won these men over by the work you have done, and by the spirit in which you have done it."

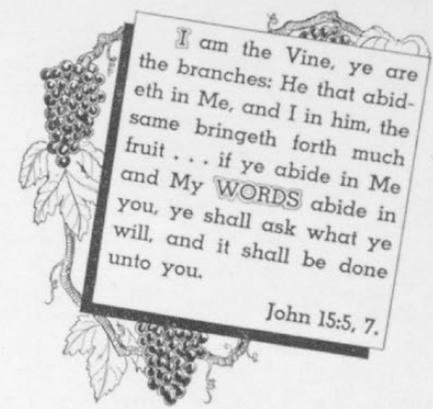
The foremost leaders of China today, according to *World Dominion*, are persons of sterling Christian character: Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-shek and his brilliant and devoted wife; Generals Feng-Yu-hsiang and Chang-hsun of the General Staff; General Shang-Chen, Commander-in-Chief in Kiangsi; General Chang-Chih-kiang, formerly one of General Feng's leading men; General Hwang, adviser to the Generalissimo; Surgeon-General Sie of the Army Medical Corps; H. H. Kung, Chairman of the Cabinet and Minister of Finance; Ernest Yin, Commissioner of Finance in Hunan, and many others.

Since these highly-respected leaders of the nation are out-and-out Christians, the hearts of the people are responsive to the gospel. They realize that it is the Spirit of Christ that makes their leaders different from the old type of selfish leaders, and they are ready to follow in their footsteps. Chinese hospital officials generally have welcomed the visits of missionaries and Chinese workers who have come to point the dying to the Saviour. In Nanchang, where twelve hospitals were visited regularly every week, several hundreds were saved and baptized. Multitudes of men, women, and children have taken shelter from the invaders in missionary compounds, and while there the missionaries have seized the opportunity to teach them about Jesus. As a result hundreds have been saved and many have returned home, taken down their family idols and publicly burned them.

Chiang-Kai-shek and Madame Chiang have, for years, made it their habit to spend an hour each morning studying the Bible together. They have already completed the study of the whole Bible in this way, and are started afresh. Recently Madame Chiang was asked how the Generalissimo could stand the strain of incessant fighting and the many apparent defeats. She replied, "If it were not for his daily morning watch I do not know how he could possibly have stood it."

General Feng-Yu-hsiang for a time leaned toward Communism. He went into retirement and seemed to give up Christianity. But today General Feng has returned to his former stand as a Christian. For some time it has been his habit to spend from one to one and a half hours each morning studying the Bible. While he was in Hankow last year he told a certain Chinese pastor that on three afternoons a week he was conducting a Bible study class for some of the members of the Government who desired to understand Christian truth.

General Chang-Chih-kiang combines with his official duties the work of an evangelist, and preaches the gospel clearly and with power to all classes of people. General Shang-Chen recently made a frank confession of his stand as a Christian. He said that some years ago he had been asked to affiliate himself with the Christian Church but he was thankful that he did not do so then, as at that time he was not a true Christian. "But," he added, "I am a Christian now." A true Christian, he considered, was one who knew that his sins had been put away and who knew something of the meaning of the Cross of Christ. "I am



appointed to be in charge of the several divisions of the army in this province, and of the defense of the province of Kiangsi," he said, "but what can I do? Yet if God is on our side, what can we not do?"

Not a little mission and church property has been destroyed, and in some cases Japanese troops are occupying mission premises and thus making it almost impossible to carry on the work. In addition, the flight of multitudes of Chinese people before the invaders has meant the dismemberment of a great many churches. However, new opportunities have been made for soul-winning. At the same time, in some places the missionaries have been able to remain during the fighting and when the tide of war was over their work has continued, often without any very serious hindrance from the Japanese victors. In fairness to them it ought to be said that there have been not a few instances where Japanese officers have gone out of their way to show courtesy and consideration to the missionaries and those who were taking refuge with them; and, in some cases, Japanese Christians among the troops have come to the Chinese services to join in Christian worship.

There is much for which we should praise God. Yet we must not fail to pray that China will open her arms yet wider to the gospel by individual repentance and consecration to Christ. Let us pray that much grace may be given to the missionaries in these trying days of confusion and bloodshed.

God's Guidance

Expect not to see your way always open before you, if you would walk by faith. When the Israelites were in the wilderness, they were led by God. They knew not when the cloud would arise and be the signal for them to move, whether it would be by day or by night. When they saw it arise they knew not in what direction nor how far it would go. Read the account in Numbers 9. So with us if we are led by God. To the eye of unbelief we shall at times seem to be losing time; at others, seem to be going backwards, it may be. But it is the Lord's way and will end in the promised land.—Hudson Taylor.

It is a great marvel of religion, that when a man comes to have his sight fixed on things *beyond*, he becomes more fit to attend to things that are *around*.

A Congo Martyr

By Jas. E. Mullan

One is often asked the questions: Do African natives really make sincere Christians? Do they not fall away in the face of persecution and temptation? I think one could best answer these questions by telling the following story of a very ordinary Luban lad who was converted, and in telling you of this one, let me say that he is not the exception, for I believe there are many others who have suffered and even died for their faith.

Pelese was born in the little Luban village of Monda (near Diheba). His section of the Luban tribe had been conquered by the Bene Kiofwe, a warlike section of the Bekalebwe tribe. How the Lubans hated their conquerors and oppressors has often been evidenced by the numerous fights between them and our Kiofwe carriers when we have been traveling through the villages and some of our carriers have been unsaved men.

In the course of time, along to the villages of Diheba and Monda come Malala and his wife Ngoi. What a wonderful change has been wrought in this Malala's life since he has received Jesus. This one-time swaggering, proud, bullying Kiofwe has been transformed by the softening influence of the Gospel into an ambassador for Christ. This Malala, who was aforesaid assistant to a witch doctor, and considered as an expert trickster, is now willing to be spent and to spend to try and win the once hated and degraded Luban for Jesus.

Now in the course of his itinerary Malala eventually comes to Monda, Pelese's village, and so young Pelese comes under the sound of the Gospel. Young though he is, he is already well versed in all the wickedness of the elders, and more than likely participates in immoral practices and dances of that vile secret society, the Bambudye. Yes, there is no doubt about it, the devil already has quite a hold on young Pelese's life, but he goes along to listen to this new story that is being told by the "Muyembe" (a term of contempt for Malala's tribe).

Pelese is impressed, and into his heart, no doubt, there comes a longing for something better, as the Holy Spirit moves upon him, convicting him. Already he has heard of a number who have believed and joined the Bene Leza (People of God). He hears too, of how the elders are angry with them and of how they are being persecuted. In spite of these persecutions the conviction becomes deeper upon Pelese that he must decide to follow this Jesus whom he now believes to be the Son of God. Eventually his chum, Lualaba, takes the step of becoming a Christian, and Pelese also decides to wait no longer, and coming to Malala, asks to be taught the Way of Life. Thus Pelese becomes a regular attendant at the little school, and in spite of temptation and persecution, becomes a sincere follower of Jesus.

Thus Pelese grows up, and though of a retiring, backward nature, he is beginning to

take part in the meetings, and is a very promising lad indeed. This is all squashed, however, for one dread day along comes the white recruiter, seeking strong lads for work in the mines. He barter with the chief for so many young men, and the chief having received a goodly sum of money, selects Pelese and a number of others to go off to the mines at Lubumbashi. In spite of great temptation he stood true to Jesus.

In course of time he returned home and Malala was glad to find that Pelese not only was standing true to Jesus, and seemed to be desirous of leading others to Christ, often going out preaching with his old chum, Lualaba. Thus it was that when the white missionary, looking for likely lads to train as evangelists, heard of Pelese, he arranged for him to come into the mission station. In school, Pelese was far from being brilliant, but he was a plodder.

ministrations of the heathen, and although he was very weak and gradually getting weaker, he steadfastly refused to let the witch doctor be brought to him, in spite of the tearful entreaties of his parents, who were convinced that their son was bewitched by white man's magic. The missionary, hearing of the situation sent along another evangelist, Dakala, to minister to and to pray with him.

I shall now try and record the remainder of the story as Dakala told it to me on his return from Monda and Epeba some time afterwards. He said: "I arrived at Diheba and before going on to Monda I thought to call a meeting of the Christians. Only one or two very brave ones responded, for the chief had threatened them with dire consequences if they went to the missionary's meetings again. In the future, said the chief, all must go to the Roman Catholic priest who permitted the old ways while teaching new wisdom.

On going up to the village, I saw one of the leading Christian young men (who was about to be brought in for training as an evangelist) standing at the chief's place with a rope round his neck like a criminal. I went forward and was about to take the rope off, when I was seized and roughly handled. My heart was very black and I wanted to assert my manhood, but Jesus gave me grace to be humble and to submit without more than a protest that if they wanted to let the recruiter take the young man to the mines, they might have done so without submitting him to the indignity of a rope around his neck as though he were a goat or a dog.

I enquired about Pelese and was told that he was very ill. On arrival at Monda I went to Pelese's house, and found the people mourning as though they had given up hope. I asked them all to go that I might see him alone. He was lying there gasping and very weak. I tried to cheer him and said he would soon be better, but he weakly replied, "It's no use, Brother, I'm going home." I said, "No, not yet, for we want this to be for the glory of God, and He can heal you." In spite of this I felt as yet I could not pray, so telling him I'd be back, I went out and sought Lualaba. We prayed for God's guidance, and while praying Lualaba seemed to have a revelation. He said, "Brother, I believe the reason you couldn't pray in the hut for his healing is because they (the heathen) have secreted devil's charms in there."

Acting on this we went back, and asked the father and mother to remove all charms or else their son would die. This they pretended to do, taking out one or two idols. Pelese, however, pointed weakly and said to look there. We found other things and put them out, and then prepared to pray. Pelese called us near and said, "Brothers, I am thinking God wants me, so it is better to tell the Christians not to grieve, and please say good-bye to Bwana for me." We said, "No,

Pray for the Coming General Council

THE PROMISE

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for . . . all that are in authority." 1 Tim. 2:1-2.—"For I will pour out My Spirit upon thy seed and My blessing upon thine offspring." Isa. 44:3.

THE APPLICATION

What a responsibility it is to be one in authority, in official position! Paul, the apostle, felt it keenly, and great man as he was, he knew his need of prayer and repeatedly urged those to whom he ministered to pray for him. And he knew their prayers would count!

THE PRAYER

that the Spirit of grace, wisdom, and power may rest upon the Executives, Presbytery, District Superintendents, and all that are in authority during the General Council.

He was sent to the distant village of Kilengye, the home of some of the wildest looking Lubans the missionary had ever seen. A number of young people had professed conversion, and these gave him a start and some encouragement. Others soon began deciding, and Pelese and they erected a small building. This seemed to incense some of the villagers, for they saw many showing signs of departing from the way of their fathers, so they determined to give the evangelist a rough time. When a meeting would be in progress these opponents would gather outside and beat dance drums and smoke hemp. Pelese remonstrated with them, only to be abused and threatened. One man vowed he would burn the school down, and forbade any of his relatives to go. Pelese said he would have to report him to the chief, and then there were dark threatenings and talk of the bringing about of Pelese's death.

About this time, Pelese became seriously ill. His young wife was so alarmed that she sent for other evangelists, who when they had prayed carried him back to his own village. Unfortunately, at this time, the teacher, Malala was away from Pelese's village, and so for a time, he was left to the

Pelese, we'll pray, and God will heal you." We then prayed, and Pelese had instant relief. Next morning he felt much better, and sat up and asked for food.

His parents seemed delighted, but his father said that to finish this healing properly it would be better to have the witch doctor, as all the village elders had decided upon that. I argued and protested, but all in vain. They seemed like men possessed of devils, so when I returned a little later there was the witch doctor in all his paint and feathers, and all the elders gathered about the hut.

"I called for silence and pleaded with them, but they muttered sullenly and would not hear me. Then suddenly the witch doctor began his incantations, and a change for the worse came over the crowd. Several strong men entered the hut and came out carrying my poor Brother Pelese. Oh, how he protested and tried to struggle against them, but all to no avail. "Oh, don't, you're killing me," he cried weakly with tears. I tried to stop them, but Bwana, it was no use, they'd have killed me, also. They were like demons.

Poor Pelese, getting weaker and weaker, was carried crying and protesting around the village spirit tree. Very weakly now, but with all the breath left in him, he was protesting that he believed only Jesus, and would not have their charms. Then they daubed him with paint and pummelled the part of his body where they believed the malicious spirits were. Oh, Bwana, I could look no longer—I was helpless to save him. They were as devils. I could only go, saying to those men—"You've killed him." I left, and some came next morning and told me that our Brother Pelese was no more!"

Can a better example of faithfulness to Christ be found even in America? "Bwana, he has gone to be with Jesus," said Dakala. "For that we are glad, for his sake. Although his death was terrible, he died an example to us all."

The Life of Victory Through Jesus Christ

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needs. *Saying* the word of faith is the attitude of one who has and dispenses what he has. Such is the "throne life" as we commonly speak of it. A throne is occupied by a king. A king is a possessor and dispenser of gifts. Thus, as we who are believers are joined to Christ, He the head, we the members of one Body, physically on earth, spiritually enthroned, we are told that we are "kings . . . unto God," and "seated in the heavenlies."

Examine the men of God through the Bible—prophets, apostles—and you will find this conscious attitude of authoritative faith to be theirs. The difference stands out clearly with Hezekiah and Isaiah. Hezekiah was a man of prayer. The threats of the enemy came upon him with overwhelming force. He prayed. He bemoaned weakness. "This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth." Isa. 37:3. "Not strength" was his emphasis. Then he sent word of the situation to the man of faith. Hear Isaiah's answer, a declaration, a saying unto this mountain. "Thus saith the

Lord, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall . . . return to his own land." vs. 6, 7.

The one—godly, praying man though he was—spoke in weakness. The other spoke in authority. The one was fully conscious of need and lack and separation from the supply of power. The other knew union with God, and spoke as His mouthpiece.

Latterly, I was notified of a severe crisis in one department of the work with which I am associated, sufficient, if it came to a head, to spoil the advance of years in that area. Before I understood the life of authority in the Spirit, I would have recognized the attempt of the devil to disrupt a work, and would have labored in prayer for the destruction of his devices. But, in the maintaining of the position of the throne life, the Lord spoke to me through

SPIRIT-GIVEN PRAYERS

The Way of Deliverance

Paul bids us, "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." And he adds: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (or literally, wicked spirits in the heavenlies)." So the apostle bids us, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Eph. 6:10-13.

When the Assyrian king Sennacherib was making his terrible threats against Judah, both by his ambassadors and by a special document he sent, Hezekiah the king of Judah gave himself to prayer. He took the enemy's letter into the house of the Lord and laid it before Him to consider. And the Lord undertook the deliverance of Hezekiah and his people for when Sennacherib and the Assyrians came up to encamp against Jerusalem, the angel of the Lord went forth and smote in the camp of the Assyrians 185,000 in one night. And shortly after this Sennacherib himself was destroyed.

When Moab, Ammon, and the Edomites came against Judah, king Jehoshaphat committed his trouble to the Lord. He cried, "O our God, wilt Thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon Thee."

The Lord undertook and Judah won a great victory, a victory that was won through the song of faith, for "when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten." 2 Chron. 20:22.

There are times when the enemy comes in like a flood upon us and we realize our insufficiency for the conflict. At such times we should learn to make the Spirit-given petition of Psalm 25:19, 20: "Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. (The evil spirits do hate us and would seek to destroy us, but thank God there is with Him a mighty deliverance for us.) O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in Thee."

The Lord will hear when we cry. We can trust Him to keep us trusting Him, and sing the song of faith while He sets His ambushments against the hosts of wicked spirits that seek to assail us.—S. H. F.

one sentence in a letter concerning the affair. It said, "I am afraid you are in for a sea of trouble." The Holy Spirit said, "What did Jesus do in a storm? Walk on the waters, or sink beneath them?"

I saw in a moment. I was not to spend one wasted minute fearing, doubting, burdened, magnifying the power of Satan. I was immediately to declare the victory over Satan gained two thousand years ago. I was to see it to be a present victory in this very affair, not a future one. I was to enjoy the defeat of Satan. I was to count this actual trial as "all joy" and no sorrow, and to realize that if God does allow the enemy to come in like a flood, it is always to give an opportunity for the authority of faith to be manifested by which Satan is given a bigger defeat, and the work of God a bigger advance.

So from that day to the day five months later when those concerned met for the critical settlement, I enjoyed the trial, laughed the laugh of faith, bore testimony in public and private that there was this severe trial, but that the devil always makes a laughingstock of himself (Col. 2:15); for his attacks in the hands of faith become boomerangs; he gets the defeat, and we the new blessing, as at Calvary. And I told folk that I would return to describe the victory in due course. And thus, of course, it has been. In one meeting every cloud vanished, unity and stability came to this department beyond anything in its history, and all learned a little more how not to be ignorant of Satan's devices.

The use of "the faith of God" which was operative there against an attack of the enemy, has been proved hundreds of times over to be equally the secret for obtaining supplies, moving governments, saving souls, transforming characters, and the like.

To one who asks, "But how can we realize this as a personal experience?" we answer, as God answered Moses in the incident at the beginning of this article, Awake. Arise from your deluded condition as if you are still fallen, still separated by sin, still weak. Realize your equipment, the mystery hid from ages and from generations: *Christ in you*. Declare it, as the prophets of old; "I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord." Cease to live bound up in those old graveclothes of "judging by appearances," "walking by sight." You appear weak, you appear to be without the presence of Christ, you appear loveless, of little faith, and all the rest of it. You still live in the devil's lies of the have-not life. But you have—all things. All is within, if Christ the Saviour is within. Burst through those bonds of feelings. Say, "Though all men and devils say I have not, I say I have, on the authority of God's Word." Call the things that be not as though they were. Carry out Mark 11:24: "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

A more glorious victory cannot be gained over another than this, that when the injury began on his part, the kindness should begin on ours.—Marcus Dodd.

He who is the most watchful is the least sinful.—W. Secker.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Asia's Lack of Faith

Lesson for August 27. Lesson Text: 2 Chron. 16

How very frail and inconsistent human nature is! Faith had brought Asa a great victory, and made him a blessing to the whole nation; now the lack of it leads him to sin, rebellion, and an ignoble end! Asa was threatened by Baasha, king of a neighboring kingdom, who began to build a fortress which would command the passages between the two countries and prevent the people of Israel from coming in to settle in Judah or make religious pilgrimages to Jerusalem.

THE SIN OF ASA. 2 Chron. 16:1-6

Unbelief. The unfriendly act of Baasha was inconsequential as compared with the invasion of Zerah. Baasha did not actually threaten war, but Zerah had been on the way with a million men! Asa couldn't get help then, and so was thrown wholly upon God. But in this case he *could* get help, and failed to trust His God. Some believers who have borne with equanimity the greatest of trials, have failed in far more trivial matters. It is not so much a question of the severity of the trial, but of the grace, faith, and condition of heart of the one tried. It behooves us to avail ourselves always of the grace of God, lest at any time through an evil heart of unbelief we depart from our Lord. Heb. 3:12.

Sacrilege. Asa's sin would have been serious enough had he used his own money, but he took gold from the house of God, thus committing sacrilege, and added to the sin by using that gold to accomplish an ungodly end. The temptation connected with the use of money is very subtle. Money ought never to be used to smother the voice of conscience or to overthrow right principle or duty.

Evil alliance. Instead of allying himself with the living God who had delivered him before, Asa became "unequally yoked" with Benhadad, King of Syria, a heathen! How is it that we who know God and His Word can deceive ourselves into thinking that anything but misery and sadness can come from the "unequal yoke" in any phase of life!

Evil Influence. "Break thy league with Baasha." What strange words for a child of God to utter! A man of God becoming a teacher for Satan! Asa would sooner have cut out his tongue than teach an unbeliever to be untrue, had his heart been right. But once a man gets away from simple faith in God, there is no telling what he will do!

"And Benhadad hearkened." How money may blind one to duty and responsibility! "For the love of money is the root of all evil." 1 Tim. 6:10. Did Benhadad give heed to principles, to conscience, to obligation, to personal honor, to God's leading? No! He hearkened to the chink of gold! Let us not turn a deaf ear to the clear ringing voice of right principle and honor, to listen to the seductive strains of gold and personal gain!

THE REPROVING OF ASA

2 Chron. 16:7-9

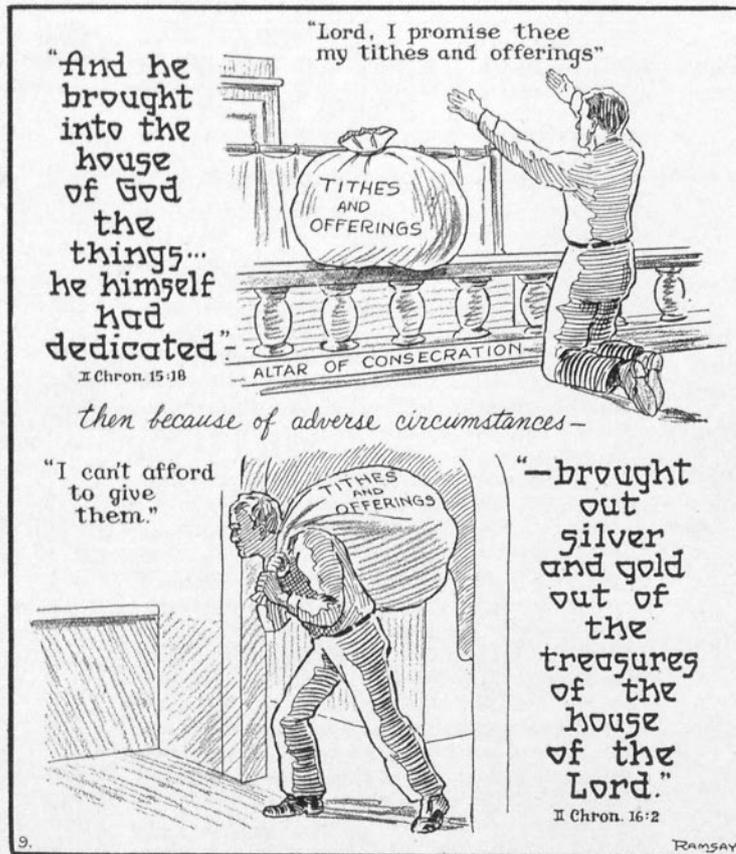
Benhadad yielded to Asa's temptation, broke his alliance with Baasha, and Asa's troubles were apparently over. But it was not so. God's minister appeared on the scene.

He points out a lost opportunity. Verse 7. Asa might have conquered not only Baasha, but Syria as well, for Syria was yet to trouble Judah. It might have been! But Asa had gone

to man for help instead of to God! O the tragedy of lost opportunity! It made even the Son of God to weep! "If thou hadst known . . . the things that belong to thy peace, but now they are hid from thine eyes . . . thou knewest not the time of thy visitation!" Luke 19:41-44.

He recalls a former victory. Verse 8. Asa had not forgotten the secret of the great victory over the Ethiopians—faith in God! The same God would have delivered in this case too! Has God given you great victory in the past? Then be assured that He will be faithful in giving victory for the test at hand! *He never changes!*

He declares a great truth. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew Himself strong in behalf of them whose



heart is perfect toward Him." Ah, these words should have humbled Asa! How disappointed God must be when He longs to demonstrate His mighty love and power and His own, through unbelief, fail to allow Him to do so!

He rebukes a great sin. "Thou hast done foolishly; therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars." Asa had sinned and now must reap the consequences. And is it not foolish for man to sin in departing from God, and think that he can profit thereby?

THE IMPENITENCE OF ASA

2 Chron. 16:10

Very different was the attitude of Asa when reproved from that of David who knew how to say, "I have sinned"! Notice how Asa's impenitence manifested itself.

In rebellious anger. "Then was Asa wroth with the seer." Asa should have welcomed God's message; instead he was furious at the prophet! The truth *will* hurt! But how we should welcome the faithful conviction of the Holy Spirit in our own lives as He seeks to conform us to the image of our wonderful Jesus!

In persecution of the prophet. "And put him in the prison house." A good man may do

worse than a bad man on some occasions. For here God's child became persecutor of God's servant! What a fool Asa was! Could he by destroying the prophet destroy the prophecy? Men may refuse the Truth, may scorn its messengers, but *it* shall abide forever!

In oppression of the people. "And Asa oppressed some of the people." Who were the people he mistreated? Those who knew he had done wrong! It is characteristic of those who have an evil heart and guilty conscience to hate those who expose their wickedness!

THE PUNISHMENT OF ASA

2 Chron. 16:11-13

"And Asa . . . was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great; yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. . . . And Asa slept with his fathers." What was the cause of Asa's disease being fatal? His own unbelief, pride, and impenitence! The affliction was the merciful attempt of a faithful God to turn Asa from his erring way and to purge his dross. But Asa "sought not to the Lord." The man whose great faith in God had kept a nation from death, himself died a premature death, the victim of his own impenitent unbelief! Beloved, let us cleave in humility to our wonderful Lord, exercising in Him the "faith that worketh by love"!—J. Bashford Bishop.

"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT"

The sufferings of the Huguenots is recalled when one reads the following story of four Chinese pastors captured by brigands and held for ransom. During the entire time of their captivity they were confined in a small room with a number of other prisoners, chained together with chains about the neck and fetters about the ankles. The other prisoners were also chained one to another in the same fashion. The Christians were grateful, indeed, that they were chained together and not bound with the heathen.

It was an answer to prayer that they were thus segregated. When they saw and heard how the other prisoners, because of the vexation of the chains, quarreled and cursed one another, they agreed that for their part they would not complain one against another.

There was plenty of cause for continual mutual grievance, for when one moved all four had to move. By night and day they were bound together in such a way that every move of one affected the others. If one arose all four had to do so.

But Pastor Chao was able to report that, by the grace of God, they were kept throughout those five months and five days of chains without any quarreling. He said that herein lay the deepest lesson of the whole experience to his soul. Often as the days grew into weeks and the weeks into months, they must have been tempted almost to hate and despise one another.

For nearly half a year none of them had a bath or a change of clothing. They were ragged, dirty, covered with vermin which tormented them night and day. Only the grace of God in their hearts kept them to their agreement to love one another, kept them from being like the heathen prisoners by their side, quarreling and cursing. Remember there was but a foot of chain between each of the four, and this bitter experience lasted one hundred and fifty-six days!

"It was good that we were not delivered as soon as we wished to be," said Pastor Wong. "If we had been let loose from this bondage in three days or seven days or ten days or forty days, we would have come out of our bondage empty handed. Now, please God, we will have received some treasure, some spiritual gift from the Lord, before we depart." They witnessed

to Christ continually before their fellow prisoners and even to the robbers. One of the prisoners was converted. During the captivity, all of them suffered from a period of sickness, but were healed in a wonderful way. Those of their fellow prisoners who also fell sick were taken out and chained to a tree until death released them.

At one time, when one of the pastors was in high fever and parched with thirst, Mr. Chao prayed that water might be brought to him and his thirst relieved. At about eleven at night,

after the robbers had partaken of their sumptuous supper, one of them called out, "Jesus-fellow! Do you want some of this sweet potato water?" A bowl was brought and quenched the sufferer's thirst.

"The chief lessons of this experience for me," said one of the four, "were the power of the ministry of prayer and to be content with such things as ye have. I feel that never again can I complain whatever my lot may be."

THE DYING WORLD AND THE LIVING WORD

UNEVANGELIZED AMERICA

It is said that Utah has seven whole counties with not a single functioning evangelical mission.

HIDING IN DENS AND ROCKS

Rev. 6:15, 16 once seemed foolish, says *Prophecy Monthly*, until we read of underground tunnels, pill boxes, and bomb shelters being feverishly constructed in our day by many nations.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The membership of organized religious bodies in the United States has increased by almost one million persons during the last year according to the 1939 edition of the *Yearbook of American Churches*. But has vital Christianity increased?

GOD'S PROMISE

It is a notable word of the leading Zionist of the world, Dr. Chaim Weizmann: "We have waited two thousand years. We shall wait for a few more years. And in the fullness of time God will keep His promise to His people."

A STUBBORN PEOPLE

The proverbial stiffneckedness of the Jews is one of the factors that God is using to secure their survival. Said a fifty-five-year-old refugee, as he stepped off a boat: "I've been broken twice; once by the Bolsheviks, who robbed me of a fortune in Kiev, and now by the Nazis. But don't you worry, I shall climb up again."

DISCOVERING NEW TRIBES

Prophecy Monthly tells of the discovery during the past two years of new tribes in the interior of Dutch New Guinea. They had never seen other tribesmen or any white man, being far from the coast, but were discovered first from the air by passing Dutch planes. A trail has been made inland and the gospel is being taken to the 40,000 odd natives. The article says, "These may be the very last tribes of earth who must hear the gospel ere He (Christ) returns."

A GODLY GOVERNOR SPEAKS

At a union church meeting in Royal Oak, Michigan's Christian governor Dickenson said, "A return to old-time religion will solve present day evils of high life.

"Is there anything that can't be solved by old-time religion? Has God changed any of His laws? Churches nowadays spend too much money trying to draw a congregation. The old-time religion would bring the people back to the church."

REACTION IN PALESTINE

Neither Jews nor Arabs are happy over the new Palestine Plan, reports *Prophecy Monthly*. Over 60,000 Jews paraded in Tel Aviv in silent protest, carrying scores of banners which bore Bible prophecies in large letters. The Jews are determined that God has given the land to them. On the other hand, the Arabs are disgusted because Palestine has not been made a wholly Arab state. With Germany and Italy doing their best to inflame the Arab nationalists, Britain will have more trouble in Palestine than ever.

WRITING BY RADIO

The Crosley Corporation has invented a new radio receiver known as the *Reado*, which transmits weather maps, weather reports, flash news, Scriptures, pictures, etc. A quotation of Scripture closes each broadcast of the *Reado*. At the official demonstration the scripture used was, "What hath God wrought!" Yes, all good things come from the Father of lights. Would that man always used his wonderful mind for the glory of God!

THE MODERN "EXODUS"

Over 244,000 Jews had left the German Reich up to the beginning of the year, reports the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Of this, Asia including Palestine, and the United States have absorbed 50,000 each. In Europe, France received 20,000, and Great Britain, Switzerland, and Holland 12,000 each. Altogether, European countries took 96,000 refugees; American lands, 90,000; Africa, 6,000; and Australasia, 2,000. As yet only a fraction of the fleeing Jews have gone to Palestine, but eventually this "Exodus" like the first one from Egypt will end with the Jewish nation concentrated in Palestine. "He that scattered Israel will gather him." Jer. 31:10.

A BRITISH WEAKNESS

Last year a sum of \$1,285,250,000 was spent on liquor in Britain, says the *Evangelical Christian*. This reminds us that during the World War it was liquor that came more nearly defeating the Allies than enemy soldiers. Lloyd George said on one occasion that the worst enemy Britain had to face was strong drink. On the other hand, Hitler has made sweeping endeavors to place Germany on a basis of physical fitness. He has waged a relentless war on drink and other evils. If Britain continues to spend her physical strength on liquor, she will speed the day when she loses her place of power among the nations. The Scriptures teach that Rome, not Britain, will be the dominating power at the close of this dispensation.

THE COMING CRISIS

Kurt C. W. Ludecke, in his book "*I Knew Hitler*," records the following words spoken to him by Hitler:

"Yes, National Socialism is a form of conversion, a new faith, but we don't need to raise that issue—it will come of itself. Just as I insist on the mathematical certainty of our coming to power—just so do I insist on the certainty that sooner or later, once we hold the power, Christianity will be overcome and the 'Deutsche Kirche' (German Church) established. Yes, the German Church without a Pope and without the Bible—and Luther, if he could be with us, would give us his blessing."

Then he shouted with passionate energy: "Of course, I myself am a heathen to the core." It seemed to me that the form this church might take was implicit in the words: "No, Ludecke, we don't need to declare this fight openly. It would be political stupidity to show the masses too many enemies at once. . . . Then will come the turn of the Reakt'on, and the end of that will mean the end of the Christian Church—and the opening of our own temples, our own shrines."

THE INVINCIBLE GOSPEL

The following is quoted from Mussolini's recent book, *Nazism vs. Christianity*. "A fight against religion is a fight against the impalpable—against the intangible; it is open warfare against the spirit in its most profound and most significant force, and it is by this time fully proved that the weapons at the disposal of the State, no matter how sharp they may be are powerless to inflict any mortal blows on the Church which emerges invariably triumphant after engaging in the most bitter conflicts. When a nation goes to war, for example, it finds itself face to face with a concrete material entity, an entity capable of being attacked, shattered, mutilated and transformed, but when instead of such a material entity, the adversary is a religion, it is impossible to take a definite and precise aim at any target. Their passive resistance on the part of the priests and of the faithful is sufficient to frustrate the most violent attacks by a State."

GOOD NEWS

Made of Scraps

Have you heard of the Preston death car? Ben Preston, a retired Texas Ranger now living in Oklahoma City, in 1935 acquired the motor and chassis of an automobile that had been crushed under a load of falling pipes. With this as a start he set out to build a complete car, by assembling parts salvaged from other wrecked cars. To be accepted to be built into the machine he was constructing in this way, Preston insisted that an offered part must have been salvaged from a car in which, as it was wrecked, as many as three persons were killed. Forty-eight persons were killed in the cars the parts of which now make up the Preston death car.

Incidentally the fact that he could complete the car as he did, and actually drive it, thus gaining admittance into Ripley's "Believe It or Not" exhibition, is a sad commentary on the number of death cars that have roamed our highways.

Probably Mr. Preston did not get his strange idea for building a worthwhile machine out of such strange materials from watching the Lord work; but he might have done so. God is constantly building beautiful men and women out of strange and seemingly useless materials. Often when a man whose body is painful and useless because of disease, whose soul is corrupted by a life of sin, and whose spirit is in open rebellion against the Lord, asks God to do so, God sets to work to build a new man out of those cast-off materials—a man created in righteousness and true holiness, a son of the Most High. Nothing matters when a man cries in penitence and faith, for then our wonderful God casts all the man's sins into the depths of the sea, where they are hidden behind the back of our merciful God, never to be remembered against the man any more forever.

Are you, dear reader, that kind of wreck, with a sick and suffering body or a sin-polluted soul, at variance with God and refusing to bow allegiance to His just demands? If so, offer yourself to Him, asking Him to make you over, to make you a new creature in Christ Jesus, a born-again Christian, fit to be one of the lively stones out of which He is to build a glorious temple to the Lord.

All He asks is that you turn from the world, from sin and self-pleasing, to Him, believing that He will recreate you. He will do it. He will come and save you. What He will build out of the broken and useless material you have to offer Him will be as much more wonderful than the Preston death car, as our God is more wonderful than Ben Preston. Do it now.—C. E. R.

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God Moving Among Outcastes

Word has just been received from Constance Eady in South India of God's remarkable blessing on the new work among the outcastes. Work has been opened up in seven stations while preaching services are held in the surrounding villages and hamlets. Three baptismal services have been held recently and several have followed Jesus in water baptism.

"The first little church has been finished," she writes, "and another is near completion. God worked miraculously in the building of this first church. While it was still unfinished a fire swept the village only a few yards away, but the little church remained unharmed. Also, while the fire was burning, a man stole the door which had not been hung on its hinges. He carried it off to a distant village, but a man from another village saw him, told the evangelist, and the door was restored.

"Now the village folk say 'What a wonderful God this God is, who could keep the church from being burnt, when it was so near to our houses, and nothing of it is hurt at all!'

Saving and Healing Power

"Last week three souls were converted—two through one Bible woman, and one through another. One of these converts is the daughter of a headman of one of the villages and gives evidence of proving a splendid Christian.

"The Lord is also manifesting His power in healing. One man in the early stages of leprosy was healed, and all the marks of the disease have disappeared. A woman who was paralyzed was perfectly healed; a deaf boy was prayed for and now hears. A paralyzed man received healing. How we do praise God for His moving among these outcaste people of India!

Preaching in the Temple

"Only recently the people of a village asked the missionaries to come and tell them about our Lord Jesus. A band went, to find the heathen temple closed and built on to the big verandah, a slanting roof. On the ground were mats for the people to sit on. Many people came and listened attentively as the preachers spoke with the figures of the heathen gods leering above them. The people asked that the missionaries return; and we pray that God will take these people for Himself.

"In connection with this outcaste work there are now five native evangelists, two Bible women, three teachers, and one student who also teaches the people to read. We pray that the Lord will bless their efforts to bring to Him the downtrodden outcastes of India."

WORSHIP WITHOUT LIGHT

Burt Evans, Central America

All day we chugged over hot, dusty mountain roads to reach the Indian town nestled

among the volcanoes north of Guatemala City. It is really a very small village possessing a very large name—Chichicastenango—and a reputation for colorful and fanatical rituals during "Holy Week" (Easter).

After a night's rest at the little inn we made our way over cobblestone streets to the town square, pressed through the milling crowds to the high steps of the Catholic church where we stopped to look back over a sea of Indians. They presented a fascinating picture in their



The simple little church building above is one of several village churches being erected in South India by the outcaste people who are turning to the true God.

Below is the crowd which prepared a meeting place outside the heathen temple and then sent for the missionaries to come to tell them about Jesus Christ. Note the idols on top of the temple.

native costumes of brilliant colors. A sick feeling gripped our hearts as we realized they knew not the One they gathered to worship.

Unto Graven Images

Chanting reached our ears as a cloud of incense floated through the church door. Mingling with the crowd we went inside. Images and pictures of saints lined the walls. A huge cross lay on the floor ready for use in a procession. At the other end of the church stood the priest chanting in Latin and going through a weird ritual while small boys dressed in red, bearing incense burners, attended him.

Kneeling on the stone floor were hundreds of Indians each with his burning candle, mumbling his memorized prayers. Our first impulse was to run to the pulpit and plead for their souls, but it would have meant our lives to do such a thing while the people were so inflamed with religious fervor.

The priest uttered a few short commands; natives ran here and there. Dozens of incense burners were lighted; a makeshift band struck up a dirge while the natives joined in with chanting. The procession slowly began its two-hour round of the village.

Men and boys led the way, strewing green pine needles and waving branches. After the band came a gruesome life-sized image of Christ bearing a cross, then idols of two of the Marys, the apostle John, and Peter with large golden keys in his hand. The images were borne upon the shoulders of men who swayed in step with the dirge. Each man wore a mask and had clothing and body disfigured with paint. They paid heavily for the privilege of taking active part in the procession, and were promised special merit for doing so. Hundreds of dollars were poured into the church coffers that these idols might be robbed with the costliest silks and satins, some heavily embroidered with gold. Around this strange parade crowded the populace—not a few of them drunk—paying homage to the images.

The Black Christ

That afternoon there was another procession bearing a BLACK Christ is a glass coffin followed by images of angels, saints, crosses, candlesticks, and standards of pure silver. At intervals the procession would stop and hold a brief ritual. Hundreds of Indians would kneel in the street with their burning candles while others threw rose petals on the coffin!

Strange to say, their worship does not end with the Catholic church. In order to keep the Indians faithful to them, the priests have allowed them to keep their tribal gods and idols and have even constructed an altar on the church steps where they may also offer burnt sacrifices to their own gods. To them the Catholic church is a glorified form of pagan worship.

Purchased Pardon

Each year the greatest sinner in the town is given the privilege of repentance. Only the priest knows the identity of the man who volunteers. He is masked and disfigured with paint. Then he must carry a large cross on his back through the streets, kneeling at each step. The people follow him jeering and spitting upon him. This year after two hours he dropped from exhaustion, unable to bear the cross further. He was carried away after being assured that his sins were forgiven because of his deed! What a sad contrast with the beautiful words, "The GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Sincere Hearts

These people have hearts that are sincere and hungry for eternal life. Men and women by the thousands are willing to submit themselves to anything when they may feel they have won favor in the sight of their gods. There is little missionary work among these Indians and the talons of Catholicism are sunken deep into their hearts. No power but Christ can

deliver them, but we praise God we have seen the gospel strike home in their hearts many times.

The Way of Evangelization

The only way this land, or any other, will ever be successfully evangelized is by its own native workers. Therefore, of greatest concern to the missionaries of Central America is the Bible school in El Salvador whose need of efficient native workers we expect to supply. We desire special prayer for this coming Bible school term, that God's blessing may rest in marked power upon it.

Many of our fine young men want to attend but lack means. Fifteen dollars is all that is required to train a native for one entire term. The native churches will be doing all they can by giving food for the students. Also, there is additional expense in supplying books, paper, pencils, beds, and all the other needs of such a place. We pray that the Lord will lay these needs upon hearts so that zealous young men can be trained to fill the great need we have at this time for native workers.

The natives will build their own churches, support their own pastors and evangelists, and evangelize their own communities if we can train and supply the workers. Let us stand together in faith for these needs.

Another Macedonian Cry

The people of Honduras likewise are crying for help. The Lord has been pouring out His Spirit there. Thus far three hundred and thirty-six have been saved, and one hundred and sixty-eight filled with the Holy Spirit as a result of the testimonies of some of our Christians in those places. Now they are begging for native workers and for the guiding hand of a missionary. Let us pray earnestly that we do not fail them, and in failing them, fail our Lord. God is surely able if we will only do our part, praise the name of the Lord!

THE LORD THAT HEALETH

by
Marguerite Flint, North India

God has granted real victories in healing in Hardoi lately, and we have much to praise Him for. One day our dear school-matron, Labu Bose, came to me saying she had been to the hospital where she was told she had every symptom of enteric fever and, if the fever did not break before evening, she must come back prepared to stay.

She was trembling from head to foot, burning with fever, her heart working like a noisy machine. I told her to go straight to bed and we would come out and pray for her. But she burst into tears, crying, "Oh, please pray for me now; don't wait for the others to come. I feel so ill!"

I just took her into my arms and we went straight to the Lord with it, and to His praise and glory I am happy to say He touched her right then and there. The fever broke, and she has not had a touch of it since. She came into chapel the next morning looking bright and happy. Oh, His Name shall be called WONDERFUL!

The Best Doctor

A little later Kaliq, the three year old son of our dear pastor, was kicked in the face by a horse, chipping the bone over the eye and causing great loss of blood. At the hospital the doctor told the parents he could not live thirty minutes. Down on their knees went Mr. and Mrs. Khan, right there in the operating room at the hospital, and God heard their prayer. The little boy is pulling through nicely and will be home in a few days, praise the Lord!

Three Receive Baptism

Three more, two young men in government service and one young Chinese girl, have followed the Lord in water baptism. These young men were sent to Hardoi by the Government Survey department for special training, reach-

ing here in time for the evangelistic campaign which we held. They were gloriously saved and have been faithful in attendance at meetings and in prayer and Bible study.

Now the time has come when they must return home. One is married and we trust that God will save his young Moslem wife and give them a truly Christian home. Let us pray that they will both be kept true and faithful though they may perhaps find the way difficult at home.

THE ALL-SUFFICIENT GOD

An Indian Testimony



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel James of South India, redeemed by Jesus.

With a heart overflowing with gratitude to my God I write this testimony of His divine goodness to me and mine. I have had a particularly unhappy life but, having been educated at a convent, I early learned to trust in God, and that trust brought me safely through many tests and trials.

I sought God diligently and, in the abstract, always knew that I was being watched over and helped by Him. I wanted Him as a personal friend and was not content with having Him in the abstract. Years followed and just when it seemed that the clouds were blackest, there came a wonderful dawn.

A missionary friend whom I knew led me to a Pentecostal mission in Poona. Brother and Sister Ted Vassar who conduct the mission are a real missionary-spirited couple. We had a prayer meeting on the eighth of February, 1938, and I knew as I prayed that all things alien dropped away leaving just one feeling—that I was near my God, not in imagination only this time, but in concrete reality.

Beyond All Understanding

I cannot write or even understand that exalted sweet feeling of being near my Master and my God; and what a Master—not one who is exacting but one who is ever kind beyond human thought, loving, and an almighty Lord. Such was my meeting and knowing Him!

Two days later I passed through the waters of baptism and once again experienced the nearness of my sweet Lord—that feeling of slipping away from the outer self into a realm of joyous fellowship and adoration.

Called to Follow

This time there was something more. I was asked to follow the Master and the path He had mapped out for me without question and without doubt. Have I ever doubted or questioned anything since then? Praise God, I have never had reason to!

Many and many have been the prayers that have been heard and answered, Hallelujah! Sickness was healed—my little boy, aged two and not expected to live, is not only living but is on his way to complete recovery, to God be the glory! My husband has passed through the blessed waters of baptism this year. Trials and troubles have come but have melted away before the faithful care of Christ my God, and many are the blessings that I have received.

My own request is that my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus will pray for me that in years to come my God shall call me to serve Him and keep me in His holy will always.

An Ever-Present Help

To those who are in trouble I would say, there is a solace in God that is nowhere else. God still works miracles. Seek ye the king-

dom of God and all things shall be added unto you. How true I have found this to be!

Are you in doubt or trouble? Bring it to Christ, the giver of peace. Have you heavy burdens to bear? Oh, bring them to our Lord and leave them at His feet. You will find the burden surely lightening. Come to Him in faith and prayer and He will never fail you. Our own friends and loved ones fail us or are unable to help; but God, who is our help always, we can rely upon no matter how or where. Hallelujah! God be praised!—Dorothy Ellen James.

BRIEF NOTES FROM FAR AND NEAR

Peru

Le Roy Williams writes that God is graciously meeting them in Callao with a time of revival, which at the time of his writing had continued for four weeks. A number of the young people had been saved and seven had received the Holy Spirit Baptism.

Recent Sailings

On July 22 Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Cadwalder and son Maurice sailed on the S. S. Excambion of the American Export Lines from New York to take up missionary work in Egypt. Mr. Cadwalder has been appointed by the Missions Committee as Superintendent of the Egypt field, which has been without an active Superintendent since Brother A. F. Crouch had to return to America. The son of the latter (Philip Crouch) has been very ably taking care of field matters in Egypt, acting as a Field Secretary during these months. We regret that the sailing of the Cadwalders was indefinite almost till the day of their embarkation, due to the late arrival of certain legal papers from Egypt. Thus no mention could be made in the Evangel of their going in time for their friends to send steamer letters. We have not had time to hear from them yet as to their exact address, but mail addressed to them in care of Philip Crouch, 13 Rue Houayati, Box 18, Abdin, Cairo, Egypt, will reach them. Further word concerning their address will be given later.

Shortly after this issue of the Evangel goes to press, Mrs. Daniel Wilcox will no doubt be leaving New York with the mission field of South Africa as her destination. Early in 1937, shortly after Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox arrived home from their work in South Africa, Brother Wilcox was called home to receive his early reward. By the grace of the Lord Jesus, our sister still feels the call to Africa burning in her heart and is once again entering the work of the Lord in that field. Our Missions Committee have granted her General Council appointment.

We are sorry that no definite word of her sailing could be given in the Evangel in time for her friends to get in touch with her before her leaving. She is expected to sail August 9. May the Lord strengthen and help our sister as she goes forth again in answer to His call.

Home on Furlough

Yumna G. Malick arrived in this country July 29 to begin a much-needed furlough after spending a long and active term in Syria where she has labored for many years. We trust the Lord may refresh our sister in mind and body and build her up for another term of service. Until we hear further regarding her plans, mail for her may be sent in care of the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Another missionary arriving home late last month is Hettie Steffen from North India. Her home address is Nelsonville, Missouri.

SPECIAL NOTICE

For reasons for which I am not responsible, the bus trip from Gallup, N. Mex., to Springfield, Mo., Sept. 4, has been canceled.—Mrs. Agnes M. DeVore, Box 100, Gamercro, N. Mex.

PROBLEMS

Is it a wise thing to encourage confessions of sin in a large assembly meeting where there are many sinners present?

As to the question of raking up sins in public confession, sins which have been honestly dealt with and put under the Blood—we do not think that it is God's mind and plan. It is one thing, like Paul, to say, "I was a blasphemer, but obtained mercy," in order to glorify God's grace and encourage the faith of others. It is quite another to bring up sins which have already been confessed and put away.

Peter, in writing his Epistles, did not rake up his awful denial of Christ. Satan will bring up past sin in our conscience and remembrance; but it is ours to point him to the Blood, and claim full immunity and victory through that.

To humble ourselves is one thing, to torment ourselves is another. "The cross now covers my sin, the past is under the Blood;" and in the light of the promises 1 John 1:7, Heb. 8:12, Hos. 14:4,5, it is ours to claim through Christ a clean sheet and go forward with His encouraging "Sin no more" ringing in our ears.

Confession of any sin which binds us and hinders the cause is a duty. But raking up the buried and pardoned past is not; indeed, it implies a doubt as to God's promise, "I will remember no more."

Where the sin in question had been committed against a fellow-man, he was equally clear as to duty: "Go straight to him, or write and confess it. If it is a thing you can put right, put it right."

There is a teaching among us that if a brother who has the Baptism with the Holy Ghost sins, he has sinned against the Holy Ghost and cannot be forgiven. They take Hebrews 6:4-6 and Hebrews 10:26-29 as a basis for this doctrine.

Heb. 6:4-6; 10:26-29 describe not the sin of backsliding, but the awful sin of apostasy. They are addressed primarily to the Jewish Christians, who, discouraged because of trials and persecutions, were tempted to renounce Christianity and return to Judaism. This would have meant that they would be required to confess that Jesus was justly executed as a criminal, that His blood was simply the blood of an ordinary man, and that His miracles were wrought by the power of the enemy. Heb. 10:29. To make such statements after having known the power of God would be equivalent to committing the unpardonable sin.—M. P.

YOUTHFUL PREACHERS

By Alfred G. Mason

There is a danger when inexperienced young men and young women become preachers of the Word of God. There is danger that the precious message they preach will be despised. It is not necessary that it should be so, and there are many young preachers in our fellowship who are a credit to the Lord's work, but sometimes a harmful influence has been brought because the gospel message has been presented by an ill prepared messenger.

The apostle Paul realized this danger, and in his first epistle to Timothy he wrote to the young man, "Let no man despise thy youth." In order that his youthfulness should not cause the gospel message to be despised, Paul added, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine." Two things must be insured the spiritual character of the messenger, and the understanding he has of the doctrine, or teaching, of God's Word.

Men and women despise inefficiency, but honor skill. With what interest I have watched old-time tradesmen at work—blacksmiths and cabinet makers, for instance. They had learned the trade thoroughly and were masters of their work. I could not help admiring their ability. And when the preacher is well prepared both

in personal spirituality and in Biblical knowledge, his hearers recognize the fact, and even though he is young he will command a hearing.

In writing his second epistle to the youthful Timothy the apostle Paul repeated this advice. He wrote, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." He was exhorting Timothy to take inventory of himself to be sure of two things—that his personal character met with the approval of God, and therefore of men as well, and that he could give a right interpretation of the Word.

We would re-echo that counsel to our young people of today. The fact that you have the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not sufficient to make you an effective preacher, although it is essential. The disciples also had the Baptism, but for three years previously Jesus had schooled them in His gospel and taught them how to be effective ministers of that message. He knew they would receive the power of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, but He knew that in addition they needed definite preparation to enable them to put the power they would then receive into the proper channels.

An ideal training-ground for young people who believe in the Baptism and who want to serve the Lord, is provided at Central Bible Institute. Here equal emphasis is placed upon the student's spiritual character and his knowledge of the Scriptures. Every course of study in the curriculum is of definite value in the preparation of a pastor, evangelist or missionary. There are no superfluous subjects as in most colleges. The Bible is the principal textbook. And while the student is learning how to "rightly divide the word of truth," he is also being moulded into one whose personal character is "approved of God," for the whole atmosphere of the Institute is conducive to spiritual growth. In the daily chapel services, in times of united prayer and private prayer, and in the class-rooms there is a constant consciousness of the Holy Spirit's presence. If students come who have not been baptized in the Spirit, united prayer is concentrated upon them that they will receive the Baptism.

Active service is also a part of the Institute life, for many outstations are cared for by the students. Last year 2,154 services were conducted by the students, 315 conversions were reported, 51 were baptized in water, and 40 were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Do you want to serve the Lord acceptably as Paul advised young Timothy? Consider enrolling at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri. Consult your pastor, and pray about the matter. A free catalogue giving full information will be sent to you upon request.

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Quackenbush, Clayton D., Nashua, Iowa
Parish, Mary J. (Mrs. Harold), Montrose, Colo.
Philp, Richard H., Lake Stevens, Wash.
Rowe, Carl F., Fortuna, Calif.
Senior, William A., Chelan, Wash.
Scratch, Eddie R., Olympia, Wash.
Shane, Harris E., Waterville, Wash.
Shively, Elmer C., Wendell, Idaho
Sigafoose, Charles W., Monrovia, Calif.
Simonsen, George A. M., Seattle, Wash.
Steller, Lawrence A., Montesano, Wash.
Sturgeon, Francis A., Los Angeles, Calif.
Sturgeon, Inez (Mrs. F. A.), Los Angeles, Calif.
Turner, John G., Packwood, Wash.
Whiteside, William, Seattle, Wash.
Winters, Gail, Gooding, Idaho

The following names were removed from the General Council ministerial list during the month of July, 1939.

Lewis, William W., White Hall, Ill. (deceased December 1938)
Welch, J. W., Springfield, Mo. (deceased)
White, Thomas J., Meigs, Ga. (deceased)

REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

HILL CITY, S. DAK.—We have just concluded an evangelistic campaign with J. S. Schaffer, New Castle, Wyo., as evangelist. Several were saved and on the closing Sunday 9 were buried in water baptism.—Elmer R. Burry, Pastor.

STIGLER, OKLA.—The Lord has blessed in a 5 weeks' campaign here with Frank Ellison, of Red Hill Assembly, near Keota, and T. J. Powell, of Sallisaw, Evangelists. Thirteen were saved or reclaimed, 7 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and 8 followed the Lord in water baptism. We also made a drive and finished raising money for our new church.—T. N. Rainwater, Pastor.

WOODBURY, PA.—Evangelist and Mrs. James Gorman came here June 20 and conducted a 13 nights' meeting. Their ministry was enjoyed, greater interest was manifested, and some hearts were greatly stirred. Owing to their being called back to Lebanon to comply with some other arrangements, the revival was closed. Five were baptized by immersion on the closing day.—D. M. Nissley, Pastor.

ALFORDSVILLE, IND.—A very successful revival was conducted here recently, in which 17 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and 9 found the Lord precious to their souls. Alma Hodgson and Blanche Novak, Rock Island, Ill, were the evangelists. One who was noted for his infidelity was wonderfully converted, and his testimony has had a marvelous influence for good. We praise God for answered prayer and are determined to press forward.—Denver L. Baker, Pastor.

FLETCHER, OKLA.—Evangelist Marion Ledbetter, of Chickasha, recently conducted a revival here, in which 7 were saved or reclaimed and 3 received the Holy Ghost Baptism. The last Sunday of the meeting, Brother Woods, pastor of the church at Cement, brought some people from his church who had been saved in Brother Ledbetter's revival in Cement, and we had a union baptismal service. Thirteen in all were baptized, 3 from Cement and 10 from our church. Council brethren are invited to visit us at any time.—C. C. Comer, Pastor.

FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ.—July 3, 1938, we made the down payment on two lots for a church and began services in a pine grove, one mile west of town; had Sunday School and regular services there until early fall. By the middle of October, 1938, we were able to move our services to the church. However, the building was not completed and we had to close up temporarily on account of deep snow and lack of fuel, as we had not had time to get the fuel in. This is a new and hard field, and the work has progressed slowly, but we feel it is going on for God. (Hint to pioneers workers: This church is made of railroad ties, but good-looking when stuccoed.) We have an average of 30 in Sunday School. A few have been getting saved. July 10, 1939, we had our first fellowship meeting. Council brethren passing this way will find a welcome.—Oren O. Paris, Pastor.

CARROLLTON, MO.—On June 18 we started a meeting with L. F. Kennedy, of Duenweg, as the evangelist. The interest was good from the first and God blessed in many ways. There is a deeper hunger in the hearts of the saints for more of God, a real desire to see God mold our assembly into a New Testament Holy Ghost church, a new or renewed vision of the soon coming of our Lord, and a greater determination to be found working for Him when He comes. The hearts of the children were also stirred. Brother Kennedy's prophetic messages were instructive as well as heart-searching, and we thank God for everything that has been accomplished. Fourteen were saved or reclaimed, and 6 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The sick were prayed for and some were healed. Faith sprang up in the hearts of many to believe God for greater things.—Mrs. G. L. Howard, Secretary.

HOME MISSIONARY RALLIES
Home Missionary Rallies and Divine Healing Missions were recently held in Beaumont, Houston, Austin, Waco, and Corpus Christi, Texas. We had real victory in all these services. District Superintendent F. D. Davis spoke on the great need of the Home Mission Field. Raymond T. Richey spoke on Divine Healing, prayed for the sick, and took up Home Missionary offerings. John Smith and Paul Chamless told of the special excursion train which the Texas District will run to the General Council and Camp Meeting at Springfield, Mo.—L. F. Richey.

MARION, OHIO—A 3-weeks revival has been conducted here by I. A. Shank and daughter, Mary, of Cuyahoga Falls. God met us in a wonderful way; there was such depth to every service. Surely God blessed our brother in ministering the Word. We feel that God smiled on us, when He permitted us to have this deep man of God in our midst. Many times the power of God swept people off their feet, and the altar services were most wonderful. Ten were saved, 6 baptized in water, and 6 taken into church membership.—Mrs. G. C. West and daughter, Nola West, Pastors.

STERLING, COLO.—The Lord has blessed in a successful revival conducted by Evangelist Earl Larson and party of California. The Lord met with us, saving, filling, and healing, for which we give Him all the praise. We enjoyed nice crowds, and new people sought God for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The playing, preaching, and singing of Mary Ann, the seven-year-old daughter of the evangelist, was appreciated. The church here is in good condition and moving on for God.

We have accepted the pastorate at Ft. Morgan and will leave here next week, after spending a very pleasant year in Sterling. We have been on the air here for 6 months and God has been blessing this 45 minute broadcast each Sunday afternoon.—A. W. Smith, Pastor.

ATLANTA, GA.—On June 25 the "Christ's Ambassadors 4" came to the West End Pentecostal Church, from Greenville, S. C., and held a 3-weeks meeting, and the Lord surely did bless. Sixty-two were saved, and the Lord wonderfully baptized 3 with the Holy Ghost. Many Christians were blessed in this meeting. The "Christ's Ambassadors 4" is composed of four young men—Carl Perry, 18, William Vaughan, 17, Ansel Hollingsworth, 16, and Leonard Paige, 16. Pray much for them, as they seem to be consecrated workers, and the Lord seemed to bless them wonderfully. Carl Perry, being the oldest, is the leader of this evangelistic party. He is preparing himself for entrance into the Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo. Ansel Hollingsworth also expects to attend this school.—T. F. Reed, Pastor.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA. (Lambert's Run)—We thank God for the wonderful way in which He has poured out His Spirit in this community, saving 46 and filling 32 with His Holy Spirit. We cannot praise God enough for having brought us the glorious light of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Our first meeting was held April 30 in our community school-house. Since then services have been continued, with the presence of the Holy Spirit thrilling our souls. God is most marvelously using Zephia Riddle and Ione Saunders, who bring us the Word in its fullness. Our community has a changed atmosphere since so many have said, Yes to Jesus. We now have prayerful homes, and we praise God for it all. We have no church as yet, but we all have a burden to see God's work go over the top, and we know God will give us the desire of our hearts, and soon a church will be erected to the glory of our Lord.—Brooks S. Kyle.

MARLIN, TEXAS—Evangelist Harley Smith just closed a very successful 3 weeks' tent revival here. Twenty-eight knelt at the altar, confessing their sins in

the old-time way, and received Jesus as their personal Saviour. The crowds were excellent through the entire campaign. Every one seemed to enjoy the stirring messages and fine singing of Brother Smith. The entire church was blessed and revived, and every one seems encouraged as we return to our tabernacle to resume our regular schedule of services with a number of new faces in our midst.—V. H. Smith, Pastor.

PARAGOULD, ARK.—We called Jack and Elta Staats Pope to conduct a summer revival, which began July 2 and lasted until July 23. Sister Pope, who is the daughter of Loren B. Staats, of Dallas, Texas, is a wonderful preacher, full of the fire of the Holy Spirit. Thirty-five were saved or reclaimed, and 4 received the Holy Spirit Baptism as on the day of Pentecost. During this revival people were reached who had never been reached before. Business men and people from other faiths became interested in the full gospel message. One Sunday night our large tabernacle was nearly filled, and at the altar call our altars were filled with people seeking God.—Alfred A. Bradley, Pastor.

ATLANTA, GA.—We have recently enjoyed a very successful revival with Evangelist Pauline Shauger, Painted Post, N. Y. God so blessed our souls that the meeting continued for 8 weeks. Many found Christ as their Saviour, some received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and new members were taken into church fellowship. Sister Shauger's inspiring messages the first 3 weeks so stirred our young people that they launched out into street meetings, winning souls right and left. Twelve were saved in one street meeting. Gifts of the Spirit were added to our church by the laying on of hands, and all departments were blessed.—H. R. Bagwell, Pastor, Fellowship Tabernacle.

DRUMRIGHT, OKLA.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burton McCafferty, Ft. Worth, Texas, were with us for two weeks in a revival effort. The Lord baptized one fine young lady the first night. Brother McCafferty gave us some instructive Bible lessons and much good was done. Sister McCafferty conducted a daily vacation Bible school with an enrollment of 86. The average attendance was very good and the school was appreciated by many, this being our first attempt. God saved a fine young man who had never before been to an altar for prayer. An elderly man prayed his way back to God. We just closed our sixth year here. We shall appreciate a visit from passing ministers.—Lawrence Selvey, Pastor.

SALISBURY CENTER, N. Y.—We praise God for the 3 weeks' campaign just closed with Evangelist and Mrs. George Gould, of Savona. Eight were baptized in the Spirit, the church was strengthened, backsliders were reclaimed, some found Christ as their Saviour, and we all feel God has given us showers of blessing to refresh us in these last days before Jesus comes. One newly-baptized sister was practically raised from the dead when stricken with heart trouble. We praise God that His mighty hand was stretched forth to heal this sister.

Brother and Sister Gould are fine singers; they play several instruments, and Brother Gould's messages are inspiring, forceful, evangelistic, and true to the Scriptures.—Earnest Darling, Pastor.

NOCONA, TEXAS—I accepted the pastorate here last February, and found the church moving on slowly, with a Sunday School attendance of about 30. We now have around 60 in Sunday School, and the saints are more encouraged to press on. We have a small building and parsonage combined. July 5 we began a revival which continued until July 23, with Albert E. Leggett as evangelist. The power of God was present from the beginning, there was a large attendance, and much interest was shown. Twelve were saved, and 6 were filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Leggett preaches the old-time gospel, and has a message for the church as well as for the unsaved. His ministry in sermon and song proved a great blessing to our church and community. Council brethren passing this way will find a hearty welcome.—Otis B. Hutson, Pastor.

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GENERAL COUNCIL, Springfield, Mo., Sept. 7-14; preceded by Camp Meeting Aug. 30-Sept. 6.

VAN BUREN, ARK.—Sunnyside Assembly, Route 1, Aug. 10—; Clara Classen, Evangelist.—P. H. Flurry, Pastor.

ANITA, PA.—Full Gospel Assembly, Aug. 13-Sept. 3; Minna Seaholm, Evangelist.—Arthur E. Moore, Pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF.—Full Gospel Bible Conference Ardmore and Olive Sts., Aug. 8-20; T. J. Jones, London, England, in charge.—J. K. Gresset, Pastor.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—960 S. Third St., revival in progress; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barnes, Evangelists.—William E. Pickthorn, Pastor.

CUBA, ILL.—Assembly of God, Aug. 11—; A. G. Snider, Evangelist.—G. A. Brewer, Pastor.

FRAZEE, MINN.—Aug. 3—; Irene Abrahamson, Evangelist.—Paul and Gertrude Hild, Pastors.

MONAHANS, TEXAS—Aug. 20, for 2 weeks or longer; James D. Bell, Evangelist.—J. B. Essary, Pastor.

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MEMPHIS, TEXAS.—Meeting in progress; James D. Bell, Evangelist.—Pete Love, Pastor.

MOORHEAD, MINN.—Aug. 13-20; Howard and Milton Barfoot, of Canada, Evangelists.—Wesley R. Hurst, Pastor.

BEGGS, OKLA.—August 21, for 2 weeks; Wm. B. McCafferty, Ft. Worth, Texas, Evangelist.—D. B. Jagers, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS.—4th Ave. and Metropolitan St., Aug. 15—; Evangelist and Mrs. L. H. Sheets.—Gideon O. DeMerchant, Pastor.

SHARP, OKLA. (8 miles southwest of Okmulgee)—Outdoor revival, Aug. 8—; Fred G. Eiting, Dallas, Texas, Evangelist.—Hattie Coffee, Pastor.

SHERBURN, MINN.—Tent Campaign, Aug. 8, for 2 weeks or longer; Robert Perryman, of California, Evangelist.—Roy K. Reed, Pastor.

MASCOUTAH, ILL.—Tent Meeting, Maple Park, month of August; C. C. Burnett, of Granite City, Evangelist.—T. M. Kimberlin, Pastor.

EMPORIA, KANSAS.—Aug. 20-Sept. 4; A. N. Trotter, of Kansas City, Evangelist. This is a new field; Council ministers and workers welcome.—C. H. Eckles, BROADCAST

MEMPHIS, TENN.—"Sermons in Song," Station WMPS, each Sunday 4:00-4:30 p. m. Sponsored by Memphis Assembly of God.—William E. Pickthorn, Pastor.

LAWTON, OKLA.—Union Tent Meeting, under auspices of assemblies of Lawton and vicinity, Aug. 13-27; Guy Shields, with band of musicians from Shield of Faith Bible Institute, Ft. Worth, Texas, in charge. For information write Pastor T. K. Davis, Route 4, Lawton, Okla.—Guy Shields.

KENTUCKY DISTRICT COUNCIL.
LOUISVILLE, KY.—Fifth annual meeting, Kentucky District Council, Aug. 29—Sept. 1. G. F. Lewis, Superintendent Central District, Main Speaker. For information write J. J. Humphries, District Secretary, Box 116, Taylorsville, Ky., or T. E. Gannon, Pastor Bethel Tabernacle, 2115 Garland Ave., Louisville, Ky.—J. J. Humphries.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS, S. S. AND C. A. RALLIES

ADA, OKLA.—Special C. A. and S. S. Rally, Aug. 22-23, during camp meeting. Myer Pearlman, writer and lecturer from Gospel Publishing House, will assist. Send your officers and teachers.—Albert Ogle, C. A. and S. S. President, El Reno, Okla.

BARNETT, MO.—Sedalia Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Aug. 22. First service 11:00 a. m. Basket dinner. All neighboring assemblies invited. Brother Curtman is pastor.—E. F. Sanders, Sectional Secretary, 311 W. Dunklin, Jefferson City, Mo.

COLUMBUS, GA.—Tent Revival, sponsored by C. A.'s of 6 churches of Columbus, Ga., and Phenix City, Ala., Aug. 12-27. Kenneth Erwin, Mississippi C. A. President, Evangelist. C. A. Rally Aug. 26-27. Rooms free, meals reasonable.—A. G. Bolin, 1102 36th St., Columbus, Ga.; by Evangelist.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—Western New York C. A. Rally, Calvary Pentecostal Church, South Main and Prospect Sts., Sept. 4. Services 10:00, 2:30, and 7:00. Meals at nearby restaurants. Norman T. Spong, Sectional C. A. Vice President.—Frederick D. Drake, Pastor, 9 Prospect St.

(Near) **PHILLIPSBURG, MO.**—Springfield Sectional Fellowship Meeting Aug. 21. First service 10:30; ministers' meeting following afternoon service; C. A. rally 6:00; evening service 8:00. Bring well-filled baskets. Singers please bring instruments and be prepared to furnish special numbers. Mable Ann Williams is pastor.—J. L. Whittaker, Sectional Secretary, Bolivar, Mo.

MICHIGAN C. A. ANNUAL CONVENTION

DETROIT, MICH.—Michigan C. A. Annual Convention, Berea Tabernacle, Fourth at Forest, Sept. 2-4. Services daily 10:30, 2:00, and 7:30. C. M. Ward of N. C. B. I., Main Speaker. Special feature for Saturday evening service, Illustrative Cartoons by Vaughn R. Shoemaker, Head Cartoonist Chicago Daily News. Missionary Speaker, J. P. Kolenda, outgoing missionary to Brazil. Missionary pageant by Battle Creek C. A.'s. Other speakers: Chas. W. H. Scott, Paul J. Emery, and S. R. Fostekew. Business meeting and election of officers, Monday, 1:00 p. m. Convention will close with great outdoor service at the Shell on Belle Isle. Free rooms will be furnished guests, as far as

possible.—Rita Mae Cook, Secretary, 1934 Pasadena Ave., Detroit, Mich.

CAMP MEETINGS

FALLING WATERS, W. VA.—Potomac District, July 28-Aug. 20; W. R. Steelberg and John W. Follette, Main Speakers. Particulars from Frank J. Wilfong, 1021 Fay St., Fairmont, W. Va.

MIZE, KY.—Kentucky District, July 29-Aug. 20; J. J. Humphries and Bessie Lee Adair, Main Speakers. Particulars from H. M. Halsey, Mize, Ky.

YORK, NEBR.—Nebraska District, Aug. 10-20; J. D. Saunders, Main Speaker. For information write A. M. Alber, 831 N. Kansas Ave., Hastings, Nebr.

CORONA, N. MEX.—Northern New Mexico, Aug. 11-20; Roy H. Stewart and W. A. Gilbert, Main Speakers. Particulars from Irvin V. Jackson, Box 142, Corona, N. Mex.

ADA, OKLA.—Central Oklahoma, Aug. 14-23; Myer Pearlman and Harvey McAlister, Main Speakers. Write H. T. Owens, 5008 So. 32 W. Ave., Tulsa, Okla.

FORESTVILLE, CONN.—New England District, Aug. 16-27; Allan A. Swift and Otto J. Klink, Main Speakers. Particulars from Roy Smuland, 16 Lockwood Terrace, West Hartford, Conn.

FRUITLAND, IDAHO.—Snake River, Aug. 18-27; D. H. McLaughlin, Main Speaker. Write John E. Shaw, 621 E. Main St., Weiser, Idaho.

GENERAL COUNCIL—SOUTHERN MISSOURI CAMP MEETING

The Southern Missouri District is uniting its Camp Meeting with the General Council Camp Meeting to be held on Central Bible Institute campus, Springfield, Mo., Aug. 30-Sept. 6. This will be a great General Council gathering, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the forming of the General Council. The General Council was formed in Arkansas and we are happy to have an Arkansas preacher, L. L. Riley, as the night speaker, Myer Pearlman, of the Faculty of Central Bible Institute, will speak twice daily on Teacher Training. John Wright Follette, New Paltz, N. Y., will bring one of his unique and instructive messages each afternoon. Meals may be had in the Bible School building at very reasonable rates. Arrange now to attend this great gathering.

OPEN FOR CALLS

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Carroll F. Grady, Monette, Ark.—"I have resigned the pastorate at Hornbeck, La. Reference: E. L. Tanner, 205 Crosley St., West Monroe, La."

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NEW ADDRESS—Box 598, Hoquiam, Wash. "I have accepted the pastorate here."—T. J. Silva.

WANTED—Used folding organ, in good condition, for the Lord's work.—Fred D. Drake, 9 Prospect St., Jamestown, N. Y.

NEW ADDRESS—4312 N. Kedvale, Chicago, Ill.—"We have resigned our pastorate in Chicago and are entering the evangelistic field."—W. L. Williams.

NEW ADDRESS—2111 Twelfth Ave., Columbus, Ga. "We have accepted the pastorate of the East Highland Assembly of God."—Joseph F. Sharp.

NEW ADDRESS—P. O. Box 153, Wallace, Nebr. "We have accepted the pastorate here. All Council brethren passing this way are invited to stop and visit us."—Alfred R. Brown.

NEW ADDRESS—P. O. Box 200, Alton, Ill. "I have recently accepted the pastorate of the Edwards Street Assembly of God, also the office of Treasurer for the Illinois District."—O. R. Keener.

NEW ADDRESS—P. O. Box 23, Wellston, Okla. "I have resigned the pastorate of East Side Assembly of God, 4th Ave. and Metropolitan St., Dallas, Texas, and wife and I are entering the evangelistic field after Sept. 3."—Gideon O. DeMerchant.

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Elgin Watch City Tabernacle	4.95
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Grafton Assembly of God SS	3.50
INDIANA Personal Offerings	7.00
Muncie Glad Tidings A of G	10.00
IOWA Personal Offerings	47.48
Conrad Assembly of God SS	13.00
Creston Assembly of God	4.68
Grinnell Assembly of God	5.00
Nashua Assembly of God	2.00
KANSAS Personal Offerings	6.05
Anthony A of God SS & CA	13.26
Attica Assembly of God & SS	7.79
Kansas City Full Gos Tab SS & CA	88.00
Medicine Lodge Lasswell A of G	6.70
Williamstown Assembly of God	37.00
KENTUCKY Buena Vista A of God	1.00
MAINE Personal Offerings	2.00
MARYLAND Personal Offerings	25.25
Cumberland (North) A SS & CA	29.63
Cumberland (South) A of God & SS	49.00
MASSACHUSETTS Per Offerings	14.25
Greenfield Glad Tidings Chapel	7.59
Greenfield Glad Tidings Chapel SS	2.70
S Dennis Christ Ambassadors	3.00
MICHIGAN Per Offerings	12.00
Atlanta Full Gos Ch DVBS	12.61
Benton Harbor Bethel A of G	19.00
Coldwater Emmanuel Chapel & SS	10.22
Detroit Berea Tabernacle	85.00
St Clair Shores Gos Tab SS	10.00
MINNESOTA Personal Offerings	36.12
Dodge Center Gospel Tabernacle	6.90
Eagle Bend Full Gos A of G	7.04
Minneapolis Fremont Tabernacle	125.00
Pillager Full Gospel Assembly	10.90
MISSISSIPPI Personal Offerings	5.00
Hattiesburg A of G & SS	3.22
MISSOURI Personal Offerings	2,636.30
Brimson Christ Ambassadors	1.90
Ewing Assembly of God	10.27
Fayette Assembly of God	1.44
Herculaneum Assembly of God SS	11.55
Joplin Assembly of God	17.11
Kansas City J Girls Cl-70th & Pros	2.00
Kansas City Westport A of G	24.70
Lee Summit A of God	5.00
Mexico A of God	2.12
Milan Assembly of God	1.00
Riverview Gardens Assembly of God	.33
Springfield Central A of God SS	60.00
Springfield N S A of God	12.00
St Charles Assembly of God Tab	3.90
MONTANA Personal Offerings	163.90
Anaconda Bethel Tabernacle	30.50
Great Falls Assembly of God	25.00
Libby Full Gospel Assembly	3.50
Livingston Gospel Tabernacle	10.00
Sidney Pent Tabernacle	5.19
NEBRASKA Personal Offerings	.54
Bayard Assembly of God	4.00
Big Spring Full Gos Tab	39.20
Milburn Knobby Ridge SS	2.00
Pender Assembly of God	5.16
Winnebago Highway Tab CA	1.40
NEVADA Reno Glad Tidings Ch	10.54
NEW HAMPSHIRE Per Offerings	.12

NEW JERSEY Personal Offerings	18.25
Egg Harbor City First Baptist Ch	16.55
(Near) Freehold Church of Georgia	33.92
Hammonton Rosedale Pent Church	4.00
Scotch Plains Bible Class	20.00
Trenton Gospel Tabernacle	22.50
NEW MEXICO Personal Offerings	2.11
NEW YORK Personal Offerings	81.14
Buffalo Pent Tabernacle & CA	573.33
Carthage Calvary Evangelistic Tab	15.00
New York Apostolic Faith Mission	3.00
New York Czechoslovakian Mission	6.00
New York Glad Tidings Tab	1,264.00
New York Good News Tab	6.00
Ossining Gospel Assembly SS	35.00
Rochester Elim Tabernacle Church	22.90
Wayne Crystal Springs SS	3.80
White Plains Full Gospel Church	7.05
N CAROLINA Hertford A of G	10.00
N DAKOTA Personal Offerings	18.21
Bowesmont Fleece Gos Tab & SS	6.87
Hettinger Gospel Tabernacle	4.05
OHIO Personal Offerings	43.25
Akron Bethel Assembly of God	73.04
Ashtabula Assembly of God	10.00
Louisville Full Gospel Tabernacle	.93
Marion Assembly of God SS	2.00
Salem Lighthouse Tabernacle	7.00
Wadsworth Full Gos A of God SS	4.50
Weathersfield Summit Pent Church	4.00
OKLAHOMA Personal Off	16.05
Canton Wild Cat Sunday School	1.15
Clebit A of God SS & CA	2.84
Collinsville Assembly of God	18.00
Davenport Assembly of God SS	.92
Fittstown Assembly of God SS	4.50
Grove Sunday School	1.25
Hanna Assembly of God	3.16
Maud Assembly of God	10.00
Okmulgee Assembly of God & SS	41.04
Panama Assembly of God SS	1.00
Pawhuska Assembly of oGD CA	5.00
Ringling Assembly of God	6.00
Sayre Assembly of God SS	1.90
West Tulsa Assembly of God	4.57
Wilson Assembly of God SS	5.00
Wright City Assembly of God	2.00
OREGON Personal Offerings	10.50
Ashland Full Gospel Temple	8.08
Canyonville Bible Academy	1.00
Dayton Full Gospel Assembly & SS	12.07
Otario Assembly of God	5.50
Tillamook Pent Tabernacle & SS	5.06
PENNSYLVANIA Personal Off	48.90
Allentown A of G Pent Pryr Band	30.00
Hamburg Full Gos Tabernacle SS	6.00
Hollentown Pent Church & SS	5.30
Jeannette First Pent Church	72.00
Lancaster First Pent Church	195.00
Marietta Maranatha A of God SS	8.00
Monnessen Pent Mission	6.15
New Kensington Gospel Tab	45.00
Pittsburgh Bethel Pent Tab	4.00
Roaring Springs Peoples Tab	3.00
Stroudsburg Assembly of God	23.85
Wilson Living Word Tab CA	6.00
S DAKOTA Personal Offerings	2.13
Mission Gospel Tabernacle	3.20
TENNESSEE Personal Offerings	6.00
Munford Womens Miss Council	1.00
TEXAS Personal Offerings	79.85
(Near) Ackerly Brown A of God	3.68
Alba Cotton Wood A of G	2.00
Arcadia Assembly of God	2.00
Burkburnett Assembly of God Ch	5.00
Cedar Valley Bee Cave Assembly	.92
Daisetta A of God SS	6.00
Dallas Bethel Temple WMC	40.00
Fairfield Bethel Assembly of God	2.00
Houston Central A of God SS	21.00
Houston Evangelistic Temple Ch	26.21
Houston Magnolia Park A of G	39.84
Houston Magnolia Pk A of G WMC	23.75
Houston Magnolia Pk A of G CA	5.00
Houston Mag Pk A Co-Laborers Cl	1.74
Houston Mag Pk Assem Will W Cl	5.00
Houston N S Tab Ever Ready Cl	45.00
Jester Assembly of God SS	5.00
Leander Sandy Assembly of God	1.50
Marquez Assembly of God	1.00
Matador Assembly of God	1.75
Port Neches Assembly of God	3.50
VERMONT Brattleboro F Gos A of G	5.00
VIRGINIA Norfolk Glad Tid Ch CA	5.00
Sperryville Full Gospel Tab	3.00
St Paul A of God Ch & SS	5.00
WASHINGTON Personal Offerings	310.95
Chewelah Pent A of G & SS	2.32
Enumclaw Full Gos Assembly & SS	8.00
Leavenworth Pent A of God	13.88
Seattle Fremont Pent Tab	133.66
Seattle Hollywood Temple	105.00
Seattle Hollywood Temple Y P	10.00
Wapato Pent A of God	16.00
Wenatchee Full Gospel A of God	50.88
W VIRGINIA Carolina A of G SS	2.25
United Assembly of God CA	22.70
WISCONSIN Personal Offerings	12.75
Green Bay Gospel Tab	20.00
Milwaukee Bethel Tab (German)	80.00
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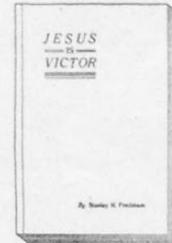
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Literature Expense Fund	37.41
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Missionaries	380.78
Amount Received for Foreign Missions	8,493.25
Amount Previously Reported	26,071.93
Amount Received for Foreign Missions this month	\$34,565.18

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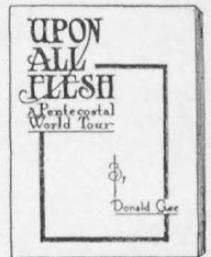


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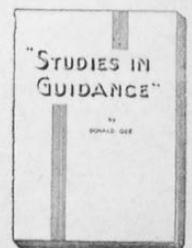


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On Camp Meeting days (Aug. 30 to Sept. 6) Elder John Wright Follette will be Bible teacher and Pastor L. L. Riley will be evangelist. Elder Myer Pearlman will conduct Teacher Training Classes daily. E. S. Williams, J. R. Flower, Fred Vogler and others will also speak.

During General Council days (Sept. 7-14) many splendid speakers will be heard, including Pastor L. L. Riley of Russellville, Ark.; Elder John Wright Follette of New Paltz, N. Y.; Pastor Ben Mahan of Washington, D. C.; Pastor E. M. Yeats of Houston, Texas; Pastor T. J. Gotcher of Little Rock, Ark.; Pastor H. A. Stemme

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Special Features

Early morning prayer will be conducted on Camp Meeting days by Elder Fred Vogler, and on General Council days by Elder Stanley Frodsham. Each Sunday afternoon an inspiring missionary rally will be directed by Elder Noel Perkin. Wednesday, Sept. 6, will be Christ's Ambassadors day.

Location

These great meetings will be held at Central Bible Institute in a large auditorium erected for the purpose. The shady campus, the spacious dormitories, and the modern conveniences of the Institute make it an ideal location. Meals at reasonable rates in the school cafeteria. Free space for tents and trailers. Outdoor fireplaces, firewood, rest rooms and showers provided free.

Accommodations

Springfield is a city of 60,000, with abundant accommodations for a record crowd. Although all the rooms in Central Bible Institute are already reserved for General Council days, there are many tourist camps, rooming houses and Pentecostal homes within a mile of the grounds.



Many rooms in the Institute are still available for Camp Meeting days, with two single beds in each; rates are \$3.00 per bed or \$6.00 per room for one week, bedding free. Cots in large class-rooms can be had for \$1.00 per week, but no bedding is furnished.

Schedule for General Council Days

7:00 to 8:00	Morning Prayer
7:30 to 8:30	Breakfast
9:00 to 9:50	Devotions
10:00 to 11:50	Business
12:00 to 1:30	Dinner
1:30 to 2:00	Praise and Worship
2:00 to 4:50	Business
5:00 to 6:15	Supper
6:30 to 7:45	C. A. Vesper Service
7:45 to 9:30	Evening Service

To reserve dormitory rooms, cots, or tents write to Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., sending money order to cover; or write for further information.