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THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS

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## The World's Need and the Missionary Response

Noel Perkin at the Central Assembly, Springfield, Missouri

A NUMBER of years ago I was traveling toward South America. The boat we were on encountered a terrible storm. The waves increased in size until they looked like tremendous green mountains ahead of us that would engulf us. As the bow of the boat pressed towards them, it seemed that surely we should go down. But we would go over the crest and down again into the next valley.

We were supposed to put into port that night, but the pilot signaled it was too dangerous to bring the boat to shore that night, and that it would be better to remain out at sea until it was calmer. They loosened the lifeboats on the decks in preparation for anything that might happen. I remember that at that time no sense of fear came into my heart, because I had the consciousness that God was there, that the great Pilot of our souls was with us.

Brother Williams recently spoke concerning "our missionary ship," and that brought to my mind many recollections of experiences on the ocean when, traveling at night with storms brewing, it was difficult to see any sign of the shore line, even though we might be near it, when you could see the lightning flashing on every side, hear the thunder rolling, and the customary lights which guide the ship seemed to be dimmed by the storm. That, to me, is a picture of the world situation facing us now. Storms are raging on every side, but the missionary boat is moving forward, although some may feel that we had better put into port at once and discontinue our journey. But should we stop or fear while the Lord is on the boat? The Lord is not asleep.

People cannot understand the present world situation. They are prone to blame it upon the failure of Christianity. But that shows they do not have the right vision. They do not see things from God's and the Bible's standpoint. We know the Lord is with us, so there is a calm in our hearts, and we are not going to turn back. We are going on.

We have conferred with representatives

of other missionary bodies and they reply they do not feel that this is any time for vacillation or lack of faith. If the brethren of other church organizations feel that way, how much more should that be the conviction of the Pentecostal people whom God has filled with His Spirit? Jesus never turned His face aside from going to Jerusalem in spite of what was before Him. He set His face like a flint to go through. That should be our attitude today. The

find no other that seemed to meet the situation. They became so enthused with that man's courage and ability, that they said as they went into action, "Let us advance; Bethune will take care of the wounded." In other words, they had confidence in the ability of that physician. They believed that he would see them through and in time of need would help them. Their responsibility was to attack.

I think we can do the same with our Great Physician on board this ship. Let us attack the hosts of darkness, let us fire the message of the gospel into every land in the world. Jesus will take care of the wounded.

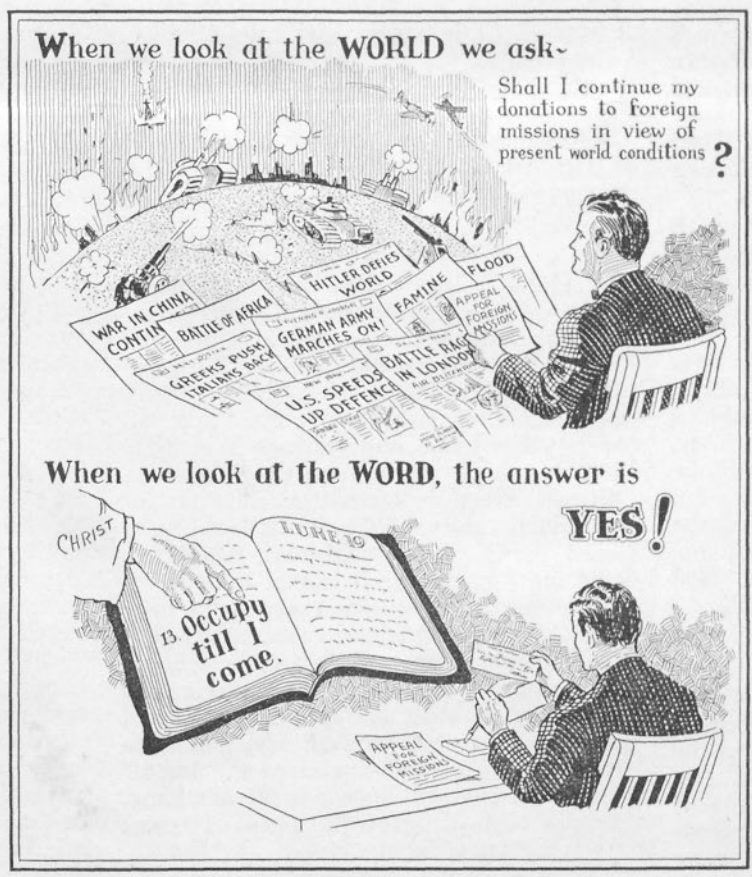
But, friends, it is a critical situation. We see how in the lands that are dominated by the axis powers Christian missionary effort is very much restricted and in some cases it cannot be carried on.

Germany had made a wonderful contribution to the furtherance of the gospel in the world. There were something like 1,500 missionaries working in foreign lands out of Germany when the war broke out. These today are stranded except for such help as may be extended to them by other Christian bodies. But if the axis powers are victorious in the lands where missionaries are ministering now, the door for the gospel will be closed. We have definite evidence that should Germany be victorious and get the colonies that were formerly hers as well as those that are now controlled by Great Britain and France, there will then be no hope of Christianizing the natives; for it has been declared that that is contrary to

German policy. We shall find there will be a sharper distinction between Christianity and paganism. It will mean so much to be a Christian that people will not follow that road unless they mean it with all their heart. Christianity and paganism will stand out against one another in bolder relief.

In the event of such a victory we shall find there will be other personalities in South American countries in places of authority, who will seek to emulate these

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Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward."

A young Canadian physician attached himself to the Chinese army. He sought to give his service in a cause which he believed to be right, to help stem the tide of the invader by giving his medical service in caring for the wounded. He won the confidence of those Chinese as they saw his devotion and his skill. When someone had to have a blood transfusion, he did not hesitate to give his own blood when he could

# A New Day Coming to the Jews

Ernest S. Williams

## *Israel and Judah to Be Restored and Made One*

Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles, whose ministry, while "to the Jew first," was principally to the Gentiles, as is shown by a study of his missionary journeys and the fact that his Epistles were written to churches largely of Gentile believers, longed for the salvation of those of his own race to such a degree that he could say, "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the promises." Rom. 9:3, 4.

Paul saw that, although Israel had rejected their Saviour and the gospel, they were still the covenant people of God, and would yet be restored to divine favor and blessing. "Has God cast away His people?" Rom. 11:1. "Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come to the Gentiles. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness?" Rom. 11:11, 12. In other words, If the world has been enriched in gospel grace through Israel's rejection of Christ, how much more will it be enriched when the fullness of their blessing comes in.

Paul then looks to the covenant which God made with Abraham and shows that "if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches" (v. 16).

The apostle then shows that the blindness which has fallen upon Israel is to remain only "until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in" (v. 25), and concludes with the statement, "And so all Israel shall be saved." "As concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance." vv. 26, 28, 29.

## *Ezekiel and Paul Agree*

Beginning with the thirty-sixth chapter of Ezekiel the history of the restoration of Israel is taken up. Ezekiel first declares the blessing of God will be returned to the land. vv. 1-10. Then God "will multiply men upon you (the land), all the house of Israel, even all of it. . . . And I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings. v. 11. "For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of the countries, and will bring you into your own land." v. 24. Ezekiel then shows that God will sprinkle clean water upon them and they shall be clean. vv. 25-28. In chapter 37 Ezekiel is shown a valley of dry bones which represents the whole house of Israel, which God will bring forth from their graves of dispersion among the nations and restore them to their land. In this restoration all twelve of the tribes are included, for Ezekiel was to take one stick to repre-

sent Judah and another to represent "Joseph, the stick of Ephraim," and they were to be joined one to another into one stick. "Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand." "Behold I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: and I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all." vv. 19-22.

The thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth chapters of Ezekiel show that a venomous and powerful enemy will invade Palestine after the nation is regathered, which will be subdued only by the intervention of the Lord. Then Ezekiel is shown the millennial temple in chapters 40 to 42. In chapter 43 the glory of God, which was taken away in chapter 11:23, is returned with the promise, "The place of My throne, and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever." The closing chapters describe the ministry of the priests and the divisions of land among the tribes.

## *The King of the Jews*

A glorious future lies before the Jews and a glorious governmental administration lies before the world. "When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory." Psalm 102:16. We have seen from Zechariah 14 that the Lord will defend the Jews, and that at that time "His feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives." Here we learn that He shall appear in His glory. Who is the Lord mentioned here? We would that every Jew could see this truth. It is that same Jesus who wept over Jerusalem and who said, "How often would I have gathered thy children together even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings." It is He who said, "For ye shall not see me henceforth until that day when ye shall say, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord." It is Christ who will appear as Israel's King. He was born King of the Jews. He was

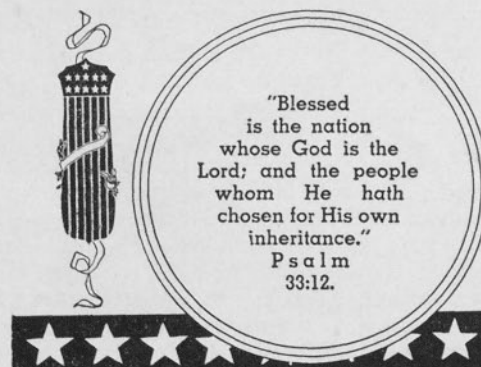
accused of claiming to be the King of the Jews. And He was crucified as King of the Jews. He arose from the dead and ascended to the right hand of God and He is coming again as King of the Jews. "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11. "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations; and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. . . . Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matt. 25:31-34. "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him." Rev. 1:7. What harmony there is between the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments concerning the coming of Israel's King!

## *Essential Qualities of the King of the Jews*

Israel's King must be both human and divine, a person of miraculous birth. "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel." Isa. 7:14. He must also be One who has suffered vicariously, having borne the sins of many. "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. . . . But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." He must be One who "was taken from prison and from judgment," or imprisoned and deprived the privilege of a fair trial. Who can fulfill these words of the prophet better than Jesus of Nazareth? He was arrested without the issuance of any legal warrant as was prescribed by the Hebrew law. He was arrested in the night contrary to the Hebrew code. He was arrested through information provided by Judas, a traitor who confessed himself a criminal. The Sanhedrin examined Him at night which was illegal for the Sanhedrin could not be convened until after the morning sacrifice. He was tried on the eve of the Sabbath, which was forbidden. He must be One who, after having "made his soul an offering for sin," was to "prolong His days," "justify many," and be given "a portion with the great." All this is prophesied by Isaiah in chapter fifty-three, and all this eye witnesses testify was fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth.

## *God's Covenant with David*

This same One who was to suffer "for the sins of many" was also to be a King of the royal line of David. Let us look at the covenant which God made with David. It was unconditional, therefore nothing can prevent its fulfillment. "Once have I sworn in my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure forever, and





his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established forever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven." Psalm 89:33-37. This covenant was a confirmation of God's promise to David in 2 Sam. 7:16, "Thine house and thy kingdom shall be established forever."

The covenant made to David was not fulfilled in Solomon, nor any other ruler of Israel nor Judah up to the present time. The covenant made with Solomon was conditional. "If thou wilt walk before me as David thy father walked . . . then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel forever . . . but if thou shalt at all turn from following me . . . then shall I cut off Israel out of the land that I have given them . . . a proverb and a by word among all people." 1 Kings 9:4-7. This curse pronounced against all Israel for disobedience ought to be a little discouraging to those who claim England and the United States, among the world's leading nations, to be the lost tribes.

The covenant made to David is to be fulfilled in One fitting into the description given by Isaiah. "For unto us a child is born." This tells of His humanity. "Unto us a son is given." This tells us that He is divine. "And the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform it." Isa. 9:6, 7.

Again, in the eleventh chapter, Isaiah sees with prophetic vision this Son of David and the days of kingdom blessing. Here the King is described as "a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him," empowering Him to discern with great and accurate wisdom, to judge righteously, and to rule with commanding vigor. Under his rule all nature will be regenerated so that "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid. . . . They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Jesse was the father of David. This rod out of the stem of Jesse indicates one of his descendants who shall come forth after the tree has seemingly been destroyed. Who can fulfill this but Jesus? He alone, of all those of Israel, has His genealogy certain and complete. It is found both in Matthew and Luke. But He is not alone a rod out of the stem of Jesse, which speaks of His humanity. He is "A root of Jesse," or that from which Jesse has sprung. This tells us of His Deity. This is the same truth that is found in the New Testament, "I am the root and the offspring of David." Rev. 22:16.

#### *Government of the King to Bless Both Jew and Gentile*

Not Israel alone will be blessed by the government of the King. The Gentiles will be blessed also for, "He shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and His rest shall be glorious." "He shall have dominion also from sea to

sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth." Psalm 72:8. "And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." Dan. 7:13, 14.

#### *The Regathering of Israel*

Concerning Israel, the prophet says, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord will set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people which shall be left." The first time was when He came as a suffering Saviour. From where will He gather them? "From Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea." If you wish to know where the tribes of Israel may be found, look to the lands from which the Lord has promised to regather them, and not to England and

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the United States. "And He shall set up an ensign for the nations (the Gentiles) and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart. And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim." When will Israel and Judah be restored to national sovereignty? When the Son of David, our Lord Jesus, takes up the reins of terrestrial government. Then will the whole house of Israel arise out of their graves of dispersion and become one nation.

It will be a glorious hour when men "beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; when every man finds a settled estate, "each under his own vine and fig tree;" when a blessed earth will become so productive that the plowman shall overtake the reaper (Amos 9:13); when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord and the nations shall learn war no more. "Hasten, O Lord, the day of Israel's restoration and the reign of Him who is to be Israel's King and King over all the world.

#### *Recharged with the Spirit*

Read meditatively the prayer of the disciples in Acts 4:24-30. The prayer is divided into two parts. First, what the enemies, and rulers, and kings, Israel and the Gentiles did. Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel have done these things. It is past history. The second part of their prayer deals with present day conditions: "Behold

their threatenings." Not content with crucifying Christ, they are continuing to threaten. Behold then these very same persons. They are reminding God of the past and then reminding Him of the present conditions. And so, in our prayers, we must remind God of the past and emphasize the present conditions.

Remind God of the exact state of the world. "Behold their threatenings." Remind God of the opposition of the Gentiles, the outsiders, of Herod, the ruler of Palestine, of the religious world, and also of Pilate, representing the secular government. Remind God of the rulers, the religious leaders and the religious people and the apostate conditions of affairs. Show up the whole thing to the Lord.

Take stock, and then show the Lord the stocktaking. Is God capable of dealing with the situation? The saints asked God and God answered. And they were filled with the Holy Ghost, refilled, and this was subsequent to Pentecost. The exigencies of the situation required that they be refilled, recharged, and a new work done.

God was not perturbed. God worked, and the situation was speedily changed. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost. Supernatural utterances! They encouraged one another and were united as never before. Wonders were done, healings, miracles brought about, multitudes brought to the Lord, and a great company of priests were obedient to the faith.

God can shake buildings still. He can shake people still. He can recharge still. But God wants to be reminded of the situation, and then He can take care of the situation.

The first shower of the Former Rain did not exhaust heaven. God had a more copious shower, bigger drops, more penetrating than the first. The situation demanded it, and when they prayed the demand was met. God wants to be reminded today by His Spirit-filled people. God can, and is willing to give the larger portion of His Spirit. "Thus saith the Lord; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them." Ezek. 36:37.

God is not afraid of opposition, but He might well be afraid that His people will fail to ask Him to meet the situation. "Lord, behold the situation and grant now." And God did not hesitate to grant now. Go, and do thou likewise.

#### *The First Two Sects*

"We forbade him, because he followeth not with us." Luke 9:49. The witty Dr. John McNeill imagines that the blind man, whose healing by our Lord is described in John 9:6-11, met the blind man of whose healing we are told in Luke 18:35-43. They had a little praise meeting for eyesight received, then the first blind man said to the second, "Of course the Lord took a little mud and put it on your eyes, and said, 'Now, see?'" "No," replied the other man, "he simply said, 'Receive thy sight,' and I saw." "No, indeed," said the first, "if he didn't put mud on your eyes, you are still as blind as a bat, because that is the way he healed me!" The argument went on. "And there and then," said Dr. McNeill, "the first sect in the church began—the Mudites and the Antimudites."—Emily McFarland, in *The Sunday School Times*.

# When Our King Rises Up

The Judgments that Will Attend His Advent

Some are living over volcanoes, forgetting the molten matter that is beneath. They see the green grass around them, and that gives them a false sense of security. The sylvan glades, the green meadows, and the slopes of the hills covered with vines and fruit trees, give them confidence, and they forget that they are living in a volcanic area.

They hear the rumbling sometimes, and then they look at the peaceful scene again, and persuade themselves that they are secure. And they try to hide the thought of the molten fire beneath.

In spite of all man's vain attempts to persuade himself otherwise, *there is a bottomless pit.*

"And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit." Rev. 9:1. There is an angel already created who will have the commission to unlock, to open up the pit and release hosts from the pit that are impatient and only too ready to be released for their infernal work. Emissaries from their master, who is going to repay his faithful servants with a *living wage*—a wage that will prevent death. For "in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them." Rev. 9:6. Men cry for a living wage—and their master has one ready.

There will be no dearth of scorpions or locusts. No men will be overlooked except those who have the seal of God upon their foreheads. These will have a supernatural protection, but all the others will be unprotected.

Men do not believe in hell, though they use the word as one of their favorite expressions. As for the pit—that does not exist. But they will find out that earth has no protection from hell when the covering, the lid, is removed. Grace keeps the lid on. Grace restrains the command from being given to the angel. But there is a time coming when grace will be withdrawn and the vengeance of our God will be manifested.

When? When the cup of iniquity is full. How long will it take to fill it? Men are filling it as fast as they can. How? Forgetting God. You find the list of their sins in the first chapter of Romans. Men are doing these things, filling up the cup, and the cup will soon be full.

Will men believe your message? No. Why not? Because they will not read nor believe the Word of God. "Whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." The smouldering fires will soon be a flame. The great restraining power is the prayers of God's people, their holy lives, the long-suffering of our God, and the intercession of the High Priest.

The rent veil of the Jewish temple meant an end, a finish, of the meritorious service inside. The shadow had to go, because

of the real Presence, because the real atoning sacrifice, the true Lamb of God, had been sacrificed on Calvary. And soon the work of intercession of the High Priest within the heavenly veil will cease. And when that ceases the restraining powers are withdrawn, and you can expect all the floods of wrath and judgment, the breaking of the seals, the trumpets, and the vials, because His high priestly work, the fruit and the effect of His atoning work, has been finished. The great restraint, the great barrier, removed for the floodgates of iniquity.

Then Christ will take up His position as King. Priestly robes set aside, and kingly robes put on. Instead of the nail-pierced hands uplifted in intercession for the nations, there will be the rod of iron to break them as a potter's vessel. It is imminent. The time is coming when the last sentence of the last intercessory prayer with the last Amen will be uttered; then God will be free to act. He restrains Himself through grace, because of the gracious petitions coming from the lips of Him who is full of grace and truth.

The devil will manifest great wrath, for he knows his time is short, and his ultimate doom is assured. He will show his wrath on the remnant of God's people, the Jews, and upon the residue of men made in the likeness of God. It is the same spirit that animated the Egyptians to seek to destroy the chosen of God, and by which at the Red Sea they themselves were destroyed. The devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. Insatiable! Why? He cannot touch the redeemed who fully trust their Saviour, he can only touch those whom Christ would have saved had they accepted.

The awfulness, the horrible character of those from the pit, only reflects some of the attributes of their master. God has to rid His universe both of them and him. How? By the Son of man, Jesus of Nazareth, the little village, the humble Galilean town.

Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Yes, God planned that the Ruler of the world should come out of Nazareth. He planned that from Nazareth should come Him who is to rule over kingdoms, principalities, dominions, who should control the mighty angels of light, who would obey His commands, carrying out His judgments, Him that was to ride the white horse. The Man from Nazareth leading the hosts on white horses, clothed in white, smiting the nations with the sharp sword of His mouth! And through Him of Nazareth the beast and the false prophet are cast into the lake of fire.

Jesus of Nazareth causeth the strong angel to bind Satan, that old serpent, the devil, with a chain, with manacles that grasp so tightly that for a thousand years Satan himself cannot wriggle loose; and take him again finally to consign him, to cast him, into the lake of fire that burneth for ever and ever.

Jesus of Nazareth, the despised of the earth, glorified by the God of heaven. "Yet have I set My King upon My holy hill of Zion." It shall be done, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. King of kings, and Lord of lords, and He shall reign undisputed, unmolested, unchallenged throughout the endless cycles of eternity, subject unto, still ever executing the will, purposes, plans of His Father, God.

His saints will be with Him. "Behold I and the children which God hath given Me." They will be always at His right hand, willing to do His will, until God shall be all in all. Amen.

## "Have the Faith of God"

Mark 11:22 margin

In Galatians 2:20, Paul tells us that he is so completely crucified with Christ that all his life has to come from his risen Lord; nay, so utterly is this true that he even says, "Not I, but Christ liveth in me." And then he adds that even his faith itself, the very principle by which his life is maintained, is not his own faith, but "*the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*" That cannot be explained to mean faith in the Son of God. It is *the faith of the Son.*

How can we have the faith of God?

Only by giving up our own. By ceasing to be unduly discouraged by its weakness, or elated by its fancied strength, but recognizing that we have no power in ourselves to believe rightly, any more than to do aught else rightly, to renounce ourselves, faith and all, in order that we may look to Jesus and receive of His fullness instead.

By claiming Christ Himself as our whole life and grace and our power for believing; simply putting in our claim for His faith as part of His finished and offered righteousness.

There was a little State near ancient Rome that was always being tormented by its warlike neighbors. Again and again they invaded it, and it was perpetually waging war. It was a proud little State, and gloried in its independence and military power. But so strong were the attacks that often it was compelled to call upon the Roman Republic to help it. At length the Romans suggested that it should give up its unprofitable independence and become part of the great Republic. Eventually it was persuaded to do so, and let go its little armies and executive

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and became one with the empire which no enemy dared assail. It gave up its little strength and gained the power of the mightiest state on earth.

Even so, we cling for a while to our little faith and power, fight our enemies with our boasted weapons, and ask God to help us out. But there is a way so much better; namely, to give up all our fancied resources and just become one with God, making our cause His own. Then shall all His strength become ours and we can defy our foes to touch Him. What a solemn responsibility it throws upon us to have such an offer. How severely it condemns all our self-excusing on account of unbelief, and makes our doubts and fears to be evil and malignant sins without one shadow of excuse. God may well expect confidence from us when He so amply provides for it. And He may well blame us with terrible severity for unbeliefs which are inexcusable because of the abundant grace He has supplied.

Christ is able and willing to give us His own great and perfect faith? Then what shall we say if our lives are still weak and timorous, and our great heritage of promise unclaimed? Shall we longer pet and apologize for our doubts and fears? Or shall we slay them at His feet, throw away the last remnant of our confidence in ourselves, and then, in His strength, really expect to believe and receive and overcome?

In the American war a brave ensign got in advance of the faltering line. The flag was in danger of being captured. The captain shouted, "Bring the colors back to the company." But just at that moment a brave soldier dashed forward shouting, "Bring the company up to the colors." And soon that flag was surrounded by a hundred fearless hearts. So we may lower God's standard, and bring it down to the level of our unbelief. Or we may bring our faith up to the great and glorious standard of His mighty promises, His own mighty and proffered faith. Oh, with such promises for faith to rest on, such powers and possibilities presented to it, such awful need of it in the world today, and such a Fountain from which to draw it, let us hear the Master saying to us as never before, "Have the faith of God."—A. B. Simpson.

### Lepers

Of the three great inflictions of leprosy in the Bible—and there are three only—one is linked with the priests—Miriam, and Aaron; one with the kings—Uzziah; and one with the prophets—Gehazi, Elisha's attendant. Prophet, priest, and king are all subject of the awful thing called sin. One, Miriam's, was the penalty for a constant temptation to womankind—jealousy. One, Uzziah's, the penalty for a constant temptation to ministers—spiritual pride. And one, Gehazi's, the penalty for a constant temptation of the ordinary man (especially the business man)—covetousness. Moreover, they are so graded as to be perpetual examples of sin and its judgment. Miriam, the saintly believer, caught in a sudden fall, confesses, and is cleansed on the spot: Uzziah, intoxicated by blessing falls heavily, and dies impenitent. Gehazi, in closest touch with spiritual things—a professor but not a possessor—suddenly stands revealed as a leper to the remotest generation and forever.

## A Painful Experience

Charles Elmo Robinson

From one end of the long platform to the other the preacher went. Sometimes when he thought he had made a specially telling point he hid behind the pulpit for a few moments and then stuck his head out at one side, making the people laugh. Sometimes he was off the platform at one side of the church, again he was off at the other side. It was only comfortably warm in the church but he soon had to divest himself of his coat. His voice was used to its utmost limit of power.

He announced "Holiness" as his theme; but throughout his philippic he did not once speak of the things that produce holiness, nor did he mention the things in one's life which show that that one is holy. He did not mention love for God nor love for man. He did not speak of even one of the nine characteristics of the fruit of the Spirit. He made no mention either of prayer or praise.

He often quoted the command, "Be ye holy," but what he said left the impression that he was talking about *acting* holily. He did not talk at all about *being*. He seemed to be interested only in telling the people what they *must not do*. He seemed never to have seen one of those saintly women who put up their hair in the most becoming way possible and straightway forget all about it, even as he himself does when he gets a fresh haircut and shave. He appeared to think that every woman who puts up her hair in a way that will not attract attention as being peculiar, is making that her adornment. That a woman *may*, and that many a woman no doubt does make her clothing and the arrangement of her hair her adornment, instead of relying on the excellencies of the hidden man of the heart as Peter requires, is of course granted. But where he displayed his lack of moderation and need of caution in utterance was in taking it as necessarily true that every woman with tastily arranged hair is depending on that as her adornment, and consequently is not holy.

He declared with much emphasis and repetition that "without holiness no man shall see God." He cited as his authority for this statement the text which says that unless we follow both peace with all men and holiness of life we shall not see God. Heb. 12:14. To quote only the last part of this text, "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord," without quoting all is, in my judgment, wresting the Scriptures.

He spent all of his time in describing practices that he said must be given up

in order to be holy; but in all he said he did not list one practice the presence of which in a life would necessarily show that a man was even *saved*. Every practice he condemned is one which many sinners abstain from and many saints indulge in. His address was entirely negative, and yet in listing the things one must give up to be holy he did not once refer to those deep and damning sins against love, such as hatred, coveting what is another's, holding grudges, envying, tattling, or indulging a critical spirit. He did not mention the love of money which is covetousness and idolatry, nor prayerlessness, nor lust.

He spoke with peculiar venom and scorn of women who go to the "curly parlors," and declared that if his wife should get a permanent she would have to look for another husband. He seemed not to know that some sinner women do not have permanents. He gave me the impression that all sinner women dress themselves and put up their hair in a way that marks them as sinners, and that all holy women dress themselves and put up their hair in a way that marks them as saints. I looked him over carefully, his haircut, his cleanly shaven face, his polished shoes, his carefully cleaned and trimmed fingernails. I looked at the cut and quality of his clothes, the style and probable cost of his shoes and necktie; but I could not tell by anything I *saw* whether he was a preacher or a ward politician, a saint or an infidel. While insisting that women must show by their physical appearance that they are Christians, he did not explain why this is not also incumbent on men.

When I started out to practice law my old lawyer-father in telling me how to speak before a jury said: "Most men are better judges of *sound* than they are of *sense*. So, especially if you have a poor case to present to the jury, make just as much noise as you can. Then they will think you are making a great speech and will pay no attention to what you are saying." Well, I thought of that in connection with this message, for the people present seemed to think it a great sermon. But as I made my escape as soon as politeness would allow I recalled that such preaching is at least a partial explanation of the noticed fact that the mentality of some assemblies is low. People who make good foundation material for churches like preachers to let their moderation be known to all men as Paul commands. Also when their sins are being uncovered in a sermon they want the address to be so closely reasoned that there is no escape for them. It is easier than for them to yield to God; but when they can see a way of escape left open by the preacher, their natural disposition to keep on as they have been going asserts itself, and they dismiss the sermon as not compelling.

*Is any among  
you afflicted?  
Let him pray.* James 5:13

They who undergo no trials enjoy no triumphs.

# "Is Yo' Wheat Good?"

W. Gordon Hill

During the course of my travels several years ago I found myself at Durham, North Carolina, for the week end. With a desire to fill my time profitably on Sunday, I inquired of a man in the hotel what church I had best visit on the following Sunday morning.

"Don't go to any," was his surprising reply; and then continuing, "Tomorrow morning, stroll down the street which parallels the railroad until you come to Trinity College, and if you are there at about half past ten o'clock, look directly across the tracks to a cabin set well back from the road.

"Presently you will see some one come out from the cabin who, going to a pole near by, will ring a bell suspended from it—the type of bell which is used in the South to call the hands in from the fields."

Well, I followed my instructions, and at the time specified, noticed a colored woman emerge from the cabin and ring the bell.

My further instructions were to then enter the cabin and take a seat, just as I might for any church service.

As I entered the cabin, I noticed a fine-looking old negro seated at an open fireplace, evidently meditating. He had a full crop of white hair which was tumbled over a well-poised head, and meeting in perfect harmony a skin of the darkest African hue. He was, in fact, a magnificent type of real, befo'-the-wah darkey.

When the time for the service had arrived, Moses Hester—for that was his name, although better known in that section as "Uncle Mose"—arose from his seat by the fireplace and announced that the offering would be taken. The same colored woman whom I had seen ringing the bell, advanced toward me with a plate, and as I was the entire congregation I made as much racket depositing a silver dollar on the plate as I thought would be in good taste, so as to encourage the brother to do his best.

Without further preliminaries, Uncle Mose then opened his Bible at the third chapter of John's Gospel, and in his own beautiful way began to unfold the way of salvation. He stated that his talk would be divided under two headings, "The prescription" and "How to take it."

His "prescription" was an interpretation of the definite statement of Jesus to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." While

under the heading of "How to take it," he dwelt on Jesus' further remarks, that "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him might have eternal life."

Moses Hester was a Fundamentalist from the ground up, and the talk was a delight to listen to. At the conclusion of the sermon, the congregation, consisting of myself, went forward to have a word with the preacher.

"Uncle Mose, may I ask if you are a Methodist, a Baptist, a Presbyterian, or of some other sect?" Thus quoth the visitor.

"Look heah, chile," came the rejoinder, "when I was young, I was a slave boy on a plantation near Petersburg, Virginia. We raised consid'able grain, and after it was threshed, my Mastah used to send me to Petersburg to sell it. Well, sah, dey was several roads reaching from our plantation to Petersburg, and some times I took one, and sometimes 'nudder: dah was de Turnpike, and de River Road, an' den dere was a cl'arin' froo de woods.

"Now I noticed dat when dem buyahs in Petersburg came up to my wagon, dey neveh said, 'Mose, how come you heah? Did you come by the Rivah Road or by the Turnpike, or how did you come?' No sah! Dey didn't care about dat. Dey simply said, 'Mose, is yo' wheat good?"

"An' jesso when I meet my Lawd in glory: I am sure He won't bodder none 'bout what road I took to get dere; but de fust thing He will ask, is, 'Uncle Mose, is yo' wheat good?"

And, do you know, I somehow felt a crimp put in my denominationalism.

## Little Things

By T. S. Elder, Miami, Florida

It's the little things that count. Trifles are not to be despised. The nerve in a tooth will sometimes drive strong men almost wild. A mosquito bite will make a big elephant mad. For the want of a horseshoe nail the battle was lost. A strong soldier who had withstood death many times was killed by an insect bite. Every pea helps fill a peck. Little and often fills the purse. Moments are the golden sands of time.

Each day is a little life. And our whole life is but a day repeated. Those that mispend it—how great their eternal loss!

Springs are little things, but they are sources of large streams. A helm is a small thing, but it controls a large ship. A word, a look, a frown—all are little things, but powerful for good or evil. Think of this, and mind the little things.

Pay the little debt, its promise redeem. Little acts may have in them the elements of true greatness. They raise life's value to its highest power, like the little figures added and multiplied in arithmetic. They are a test of character and disinterestedness. They are the straws upon life's deceitful current, and show the current's way. The heart comes out in them.

Little things move on the dial of character

"If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

2 Chron. 7:14.



and responsibility significantly. They indicate character and destiny. They help to make the immortal man.

It matters not *where* we are, but *what* we are.

There are no such things as trifles in the biography of man.

Drops make up the sea. Acorns cover the earth with oaks, and the ocean with navies. Grains of sand make up the bar in the harbor's mouth, on which great ships are wrecked.

Little things in youth accumulate into character in age, and destiny in eternity.

All the links in that glorious chain, which is in all and around all, we can see and admire, or at least admit. But the staple to which all is fastened, and which is the conductor of all, is the Throne of Deity.

If you cannot be a great river bearing great vessels of blessing to the world, you can be a little spring by the wayside of life, singing happily all day and all night, and giving a cup of cold water to every weary, thirsty one who passes by.

Life is made up of little things.

He who travels over the earth must go step by step. He who learns science must master it fact by fact, and principle after principle. What is the happiness of our life made up of? Little things, in courtesies, kindnesses, pleasant words, genial smiles, a friendly letter, good wishes, good deeds. One in a million, once in a lifetime, may do a heroic action, but the little things that make up our life come every day and every hour. If we make the little events of life beautiful and good, then is the whole life full of beauty and goodness, and we shall glorify our Saviour, edify ourselves, and bless—and curse not—all with whom we may come in contact. Then men will gladly follow Him who once taught, "I will draw all men unto me."

*It's New:* "Would You Spend Two Cents to Make a Dollar?" is the title of a new tract telling of how one Assembly of God pastor dealt with spiritually-cold, indifferent families in his Assembly. Pastors, official board members, and Sunday School superintendents may ask for a dozen free copies.

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Faith is in its very nature a resting in the promise and the promiser until He fulfil it in us. Only faith can enter into rest. The fulness of faith enters into the full rest.

"At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it: if that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them."

Jer. 18:7, 8.





## The World's Need and the Missionary Response

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bigger men who have come to the top as dictators. If the dictatorship way of government succeeds, it is going to bring about a desire in the hearts of many others to become dictators. There is power in example. No man liveth unto himself.

It is good for us to remember in the spiritual realm that testimony for God counts also. If we are exuberant in our experience in Christ, and are testifying to others and living for God, somebody else is going to want to enter into that experience.

Should there be a victory of the axis powers, India would not be able to do much to protect her interests. Undoubtedly she would become subject to the power of these dominant forces. In any event, there is a tendency in India to seek independent rule and to restrain what is termed the proselytizing by the Christian missionary. These are dark clouds all around us. The lightning is flashing.

But suppose there should be a British victory! We see a chaotic Europe in the throes of a revolution, a suffering church, a starving people. Africa may still have her doors open to the gospel. China will take courage. As six out of ten of the government officials of China are professing Christians, I believe they will welcome the Christian gospel. South America instead of emulating the dictators will probably resort to a democratic form of rule to a greater extent than they have in the past. Nevertheless whatever happens there are difficulties and problems.

### What Must Be Done

The outlook is by no means all darkness. In fact the very difficulties and darkness are in some cases opening new opportunities and new desires in the hearts of the people for the only message that can bring permanent peace and comfort.

Letters that have been greatly delayed en route are finally reaching us, filled with encouraging news of God's blessing in Liberia, Gold Coast, Ivory Coast, and Belgian Congo. In our new field of Tanganyika which was opened by Brother and Sister Paul K. Derr about 13 years ago, Brother Nilsen reports a real revival in progress. Two baptismal services were held within the month and a total of some 1400 believers are meeting in the various groups. Something like 700 of these have received the Pentecostal Baptism. The call comes to us for an additional couple of workers for this field which reaches out into Nyassaland. There is a little question whether we can send new workers just now because of war conditions, but we are on the lookout for good prospects for the future.

From the land of Egypt come encouraging reports as Brother and Sister Philip Crouch have taken over responsibility for the work of our Brother and Sister Doney. Mrs. Doney passed away a short time ago after she and her husband had laid a splendid foundation in the work among the children and young people of their Cairo school. Miss Trasher reports that her orphanage family is larger than ever but through the goodness of God and the kind co-operation of friends the needs are being met in a most remarkable manner.

Some very encouraging reports are coming to us from India which has always been

recognized as a particularly hard field. Speaking of a convention in a certain place one of our missionaries writes: "Twenty-five were immersed in baptism and four received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. One of those baptized in the Spirit was a professor of philosophy with his M. A. degree and holding an important post in one of the government colleges. This man has himself started holding meetings and the good news of Pentecost is spreading." Many other outstanding cases of God's blessing are related concerning this and other conventions that have been held.

Our Sister Stephany writing from China states that God is blessing their work in Shansi where she and her co-workers, Miss Tieleman and Miss Stewart, are bravely carrying on, and report the opening of new places where regular meetings are being held. All of the places opened are practically self-supporting. None of the workers have set wages but are learning to trust God for their support. Help is given to some by the mission as funds are available. The government authorities in Free China have given special encouragement to the missionaries to enter that territory so that we see a time of great opportunity ahead in China, even though for the moment there may be some problems in the way.

In Japan our work continues very much as it has been in the past. Miss Byers is putting the finishing touches to her new orphanage building and tells of some remarkable instances of God's leading in helping her to accomplish this great work. Thus far none of our missionaries have had to return from this land.

South America looms largest of all as the land of opportunity for the moment. Remarkable revivals have visited various sections of this great country. There are approximately 50,000 Pentecostal believers in Chile, the work of Brother Hoover and his co-workers of the "Pentecostal Methodist" church. There are probably another 40,000 in Brazil. This work has been to a large extent due to the faithful labors of the Scandinavian missionaries but we now have sixteen of our American Assemblies of God

missionaries ministering in close co-operation with the other missionaries and ministers of the Assemblies of God in Brazil. The work in this land operates as a national body of the Assemblies of God and practically every letter from our missionaries brings news of souls coming to God and receiving the Baptism in the Spirit. Brazil is a land larger in area than the United States, and presents great encouragement to the missionary of the the cross.

Argentina has long been occupied by our Council representatives, but we have not made any spectacular advances. We are now expecting to send other workers to this field to contact believers of like precious faith, and plan for extension moves.

Several requests have come to us to send workers into Colombia and applicants for appointment for this field are now under consideration. The work in Peru has recently been organized as a self-governing body with both missionaries and native ministers acting together in Council meetings. Venezuela also reveals opportunities for advance.

In Central America we find that our Bible school is becoming too large for the building. There are 35 in the school preparing themselves for ministry to their own people. Our work in the Central American countries is self-supporting as far as the native ministry is concerned. The only help given for the native workers is to one or two who are really doing pioneer missionary work and are not in charge of assemblies. The work is largely in the republics of El Salvador and Nicaragua, but is rapidly branching out into Guatemala and Honduras. In the latter two republics we already have a number of assemblies. The purpose is to develop the work along self-supporting lines.

The West Indies also present an open door. The work in Puerto Rico has almost doubled in the past few years. A good start has been made in Santo Domingo and in Cuba. Volunteers are needed for South American work—young people called of God who have proved their ministry here at home.

Leaders of several outstanding missionary societies subscribed to the following statement: "The future of the world depends upon the message of reconciliation through the Cross, and yet the world can never hear that message unless it is proclaimed in all lands. We maintain therefore that missions today are more urgently needed than ever before, because their message is basic to the future welfare of the world. A survey of missionary work shows that the world has never been so open to the gospel as now, and that different races and people have never been more responsive than now. The opportunity is not of our creation. It is due to the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of men."

### A Correction

In last week's *Evangel*, in the article entitled "As It Was in the Days of Lot," appeared this sentence error: "It is wrong for a Christian to buy or build?" It should have read as a question, as indicated by the interrogation point at the close, thus: "Is it wrong for a Christian to buy or build?" The sentence that immediately followed makes clear the answer to the question: "Not when he buys as though he possessed not. 1 Cor. 7:30."

**FAITHFUL**  
in that which is  
*Least*

**A little thing  
is a little  
thing; but  
faithfulness  
in little things  
is a very great  
thing.**

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## New Church Building in Singapore

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. McKinney

Elim Church is a definite answer to the faith and prayers of God's people. For six months we carried on our services in a Chinese English school kindly opened to us by friends. Due to the great influx of people to Singapore it is difficult to find suitable buildings—but God has provided for the need beyond our expectations. It is a five-roomed house on one of the main streets with some outhouses and a large garden. After doing some remodeling, cleaning, and painting we now have a splendid auditorium for services, besides individual Sunday School class rooms, and even accommodation for Bible school work. Our people are happy and much encouraged.

### The Place of Trees

Elim, the place of trees, seemed to us an appropriate name for the church which is surrounded by palm trees. Our prayer is that it shall be a place of rest, refreshment, and blessing to many a weary sinner's soul, and that the saints, as the Psalmist has written, "shall flourish as the palm tree." Psalm 92:12.

The opening service was held in October, with a crowded house. People willingly brought their gifts for the house of the Lord so that it was possible to open Elim fully furnished.

### First Jewish Converts

In September it was our privilege to baptize our first Jewish converts—a lady and an eleven-year-old girl who were led to the Lord through



Snaps from Singapore

Above left: Elim Church of Assemblies of God and its faithful caretaker. Above right: Contrast—guarding a heathen temple. Center: Group of Christians, Elim Church. Below: Baptismal group.

the efforts of one of the Christians. The Jewish lady had a very beautiful experience the night before receiving baptism. In a dream she saw a large red cross in the sky with the word "PEACE" written on it. She awakened and could not sleep during the remainder of the night for the great joy and peace of God that filled her soul. Early next morning as the sun was shining through the beautiful palm trees and glistening upon the waters of the sea, she followed Jesus into the waters of baptism. Surely the Sun of Righteousness already had risen in her heart!

The little girl too has received a definite experience of the transforming grace of God. She has been faithful in witnessing for the Lord and declares her desire to be a missionary. Pray that God's hand may remain upon this life.

There were eight others baptized—several Chinese, an Indian, a Filipino, and a lady from Singapore.

### Chinatown

In this section there are at least seventy thousand Cantonese besides thousands from other parts of China. In spite of the great disturbance so typical among these unruly street children, the Sunday School has continued. It is a seed-sowing time, and surely much prayer is needed that God's Word will bring forth fruit in many lives. Although thousands of people live within easy walking distance of this Sunday School, very few adults attend. This is partly due to the behavior of the children and partly to the lack of a suitable building.

Since Lula Ashmore left us to take the place of Brother and Sister Sandahl in Kuala Lumpur, the burden of this work rests on Mrs. McKinney. Will you share with us this burden, and PRAY FOR CHINATOWN.

### Our Great Need

The real need is for native workers. Certainly the harvest is great, while the laborers are few. Malaya has hundreds of towns and villages that are without church or witness. Workers are needed and funds for the sending forth of these workers. There is one young man who feels the call and we are going to do our utmost to prepare him for the work. Pray that others also may respond to the call of God.

We deeply appreciate the kindness of all our friends. God bless you for your gifts and the interest you have shown in the work of the Lord here.

### WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Mail for Marie Stephany, Alice Stewart and Henrietta Tieleman which for some time past has been sent in care of Brother Bard should now be sent direct to their station address, which is Hsu Kao Hsien, To Ch'ang, Shansi Province, North China, via Peking. Miss Stephany urges that friends who have not heard from them exercise patience since mail although much delayed is eventually getting through.

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A cable from Lloyd Shirer dealing with certain business matters relative to the Gold Coast field added the following brief message, "God working here." These few words speak

a good deal and we rejoice to know that the Lord is blessing in Gold Coast in spite of strained conditions and the difficulties which the work is facing at this time.

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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dunn are tentatively booked on the freighter Besholt (Norwegian) sailing from the Philippine Islands for Los Angeles February 25.



Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Moffat

### FIRST 1941 MISSIONARY PARTY

On January 7 Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Moffat and Edna Hudson sailed from San Francisco aboard the Klipfontein, of the Java Pacific Line, for India.

There is considerable difficulty involved in obtaining government permission to send new missionaries to India at this time, as well as in obtaining steamship accommodations, but after some months these matters were finally arranged in time for the party to leave on the Klipfontein.

### Returning to Former Field

Mr. and Mrs. Moffat have had former experience in missionary work in India although they are now going out for the first time under Council appointment. Mr. Moffat is a Canadian by birth, while Mrs. Moffat claims Illinois as her home State. They both attended the Southwestern Bible School at Enid, Oklahoma, and it was here that these young people first met. In 1932 Brother Moffat sailed for India where he spent seven years in missionary work. Three years later Mrs. Moffat (then Helen Armentrout) went out to the field to become his wife and partner in the work.

Last year while at home on furlough Mr. and Mrs. Moffat applied for and received Council appointment to North India and they are now returning to their former field of service at Rajputana. Their postal address will be as follows: % Postmaster, Rajputana, Ajmer, India.

### New Missionary

Edna Hudson is a graduate of North Central Bible Institute and has held a license with the Illinois District since 1936. During the past three years she has engaged in evangelistic work, and has had a very successful ministry in soul winning.



The North India District Council does not recommend that we send new single lady workers to the field at this time. However, in view of the fact that Miss Hudson applied for ap-



pointment to that field some time ago, and since permission has been obtained for her entry into India, it has been deemed advisable that she should go out with Brother and Sister Moffat. We do not anticipate sending further new lady missionaries to India for some time to come.

Miss Hudson's location on the field has not yet been definitely decided by the North India District Council.

## Brief Notes

**FEDERATED MALAY STATES**—During the past month we visited a village where no gospel work is being done. Many heard the message for the first time. Pray that through the Gospel portions given out in this village minds may be enlightened and souls saved. Pray also that I may be granted wisdom in carrying on the work here at Kuala Lumpur which I have taken over recently in the absence of Brother and Sister Sandahl on furlough.—Lula M. Ashmore.

**NINGPO, NORTH CHINA**—The work is going along nicely. If there was ever an opportunity to bring the gospel to the hearts of the Chinese people, it is now. There are a number of educational schools in the city and many of the young students attend our services, showing real interest in the things of God and earnestly seeking the face of the Lord at the close of the services. Praise God!—Lily R. Ganz.

**PEKING, NORTH CHINA**—We are so thankful that this finds us still at our post, and how good the Lord has been to us! At the present time we are preparing for examinations. This term of language study has proven to be most interesting as we have started reading from the Gospel of John. The language becomes more easily understood and the Bible has a new and added flavor.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Tangen.

**LAVRAS, BRAZIL**—This month it was my privilege to baptize the firstfruits in Carmo do Rio Claro, a happy group of seven believers, including a Syrian peddler whose face beams with the glory of God. His greatest joy is to open his New Testament and begin to read. We have supplied him with Testaments, Gospel portions and other literature which he will distribute on his selling trips in the "roca" country.

During the past month I also have baptized six new converts here in Lavras. Souls have been saved and the work is growing steadily, for which we praise the Lord.—Lawrence N. Olson.

**CALLAO, PERU**—Our journey to Peru together with Brother and Sister Walker and Brother and Sister Doan was a pleasant one. We held services on board the boat in English, Spanish, and German—the latter language for the sake of some hundred Jewish refugees being taken as immigrants to the various South American countries. We felt the blessing of God and knew that He had spoken to the hearts of many of these Jewish people. Some gave their addresses and begged us to write to them. We praised God for this encounter and felt somehow that we were sent on this particular boat to give the message of salvation to these hungry souls. Please pray for them.

We have been invited to remain with Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Williams to assist with the mission work in Callao. They are doing a splendid work in this coast city and are praying for a church building since the present hall will not accommodate the crowds. It was a pleasure to have arrived in time to participate in the General Council meeting of this field. There was a sweet spirit in the sessions and we trust the work will go forward in the name of the Lord.—Mr. and Mrs. L. Perkins.

## "A DOOR KEEPER IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD"—Psalm 84:10

Chrystal Ladner

Everyone in the Tsinan Assembly of God likes Chousihfu—a faithful servant, a kindly soul, our doorkeeper in this house of the Lord.



Chousihfu

Homes, mission compounds, and institutions in general are always surrounded by high walls in China, and a gatekeeper must be employed to watch the door or doors that lead to the outside world. We have learned really to appreciate the privacy walled-in compounds afford, for a foreigner in China is always an object of curiosity. If it were not for these walls, every time we stepped outside there would be many eyes gazing and watching our every move.

Shortly after we moved to this compound Chousihfu came to work for us. Now for almost three years he has been the first up to greet the sun, summer and winter, opening wide the mission doors that early worshipers might come to seek the Lord. Chousihfu is without education but for years he has supported his family by gardening and serving as general handy man.

### An Open Heart

When Chousihfu came to work for us he was not a follower of Christ, but he had an open, childlike heart and soon willingly believed on the Lord. He was baptized in water among our first groups of converts.

Sometimes we come upon him unexpectedly while he is sweeping the church, flicking the dust from the benches, or gathering up song books, and we hear him singing and praising the Lord in his own quaint way. For Chousihfu to carry a tune would be an impossibility, but as his plaintive voice lifts the words, half sung, half spoken, "Yeh Su ah! Chu-a!" (Jesus, Lord), I am sure that simple rendition of heart praise is just as acceptable to God as the most articulate prayer of an educated Christian.

This year Mrs. Chousihfu confessed her faith in the Lord and received water baptism. Their three children will now grow up under the influence of a Christian home—an opportunity their parents never had. His little seven-year-old girl is thrilled to go to school, a little kindness which lies in our power in return for faithful service of our beloved Chousihfu.

### PROTECTED FROM DEATH

"How wonderful is the keeping power of our God," says Walker Hall writing from Hong Kong, South China. "A few months ago we were given another example of His love. Mrs. Hall was on the train headed for Hong Kong when it was discovered that a bad landslide had occurred in one of the tunnels and the track was blocked. The passengers were forced to crawl over the huge mound of debris to meet the train which was waiting on the other side. The mound was of soft sticky clay and at every step the unfortunate travelers sank deeper into the mire until they almost gave up hope of ever reaching solid ground again. Finally, however, they got through safely. A few hours later another party of travelers who tried to make the same train connections were buried alive in the attempt when another landslide occurred which filled up the tunnel. Surely the angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear Him and delivereth them!

"We feel it is a definite answer to prayer that in spite of the threat of evacuation we are here today, continuing with our regular work. Although prospects are still very discouraging in the natural, we continue to trust Him, thankful for every day He allows us to remain here and work for the Lord."

### LETTER OF THANKS

Greetings in the worthy name of our soon coming King!

Here is just a little expression of thanks on behalf of the South China District to you who have made such a generous offering to help care for the war-suffering Christians. This will go toward making many of them happier and help them during this time of trial when homes and businesses have been destroyed.

It is heartbreaking to listen to the stories of wrecked homes, loved ones lost or killed, and the terrible famine conditions. We wish often that we could do more. At several of the stations rice gruel is being distributed to several hundred to keep them from starvation, besides the individual help administered to some. The mission has been gradually increasing aid as the need grows and the way opens to do it.

In the case of rice gruel distribution by the churches, the refugees are always requested to attend an evangelistic meeting before receiving the gruel, and through this an encouraging number really make a stand for the Lord.

Please continue to pray for the suffering Christians, and pray also that the harvest of souls may be large in these closing days before the Lord returns.—A. Walker Hall, Treasurer South China District

### FIRST BAPTISMAL SERVICE



These pictures were taken during a baptismal service recently conducted by Brother Rafael Garcia at Votoporanga, a practically new work where Brother Garcia has been visiting and ministering of late in the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The large group represents the gathering of believers from this assembly who attended the baptismal service. The central picture shows the men who were baptized, while below the women candidates are pictured.

This assembly is a flock without a shepherd. The believers built an earth and wood church and are starting to add two rooms for the pastor whom they believe God will send. Will you join them in prayer for this need?

# THE DYING WORLD AND THE LIVING WORD

## HEART-FELT PRAISE

A saint living near London in England writes: "Every Sunday morning we start our service by singing the doxology to thank God for sparing mercies, and we do mean it, I can tell you."

## PRAYER IN BLACKOUTS

*Christian Century* reports that the black-out in Scotland has brought back cottage prayer meetings. Since it is hardly possible to have the usual week-night prayer meeting due to darkened streets, the members of many churches are gathering in various homes on various nights. The method is reminiscent of New Testament days. Perhaps it will help to eliminate the formality that is in many modern "prayer meetings."

## "NOW I BELIEVE IN GOD"

A missionary in Liberia, whose letter appeared in *World Conquest*, tells of a trader with whom he was friendly. He prayed much for this man, but he always seemed antagonistic towards the things of God. One day the missionary and others were listening to the trader's radio, and the report came of the B. E. F.'s miraculous evacuation from Dunkirk. The trader at once said: "I have never believed in God, though I always believed in a supernatural power but that was all; but now, gentlemen, I believe in God."

## SEED SOWN IN SEASON

"Looking back on the grim tragedy of the Belgian and French collapse, we thank God for the great work accomplished among the soldiers, many of whom were soon to die," writes W. H. Rainey of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in *World Dominion*. "From September, 1939, to June, 1940, about 160,000 copies of Scripture—principally New Testaments—were given away free among the forces of our allies. The abundant sowing seems providential, in view of present difficulties and restrictions. These books were not given away wastefully but placed with care in the hands of men who expressed a desire to read them."

## BOMBS AND BIBLES

A letter from the British and Foreign Bible Society, dated October 2 and published in *Bible Society Record*, states that the London Bible House was damaged by air raids. Bombs fell near by twice, blowing in most of the windows. However, their Bible work goes on almost normally.

They have just printed the Bible in Bulu. It is the 183rd language in which the whole Bible has been printed. Although typesetting for this Bible began early in 1938, much of the work has been done during the war periods, and the books were actually printed and bound in London in August and September of 1940. The Bible Society carries on its wonderful work in spite of bombs!

## "THE SINGING EVANGELIST"

An interesting witness for the Lord died in Chicago in November. He was Edward Miller, almost ninety-two. In reporting his passing, the *Chicago Tribune* had this to say about him: "For more than thirty years his slight figure was part of the city's crowded loop. Outside the county building or along Randolph Street people stopped at hearing his sudden shout of 'Repent!' Then they would pause to listen as this gray-haired little man read from his well-worn Bible or preached a sermon or argued patiently with a sidewalk skeptic. To thousands—policemen and newsstand owners, gamblers, storekeepers, and shoppers—he became known as 'the Singing Evangelist.'" The message of this faithful old witness was the message of John the Baptist, of Jesus, of the whole Bible—"Repent!" The world needs that message today.

## TIME OFF FOR RELIGION

Under this heading, the *Pathfinder* discusses a new law in New York State which requires public elementary schools to release children from classes one hour a week, if requested to do so by their parents, for religious instruction. The law was passed because it was felt that Sunday School instruction alone was inadequate. Several up-State communities have put the program into effect and New York City is preparing to do so. In New York City the time set for religious instruction is the last school session each Wednesday. The classes for religious instruction may be started by any religious organization, but must be held outside the school. The Protestants in the metropolis decided to operate religious classes jointly. A similar law should be passed in every State!

## GRENFELL OF LABRADOR

Sir Wilfred Grenfell, the missionary, doctor, teacher, judge and social reformer who did so much for Labrador, has passed on. Nearly half a century ago Dr. Grenfell turned his back on what might have been a very profitable practice in London and sailed for bleak and barren Labrador, there to give the remainder of his life for the spiritual and physical welfare of the needy fishing folk. He changed the entire life of Labrador. His sacrificial ministry will not be forgotten.

One interesting memory is the way he was first impressed by Moody, who had a great influence on the young man's life. Moody was preaching in London and Grenfell attended one of his meetings. A clergyman was called upon to lead in prayer. The dear brother seemed to lack terminal facilities. He prayed on and on, and Moody felt something should be done. Finally he opened his hymn book and said to the congregation, "While our good brother is concluding his prayer, let us sing a hymn." The courage Moody showed in this act appealed to Grenfell. He became attached to Moody, subsequently was saved, and consecrated his life to God.

## NEEDY MISSIONARIES

The International Missionary Council, in reporting the need of missions in Africa since the war has cut off all supplies, gives the following two paragraphs from a letter by an American missionary to Africa, now on furlough:

"On my way home I stayed in the home of the Treasurer of the French Protestant Mission. I had dined with the family on many occasions and like most French homes they set a very good table. On my last visit however their meals were so meager and poor that I was deeply moved each time that I went to the table. On several occasions the children cried out after a meal, 'Mamam j'ai faim!' ('Mother I'm hungry!') These people did not know how they were going to be able to hold out and yet they went bravely and smilingly about their work. At Libreville in the Gabon I met a fine young French family, a pastor with his wife and little boy. They were in the same straits, carrying on with almost nothing.

"Shortly before I left for furlough I visited the missionaries of the Norwegian Mission. They too have been cut off from their supporting churches since last April. At the time they had just a few dollars in the bank. They told me that their greatest concern was for the young churches with their native workers which they would not be able to help support. When I left them one of their missionaries came to me and said, 'After all nothing matters but the burning heart.' On my return to my station I told the native missionary society of the needs of the Norwegian Mission. To my great joy they raised 2,400 francs to help support some of the native workers and in addition they pledged an equal amount each year until the Norwegians are able to carry on their own work."

## THE BIBLE IN GERMANY

Millions of Bibles are being circulated in Germany. According to *Sunday School Times*, the Roesch and Keppler Bibles, two Catholic translations, have sold to the extent of 1,600,000 copies, and other Catholic translations are widely read too. Many Catholic families are now studying the Bible each evening. Reports of the Protestant Bible societies declare that *never* has the Bible had such a prodigious circulation in Germany as in the past year.

## ILLUSTRATING THE WORD

"Not a new leaf, but a new life" is the caption of the drawing by Vaughn Shoemaker which will appear on more than 7,000 posters displayed during the month of January by Best Seller Publicity, Inc. The drawing is employed to illustrate the scripture verse, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23.

Best Seller Publicity is the non-profit organization of Christian laymen which for the past three years has been advertising with attractive illustrations verses from the world's best seller—the Bible. New posters are prepared each month for display in street cars, buses, libraries, missions, schools, public buildings in more than a score of cities across the country. The art work, a distinguishing feature of the posters, is prepared by some of the leading artists in the country—all Christians.

Shoemaker, well known to readers of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, has been a contributing artist to Best Seller Publicity since its inception. His famous Christmas cartoon "The First Christmas Gift" has been used twice by popular demand.

"My thought in this illustration for Best Seller Publicity," he says, "is to depict the futility of attempting to turn over a new leaf at the beginning of the year. The only real way to get victory over bad habits is to begin a new life in Christ. The victory will come through the power of the Holy Spirit."

## BROADCASTING IN CHINA

The Shanghai Christian Broadcasting Station, XMHD, was established in the fall of 1933. It has continued its work, despite the hindrances and hazards caused by the war. For seven hours daily, Christian programs exclusively are sent out over the air, from 7:30 to 8:30 a. m., 12:30 to 1:30 p. m., and 5:00 to 10:00 p. m. It has proved to be one of the best and quickest means of telling the good news. In many cases it has probably been the *only* means by which some could have heard the gospel. The miracle of divine grace has been repeated in many lives; souls have been saved; suicides have been averted; and lives have been transformed and blessed.

Here is one instance. There was a girl of 17 years, residing outside of Shanghai. She had heard the Word at a Gospel Hall. Her heart had been touched by the gospel, and she had accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Saviour. When she reached her home, she told her parents that she purposed to be baptized and become a Christian. They were displeased, and threatened that if she did so, she would be put out of their home. After two days, the girl packed up her things and left the house, in order that she might confess Christ through baptism.

The father, who is quite wealthy and educated, thereupon began to question with himself: "What power on this earth can there be in that Jesus religion to cause our daughter to leave us?" He was, however, too proud to go himself to the Gospel Hall to hear the preaching. But there was on face to lose by listening to the radio. To his great astonishment, he began himself to comprehend and feel this new Power. He at once called his wife to listen with him. Soon his wife called their other sons and daughters to listen to the message which was coming through XMHD. In three months, the whole family of seven were baptized in the name of the Lord, and the expelled girl was taken back home.



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## Elisha Begins His Ministry

Lesson for February 2. Lesson Text: 2 Kings 2:12-25.

THE CALL OF ELISHA. 1 Kings 19:19-21.

The church of Christ will not collapse because its leaders are removed; while they are drawing near the end of their course, God is preparing others to take their places. Thus it was that while Elijah lay mourning under the juniper tree, God was preparing a young ploughman to wear Elijah's mantle and carry on the work which Elijah had begun. Notice the following facts concerning the call of Elisha:

*His call was from God.* 1 Kings 19:15, 16. Elisha did not take it upon himself to enter the prophetic ministry. His call came straight from God who commanded Elijah to anoint him as prophet in his stead. When God calls a man, He will cause older men of God to approve that call.

*He was called while plowing.* God calls, not those who are idle or lazy, but those who are energetic and busy. "And Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him." The prophet's cloak was the sign of his office. Therefore, without any words of explanation Elisha understood that God had designated him for the prophetic office.

*He responded instantly,* and asked only to be allowed to say good by to his loved ones.

*He had something to give up.* That he had twelve yoke of oxen indicated prosperity. Yet Elisha willingly forsook all. This is required of those who would be used of God. In reality however, no man actually gives up anything for God, for God always gives a hundredfold in return! Luke 18:29, 30.

*He renounced his former connections.* Why did Elisha kill a yoke of oxen and cook them over a fire made from the plowing instruments? He was burning all bridges behind him and indicating his entire abandonment of his secular calling. Ministers in particular should be free from life's entanglements. Matt. 10:9, 10; 1 Cor. 9:14; 2 Tim. 2:4.

*He responded gladly.* Elisha did not obey grudgingly. Instead he had a farewell feast with friends and loved ones to celebrate the honor which had befallen him.

### ELISHA'S FAITHFULNESS IN OBSCURITY.

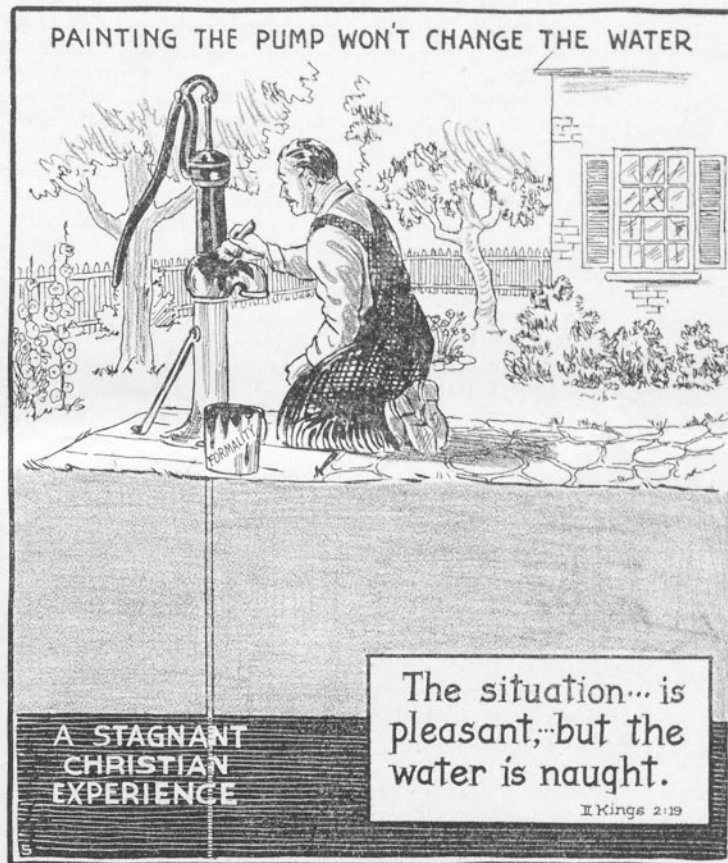
Glance through the pages from 1 Kings 19:21 to 2 Kings 1:18 and you will find no mention of Elisha. Twelve years he spend in obscurity, known only as "Elisha the son of Shaphat who poured water on the hands of Elijah." He was no more than Elijah's errand boy! How very humbling! Let us learn a lesson. God may call us and then subject us to an ordinary life for years. Before a man can be a leader he must know how to follow; before he can command others, he must know how to take commands; before he can be trusted with great responsibility, he must prove faithful in the performance of menial tasks. Matt. 20:26-28; Luke 16:10; Acts 16:15.

### ELISHA PROVES GOD FOR HIMSELF. 2 Kings 2:12-14.

Elisha stands at the brink of the Jordan. He has Elijah's mantle, has been appointed to Elijah's office, has been promised Elijah's power. Elijah had divided Jordan, but he was gone. Elisha must prove God for himself. "Where is the Lord

God of Elijah?" he asks. The question is not one of unbelief, but of determination and faith in God's promise. Elisha smites the waters, and they part! Elisha has proved his God! What are the lessons for us?—

1. We have the mantle of Pentecost, but do we live in vital touch with the God of Pentecost? We preach the doctrine of the supernatural, but is the word preached confirmed with signs and wonders? We stand strongly for Divine Healing, but are we proving God as the great Physician. We know God moved mightily in the early days, but are we proving Him in 1941? As individuals or as a movement, we cannot live on past reputation, on what happened in the early days, on what we theoretically believe. It is possible to be perfectly sound in doctrine and absolutely devoid of the power of



God. The God of Elijah has not changed! He waits to become our God and to work mightily on behalf of His people and a lost world of sinners.

2. *Power must be utilized in order to be of value.* Elisha had met the condition of power. He had Elijah's mantle. But unless he had used the mantle, unless he had acted in the belief that he had power, he would never have crossed Jordan. We are not automatons. God will not use us the way we use a lifeless object. God requires co-operation. We feel weak and powerless, and that is as it should be. Yet, when we act in obedience and in faith in God's Word, He moves! It is lovely to pray for more power, but we shall not have it unless we exercise what power we already have!

3. *Difficulties an occasion to prove God.* We stand repeatedly at some Jordan of difficulty. How to get across? Only one way, the old way, the tried way, the proven way, the way of prayer! "Prove me now," challenges our God in Mal. 3:10, in Jer. 32:27; 33:3; and in John 14:13. If we dare to trust Him, we shall know by experience

that He is the I AM, the God of the NOW, the All-sufficient One in every circumstance!

### ELISHA PROVES GOD TO THE SONS OF THE PROPHETS. 2 Kings 2:15-18.

When these men saw the waters part, they knew that God's power rested on Elisha as it had rested on his master. If we are truly Spirit-filled, our lives will be a constant demonstration to the world that Jesus Christ is real, not only because we may be used in a spectacular way, but because of our Christlike living.

These men may represent the thousands in the world today who would accept Christ if they saw His power demonstrated by those who follow Him. While it is true that there are those who would not believe though one rose from the dead, yet the Word of God bears out the fact that the manifestation of the miraculous often results in the conversion of souls. See Acts 5:12, 14; 8:6, 7; 9:40-42; 13:9-12. Does not the evident scarcity of the miraculous among us, indicate that we need to pray earnestly for that close relationship with God which naturally results in the presence of the supernatural?

### ELISHA PROVES GOD TO A NEEDY CITY. 2 Kings 2:19-22.

*The situation*—Jericho had a good location, but the water supply was bitter and poisonous, causing the land to be unfruitful and bringing sickness to man and beast.

*The solution*—The people appeal to Elisha who asks for a cruse of salt which when thrown in the spring healed the waters.

*The lessons*—(1) Elisha is a type of the Spirit-filled believer. How did he know what to do about the difficult circumstance? He got orders from headquarters in heaven! It is not God's will for His children to be victims of circumstances and not know what to do. *If we wait for Him*, the Holy Spirit will come to us as the voice of God with guidance and wisdom for every difficult and perplexing circumstance of life. (2) Elisha was faced with the challenge of an entire city which appealed to him in time of need. Because he was in touch with God, he was able to meet the need. Every day we, too, touch needy lives—people out of work, ill, unemployed, discouraged, heartbroken, hardened by sin. Are we living in such vital touch with God that through us He can meet these needs over which His great heart yearns? (3) Elisha was just one man, yet he was a blessing to an entire city. Likewise the weakest believer if filled with the Spirit, may be a mighty channel of blessing to other lives. The

most insignificant act when done in the power of the Spirit may be of inestimable blessing to others.

### ELISHA PROVES GOD TO IRREVERENT YOUTH. 2 Kings 2:23-25.

As Elisha returned from Jericho to Bethel, he was accosted by a group of boys (The word translated "little children" really refers to lads probably between the ages of about 16 and 20.) who mocked him. Elisha's action may seem severe and un-Christian, but we must remember that Bethel was the seat of great idolatry, and this curse was not mere personal indignation but a revelation of the divine wrath against the apostasy of the place. Furthermore, Elisha was a sacred person, God's prophet, and as such, ought to have been revered. Psalm 105:15. This incident reveals God's attitude toward irreverence. In these days when the religion of Jesus Christ is ridiculed, ignored, and held in contempt, how careful parents ought to be that their children learn to have the proper respect for God's house and for His ministers and teachers!—J. Bashford Bishop.

## The Holy Spirit in the Sunday School

Superintendents, referring to their S. S. Guide, will note the topic above as a suggested feature for the opening service in their Schools. In order to encourage Sunday School pupils to be soul-winners, Myer Pearlman wrote the following article on "Andrew, the Fraternal Soul-winner."



"One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ." John 1:40-42.

Personal testimony is part of God's plan for evangelizing the world. In the century following the apostolic age we do not hear of "great" evangelists and missionaries; there is no record of city-wide evangelistic campaigns. Yet the church grew at a tremendous rate. The explanation is that each Christian considered it his duty and privilege to witness for Christ. The slave testified to his master, the workman to his fellow-worker, the merchant to his clients, the child to the parent. Justin Martyr, one time philosopher and outstanding Christian scholar of the early part of the second century, tells how, after vainly seeking truth through philosophy he was led to God through the testimony of an aged Christian whom he met at the seashore. Pastors, evangelists and missionaries will take the leadership in winning men to Christ, but they cannot dispense with the co-operation of their congregation.

Consider Andrew's ministry to his own brother as an example of what can be accomplished by any vital Christian.

Andrew became a soul-winner the day after his conversion. For he felt strongly about his beliefs and deep conviction will make a tireless propagandist of a man. "Why, even a dog that has had its leg mended will bring other limping dogs to the man who was kind to it." He did not wait until he had mastered the subject of soul-winning. Training in this branch of service is vitally important. Still, many have discovered that the best way to learn to do personal work, and other kinds of Christian work, is to do it. One may make blunders to begin with, but, with a real experience and Christian love and courtesy one will do much good.

Someone will say: "I am not a logical thinker and am not gifted in debate. But Andrew's greatest argument for the Messiahship of Jesus was his own experience. Anyhow it seldom pays to argue. Said Dr. Maclaren: "You may pound a man's mistaken creed to atoms with the sledgehammer of reasoning, and he is not much nearer

being a Christian than he was before; just as you may pound ice to pieces and it is pounded ice after all." The great argument is that of Andrew: "We have found the Messiah." Andrew was a young convert and had little learning. He did not as yet know how to preach a sermon. But he could stick to the statement—"We have found the Messiah." A simple sentence uttered by one man to another is often the way by which men are brought into touch with Christ.

Some would-be Christian workers have day-dreams in which they visualize themselves addressing crowds. The best way to make such dreams come true is to begin with the individual. Andrew did not wait for a crowd; he took the message to one. The Scripture lays much stress upon *one* soul—as if for tender regard for the hidden workers who deal with one at a time. There is joy over the *one* sheep, the *one* lost coin, the *one* son. "He brought *him* to Jesus,"—he did not wait for *them*.

Our respect for Andrew's spiritual experiences rises as we see his approaching first his own brother Peter. Some may consider it quite an ordeal to deal with their loved ones but the closer the tie the stronger the testimony. It is what brother says to brother, husband to wife, parent to child, friend to friend, far more than what the preacher says, that carries irresistible force and persuasive power.

Andrew's humble effort was crowned with success, and great was his reward. Think of the gladness that came into Andrew's heart when Jesus looked at his brother and said, "Thou shalt be called Cephas." When Andrew saw his brother become one of the greatest preachers and leaders of the early church he must have thanked God that he led him to Christ.

Andrew's dealings with His brother were actuated by the loftiest of motives; yet his own interests were furthered by Peter's conversion. One has better fellowship with saved relatives than with unsaved ones. By evangelizing those near to us we protect our own spirituality. As one noted preacher has said: "And if you, Christian people, living in the midst of godless people, do not try to heal them, they will infect you. If you do not seek to impress your conviction that Jesus is the Messiah upon an unbelieving generation, the unbelieving generation will impress upon you its doubts whether He is: and our lips will falter and a pallor will come over the complexion of your love, and your faith will become congealed and turn to ice."

### GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to the General Council ministerial list during the month of December, 1940.

Ahlf, L. Glen, Medicine Lodge, Kans.  
Burch, Vashti Robinson (Mrs.), Springfield, Mo.  
Cowan, Thomas F., Yakima, Wash. (reinstatement)  
Faupe!, Wilma B. (Mrs.), Bazine, Kans.  
Gorham, Arthur J., Minneapolis, Minn. (reinstatement)  
Hayes, Clude F., Oswego, Kans.  
Henley, Ruth J. (Mrs.), Lawrence, Kans.  
Juergensen, Nettie M. (Mrs.), Natoma, Kans.  
Offenhauser, Fred, Iowa (reinstatement)  
Payne, Thomas H., Overland Park, Kans.  
Rayborn, Ivan D., Yates Center, Kans.  
Spotts, Charles A., Hoisington, Kans.  
Steger, Kenneth E., Coffeyville, Kans.  
Steger, Kenneth E., Coffeyville, Kan.  
Zahn, Delmos A., Larned, Kans.

The following names were removed from the General Council ministerial list during the month of December, 1940.

Comstock, Henry E., Pampa, Tex. (withdrew)  
Hammock, August, Hermosa Beach, Calif. (deceased)  
Kersh, William A., Mishawaka, Ind. (deceased)  
Lindholm, Ernest P., Belgian Congo, Africa (deceased)  
Montgomery Albert E., Osceolo, Mo. (deceased)

### MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Ouagadougou, French W. Africa—Please pray that God will give us special guidance at this time; also pray that new recruits may be sent out to relieve missionaries going home on furlough.—Arthur E. Wilson.

Ouahigouya, French West Africa—Pray for an outpouring of the Spirit in our Bible classes, and pray earnestly for two Christian women who are threatened with death if they do the will of the Lord.—John Hall and wife.

Chin Hsien, Manchuria—Please pray for our work and workers during this critical time, and also that the door may remain open for the gospel in the Far East.—Ruth Melching. (furlough)

Changpei, Mongolia, North China—Pray that the missionary work may continue here.—Thomas and Louise Hindle.

Peking, North China—Please pray that victory will again be given two women who have fallen into sin; that a Pentecostal missionary may be released from prison; that our missionaries in the Far East will not have to evacuate; also that the native believers in China will see their real need of accepting full responsibility for the work. Some time ago we asked prayer for Mrs. Kao to be delivered from the opium habit, and we praise the Lord for answering prayer.—H. E. Hansen.

Tientsin, North China—We praise the Lord for saving, healing and baptizing several in this field recently, and special prayer is requested for the native ministry.—Martin Kvamme.

Nawabganj, North India—Pray for a family who is having persecution, that they will stand true by His grace. Also pray that we may be guided by the Lord.—J. M. Lewis.

Lavras, Minas, Brazil—Pray that a number of new converts will be filled with the Spirit; pray for God to send workers to this section. Also pray that we may be kept in perfect health. We praise the Lord for the interest shown in the different stations and for the salvation of several souls.—Lawrence N. Olson.

Sobral, Ceara, Brazil—Pray for a worker for the Ipir-S. Cruz District and a fresh outpouring of the Spirit in the entire field.—O. S. Boyer.

Barquimeto, Venezuela—A young lady with epilepsy has received the Baptism and her condition is much improved, but please pray for her complete healing. We praise the Lord for two who have received the Baptism recently.—E. Yngve Olson.

Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States—Pray that people will be enlightened through the Word of God, and souls saved; that a deeper spiritual hunger will be put in our hearts, and new converts be established in the Lord; also pray that the Lord will give me wisdom in carrying on the work.—Lula M. Ashmore.

## 8 Regional Sunday School Conferences

Sponsored by District Executives, Assisted by the Gospel Publishing House.

**Gary, Indiana** ..... **February 3-4**  
Gospel Tabernacle, Cor. 8th and Connecticut

**Akron, Ohio** ..... **February 7-8**  
First Pentecostal Church, No. York and Howard

**Philadelphia, Pa.** ..... **February 13-14**  
Highway Mission Tabernacle, Cor. 19th & Green

**Atlanta, Georgia** ..... **February 18-19**  
Capitol Ave. Tabernacle, 301 Capitol Avenue

**Pensacola, Florida** ..... **February 24-25**  
First Assembly of God, West Garden and M Sts.

**Houston, Texas** — **February 28-March 1**  
First Assembly of God, Eli and Patterson Sts.

**Dallas, Texas** ..... **March 4-5**  
Bethel Temple, 210 E. Jefferson Avenue

**Fort Smith, Arkansas** ..... **March 7-8**  
Dodson Ave. Assembly of God, So. 12th & Dodson

Pastors, Sunday School Officers, and Teachers are urged to be in attendance both days in the Regional Conference nearest you. These regional conferences will be held instead of one Nation-wide Conference as of last year.

Two days and two evenings full of Sunday School sessions will be had! The most capable workers on the field will be speakers at the Conferences. The Gospel Publishing House will send a representative from the Sunday School Department.—GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE, Springfield, Missouri.



# REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

**RUSHVILLE, ILL.**—A 4-weeks revival with Evangelist and Mrs. F. J. Young, of Davenport, was just closed here. Five people were saved and one was baptized in the Holy Spirit. There were some remarkable healings. The ministry of Brother and Sister Young was a blessing to everyone, and the church was built up spiritually.—Robert P. Poland, Pastor.

**SACHSE (near Garland), TEXAS**—Our last revival was with Edna Irvin of Dallas. In a 12-nights campaign, 27 were saved, some received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and several received definite touches of healing. Sunday night, December 22, the flood-gates of glory were opened, God began to bless, and people just could not go home; they were crying, praying, dancing, and shouting.—Fred Carrington, Pastor.

**BARNETT, MO.**—We recently closed a revival at the church located two miles west of here. Twenty-nine were saved or reclaimed, 12 received the Baptism in the Spirit, 12 were baptized in water, and 14 were added to the church. The young people were especially built up in the Lord. It was the best revival we have had for some time, and the church was left in a good condition. Robert Sanford was the evangelist. He is a consecrated man of God.—Mrs. Mary McDaniels, Pastor.

**KANSAS CITY, KANSAS**—For years there has been an independent work here known as Victoria Tabernacle. Recently they affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God and elected me as their pastor. We have had two revivals,

with H. A. Chaney and Guy Shields. Many people have been saved and filled with the Spirit. Last Sunday our Sunday School reached a new record with 535 in attendance, and is averaging well over 300 during the winter months. We have just completed 7 new Sunday School rooms. There is a continuous revival spirit in our church, and souls are being saved on our regular service nights.—Hershel W. Barnett, Pastor.

**FARMERSVILLE, CALIF.**—The Lord met us in a marvelous way in a 4-weeks revival, which closed on December 28. Forty-two knelt at the altar, some for salvation and others taking up where they had left off; and 12 were baptized or refilled with the Holy Ghost. The first week and a half, the weather was warm and fair, then it turned cold and began to rain; but even then the people kept coming, and several nights there were not seats enough to accommodate the crowd. The tent will seat about 400. There were several nights when I did not preach, just gave the altar call and people prayed through. I find that if we will stay out of the way of the Lord He will work as He did on the day of Pentecost, when it did not take so much preaching.—Geo. H. Hughes, Evangelist.

**BUCKEYE, ARIZ.**—Since we came here 3½ years ago, God has wonderfully blessed both financially and spiritually. God has saved many souls, filled believers with the Holy Ghost, and healed the sick, for which we praise Him. For the first two years we worshiped in an old theater. By that time God had added to our number until we were able to build a house of our

own. We bought a lot on Main Street, on Highway 80, and began to build. Today we have a good frame building 32x78 feet, with Sunday School rooms, and cooling system, and everything has been paid for. The Lord has blessed in both church and Sunday School work. I have resigned the pastorate and J. W. Dollins has been elected pastor. I will be going into evangelistic work, will be starting a revival with pastor and Mrs. H. A. Wallace, Bakersfield, Calif., on January 5. Mail will reach me at my old address, Route 1, Buckeye, Ariz.—Thomas M. Gray, Presbyter.

**EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.**—As we come to the end of our first year of ministry here, we are glad to report that God has blessed the assembly and that there has been a very encouraging growth in both church and Sunday School. All the funds of the church show a substantial increase, our World Missionary offering having doubled, and the building fund increased over 50 percent.

During the year we were spiritually enriched by revivals conducted by A. H. Clattenburge, I. J. Bolton, Alex. Lindsay, and George Hayes. H. B. Garlock held a missionary convention here which was very edifying, and during George Hayes' revival the Sunday School attained an all-time high record attendance of 481. We now have the leading Sunday School in the State. God used all these men who were with us. Souls have been saved and many have received the glorious Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

We are now personally holding special holiday meetings in the church, and God is blessing.—A. N. Trotter, Pastor.

**GANADO, TEXAS**—We came here fifteen months ago and began what was practically a new work. The beginning was small, but the Lord graciously blessed. We have had with us Evangelist E. P. Winter

and party for five days, and also Pastor L. C. Harris from El Campo for two weeks. These brethren helped us much in the work of the Lord. The first of November, 1940, Evangelist J. J. Land came to us for 5 weeks. The Lord graciously blessed, and at the close of the meeting, December 8, the church was set in order by our presbyter, John Elswick. The church was organized with a secretary-treasurer, two deacons, four trustees, and 20 charter members.

We now have an enrollment of 35 in the Sunday School, with an average attendance of 25. We have a fine band of Christ's Ambassadors, and a Ladies Missionary Council will be organized on January 11.

Twelve people were saved or reclaimed during the meeting, 7 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and 6 were baptized in water.

We have maintained full time services from the beginning, both Sunday and mid-week. A fine spirit prevails and the future is most hopeful.—G. W. and Mrs. Morgan, Pastors.

## SAINTS

"Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end."

Stuart McNair said at a meeting that in one town in Argentina the Roman Catholics had built a magnificent church, but they had not yet been able to open it. Why? Because they could not afford to buy any saints to put in it! But yet a little way down the road, in a little mission hall, God was making saints, creating them—not out of plaster, but through the regenerating power of the blood of Christ.

We lie to God in prayer if we do not rely on Him after prayer.—David Livingstone.

The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.—Rom. 16:20.

## COMING MEETINGS

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 14 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 16 days before that date.

**HEBRON, N. DAK.**—Jan. 28, for 2 weeks or longer; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—Edward D. Kidroske, Pastor.

**KITZMILLER, MD.**—Feb. 2, for 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Virgil Dullabaum.—Ernest V. Berquist, Pastor.

**NEW CASTLE, PA.**—Pearson and Epworth Sts.; Jan. 28, for 3 weeks or longer; M. W. Richards, Evangelist.—A. Newton Chase, Pastor.

**TULSA, OKLA.**—North Peoria and Haskell Sts.; Feb. 2, for 3 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. G. R. Kelly, Birch Tree, Mo.—Marvin D. Hartz, Pastor.

**WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.**—In brown Tent on North Dixie Highway, between 14th and 15th Sts., Jan. 19—Feb. 16; Paul and Lura Johnson Grubb, Evangelists.—A. G. Voight, Pastor.

**HERTFORD, N. C.**—Grubb St.; Jan. 26—Feb. 9, or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Jacob Heck, Shenandoah, Va. Neighboring assemblies invited to co-operate.

**LA MESA, CALIF.**—Feb. 2—16; Evangelist and Mrs. Elwin Argue, Winnipeg, Canada. Neighboring assemblies invited to co-operate.—Fleming May, Pastor.

**YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**—Northeast Ohio Fellowship Meeting, Highway Tabernacle, Feb. 3. General theme: Personal Work. Services 10:00, 2:30, and 7:00.—Claude Weaver, Secretary-Treasurer, 907 Ashland Ave., Akron, Ohio.

**CHICAGO, ILL.**—Pentecostal Young People's Fellowship Rally and Banquet, 9th Floor 1 North State St., Jan. 25, 7:00 p. m. William H. Nagel, Speaker. Get tickets from Richard E. Bronson, 1166 Diversey Parkway.

**MONTGOMERY, ALA.**—Section 4, Prayer Conference, 24 Polk St., Jan. 28—29. District Superintendent Marvin L. Smith and others will be speaking. All ministers in Section 4 urged to attend.—T. H. Spence, Pastor and District Presbyter.

**MERIDIAN, MISS.**—Second Quarterly Ministerial Conference, East End Assembly, Feb. 4—5. Free rooms to ministers, free lunches served both days at the church. All our ministers urged to be present. Visitors welcome. No business; only a time of study and re-consecration.—Harvey L. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, 4603 Eighth St., Meridian, Miss.



Assembly on California Mesa

### PIONEERING IN COLORADO

The Lord placed this community of Olathe, Colo., on the hearts of my wife and myself, and we were definitely led to establish an assembly on California Mesa. This picture was taken the second Sunday we had services in this church. Before we purchased the building, it had been an old Presbyterian church, and it was very much in need of repair; the shingles were off the roof in many places, and the building had never been painted. The neighbors tell us it was erected thirty years ago. Our desire to obtain this old church was realized when a friend of ours J. W. Gobin of Canon

City, gave us \$300 in memory of his dear wife who passed away last April. Although not a member of our organization, this brother has been a great help to us in the ministry, especially when in new fields.

We are grateful to God for His many blessings here. At the dedication service, pictured herewith, the church was free of debt, nearly \$900 having been spent on the building. The purchase price was \$500 and the rest was spent on repairs and new seats. The church seats around 250. On this day people came from far and near, and God met us in a marvelous way. District Superintendent J. E. Austell brought the dedicatory mes-

sage. Our hearts were made to rejoice as the Spirit of God moved in our midst.

Our Sunday School was three months old last week. We started with 23 the first Sunday, and last week there were 190. This increase has been made possible through the efforts of the people in the church and community, they responding to the call to worship. Many souls have found peace with God and a wonderful spirit of fellowship prevails. A cordial invitation is extended to all Council ministers passing this way. We are located four miles west and half a mile south of Olathe. We expect to have our church set in order the last week in January.—Pastor and Mrs. Paul S. Boyer.



MILWAUKEE, WIS.—18th and Brown Sts., Jan. 15—Feb. 2; The Quanaabush Evangelists.—H. A. Ulrich, Pastor.

GALENA, KANSAS—Jan. 20, for 2 weeks or longer; V. Lenzy Hertweck, Evangelist.—G. P. Hertweck, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Jan. 15—; Richard and Annette Yunker, Evangelists. J. C. McPhail is pastor.—By Evangelists.

GALVESTON, TEXAS—Jan. 19—; Evangelist and Mrs. William A. Ward, Washington, D. C.—William E. Kirschke, Pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—10th and Linden, Jan. 23—; George Hayes, Evangelist.—E. B. and Emma Taylor, Pastors.

TRINIDAD, COLO.—Jan. 12—; Evangelist and Mrs. Verne J. Crews of Denver.—J. L. Schaffer, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—1250 Bellevue Ave., Feb. 2—16; Hattie Hammond, Evangelist.—Louis F. Turnbull, Pastor.

TYLER, TEXAS—Meeting in progress; M. L. Davidson, Evangelist.—W. M. Dunn, Pastor.

LIBERTY, MO.—Dedication of new church at 218 Mill St., Jan. 27.—Warner L. Miles, Pastor.

WOOD RIVER, ILL.—First and Jennings, Feb. 2—23; Louis O. Rynning, Evangelist.—Adolph Petersen, Pastor.

LODI, CALIF.—Walnut at Washington, Jan. 26—; Guy Renfrow and Leonard Rogers, Evangelists.—Stanley P. McPherson, Pastor.

HARRODSBURG, IND.—Jan. 26—; Wm. M. Emenegger and L. C. Hicks, Findlay, Ohio, Evangelists.—F. E. McDonald, Pastor.

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS—Deeper Life Meeting, Jan. 21—Feb. 2; Harry E. Bowley, Evangelist.—Robert R. Morrison, Pastor.

CHANUTE, KANSAS—Jan. 26—; Karlene Burt and Miss Crouse, La Crescenta, Calif., Evangelists.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Gaddis, Pastors.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Carpenter and Klein Sts.; Jan. 16, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence Ferguson.—W. E. Thurmond, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—Polish Pentecostal Church, 12138 Conant Ave., Jan. 19—26; A. Jashinsky, Milwaukee, Wis., Speaker.—N. Steczewicz, Pastor.

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Ebenezer Church, Jan. 19—; Evangelists Vernon and Malva Cardiff, Oakland, Md., Special Speakers.—William Gundersen, Pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Howard and Spruce St., Jan. 26—Feb. 16; D. H. McDowell, Jeannette, Pa., Evangelist.—R. M. Jeffrey, Pastor.

SULLIVAN, MO.—Feb. 2, for 3 weeks or longer; Hildreth Ethridge, Caldwell, Kansas, Evangelist.—Odis H. Virgin, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—600 S. E. 30th, Feb. 4—16; Jack and Esther Martz, Reading, Pa., Singing Evangelists.—Roy L. Steger, Pastor.

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE  
The Third Annual Ministers' Institute of the Illinois District will be held at 26th and State Sts., East St. Louis, Jan. 28—30. A. N. Trotter is pastor. Free rooms to ministers. Meals on free-will offering plan.—C. M. O'Guin, District Superintendent.

UNION CITY, TENN.—Bible Conference, Jan. 28—30; 3 services daily. Day services, Bible teaching; night services evangelistic. Rooms and meals furnished as far as possible. Sponsored by presbyters of Tennessee District.—H. E. Waddle, District Superintendent.

KANSAS BIBLE CONVENTIONS  
Erie, Jan. 27, 2:30 and 7:30; Independence, Jan. 28; Chanute, Jan. 29; Humboldt, Jan. 30; Iola, Jan. 31; Kiowa, Feb. 3, 2:30 and 7:30; Medicine Lodge, Feb. 4; Sharon, Feb. 5; Corwin, Feb. 6; and Attica, Feb. 7. Three services at each place unless otherwise stated.—V. G. Greisen, District Superintendent.

GEORGIA-SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT  
Missionary Prayer Conferences: Cairo, Ga., Pine Hill Assembly, R. F. D., Jan. 27—28; Lagrange, Ga., Feb. 3—4; and Moultrie, Ga., Feb. 6—7. Different ministers will help in these services, and a time of much prayer and blessing is expected. Rooms free.—S. W. Noles, District Superintendent.

MALVERN, ARK.—Bible Conference, Southwest Section of Arkansas District, Feb. 10—15. Stephen Vandermerwe, Host Pastor. A. W. Tanner, Sectional Presbyter. Mrs. Agnes Stokes, S. S. and C. A. President, and David Burris, Superintendent Arkansas District, will be active in sponsoring this program. All ministers urged to attend. Write A. W. Tanner, Camden, Ark.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION  
The 24th Annual Rocky Mountain District Mid-Winter Convention will convene at The Peoples Tabernacle, 20th and



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Lawrence, Denver, Colo., Feb. 11—14. General Superintendent E. S. Williams will be guest speaker. First service a District C. A. Conference, Tuesday afternoon; Tuesday night, District Fellowship Meeting. Wednesday afternoon, District S. S. Conference. For further information write District Superintendent J. E. Austell, 5700 So. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.

**EASTERN DISTRICT PRAYER CONFERENCE**

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Eastern District Prayer Conference, Trinity Pentecostal Church, 417-19 Pennington St., Jan. 28—30. Warren C. Anthony is pastor. In view of the dangers confronting our nation, the great need of prayer for our brethren in war-stricken countries, and need of deep spiritual revival among Christians everywhere, we urge ministers and Christian workers to gather for special seasons of prayer and waiting on God. District Superintendent Flem Van Meter is planning to be present. Services 9:30, 2:30, and 7:30. Accommodations free as far as possible. Meals on free-will offering plan. Kindly write ahead to Pastor Warren C. Anthony, 415 Pennington St.—Frederick D. Drake, Prayer League Leader.

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

GREEN FOREST, ARK.—All-day Fellowship Meeting, Feb. 4. James B. Hosier is pastor.—Omer Jarrell, Presbyter.

**DATE CHANGED**

BIG STONE GAP, VA.—Southwest Virginia Fellowship Meeting, Feb. 28. Services 10:00, 2:00, and 7:30. Come and make this a great day of fellowship.—Andell L. Todd, Pastor.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—Eastern Sectional Fellowship Meeting, South Knoxville Church, Feb. 8. Services 10:00, 2:00, and 7:15. J. C. Leatherwood is pastor. P. H. Lowe, District presbyter, in charge.—Mrs. P. H. Lowe, Secretary.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Illinois Christian Women's Fellowship, 4312 N. Kedvale Ave., Jan. 31. Services 3:30 and 7:45. Special speakers at both services. Missionaries and Christian workers especially urged to attend.—Mrs. G. A. Lundmark, Secretary, 4031 N. Hamlin Ave.

**MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES**

NEW ADDRESS—Hansen, Idaho. "Have accepted the pastorate here."—Pastor and Mrs. John C. Cox.

NEW ADDRESS—1225 N. 4th St., Watertown, Wis. "Have accepted the pastorate here."—Lyle E. Curtis.

NEW ADDRESS—P. O. Box 719, Pampa, Texas. "I have accepted the pastorate here."—Bracy Greer.

NEW ADDRESS—Box 442, Roundup, Mont. "We have accepted the pastorate here."—Pastor and Mrs. Winston R. Miller.

NEW ADDRESS—P. O. Box 799, La Jolla, Calif. "Have accepted the pastorate here."—Gerald R. Furman, District Presbyter.

NEW ADDRESS—1203 Gunter St., Siloam Springs, Ark. "I have transferred from the Oklahoma District to the Arkansas District and have accepted the pastorate here."—D. B. Jagers.

WANTED—Back numbers of Evangel for free distribution.—Hugh Williams, Schuyler St., Boonville, N. Y.

**PENTECOSTAL DRAFTEES**

If parents or relatives of young men stationed at Fort Thomas, Ky., will communicate with Pastor Irene Doepke, 19 So. Foote Ave., Bellevue, Ky., she will see that they get Christian literature, and will pray for them.

NOTICE—Would like to hear from any Pentecostal soldier boys who are being sent to Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Ark. Parents or relatives of such, please contact us.—Pastor T. J. Gotcher, 2201 Francis St., North Little Rock, Ark.

NOTICE—The Pentecostal Assembly of God, Partridge and Union Sts., Lebanon, Pa., would like to get in touch with any of our Pentecostal young men being sent to Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa. Our church is the nearest Pentecostal assembly to the camp. We invite them to our services or to call on us for any spiritual help we can render them.—Wm. Van Dam, Pastor, 915 Union St., Lebanon, Pa.

## MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

January 2—7 Inclusive

ALABAMA Personal Offerings	\$ 1.00
Beaverton Sharon Chapel	..... 27
Clanton Pinedale Assembly	..... 1.00
Phenix City A of G SS	..... 2.86
Phenix City Girard A of G	..... 11.00
ARIZONA Personal Offerings	..... 67.65
Phoenix Bethel A of God	..... 5.40
ARKANSAS Personal Offerings	..... 68.10
Brinkley A of God	..... 2.37
Cabot A of God Church	..... 13.65
Cherry Valley A of God	..... .62
Danville A of God SS	..... 1.00
Earle Assembly of God	..... 1.50
Ft Smith New Bethel A of G & LMC	..... 14.25
Hampton Happy Home A of G	..... 4.07
Leslie Assembly of God SS	..... 6.00
Manila Milligan Ridge A of G	..... .96
Monticello Assembly of God	..... 6.91
Mt Vernon Beckett Mountain A of G	..... 3.64
Mulberry A of G SS	..... 3.00
No Little Rock First A of G SS	..... 17.50
Paris Assembly of God SS	..... 17.47
Springdale Assembly of God	..... 15.00
Texarkana College Hill A of God	..... 9.06
Van Buren Sunny Side Assembly	..... 2.00
CALIFORNIA Personal Offerings	..... 217.34
Arroyo Grande Full Gospel Ch	..... 15.00
Arvin Assembly of God	..... 11.27
Bakersfield Gospel Gleaners C A's	..... 12.00
Central Valley Bethel Tab	..... 8.72
Coalinga Pentecostal F G A	..... 6.28
Compton North Side Gull Gospel Tab	..... 21.80
Delano Full Gospel CA	..... 6.50
Fullmore A of God SS	..... 6.00
Greenwood Sunday School	..... 4.00
Jacumba Assembly of God	..... 3.00
Kerman Grace and Truth Tab	..... 5.00
Los Angeles Bethel Temple	..... 750.50
Manhattan Beach CA	..... 1.00
Monterey Calvary Tab Ch & SS	..... 13.37
Morgan Hill Full Gospel SS	..... 34.00
Needles Assembly of God Mission	..... 10.94
Pacific Palisades Prayer Circle	..... 8.00
Paso Robles Full Gospel Church	..... 12.35
Pixley Assembly of God	..... 12.06
Red Bluff Bethel Temple	..... 5.00
Redlands A of God Ch	..... 54.00
San Francisco Bethel Full Gospel Ch	..... 50.00
Tate Four Fold Gospel SS	..... 98.00
Vallejo Full Gospel Ch	..... 27.00
Wasco Four Fold Gospel SS	..... 10.75
Willowbrook First Pent Ch WMC	..... 2.00
Yuba City Full Gospel Church	..... 5.00
COLORADO Personal Offerings	..... 24.00
Canon City Downtown Tab SS	..... 8.24
Denver Pentecostal Faith Ch	..... 8.04
Eads A of God Ch	..... 3.38
Fleming A of God	..... 6.82
Pueblo Glad Tidings Tab WMC	..... 9.54
CONNECTICUT Personal Offerings	..... 30.00
Bridgport United Pen Ch CA	..... 5.10
DELAWARE Personal Offerings	..... 5.00
Wilmington First Pent Ch	..... 26.91
DIST COLUMBIA Personal Off	..... 2,783.50
Washington Full Gospel Assembly	..... 50.00
FLORIDA Personal Offerings	..... 42.00
New Smyrna Assembly of God	..... 8.00
Orlando A of G CA	..... 3.00
GEORGIA Personal Offerings	..... 1.00
Augusta Full Gospel Tab SS	..... 10.00
Atlanta Apostolic A PYPL	..... 1.00
Dexter Assembly of God	..... 4.00
Experiment A of God SS	..... 2.50
Savannah First Pent Church	..... 8.04
German Branch A of G Benton Harbor Mich German Pent Assembly	..... 5.00
Detroit Mich Calvary German Assem	..... 4.00
Cleveland Ohio Immanuel Pent Ch	..... 33.00
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ILLINOIS Personal Offerings	..... 10.53
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Joliet Full Gospel Tab SS	20.24	Brimson Assembly of God	6.00	Regan Full Gospel SS	6.50	SOUTH CAROLINA Personal Off.	1.00
Madison N Venice A of God	13.00	Brimson A of God CA	1.36	OHIO Personal Offerings	75.25	Greenville First A of God	18.00
Normal Assembly of God	7.24	Bucklin Assembly of God	4.00	Ashtabula A of God & SS	5.00	SOUTH DAKOTA Personal Off	6.00
Panama Pentecostal A of God SS	4.35	Carthage Assembly of God SS	20.00	Bedford Assembly of God	19.96	Crocker A of God & NWWSS	1.15
Paris Assembly of God Church	4.97	Chitwood Assembly of God	3.50	Burton Full Gospel Mission	13.34	Edgemont A of God Tab	17.37
Percy Assembly of God	22.03	Eldorado Springs A of G SS	5.60	Cambridge Assembly of God	6.00	TENNESSEE Personal Offerings	1.00
Quincy A of God Bethel Church	27.68	Elvins Davis Crossing A of God	1.00	Cleveland First Pent Church	50.00	Atoka Simonton Assembly	2.00
Rockford Assembly of God SS	12.00	Excelsior Assembly of God	7.50	Danville Bethel Chapel YP	4.01	TEXAS Personal Offerings	39.25
Roodhouse A of God Church	2.80	(Near) Excelsior Spr Crescent Lake A of G	3.42	Martins Ferry Pentecostal Mission	1.82	Alma Valley Farm A of God	2.00
Sorento A of God Ch & SS	17.16	Flat River A of God Ch	10.75	Ravenna Assembly of God	5.00	Bee Cave Assembly of God	2.50
Springfield Full Gospel Ch	40.51	Goldsberry Pent A of God SS	1.85	Tipp City Bethel Tab	15.85	Bonham A of God Ch	1.00
Tennessee A of God	2.50	Greenfield Glad Tidings A of G	6.00	Toledo Glad Tidings Tab	125.91	Boyd Assembly of God	1.70
Warsaw Assembly of God	1.15	Hannibal Assembly of God SS	11.50	Youngstown Highway Tab Ch SS	106.00	Brownsville Assembly of God	11.92
Winchester Assembly of God SS	1.25	(Near) Hardin Lakeview Ch	9.53	CA & LC	20.85	(Near) Bullard Simmons Chapel	1.00
INDIANA Personal Offerings	19.10	Joplin Faith A of God	3.50	OKLAHOMA Personal Offerings	20.85	Canadian Assembly of God SS	1.50
Fort Madison A of G SS	13.00	Kansas City Blenheim A of God	16.99	Ames Assembly of God	3.25	Corpus Christi First A of G Ch	5.00
Indianapolis Laurel St. Apostolic Ch	20.00	Lathrop A of God CA	16.00	Bartlesville Truskett A of G	2.47	Crockett Porter Springs	1.25
Indianapolis Laurel St A Ch PY	5.00	Marionville A of God Ch & SS	4.51	Bowlegs Assembly of God	2.99	Dallas Revival Tabernacle	10.00
LaFayette A of God SS	14.60	Mexico A of God SS	4.83	Braman Assembly of God	10.00	Edinburg Assembly of God	4.50
Mishawaka Trinity Pent A	10.15	Milan Assembly of God SS	1.50	Buffalo Assembly of God	3.87	Evergreen Assembly	1.00
IOWA Personal Offerings	30.12	Mt Vernon A of God Ch	2.19	Cache Assembly of God SS	6.54	Freeport Assembly of God WMC	3.00
Denison A of God Tab	4.00	Nevada Assembly of God	2.08	Cement Assembly of God	1.00	Ft Worth First A of God	10.00
New Sharon A of God	20.05	New Haven Assembly	3.00	Commerce Assembly of God	3.00	Goose Creek Trinity Tab	100.00
Shenandoah F Gospel Tab	20.00	North Kansas City F A of G SS	2.33	Enid Gospel Tab & Jr. CA	23.54	(Near) Henderson Carlisle A of G Ch	3.50
Truesdale A of God	13.16	Oak Hill Bethel A of God	1.00	Fairfax Assembly of God	6.75	Houston Norhill A of God	6.22
KANSAS Personal Offerings	12.38	Osceola Faith Tabernacle	2.14	Geary Assembly of God	17.88	Jack County Fellowship Meeting	2.00
Dresden A of G SS & CA	7.00	Overland Faith Assembly & SS	4.48	Guthrie Assembly of God SS	3.35	Latin American District Concilio	
Iola Assembly of God Ch	.50	Phillipsburg Stony Point A	2.40	Hanna Assembly of God Ch	1.00	Misionero Femenil	24.52
Kansas City F Gospel Tab	5.00	(Near) Potosi Big River A of G	.91	Henryetta A of God & SS	4.90	League City Assembly of God	3.00
Overland Park First A of G Ch	2.00	(Near) Potosi Hope Well A of God	1.66	McAlester A of God Tab	5.00	(Near) Lufkin Clawson A of God	10.00
Paola Assembly of God	3.00	(Near) Rogersville Mt Sinai A	1.39	Muskogee A of God Ch SS & CA	8.50	Midland Assembly of God SS	3.69
Severy Fully Gospel Tabernacle	4.30	Rolla Sunshine Chapel A of G	2.52	Perry Assembly of God	2.98	Port Neches A of God Ch	2.73
Sharon Assembly of God	2.45	St Charles Glad Tidings Tab	2.00	Porum A of God Ch	3.25	Purdon Jester A of God	5.00
Topeka A of God	9.00	St Clair A of God SS	1.75	Roosevelt Assembly of God SS	2.10	Retta Church	2.00
Wellington Assembly of God	5.50	St Louis Bethel Temple	100.00	Seminole A of God Church	24.00	Smithville A of G Ch & SS	3.03
KENTUCKY High Bridge A of God	8.08	Seymour A of God Ch & SS	1.00	Shawnee Assembly of God SS	3.50	Vernon Assembly of God	4.64
Newport Gospel Tab	20.00	Smithville A of God	3.97	Skiatook A of God Ch	5.31	Wichita Falls South Side A of G	2.50
Simpson Gospel SS	2.00	Springfield East Side A of God	6.95	Stecker Sunday School	2.00	Wortham Assembly of God	3.00
Terisita Walnut Grove A of God	2.00	Springfield Lighthouse Mission	4.00	Stillwater A of God SS	5.00	VIRGINIA Personal Offerings	10.00
LOUISIANA Personal Offerings	1.00	Steelville Assembly of God	19.00	Tulsa Faith Tabernacle	210.44	Alexandria Full Gospel Tab	57.82
MAINE Cumberland Mills G Miss YP	6.00	Sullivan A of G Ch & CA	46.08	Tulsa Full Gospel Tabernacle	2.50	Newport News Gospel Tab SS	20.00
MARYLAND Personal Offerings	18.00	Tallapoosa A of God SS	3.00	Tulsa Home Garden Assembly	12.00	WASHINGTON Personal Offerings	188.50
MASSACHUSETTS Personal Off	6.50	Trenton Assembly of God	19.74	Tulsa Home Garden A of G LFM		Centralia A of God & SS	153.00
Brookton Full Gospel Ch	15.00	Washington Assembly of God	2.00	Prayer Band	3.00	(Near) Centralia Nulls Crossing A	.80
Brookton Pent Prayer Group	17.00	Washington A of God SS Rally	.70	Velma Assembly of God SS	1.00	Chelan A of God & SS	8.34
Chelsea Russian Polish & Ukrainian Pent Ch & CA	10.25	Williamsville Assembly	3.24	Waynoka Assembly of God	16.75	Coulee City Grace F G Ch YP	5.00
Chelsea Russian Polish & Ukrainian SS	21.30	Winfield A of G Calvary Ch & SS	11.77	Wewoka Assembly of God	9.88	Davenport Gospel Tabernacle	10.00
Everett Glad Tidings Tab SS Class	6.00	MONTANA Personal Offerings	31.85	Wilson A of God Ch	7.50	Latah Pentecostal Church	19.64
MICHIGAN Personal Offerings	31.45	Columbus Gospel Tab	6.00	Yukon Calvary Tab A of G SS	9.13	Lynden Pentecostal YP	2.00
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Bay City Glad Tidings Tab	5.37	Poplar Gospel Tabernacle	3.01	Cottage Grove A of God & SS	24.82	Rice Pleasant Valley A of God SS	8.32
Benton Harbor Bethel A of G	10.00	Roundup Gospel Tab & SS	15.62	Grants Pass Full Gospel Temple	34.61	Rochester Assembly of God	1.65
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Detroit Parkside Assembly	17.00	NEBRASKA Personal Offerings	12.01	Hood River Pent A of God	13.30	Wenatchee Full G A of God SS	30.00
Detroit Redford Pent A of G	32.00	Allen Assembly Christ Ambassadors	6.00	Portland A of God Tab SS	6.00	Yakima First Pent SS	28.00
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Flint Riverside Tabernacle	162.00	Thedford Bethel Church Assembly	3.70	Vale White Settlement SS	6.00	Saints Albans A of G Mission	4.00
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Royal Oak Calvary A of G	14.86	NEW JERSEY Personal Off	18.36	Bradford Assembly of God SS	3.75	Et Atkinson Gospel A Tab	8.00
Saginaw Gospel Tabernacle	20.00	Bridgeton Full Gospel Assembly	26.00	Chambersburg Bethel Pen Ch & CA	31.00	Oshkosh Glad Tidings Tab	15.00
SEBWAING Assembly of God	8.00	Elizabeth First Pent Church	9.10	Coalport Pent A of G Ch SS & CA	5.34	WYOMING Personal Offerings	2.00
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Austin Gospel Tabernacle	28.00	Pennsville Maranatha Pent SS	8.00	Corry Bethel Tabernacle	3.58	FOREIGN Personal Offerings	11.00
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Blue Earth Gospel Tab	15.75	NEW MEXICO Personal Offerings	2.80	Lansdale Maranatha Pent Miss SS	5.00	MISCELLANEOUS	4,712.66
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Cambridge Gospel Tab	15.07	Las Cruces A of God SS	27.55	Maple Lake Full G Ch & SS	5.86	Home Missions Fund	407.11
Crosby Full Gospel Assembly	40.00	Las Vegas Assembly of God SS	3.00	Marietta Maranatha Cahpel SS	8.00	Office Expense Fund	89.21
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Minneapolis NCBI	166.77	East Lake Assembly	1.00	Roaring Spring People Tab	5.00	Missionaries	382.44
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A Devotional Commentary on the Book of Daniel

by Myer Pearlman

## Chapter Two

### A PROPHETIC VIEW OF WORLD HISTORY

This present war seems to be a conflict for world dominion which may result in a world revolution. One side fights to maintain the old order, the other strives to break it up and introduce a new system. The issue must be fought to a finish, for both systems cannot live together in the same world.

However, our concern is not to express hopes or fears regarding the current world crisis, but to find an unshakable faith in the midst of a shaking world. Daniel's visions were given to inspire that faith by interpreting world history from God's viewpoint. Those visions assure us that God has not abdicated: He is still Ruler among the nations. Only this conviction will console and steady us amid the perplexity of current events.

#### A Troubled Dictator

Nebuchadnezzar's conquests had made him ruler over the Oriental world. Babylon had become queen of the nations, the center of civilization, culture and commerce. But the one bitter drop in his cup of happiness was the thought, "Will this greatness last? Does it have a future?" "What should come to pass hereafter?" became almost an obsession with Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel 2:29. The king's concern was quite natural. Would that all men pondered their achievements in the light of the future!

These anxious questionings explain the dream that followed. Some dreams, we know, are the result of a disturbed stomach, but Nebuchadnezzar's dream was a Good-given answer to his question. For God's revelations are usually related to man's problems.

One night the king awoke with a start and a tremor. He could not recall the dream but evidently something about it had left him with terrifying impressions. He felt that something awful was to happen to his kingdom.

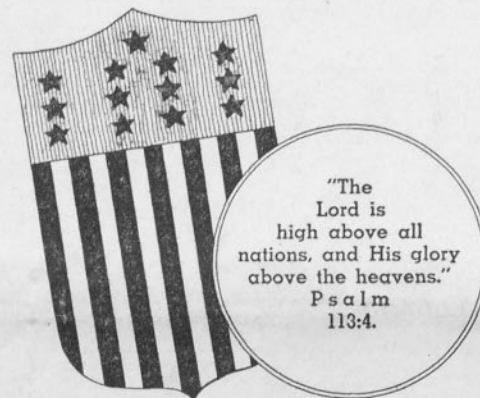
He thought he had a sure resource to fall back upon—his magicians and sorcerers, whose task was to make known the will of the gods by the interpretation of dreams and stars. "Tell thy servants the dream and we will shew the interpretation," they said. "The thing is gone from me," the king shouted irritably. All their protests were swept aside; why should he support them if they failed him in a crisis? The king decreed the execution of the frustrated sorcerers—a rather short and easy way of dealing with imperfect teachers.

There are times when some of us become impatient at teachers who are unable to answer our questions or solve our problems. But we should keep in mind the limitation of human knowledge. There are times when the most accomplished scholar can only say, "I do not know."

The fact of the matter is that no power on earth could have told the king his dreams, for God was about to teach Nebuchadnezzar that

there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets. And why did Nebuchadnezzar forget to summon Daniel who had been found "ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers"? In order to bring Nebuchadnezzar to the end of his natural resources and to show him that believers in the true God can do things beyond the power of heathen priests and scholars. As followers of Jesus it is our calling to prove to the world that the gospel can do what is beyond the ability of philosophy, science and education.

"Why is the decree so hasty from the king?" protested Daniel to the captain of the guard. In other words, "Has the king searched everywhere?" There are men who make bold to de-



"The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens."  
Psalm 113:4.

clare, "There is no God." But why are they so hasty? Have they searched all over the universe to make sure? Others say, "There is nothing to religion." The decree is too hasty; have they looked everywhere for reality? To make the lesson personal: have we ever issued hasty decrees and formed judgments before mature consideration? Remember—"He that believeth shall not make haste!"

Through Nebuchadnezzar's dream God had purposed to expose the futilities and imbecilities of what often goes by the name of the "occult sciences." Would that the lesson were heeded by the thousands in our land who squander millions of dollars annually on fake sciences that claim to predict and direct man's future. It is true that great world leaders have consulted astrologers, sometimes with uncanny results. Napoleon is reported to have had a belief in the influence of the stars. But though astrologers may determine "lucky" days for important ventures, their predictions can never be certain, for God "changeth the times and the seasons." Daniel 2:21. Haman cast lots for a "lucky" day on which to massacre multitudes of innocent people, but it proved to be the "unluckiest" day of his life. No day can be "lucky" on which a man decides to trample over human rights in order to satisfy his ambitions.

#### The Future of World Empires

Daniel was as ignorant of the interpretation as the others. But he tackled this Goliath of

a problem with the weapons of faith and prayer. Calling his companions he held a united prayer meeting. "Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision."

The king had seen a colossal and glittering image composed of many colors and different metals. Its head was of fine gold (Babylonian Empire), its breast of silver (Medo-Persian Empire), its belly and thighs of brass (Grecian Empire), and its legs of iron (Roman Empire); its feet partly of iron and partly of clay (revived Roman Empire.) But as it stood in the sunlight, as though in silent defiance of any destructive force, a mysterious fate overtook it. A piece of rock broke itself loose without hands, struck the image on its feet, and shattered it to pieces. Its shattered fragments were blown away, while the stone grew into a mountain that filled the earth.

The image pictures the rise and succession of world empires until the setting up of the kingdom of God. (Note: these are world empires not in the sense that they actually conquered the entire world but in their ability to do so.) The period covered is known as "The Times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24); that is, the period when Israel and Israel's land are under Gentile rulers. The period began with Nebuchadnezzar's conquest of Palestine and it will end with the destruction of Antichrist.

The fact that the image was composed of different minerals and yet was unified, suggests that all world empires have this in common—that they are the work of man, founded upon human ambition and sustained by force.

The succession of world empires is revealed as they would naturally appear to the thoughts of a conqueror. They are seen from man's viewpoint, as "human power consolidated by human wisdom." But the image, in spite of its surface glare, is hollow and inherently weak. Moreover, the image reveals a deterioration. Gold is followed by silver, silver by brass, and brass by a combination of iron and clay. According to evolutionists the head should have been made of mud and the feet of gold! Their theory affirms that society is evolving upwards towards better things. But the facts show that unless God interposes with spiritual influence, the tendency of society is downwards. Clay and iron have no inherent power to transmute themselves into gold; human nature left to itself does not become angelic.

It will be recalled that the image began as a magnificent man-made colossus and ended as a pile of dust, while the stone began as an insignificant though divinely wrought work and ended as a world-wide power. The world begins with optimism concerning human progress, and ends with pessimism, as is the case today. The Church, however, begins with pessimism regarding human progress and ends with optimism. For we believe in a God

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