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For This We Render

... Thanks

By J. NARVER GORTNER

For all the blessings of this life  
To us so richly given,  
Where sin and grief and woe are rife,—  
The gifts God gives from heaven,—  
For life, and health, and joy, and grace,  
And food, and raiment, too,  
And strength to run and win the race,  
And to our God be true,—  
For these we render thanks.

For plenty in a world of want,  
Where millions cry for bread,  
And multitudes, with hunger gaunt,  
Go supperless to bed,—  
For every need so well supplied  
That we have some to spare;  
Not one of all we know has died  
For lack of food or care!—  
For this we render thanks.





## Prayer--

## Wartime Providences--

## Thanksgiving

By Harvey McAlister

**A**BRAM LINCOLN issued his first presidential proclamation for a day of "public prayer, humiliation, and fasting" to be observed in September, 1861. The following year a Sunday in April was set apart for the invoking of divine guidance to "hasten the establishment of fraternal relations among all countries of the world."

Then, in 1863, by presidential decree, Thursday, April 10, was set apart as a special day of prayer looking to "the pardon of our national sins and the restoration of our now divided and suffering country to its former condition of peace and unity." Another day, Thursday, August 6, same year, was set apart in which the people were requested to offer thanks for the Gettysburg victory and to call upon God "to subdue the anger which has produced and so long sustained a needless and cruel rebellion."

During this Thanksgiving season Mrs. Hale called the President's attention to the need of a Thanksgiving festival to be observed annually on an established day of the year. Lincoln complied by naming the last Thursday in November, 1863, as the first National Thanksgiving Day.

Governor William Bradford of the Massachusetts colony, a man of strong religious convictions, as early as 1621, called together the early settlers of Plymouth for the purpose of offering thanks to God for the preservation of their lives, food to sustain them, and clothing for their bodies.

Every boy or girl studying history knows how the trained Indian warriors ambushed Braddock's forces from England, marching through the Pennsylvania forest in solid formation, with bright uniforms. The colonists had tried to get the British leader to understand Indian ways of warfare; but he had not been trained for wilderness campaigns.

Years later, after the treaty between France and Britain had brought peace to the colonial borders, an old chief who had led the Indian forces at the defeat of Braddock told of one thing strange to him and his tribesmen at that battle. He told it at a council in Ohio, where he met George Washington. He said: "I am a chief, and ruler over my tribes. My influence extends to the waters of the Great Lakes, and to the far blue mountains. I have traveled a long and weary path that I might see the young warrior of the great battle. It was on the day when the white men's blood mixed with the streams of our forest that I first beheld this chief. I called to my young men and said, 'Mark yon tall and daring warrior. He is not of the red-coat tribe. He hath our Indian's wisdom, and his warriors fight as we do. Himself alone is exposed. Quick, let your aim be certain, and he dies.' Our rifles were leveled, rifles which, but for him, knew not how to miss. It was all in

vain. A power mightier far than we shielded him from harm."

Washington himself felt that divine protection alone spared him through those French and Indian wars. In a letter to his brother, quoted by the historian Sparks, Washington said of his escape from death at the scene of Braddock's defeat: "By the all-powerful dispensation of Providence I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me."

Probably the darkest period of the whole Revolutionary War was the winter of 1777, when George Washington and his soldiers, after many reverses, decided to winter at Valley Forge. Often, as the chilly winter winds whistled through the leafless trees, did the Father of our country, with tears streaming down his careworn cheeks, as he would meditate upon the condition of his poor soldiers, resort to a thicket and pour out his very soul in intercession for aid and comfort.

Shortly after George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States, a committee proffered the congratulations and promised the prayers of the people in his behalf. Graciously he thanked them, especially for the promise of their intercessions. And surely in these trying days in which we find ourselves living, that is exactly what every patriotic citizen in every land can and should do for those in authority. Few may plead WITH them; many may plead FOR them.

The mightiest struggle for power this old world has ever seen is surging about us today. Great nations are locked in deadly combat, fighting for their very lives. Everything they possess of money, effort, genius, and courage they are flinging unstintingly, and with a staggering prodigality, into the stupendous conflict. Old empires, softened with age and security, have girded themselves to grapple with the new aspirants for dominion. Like giant wrestlers in the ring—but with all the world their stage—they heave and lunge and smite with all the force they can muster, realizing to the full the terrific stakes and the dread destiny that failure must involve.

Not so many months ago a valiant army,

fighting a most gallant rear-guard action, was beaten back by superior forces until at last it stood upon the sands of Dunkirk, in northern France, its retreat cut off by the sea. Nearly half a million men looked eagerly across thirty miles and more of water that separated them from the white cliffs of the motherland, wondering if help would come in time. As a tempest of fire and steel raged about them, decimating their ranks, they waited and hoped and prayed. Would anyone dare to enter this blazing inferno of bombs and bullets to attempt a rescue?

Then—a day of prayer was observed by the entire far-flung British Empire, requested by the King, and, the next day, suddenly across the water, stilled by the same voice that stilled the Sea of Galilee, with sky overcast by clouds making it impossible for the enemy's bombers and fighting planes to take the air, came motorboats, sailing boats, rowboats, even canoes. Coming by scores and hundreds, manned by men and boys, and women, too. Everybody with anything that would float was sailing and rowing and paddling, hurrying with all speed into the very jaws of death to succor and to save. They lifted those poor, tired men, wounded and sick and soaked, aboard their frail little vessels and carried them back to safety; and came again and again for more till the perilous task was done.

The very fury of the storm had stirred them to action. The frightfulness of the tempest had challenged them to spontaneous, selfless gallantry unparalleled in history. Indeed, the response was so wonderful and glorious that the name of Dunkirk will be mentioned with pride, gratitude, and inspiration through all the years to come.

Shall we, in this crisis hour of the world's history, when the onrushing tidal waves of evil threaten destruction to the very foundations of civilization, lose heart and retire from the ugly scene, stunned and helpless?

Rather must we, "set for the defence of the gospel of Christ," within our breasts interpret these very catastrophes as a fresh challenge to the spirit of patriotic loyalty to our God and to our country; and shall we not, in the true spirit of Thanksgiving Day, with its hoarded wealth of memories—memories of the Pilgrim Fathers, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and scores of other trail-blazers of like calibre—restate our fundamental principles of belief, gird our loins about with truth, renew our courage, and plunge into the thickest of the fight, preaching to a dying world Christ and Him crucified, until the trumpet sounds—until we are called home? Then shall Jesus Christ whose right it is, take over the reins of earth's governments, and establish here on earth His kingdom of righteousness and peace.

We open the Old Testament, and what do we find? A living God, doing things for His children on earth. It is full of stories of how, through the ages, He heard prayer and sent deliverance. One Bible prophecy of the latter days—for our times exactly—sets this prayer in our hearts: "Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generation of old." The same living God who wrought



in the ancient days will see His children through all the stormy times that lie between our day and the final triumph.

Thanksgiving Day is an occasion of national interest, decreed as already noted, as a result of the birth pangs of crisis periods in our nation's history.

But alas! it is easy to keep the eye fixed on the harvest field and fail to see God standing there. "And they of Bethshemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it." This meant to them that God was there in their midst. Even so, we are reminded to look up and see God in the time of harvest.

God of the harvest, forbid that we should have eyes only for the golden grain—the price of wheat—and the material things which a bountiful harvest can supply. Help us to see Thee, the Giver of all good, in these Thy gifts to us.

Some two thousand years before the Pilgrim Fathers in America devoted a special day to the giving of thanks there was a Thanksgiving Day observed in Judea. From the surrounding countryside came hundreds of people to this festival in the city of Jerusalem. In the center of the street—"before the water gate"—on an elevated platform, on a "pulpit of wood," stood the leader of the people, Ezra, now an old man, with the treasured book of the law of Moses in his hands, reading to the gathered multitudes "from morning until midday."

Next on the program was a prayer of Thanksgiving when "all the people stood up: and Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands, and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground." This Thanksgiving service included preaching of an expository type, when others besides Ezra took part, for we read: "So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading." Everyone listened with rapt attention, and so moved upon were they that, as the service drew to a close, they were unable longer to restrain their emotions. "All the people wept, when they heard the words of the law."

Then they were told: "Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto the Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength." "And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them."

This, then, was the program that the great men of God, Ezra and Nehemiah, outlined for Thanksgiving Day in that faraway land and age—a public service of worship, including the reading of God's Word, prayer, preaching, followed by eating and drinking of the bounties of the land that the great God had provided—thanks-

giving dinners accompanied by much rejoicing and mirth, and the sending of portions to all those in unfavorable circumstances.

And truly they had much for which they could express their gratitude that particular year. They had been captives in a strange land for seventy years and only recently had they been allowed to return home. True, the greater part of their once beautiful city still lay a mass of ruins—grim reminder of the terrific destruction inflicted by the enemies of the people of Israel—but their temple had already been restored, and Jerusalem's walls rebuilt.

There were many ungrateful hearts then, undoubtedly, just as there are still those in our midst who are lacking in the spirit of thankfulness. They forgot that God would forgive their sins; that the temple had been restored; that the walls of Jerusalem had been rebuilt. They saw only the unrepaired ruins of their homes and thought only of the hardships they had endured and those they were anticipating.

The very essence of a proper observation of the Thanksgiving season of the year is the giving of thanks, and Paul commends thanksgiving as a Christian duty. "Thank God for everything—such is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." His eventful life was a hard one. He was stoned, beaten, slandered, imprisoned, shipwrecked, and yet his was a grateful heart through it all. Even on his trip to Rome, with the prospect of death before him, "he thanked God, and took courage." The reason for Paul's unusual achievement of perennial gratitude was his confidence that God was moulding every circumstance for his ultimate good, and this constant frame of mind and attitude of heart enabled him to give thanks "always for all things."

Paul said of the pagan world, "they glorified Him not as God, neither were they thankful." Unthankfulness is a basic sin. "Beware lest you forget." "And be ye thankful." Over the door of an English chapel are two words, "Think—Thank." If we would stop to think more, we would stop to thank more. Too many of us take life's blessings as a matter of course. Sunshine and rain—seedtime and harvest, health, food, shelter, clothes, friends, home, church, all—we take as a matter of course. And sometimes we forget that from the fountain of a grateful heart spring rivulets of other virtues—contentment, happiness, love of others, and obedience to God.

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#### WHY BE THANKFUL?

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." Psalm 23:6.

The Christian knows that goodness and mercy

shall go with him all the days of his life, as two attendant angels. He knows that they have followed him hitherto. But it is sometimes difficult for him to perceive that they are with him.



When Jeremiah was in that deep, dark dungeon, where there was no water, but mire, it seemed as though goodness and mercy had left him and gone to walk on the battlements of Jerusalem. Men came to the border of that pestilential pit and asked him mockingly where those companions of his now were. But Jeremiah's eyes, getting accustomed to the darkness, soon discovered them there. They gave him some bread of heaven

to eat. Then when Jerusalem was taken, and the proud enemies of the prophet were carried into captivity, Jeremiah remained in the land; goodness and mercy followed him all his days. Persecution is not so persevering as they are.

When Elijah was under the juniper-tree, goodness and mercy awoke him and ministered unto him. "Why do you flee for your life?" they said; "have we fled from thee?"

"I do well to be angry," said Jonah, insulting those heavenly attendants to their face. He said to goodness, "Thou art an impostor, not goodness, but unkindness"; and to mercy, "Thou art severity, thou hast no beauty, get thee gone." Did they follow him still? They sat down and said to him, "We will not go." They might have spoken of the depths of the sea whither and whence they had accompanied him; but they spoke to him of the much cattle that was in Nineveh, and of an immense number of innocent little children.

How often have I been ready to use the language of Jonah, how often frowned on these celestial ones, and motioned them angrily away, because they would not take the form my fancy painted. Yet have they still followed me. Be astonished, O earth!—George Bowen.

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#### THANKSGIVING IN THE PSALMS

"Bless the Lord, O my soul." Psalm 103:1.

Soul music is the best after all and beats even Nebuchadnezzar's band in Dan. 3:5.

"... thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."—Verse 5.

Christians are called to be young eagles, ever on the wing (keen-sighted for God's glory and man's welfare), not young owls (ever moping).

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us."—Verse 12.

These two, east and west, can never be brought together, so with our sins and us when once forgiven.—John Taylor Smith.

## Your Thanksgiving Day Offering for Aged Ministers

Your offering for our aged ministers will be divided between 115 persons, not once, but divided six times, so that an offering of \$10.00 will permit us to send nearly one and one half cents monthly to each of our ministers for the next six months, or until another offering is received from you. That does not look like a very large offering for our faithful older ministers; and indeed it would be a very small offering, utterly inadequate to meet their needs, if your offering is the only one to be received for them. But we are believing that many more just like you will also give, and if everyone will do their part, we will be able to multiply that one and one half cents so that we can make a distribution of not less than \$15.00 per month to each minister. \$15.00 per month may be the difference between hunger, cold and discouragement and comfort and peace of mind. Can we dare to close our hearts to their need, when our little, which can be spared so easily will mean so much to them. Our old ministers are confident you will not fail them.

#### THANKSGIVING DAY, or SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

has been designated as the time when we will bring our Thanksgiving offerings to the Lord for our older ministers. Every pastor of every assembly is expected to place this need before his people. Every member of every assembly is expected to have a part in the offering which we are giving. Every reader of the Pentecostal Evangel can also have a part, whether you are a member of a local assembly or not. Should your pastor fail to remember the date, please hand to him your offering with the request it be sent to the headquarters office for the Ministers' Benevolent Fund. Send all offerings to J. R. Flower, Treasurer, 336 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.



## A Cause for Thanksgiving

WHEN Moses and the children of Israel stood on the shore of the Red Sea, after the destruction of Pharaoh and his hosts, they sang: "Who is like unto Thee, O Lord . . . glorious in holiness, fearful in praises (or as Rotherham translates this phrase, 'to be revered in praises') doing wonders? And they rejoiced not only in their deliverance, but in Him who had so wonderfully delivered them. Let us also give Him joyful thanks at this time, not only for His ample supplies, and His glorious providences, **but for what He Himself is**, glorious in holiness, worthy of all praises, the doer of wonders.

Note the wonderful working of God in Egypt. He worked miracles for fourteen years to vindicate a despised brother. Famine came over Egypt for seven years, following seven years of miraculous abundance. Why? For the sake of Israel? For the sake of Egypt? It was to vindicate a prisoner, Joseph the slave, the despised dreamer. God caused the course of nature to be suspended in order to vindicate a virtuous youth.

God is fearful in praises, doing wonders! He has never ceased doing them. He vindicated Joseph in prison. The woman had a rag, but God had Joseph. She produced the evidence—God produced His servant and he was set above Potiphar and Potiphar's wife, for he was seated next to Pharaoh. We read that the Word of the Lord tried Joseph. His feet were hurt with fetters, but he forgot the fetters when he was clothed in gold apparel. God delights to vindicate His own. The enemy can overstep himself. Satan thought that the Crucifixion was a masterpiece—was a colossal blunder as far as the enemy was concerned, because it meant the salvation of the world.

Joseph was helpless in prison—he was not relieved. But God dealt with the prisoners and when He disturbed the king on the throne with dreams. God works in the night. God is active on behalf of His saints. "He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." Great is our God, glorious in praises, doing wonders. Believe in God's activity in the spiritual realm, in the natural, and in the physical. Christ says to us, "The very hairs of your head are all numbered."

The flight of every sparrow is marked and the fall of every sparrow noted. The meanest things in nature, things which men call pests, God takes care of.

Doing wonders! Study God's working in nature, and remember that He is just as active in the spiritual realm. If He considers the number of the hairs in a man's head, how much more does He consider the spiritual state of the soul?

Concerning the vineyard of His planting He has promised to "water it every moment." Isa. 27:3. He notices the moment when the spiritual plant within us is ready to droop, and at that very moment He is ready to replenish, to renew, to revive.

Christ says to us, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow." "Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" Are not the children of God more to Him than the lilies or the glory of Solomon? He takes care that nothing shall offend those who love His law. The child of God can boldly

say, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

The Lord will even make the wrath of man contribute to His praise. The vindication of some member of His body, one of those who constitute His bride, brings glory to Himself. And He does more than vindicate, He **loves**. He says, "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love."

Do you belong to the Lord? Men are proud to belong to a great nation. They are even proud to belong to a large spiritual fellowship, counting it a great privilege and honor. Men are proud to be on the winning side. Are you ashamed to belong to Him? He says, "Thou becamest Mine." Ezek. 16:8. When Christ prayed to His Father, He said, "All Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine . . . those that Thou gavest Me I have kept." Those who are the children of God are kept by Christ, for Himself, for His glory, for His love. Is not that a cause for thanksgiving? Let us learn like John to rest upon the bosom of the faithful One. And let us constantly express our thanksgiving and praise in the inspired words of the Apostle of Love: "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

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### GOD'S WITHHOLDINGS

Let us be thankful for the **withholdings** of God, as well as His promptings. "The Spirit suffered them not." Acts 16:7. The "word" is promised only "when ye turn" (Isa. 30:21); if we are going straight on in the path of His will the Father gives His smile, and the heart is at rest.

### THE WEEK OF PRAYER

It is not too early to begin to make plans for the proposed week of fasting and prayer arranged for January 4 to 11, 1942.

It is always necessary for someone to get under the burden for any meeting if it is going to be a blessing. This will apply to these special prayer days as much as to any evangelistic campaigns.

May we suggest that every pastor in his prayer closet begin now to study the great prayers of Scripture, the prayers of Christ, of Paul, of Moses, of David, of Daniel and other prophets. The Psalms are especially full of prayers and praises.

Let this week not be one of preaching on prayer but of real praying. As the pastors remind the saints of the Holy Spirit-given prayers of men of Bible days, they can make the same and similar petitions, fully assured that as they do so that they are praying in the will of God and He will not fail to give in response to their asking.

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# Unhitch Your Cares With Thanksgiving

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That there is a close relationship between **thanksgiving** and effectual **prayer** is plainly seen in the following passage of Scripture: "Do not be anxious about anything but by prayer and earnest pleading together with **thanksgiving** let your requests be unreservedly made known before God." Phil. 4:6.

At this Thanksgiving season much emphasis is placed upon the spirit of thankfulness, and rightly so. However, a spirit of thankfulness and gratitude should be as prominent in a true Christian's life in July as it is in November. The Apostle Paul is endeavoring to show in this passage of Scripture and its context that the spirit of thanksgiving should be manifest in and a part of every right prayer. A spirit of thankfulness leads one straight to the spirit of rejoicing. In verse 4 of this same chapter the writer exhorts us, "**Always rejoice in the Lord: I will repeat it, rejoice.**"

In verse 6 he tells us how to arrive at this state of constant rejoicing. It is evident that the Apostle is anxious to get this thought home with power since he repeats the "**rejoice.**" It is like Christ's "Verily, verily," which is repeated for emphasis. "Always," of course means, under **all** circumstances. We certainly cannot always rejoice in our **circumstances** or because of them, nor are we told to do so, but we are exhorted to "**Rejoice in the Lord!**" This we can always do, for when all has been swept away, He remains. When all have failed He is faithful. When our ambitions lie in ashes at our feet we can rejoice because He is on the throne; He understands and His promises are sure. What He has promised He will perform. We can rejoice in Him.

This spirit of rejoicing, made possible by a thankful spirit, must have its influence upon others. Therefore Paul says, "Let your forbearing spirit be known to every one." How enlightening it must be to the unsaved to see Christians passing through great trial actually with a spirit of joy manifesting itself in their lives!

The most remarkable example of this I ever witnessed was that of a little woman who was passing through the darkest hour of her life. I was conducting a funeral in a country home in the state of Ohio. The neighbors and friends had gathered in and the house was not only filled, but many who were unable to get in, stood without, expressing their sympathy. The only little girl of the home had been taken away. The time had come when the last opportunity to view the little form here had come. One by one the friends passed, dropping many a sympathetic tear. It all seemed so genuine. The grandparents came, followed by the two small brothers. They were old enough to understand and they struggled to control their emotions.

As I watched I thought of the approaching moments when the mother would come and place the parting kiss upon the cold brow. This would, of course, be the hardest of all. Her **only girl** and the **baby** of the family. She came supported on the arm of her husband. She appeared so frail that one could have expected, when once she had bent over the little body that she might not rise again until stronger arms tore her away from her baby. But a great surprise awaited us. As she bent over the little coffin to place the farewell kiss a strange thing happened. Her hand was lifted toward heaven and now her face too became lifted, and as she gazed, with a spirit of triumph she said, "It's all right, Jesus; it's all right." She could not

rejoice in her circumstances but she could rejoice in her Lord.

In order for us to be rejoicing Christians it is imperative that we avoid anxiety as this Scripture declares, "Do not be anxious about anything." Anxiety and joy are strangers. They cannot walk, live or stay together. Where there is joy there is no anxiety and where there is anxiety joy has fled. You cannot be happy and be anxious. The Apostle does not leave us here with this exhortation, "Do not be anxious about anything," to work it out for ourselves. He tells us in the lines that follow how we can **avoid** anxious care. "By prayer and earnest pleading . . . let your requests be unreservedly made known before God." Here is where we sidetrack anxiety. We leave the main line of our duties just long enough to slip into the closet of prayer and disconnect this car of unnecessary weight that's dragging the heart and life out of us. In real prayer there is always the idea of committal. We are to take our burdens and cares to the Lord in prayer and disconnect them, leave them there. When we return from the place of prayer with our burdens, it is as when a train backs into the siding to leave a car that has been hauled far enough and then pulls out with it again. We have gone to prayer for naught. Nothing has been accomplished, and all because we have failed to leave our load. The Lord is not only able but He is very desirous of carrying our burdens.

In this connection I am reminded of the man who was walking along the dusty road one summer day carrying a heavy load. A farmer stopped and offered to give him a ride. The traveler was very grateful and soon was on his way standing in the wagon with his load still upon his back. The farmer asked him why he did not lay his burden down in the wagon. The stranger replied, "Oh, I thought it was enough

that you carry me without carrying my load too!" The farmer chuckled as he replied, "It is just as easy for my horses to pull your load in the bottom of the wagon as upon your back." If we have not committed we have not rightly prayed. If we do not rightly pray we shall have anxious care and as a result have no joy.

You will also notice that right praying is to be done **with thanksgiving**, "by prayer and earnest pleading together **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known." Many do not receive from the Lord when they pray because they do not ask with a proper spirit; they are not thankful for the things the Lord has already done for them. Jesus said of the lepers who were healed, "Where are the nine?" Only one of the ten returned to give thanks. Could these nine expect the Lord to meet their need the instant they should call again when they were so ungrateful as never to return to express their gratitude?

The Lord appreciates a thankful spirit and attitude just as much as we do. As parents we so enjoy doing for our children when they are appreciative, but the moment they fail to be thankful some of our joy of giving and doing is gone. We feel they need to be disciplined. They have gotten too much and no longer appreciate our kindness. So we decide to cease giving anything to them for a time until they change their attitude. When again they show an appreciative spirit we feel it is right and justifiable that we should cater to their desires. Let us remember this in our prayer life, that God is good and worthy of our praise. Let us not rush into His presence with a "Give me," but with a "Praise the Lord for He is good!"—with a spirit of thanksgiving.

I had this truth brought home to me in a very forceful manner some years ago. I had  
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Be thankful unto Him,  
and bless his holy name.

PSALM 100:4

# The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving



"Whosoever offereth the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifieth Me and prepareth a way that I may show him the salvation of God." Psalm 50:23.

She was a missionary on furlough, not "home" on furlough, for she had no home, but was wandering around itinerating, and finances were not flowing in as might have been expected. A Pentecostal Assembly beneficently gave her board, but there was no collection forthcoming, and she had said she would be leaving on the Monday, with the flickering hope that something might come her way on Sunday. No one had even given her so much as a postage stamp, and her last one she had stuck on a letter to her sister imploring her to send sixty cents immediately so as to insure her departure on the day specified, and thus save herself from ignominy. She was afraid to mention her need, because she was on faith lines.

It was Saturday afternoon. Other people were out enjoying themselves, but she was alone in the bedroom grumbling. She always kept a brave face outwardly (in fact she was thought to be a lady of means by some who ought to have known better; perhaps the thought was a salve to their conscience). Inwardly she complained, and vented her grief at times to those like-minded and in like condition. Now she felt that she had nothing and nobody and the Lord took her to task.

He said, "You have never praised Me because you are poor. You have always grumbled."

"Praise Thee because I am poor? I could never do that! It would be a lie!"

"Does not MY WORD (Eph. 5:20) say, 'Giving thanks always for all things?'"

She looked the passage up, as well as 1 Thess. 5:18. Had it been 1 Thess. 5:18 she might have excused herself, for there she read "In everything give thanks," but in Eph. 5:20 it said, "Giving thanks always and for all things." Weymouth and the American Revised were the same. Conybeare and Howson were even more explicit, for they rendered the passage, "At all times and for all things which befall you give thanks."

There was no escaping it, the Bible meant what it said. So the poverty-stricken one went down on her knees by the bedside and held up her purse before the Lord. "See, Lord, my purse, there's nothing in it," and she opened it and turned it upside down. "See, Lord, it's empty," and she held it up in her hand as far as she could reach, but "I praise Thee." She kept on reiterating, "I praise Thee" (with interpolations

of "I really don't mean it, but the Bible says I'm to do it")! "I praise Thee! I praise Thee! I praise Thee! I praise Thee!"

Sunday morning came and she sat in the Pentecostal Assembly. Nobody could gather from her dress that she was particularly needy, for she never made a display of old clothes to gain financial sympathy. Yesterday's transaction was forgotten in the delight of mingling her praises with the saints. It was a glorious meeting. There was perfect liberty to praise aloud in tongues or in one's own language or to keep quiet.

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Ahmednagar,  
India

She was enjoying the meeting to the full, soaring up like a bird on the wings of praise, when someone from behind touched her hand and pressed a little packet into it. She was not too spiritually engrossed to grip the packet and pinch it. "It feels like a watch"—and here the grumbling habit reasserted itself—"What's the use of a watch to one who has no money?" She did not wonder who gave it—she well knew there was only one affluent member in the congregation.

After that the service seemed to flag, but it came to an end and she hoped no one would notice her as she went out. Nobody did—they were too much engrossed with their own particular friends. She ran along the road and flew up to the bedroom holding fast the precious packet. She did not tear it ruthlessly open as she was tempted to do, but calmly said, "Thank you, Lord. I praise Thee." When she opened the packet there was \$150 in bank notes. It pays to praise!



### THREE TIMES A DAY

The manufacturers of a certain beverage are seeking by constant advertising to encourage everyone to get the habit of drinking this beverage three times a day.

David had the three-times-a-day habit. He tells us, "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud." Psalm 55:17.

Daniel likewise had this habit. "He kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God." Dan. 6:10.

Let us live as though we are staying in the same room with our Lord. We can keep up a continuous conversation all day. He will not mind how many times a day you thank Him for His kindness. He will not mind how many times a day you say, "I love You, precious Lord."

But watch that you do not monopolize the whole conversation.

### UNHITCH YOUR CARES WITH THANKSGIVING

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been suffering with a very sore throat for some weeks. We were conducting a service in a near-by town one evening and the presence of the Lord was unusually manifest. Many who were there had unusual experiences that evening as did I. While the testimony service was in progress I felt the Lord speak to me in about this manner, "You have not been thankful for the healings of the past. If you would be thankful for what I did before I would do more for you now." After receiving this impression from the Lord I arose and made a confession to the end that I had been ungrateful and had failed to praise the Lord for past healings; that I believed the Lord would heal me now since I had repented of and confessed my wrong. A good Christian lady in the audience immediately said, "Since our brother has confessed and has faith for healing let us pray for him now before he speaks." A group came forward and laying their hands upon me prayed for my healing. I was healed very definitely that night.

Now we come to the result of this kind of prayer. "So will the peace of God, which surpasses all power of thought, be a garrison to guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (verse 7). Not your peace, but "the peace of God . . . shall guard your hearts and minds." Isn't that just what we need these busy days when restlessness and a spirit of worry are all about us? Man, being a threefold being, has body, soul (mind) and spirit to protect. The law of self-preservation usually is sufficient to protect the body but our minds and spirits stand much in need of divine protection. This is promised here in answer to earnest prayer offered in a thankful spirit. In this passage the peace of God is pictured as a soldier standing guard over our hearts and minds. What a need! What a Christ! What a provision!

So at this Thanksgiving season, among the many other things we have to be thankful for, may we be grateful because we have no anxious care, since we have committed it all to Him, and as a result the soldier, "the peace of God," is on guard, keeping our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. It is yours, for Christ said, "My peace give I unto you."



### GOD'S PROTECTION

A Christian woman in China was left in charge of a building, occupied by refugees. These refugees were ordered by the authorities to evacuate. She, however, remained to look after the premises. At noon, without any warning, due to the fact that the electric works was out of commission, enemy planes arrived and began dropping their bombs. She had no time to reach a dugout, so she knelt where she was and called on God to protect and deliver her.

And God delivered her in a marvelous way. The house in which she was praying was hit, and was made into a mass of disheveled debris, excepting the few square feet where she was praying! The doorway was blocked, but she crawled over the ruins and got out of a window. Later, when the missionaries arrived, they were filled with awe when they saw how complete the destruction was—all except the place where the woman had been praying! And there was the Christian, rejoicing in her Lord! God not only can stop the mouths of lions, but He can deliver from enemy bombs as well, even though they come perilously near. This story is vouched for by Chas. Best, a missionary of the China Inland Mission.



### FOR CHARACTER BUILDING

"Thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down." Psalm 102:10.

Both are necessary for the perfecting of character: winter and summer, sunshine and shower, prosperity and adversity.

# Praise Changes Things

There is a legend of two angels that come from heaven every morning and go on their rounds all day long. One is the angel of prayer; the other is the angel of thanksgiving. Each carries a basket. Soon the angel of requests has his basket filled to overflowing. Everybody pours into it great handfuls of requests, but, when the day is ended the angel of thanksgiving has only two or three little contributions of gratitude in his basket.

"Were there not ten cleansed, but where are the nine?"

A missionary in dark China was living a defeated life. Everything seemed to be touched with sadness, and although he prayed for months for victory over depression and discouragement, his life remained the same. He determined to leave his work and go to an interior station and pray till victory came. He reached the place and was entertained in the home of a fellow missionary. On the wall hung a motto with the words, "Try Thanksgiving."

The words gripped his heart and he thought within himself, "Have I been praying all this time and not praising?" He stopped and began to praise and was so uplifted, that instead of hiding away to pray and agonize for days, he immediately returned to his waiting flock to tell them that Praise Changes Things. Wonderful blessing attended this simple testimony and the bands that had bound others were loosed through praise.

I wish to add my humble testimony to his. It was a dark, dark, night in my life, when the words, "Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion" (Psalm 65:1), were impressed upon my mind. I had been waiting in prayer, yes, my prayers and supplications had gone up to the throne, were piled up, as it were. Now, could I not wait in praise, before I saw the answer, or must I wait for signs and wonders ere I believed His Word?

God was waiting for this final step of faith and when I began to praise Him for the answer, to wait in praise, to rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him, He began to answer, exceeding abundantly, above all that I could ask or think, and the possession of the secret of victory has transformed my life and filled it with gladness.

It is said that when Sir Michael Costa was having a rehearsal with the vast array of performers and hundreds of voices, as the mighty chorus rang out with the thunder of the organ and ringing of horns and the clashing of cymbals, some man who played the piccolo far up in the corner said within himself, "In all this din it matters not what I do," and ceased to play. Suddenly the great conductor stopped, flung up his hands and all was still. Then he cried aloud, "Where is the piccolo?"

The quick ear had missed it and all was spoiled because he had failed to take his part.

Is your **praising note** missing from the heavenly choir, beloved?

Are you waiting, waiting, yearning, for God to answer your prayer? He is waiting to answer.

Try Thanksgiving. Praise changes things.—Saint Anonymus.

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## FOR RUNNERS ONLY

What did Paul run for? Salvation? Ten thousand times, No! He got that at the Cross. Paul ran for a crown. There will be a great many Christians who will get into Heaven

crowns. Satan got his match when he got hold of Paul. "Paul! Why are you so desperately in earnest?" "I am for my crown," says Paul. "Do you hear what they say about you? A mere babbler attempting to turn the world upside down. They have made up their minds to kill you." "I know it," says Paul, "but none of these things move me."

Stand by his side again. Four times has he received thirty-nine stripes, and now he is to be beaten again. "Now, if you get out of this difficulty, what will you do, Paul?" "Do?" says Paul. "One thing, press towards the mark for the prize." What did he care for stripes? "You don't think," he says, "that these light afflictions are going to stop me?" Why, if we received one stripe on our backs, what a whining. Volumes would be written about it. Yet Paul calls these, "light afflictions"!



## ENTER HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE

By Carrie Judd Montgomery

"Come before His presence (margin. His face) with thanksgiving." Psalm 95:2.

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise." Psalm 100:4.

'Tis the fitting way of entrance  
To the palace of the King,  
When you stand before His gateway  
You must lift your voice and sing.  
Those who murmur may not enter  
In His holy courts of praise,  
They who here abide are singing  
All the nights and all the days.

Listen, you will hear the anthem,  
"Praise Him always for all things,"  
Praise Him when your faith seems ebbing,  
Praise Him when you mount on wings;  
Praise Him for the Well-Beloved,  
Gift unspeakable, divine,  
Praise Him for the blessed Spirit,  
Comforting with oil and wine.

Praise Him for His touch of healing  
That uplifts and makes us whole,  
For the fount of life within us  
Filling spirit, body, soul.  
Praise Him e'en for trials and crosses,  
Trials more precious than of gold,  
For they bring us close to Jesus,  
In a fellowship untold.

He who offers praise, He tells us,  
Glorifies His Name,  
And the richest and the poorest  
May thus honor Him the same.  
So I'll bring my humble offerings,  
Welcome thus "before His face,"  
And will join the angels' chorus  
With my sacrifice of praise.

Stand there again. This time they have stoned him. He is all bruised and bleeding. But the great warrior rises up and buckles on his armor again. "You have got out of this, Paul; what are you going to do next?" Once more he cries: "I do but one thing, press toward the prize. I do not want to lose my crown." Talk about Alexander the Great making the world tremble with his armies. Here is a little tent-maker who makes the world tremble without any army!—D. L. Moody.

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## "BY LOVE SERVE"

The best work in the world is the work that is done for love's sake. That was what Gustave Dore said to a friend who was admiring a painting of Jesus that stood upon his easel. "Ah," he said, "I should have painted Him much better if I had loved Him more." Service uninspired by love may be listless, half-hearted, ineffective. But service born of a great love will be marked by zeal and passion and power.

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## A WORD OF THANKSGIVING

"As a dove with an olive leaf comes the Pentecostal Evangel every week to our home and hearts, with its message of life, and life more abundantly, too, to those who really digest this blessed message to the full extent. 'For this is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing.' Isa. 28:12. How refreshing in these last hours of great crisis and unrest and uncertainty prevailing everywhere. We are living in a world full of sin, death, and destruction on a large scale; it actually beggars description. It seems to me that 'hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure.'

"In a day of itching ears the Pentecostal Evangel goes forth boldly declaring the whole truth without compromise. It is our purpose to strike a note of kind appreciation of the paper and the staff for the noble service which they render. May the hand of the Lord ever attend and uphold every member of the editorial staff in publishing the good news to hundreds and to thousands of souls who are hungering and thirsting for the light of life. With kind appreciation we are, **Mr. and Mrs. A. Wingard, missionaries to Manchouko.**"

One of the finest ways to spread the full gospel message is to send the Pentecostal Evangel to your friends and ministers of your city. Four new three-months subscriptions (13 issues each) costs but one dollar (add 13c extra if outside the U. S. A.). Why not send the Evangel to four friends as a Thanksgiving Gift?

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## LIVING WITH THE LEPERS

Fifty years ago Mary Reed was a leper, having contracted the dread disease while ministering to the lepers of India. Today she is still preaching to the lepers, but she is no longer a leper. Her story is given briefly in Time Magazine, where she is called "the greatest living apostle to the lepers."

In 1885 Miss Reed went to India for the first time. She chanced to visit a hill-country colony of 500 lepers and became interested in their plight. Six years later, on her first furlough home to the U. S., she learned she had become a leper herself. However, she did not tell her friends but returned to India and started work among the lepers at Chandag. She preached, built a church and then dormitories, nursed her lepers, and organized them into a self-helping community. Her leprosy disappeared after nine years, leaving her with few of the deformities or mutilations common in "burned-out" cases. She believes God healed her in answer to her faith. So do friends who had prayed for her on three continents. Although she is now 86 and almost blind, she still teaches and preaches at Chandag. She is associated with the American Mission to Lepers, an interdenominational Protestant organization.

# THE REGIONS BEYOND

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## Depending On You

A few more weeks—and that happy time will be here when the air is filled with carols and the old familiar greeting, "Merry Christmas." With fresh realization and in deep gratitude we remember our Heavenly Father's great gift to the world, Jesus Christ, His Son. Around the fireplace many family groups will be complete with the exception of one member—the loved one who responded to the call of the Lord—"Go ye."

Far out on the mission fields many will feel an additional tug at the heart strings for loved ones and home as this season approaches. Shall we let theirs be the only sacrifice? The little that you sacrifice now will bring untold encouragement and joy to the heart of some worker who will be trying to spread Christmas cheer to those who are in need around him—food for the hungry, clothing to the ones who are in rags or perhaps a toy to a small child. To each one must be given a Testament, Gospel or some Scripture portion.

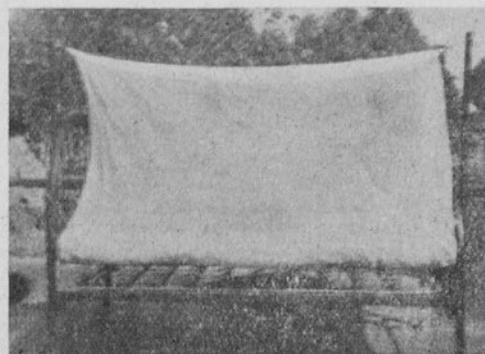
Don't let good intentions rob you of the joy of knowing that on the mission field your sacrifice has brought happiness during this Christmas season. Send your offering in NOW designated for the "Missionary Christmas Fund."—Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

### Things You Want to Know

In this column John Hall is answering from week to week questions which are asked him concerning life in Mossiland, French West Africa, where he and his wife have spent several years in missionary work.

#### "HE GIVES HIS BELOVED SLEEP"

"How do you missionaries sleep out there?" is so often the question asked us. The answer is in the accompanying picture.



Beds in Mossi Land are draped with netting as protection against mosquitoes, flies and other pests.

We bolt small wooden posts to the four corners of the bed to support the mosquito net which is tied to them and tucked in all the way around to keep out mosquitoes, bats, and so on, at night, and flies, lizards, bees, and other insects in the daytime.

We lift one side of the net and struggle under quickly, leaving our slippers on the ground and tucking the net in after us and then, if we have a flashlight, we look for a stray mosquito or two that might have managed to slip in. We empty our slippers each morning before slipping our feet into them as they may contain a toad or scorpion which selected a hiding place from the morning light.

The beds are equipped with rollers so they can be conveniently moved about and in or out of the house in case of winds, storms, or rain. Some months we need a blanket or two at night and some other months we twist and turn wearily in perspiration-soaked pajamas and sheets, longing for a refreshing breeze.

Because of the brilliant moonlight it is advisable to cover the top with a dark cloth to prevent sleeplessness, headache, or nervousness the next day. It seems queer not to sleep under a net now in America.

#### LIONS?

Do not think we see lions on every hand. We see them very little but hear them often in the distance. A French commandant shot one weighing 365 pounds and measuring six feet nine inches from tip of nose to rump. It was his first in the thirty years he had served there.

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### The Gospel Meets the Need

Ruth Melching, Missionary to Manchuria, at the recent General Council Meeting

It was Kipling who said, "East is east, West is west, and never the twain shall meet." It is true that in language, mode of living, civilization and custom, China may never meet or compete with the West, and we as missionaries must spend many long hours learning the difficult, profound language with its thousands of idioms, and the customs that have long bound these people in affliction. We often forget the most important thing and that is that they look upon this life and the hereafter through a periscope that has been handed down from the immeasurable past. Nevertheless, we must disagree with Kipling to some extent, for there is a meeting place, there is a melting pot at the place called Calvary, where blinded eyes behold the dawn of eternal day and chains of iron are broken, making us all One in Christ.

Psalm 107 is a missionary retrospect. The scene is in heaven. A great anthem of God's mercy and deliverance is just echoing in the distance when the leader steps forth saying, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy and gathered them out of the lands, from the East, and from the West, from the North, and from the South. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation." I wish to be there at that grand meeting in the skies, and not only so but by the grace of God I hope to bring a train of redeemed Chinese with me.

#### Reaching the Crowds

It has been my great privilege to attend a number of large temple meetings in Miao Hui. Once a year the large temples are opened and the people come from far and near to worship the idols. Some come to buy and sell and put on a fair. Early in the morning you will find us at a strategic point just outside the gates of the temple with our drums, horns, song books and Gospels. It is very easy in China to secure a crowd if one will provide a noise, and so immediately we have a great throng about us, so much so that we are almost crushed with the eager crowd and we have to say, "Would you step back a pace and give us a little breath of air." Then we begin singing: (Translation)—"There is only one true God. He is my heavenly Father. He gives me food to eat, clothing to wear, continually has mercy upon me. There is only one true Saviour that can forgive me of my sins. I believe in Him, obey His word, and that is my Lord Jesus." Of course that arrests their attention. The song finished, someone steps forward with a timely message such as this. "Why seek ye the living among the dead? These idols that you worship all represent men that have long since died and have reverted to dust, but we serve the true and living God. Our Saviour rose from the dead after giving His life for us on the cross of Calvary, and is seated there today at the right hand of God to hear and answer the prayers of those who believe and trust in Him." Then we begin immediately to sell these Gospel portions. You may say, "Do they appreciate your standing there in the heat of the day, enduring the hot sun and the wind that blows a lot of dust and sand in its train?" Yes, thank God for those who have expressed their appreciation for our standing many long hours in this manner.

One man bought three Gospels of me and handed me a dollar bill. I quickly said, "I will give you 97c change," but he insisted that we keep the change. Thank God, the gospel was worth that to him. Another temple keeper said to us, "So you have come today to represent the 'Old heavenly master,' as they call the true God. 'It certainly is an act of righteousness.'" And so we find many times though great crowds gather in these temple meetings, very few are doing obeisance and we have actually found some in Miao Hui which have no god whatever. They have no faith in idols and have destroyed them, but up to the present time nothing better has been offered them. We thank God for the thousands of Gospels that have been sold in Miao Hui. I expect some day to see precious souls as a harvest.

#### A Voice From Heaven

Fu Kuei Lan was one of our Sunday School pupils. She learned to love and serve Jesus herself and then she came home with the gospel message and brought it to her mother. Her mother was sick, but Fu Kuei Lan said, "Jesus saves and Jesus heals." So her mother began to pray, "Lord Jesus, if you are real somehow make me better." She felt better and she prayed the second time. Then she heard a voice from heaven saying, "Walk straight ahead." Jesus said, "My sheep know my voice," and she knew it was the voice of the shepherd and received courage to get up and destroy her own family's idols. After these idols have been worshiped for generations past, the people come to look upon

*Christmas offerings for the missionaries should be sent out this month.*

them as holy and sacred and they fear them greatly, but Mrs. Fu Kuei Lan knew it was Jesus and that she had found the right road, so she destroyed her idols, was saved, healed and baptized.

Another case, a man who was climbing up in the business world thought he should exalt his rank by taking to himself a second wife. In China wives speak of wealth, but because his mother and wife were Christians, coming to our mission, he decided to bring her home and have them look her over first. God took a hand in the matter and afflicted this man with neuritis. The doctors gave him medicine a plenty but he was not able to receive any help. Finally he came home discouraged and said, "I am going over there to that mission hall and I am going to stay there till I get better." We prepared a place for him in our Bible study room and he lay there, his wife waiting on him. We instructed him in the way of the Lord more perfectly. He gave up all his five religions that he worshiped in and surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ, and God immediately healed him. He came to the services and said, "What my friends couldn't do and the doctors and hospitals couldn't do, the true God in heaven has done for me—saved my soul and healed my body."

#### Forward March!

Some may think it is time to withdraw our efforts in China due to the present crisis that is now on over there, but dear friends, I don't believe it is the time to withdraw. It was the time of crisis in the history of a great battle, when the commander-in-chief said to his drummer boy, "Son, beat a retreat," because he saw that they were going to lose the battle that day. But the drummer boy looked up and said, "I know not how to beat a retreat, but I can beat a charge that will wake up the dead." The commander said, "Beat it, son," and he did. The result was that the army went over the top and won the victory. So today I want to beat a charge that we might go forward and evangelize the world and hasten the coming of our Lord and Saviour.

I have watched the soldiers as they have practiced for warfare. I have noticed there were times when they marched and also times when they ran, and there were also times when they fell on their faces and crawled on hands and knees, any way to get there. And so, friends, perhaps this is the time in the history of World Missions when as never before we need to fall on our faces and go forward on our knees.

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#### BRIEF NOTES FROM FAR AND NEAR

##### Philippine Islands

Leland Johnson has written us of his need of a typewriter for making mimeographed notes to be used in the new Bible School there. Offerings for this purpose should be sent to us designated "Leland Johnson, for Bible School typewriter."

##### Funds Released

Mr. Alex Lindsay of North Adams, Massachusetts, wishes us to announce that since he will not be going to India at this time, he is turning over to the Missions Department all missionary money which has been given him, to be used for missionary work wherever it is most needed.

##### Liberia

While I was passing through a town a few weeks ago the chief sent word that he wanted to talk about a church. This town has never manifested any desire for God's Word before, but now a good crowd comes when our students go there to have Sunday School. We are praying that a revival will break out there.—Anna Stafholt.

### "White Already to Harvest"

That is the theme of a letter received from Marie Stephany, Henrietta A. Tieleman and Alice F. Stewart who are in Shansi, North China. We quote:

"Greetings in the name of Jesus from the land of Shinar!

"It is harvest time in Shansi and as we see the golden grain swaying in the gentle breeze, we think of the words of Jesus, 'Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest.' The farmers are working from early dawn to late at night in order to get the precious grain in before the destroying rainy season begins. May we too, labor long and diligently to bring in the far more precious spiritual grain, ere the harvest day is past.

#### "El Shaddai"

"During the past year we have met many critical issues in the work but thank the Lord, He has proved Himself 'El Shaddai' and has brought us out more than conquerors.

"Last fall when so many American missionaries evacuated, and fear filled the hearts of our native ministers, it appeared as if they would all leave and the work would be broken up. However, the Lord impressed us to stay and carry on even if we were deserted by the ministry. God overruled in this and none of them left, for which we praise Him.

#### Bible Students Help

"We thank the Lord that we were able to have our Bible School last winter with over thirty students attending. Since the school closed in the spring, some of the most promising ones have been helping in the outstations. . . . We trust that you will pray that each one of these students may be a real soul winner for God.

"Our orphanage family helps to keep us from getting lonely, and the children are a great comfort and blessing to us. With their school work over for the day, they have a merry time each evening playing games in their large courtyard. They are a happy, healthy crowd, thanks to the loving, protecting care of the Lord.

"Besides the children in the school we have twelve babies who are living on the outside until they are old enough to eat solid food. We trust that you will pray for your little Chinese brothers and sisters that they might grow up to be bright and shining lights for Jesus in this land of darkness.

#### Semi-annual Convention

"Under existing conditions, we thank the Lord that it was possible to have our semiannual convention. We were privileged to have Elder Wang from Peking with us as special speaker. His messages were along the line of practical Christian living. The Chinese enjoyed him immensely, and so the meetings were continued two days longer than previously planned. Elder Wang was burdened for the native ministry and had special services for them.

#### Thirty-nine Baptized

"At our annual baptismal service 39 were immersed. Our hearts were full of thanksgiving and joy as the majority of them came up out of the water shouting the praises of God. Elders Wang and Chang officiated at this service. . . . Most of our native workers and their wives were here for the special meetings. We trust you will pray for the Chinese Christian Church and especially for the native ministry.

#### Mail Delayed

"If you haven't received replies to your letters, it isn't because we have forgotten you, but most of our mail has been five or six months on the way, and no doubt some of it has never reached

us. Therefore, we take this opportunity to assure you that we appreciate your love and fellowship, and to let you know that we have answered all letters and have acknowledged all donations that have been received. You can imagine how isolated we feel when month after month goes by without hearing from relatives and friends. Solomon knew what he was talking about when he said, 'As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.' We trust you will refresh us by letting us hear from you.

#### We Are Privileged

"In spite of disadvantages, we thank the Lord that we are privileged to be in this land at the present time when the hearts of the people are so receptive to the gospel. We covet your prayers that the Lord will enable us to grow in grace, love and wisdom day by day, so that we may be equipped for any emergency that may arise and through the blood of Jesus be more than conquerors. We solicit your earnest prayers in behalf of the work in this corner of God's great vineyard."

Editor's Note—Although ordinary mail is much delayed these days we are able to get money to our missionaries in China through the banks there.

#### A New Endeavor

Miss Tieleman writes further: "I should like to bring the work of Tai Yuan Hsien to the attention of our *Evangel* readers to the intent that they might pray definitely for this work. Tai Yuan Hsien is a city of 5,000 souls, but only a very few know Jesus. It is a city with a reputation of being very wicked.

"Since this work has been turned over to me I have sent some new workers there, Frank Liang and John Hsun. Please pray for them that they may be successful fishers of men. A short time ago they held a Vacation Bible School, giving the boys and girls Bible teaching four hours a day for a month. Some of the children were persecuted by their parents and were forbidden to come, but so eager were they to learn that they continued coming. Pray also for these children that they may win others to the Lord."

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Henrietta Tieleman with some of the children who attended the Vacation Bible School, together with the helpers, Shansi, North China.

#### WANTED—SCRIPTURE CALENDARS

Bernice L. Strickland writes from Hilo, Hawaii, that she could use "lots" of Scripture calendars in the children's work there and asks that as many as can to save their 1941 (or earlier) Scripture calendars for her.

This would be a good project for the Women's Missionary Council or similar organization to work on. If as many calendars as possible were gathered together and brought to the church on Missionary Sunday they could easily be boxed and shipped to Bernice L. Strickland, Box 441, Hilo, Hawaii.

*Send your contribution NOW to our Missionary Christmas Fund.*

# The Dying World and the Living Word



## EUROPEAN NATIONAL FLAG

From Rome comes word that Hitler and Mussolini have decided on a "European national flag." According to **Prophecy Monthly**, this flag has already been unfurled beside the national banners of Italy and Germany on the Russian front and contains the colors of every country in Europe. It seems but a step to the world ensign of the Beast of Revelation 13.

## "THE MAN OF SIN"

Inescapable facts are putting the language of Revelation on modern lips. **Dawn** quotes a professor as saying: "Surely today the man of sin, the kind of man sin produces, is being revealed. He is ruthless, he is incarnate selfishness. Unable to rule himself, he seeks to rule the world. Through seas of blood and terror, he wades on toward final engulfment in the billows of God's wrath. Humanity pays a dreadful price for spurning Christ, the only rightful King of men."

## AUTOMOBILE-MINDED

A report states that there are now 28,000,000 cars and 40,000,000 drivers in the United States. Lew Fleming, vice-president of the Associate Investment Company, South Bend, Ind., pointed out recently that 34 per cent of families that earn \$20 a week or less; 55 per cent of families earning \$30 a week or less; and 89 per cent of families earning \$65 or less own cars. If a wage-earner can afford to operate a car, he can afford to give toward foreign missions. **The Missionary Worker** comments, "If America would become as missionary-minded as it is car-minded, the Great Commission could be fulfilled in one generation."

## DO YOU USE THESE WORDS?

An article in **Evangelical Beacon** points out that when you say, "the deuce," you are really saying, "the devil," according to Webster's Dictionary. "Dickens" is another euphemism for "the devil." "Darn," according to Funk & Wagnalls, means "to damn." Webster says "gosh" is a substitute for "God," as is "golly." "Gee," it says, is a "form of Jesus." Many say "heavens" who wouldn't say "hell." Which is worse? Do you use any of these expressions, or is your speech above reproach? "Let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Matt. 5:37.

## PRAY FOR RUSSIA

After defending the British policy of aiding Russia, and at the same time condemning the Communism of Russia, **The Christian** (London) says: "Before the fight is finished Stalin may be forced by circumstances not only to subscribe to the Allied peace aims, but also to restore full religious liberty to Russians. Here, surely, is a possibility which may serve to give direction to our prayers. Russia has for years shut and bolted the door against the gospel. Now, at length, God may in His providence be about to open that door." Thousands have prayed for Russia, and many martyrs have died crying to God to save that country from "Satanism." Today God may be answering those prayers, though He is working in ways which we cannot as yet understand.

## WHAT AMERICA NEEDS MOST

"I reiterate the statement which I have made many times before, that a real revival of religion is what this country most needs—that in such a revival we would find a solution of all our problems, whether political, economical, or social." —President Roosevelt, 1941.

## JACOB'S TROUBLE

According to **Prophecy Monthly**, news from Poland, the torture-ridden spot of Europe, tells of how fanatical Jews, the "Chasidim," are dancing on their graves and cemeteries, crying for God to increase their afflictions so that they may have birth pangs to bring forth the Messiah.

## CITY-WIDE PRAYER

According to **Herald of Holiness**, a movement is sweeping over the Southeast calling for a pause in business for a moment of prayer. Started in Meridian, Miss., where the citizens pause at noon when the siren sounds, it has gone to Helena, Ark., where they stop when the church bells ring at 10 a. m. Other towns, too numerous to mention, are adopting the same technique and the mayor of Meridian is constantly receiving inquiries as to how to launch this prayer program.

## THE BOOK OF MORMON

Mormonism, the religion of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was founded in 1830 by Joseph Smith, and gets its distinctive doctrines from the "Book of Mormon" which they claim was given to Joseph Smith on golden leaves by an angel. The following enlightening facts regarding the "Book of Mormon" have just been published in **The United Presbyterian**:

"When Joseph's book was published, it was immediately challenged as a manuscript which had been stolen from the home of the widow of Solomon Spaulding, a Presbyterian minister residing in Ontario, N. Y. Mrs. Spaulding swore that her husband had written it as a work of fiction to meet the deep interest created by the recent discovery of the ancient ruins in Central America, Mexico, the Cliff Dwellers and Mound Builders (of Ohio).

"She said that her husband prepared two copies. One was sent to Mr. Patterson, a book seller and printer of Pittsburgh, Pa., asking its publication. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Spaulding both died soon after and the manuscript was not returned. The other manuscript mysteriously disappeared from her trunk when Joseph Smith, in his early years, was digging a well for her next-door neighbor. She, a brother of her husband,

## GEORGE WASHINGTON'S PRAYER

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage, we humbly beseech Thee, that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be peace and justice at home, and through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Redick McKee, who had lived in the Spaulding home, Joseph Miller of Washington county, Pa., and others who had frequently heard Mr. Spaulding read the manuscript, made affidavit that they were well acquainted with the Spaulding manuscript and knew positively that it, with numerous interpolations and omissions, inserted after it was stolen, was the Book of Mormon.

"Another curious bit of history helped to confirm this. While Smith and his fellow workmen were digging the well, mentioned above, they unearthed a beautiful white stone, almost transparent. It was given to the employer's children. It also disappeared at the same time with the manuscript, and these persons identified it as the 'Urim and Thummim' used by Smith to interpret the golden leaves.

"Another interesting fact is that some years ago President Fairchild of Oberlin College, while delving among old volumes in the college library, found the copy of the manuscript which had been given to Mr. Patterson of Pittsburgh, and lost. This manuscript was the same as the Book of Mormon, without the omissions and interpolations, mentioned above. It would be hard to find a case more clearly proved. This, however, is all declared by Mormon leaders to be false, and is unknown to the masses of Mormons."

## INTERPRETATIONS OF PROPHECY

**The Evangelical Christian** recently expressed what many of us have sensed as we have heard and read so many various interpretations of Bible prophecy. It said:

"Into our office in a bewildering stream these days come tracts, books, pamphlets and booklets—all professing to interpret the books of Daniel and Revelation in the light of present-day events. One's mind reels at the variety of interpretation, to say nothing of the vagaries that are set forth there, and is tempted to cry out at times, 'Who is competent to understand these things?' Most of these writers today are ringing the changes on the revival of the Roman Empire. Some say it is going to be revived right away, and that Mussolini, in consequence, is going to defeat Britain in the present struggle.

"Others declare as categorically that Italy will be defeated by Britain, but after this war is over there are going to be several other wars, and it is during that time the Roman Empire will 'revive.' Other writers declare that there will never be a revival of the ancient Empire, that Ichabod is already written over it, and that its place of destiny is among the lesser nations of the earth, with Germany and Russia.

"One man states that the battle of Armageddon will be fought in Palestine just previous to the coming of the Lord, while another declares it will not be until after the Millennium. Some believe that the great city of Babylon is going to be rebuilt on the banks of the Euphrates to rule over all the nations of the earth. Others pooh-pooh the idea and declare that great Babylon has already fallen and the future Babylon of Revelation is symbolical. Then we read the varying interpretations of Gog and Magog, of the seven horns, the ten horns and of the little horn, the seventieth week and the Great Tribulation.

"It must be a depressing experience for a young Christian to be precipitated into this maelstrom of prophetic controversy, and to try to find his way through this maze of contradictory teaching. Most pathetic of all is it to hear some recent graduate of a Bible School express dogmatic opinions on questions like these on which mature saints still differ. Before any one writes a book on prophecy these days he should spend a long time in prayer for divine guidance and illumination, and ask the Lord, if He wishes him to write, to sanctify his common sense."

Have you sent in your offering to the "Missionary Christmas Fund"?

# The Sunday School

## LESSON

### PAUL'S FAREWELL TO THE EPHESIANS

Lesson for November 23. Lesson Text:  
Acts 20:17-38.

After three years of ministry in Ephesus, Paul made a trip into Macedonia and Greece to pay a last visit to the churches there, and then returned into Asia. It was his intention now to return at once to Jerusalem in order to be there in time for the feast of Pentecost. To save time he passed by Ephesus; but when the ship had to stop at Miletus, which was only thirty miles from Ephesus, Paul sent for the Ephesian elders who were dear to his heart in order that he might leave with them his last parting message. When they came, he reminded them of his manner of living while among them, gave them tender words of loving counsel and warning, and then, with many tears, set sail for Jerusalem where events were to occur which would eventually lead to nameless martyrdom.

#### I. PAUL'S SPIRITUAL CHARACTER WHILE AMONG THE EPHESIANS.

It was not egotism in any sense that prompted Paul to give the Ephesian elders a picture of his life among them. Paul had lived what he had preached and simply wanted them to do the same. His life is a picture of what every minister, worker, or layman's life ought to be.

1. **He was humble.** vv. 18, 19. "Serving the Lord with all humility of mind." Some say Paul was conceited because of some of the things he said concerning his own life and ministry. Nothing is farther from the truth. Paul fully recognized his own weakness, unworthiness, and helplessness apart from the grace of God. But he was also sure of his position in God—and that is not conceit! There are those who think they are being humble in dwelling on their own unworthiness and faults; but the fact is, that their very dwelling on themselves is an indication of pride! Humility, then, is neither boasting about ourselves, nor running ourselves down. Humility is simply self-forgetfulness.

It is possible for us as Christian ministers, workers, or laymen, to feel that we are above doing certain menial tasks, that such tasks are beneath the dignity of our position. Paul was the greatest apostle of his day, but he was not above working with his own hands to support himself! Said Jesus, "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant." Meditate on the following scriptures in connection with the matter of humility: Matt. 11:29; 20:28; 23:11, 12; Luke 14:11; 18:14; 22:26, 27; John 5:19, 30; 8:28; 13:14; Rom. 12:3, 10; 2 Cor. 12:9, 10; Phil. 2:5-8; 1 Peter 5:6.

2. **He was compassionate.** Paul served the Lord "with many tears." Tears of self-frustration or self-pity are contemptible and satanic; but tears of genuine concern over lost souls or the spiritual well-being of God's people are worth more than pearls. Paul's ministry was not cold, heartless, and unfeeling. Though he preached day after day for years, yet he did not degenerate into a merely professional preacher. We might as well stone people as to preach or testify to them without Christ's own Spirit of love and compassion. Dear old Brother Joseph Tunmore of sainted memory once told this story on himself: He sat at home at the dinner table one Sunday noon after having preached the morning sermon to his people. He felt that he had really "gotten the people told," but wondered why there had

been no response to his message. Quite gruffly he passed the meat to his wife and said, "Here!" "No, thank you, Joseph," replied his wife. "What's the matter?" he said. "Don't you like the meat?" "Yes," replied his wife, "but I don't like the way you handed it to me." And at that moment God spoke to his heart and said, "Joseph, that is exactly what was wrong with your sermon this morning!"

If we lose Holy Ghost love and compassion for souls we shall do nothing for God though we have the intellect and eloquence of angels!

3. **He was faithful.** vv. 20, 21. "I kept back nothing that was profitable." Paul had not compromised his message. He had not preached to please man. He had not dwelt too much on "honeyed" scriptures; neither had he done too much reproving, but had declared the whole counsel of God. Let us be careful in our witnessing and preaching to cultivate a sensitiveness to the Spirit so that what we say is appropriate to the needs of the people. Discouraged people do not need reproof but encouragement. Reproof, correction, and warning are necessary; but so are words of inspiration, hope, love, and faith.

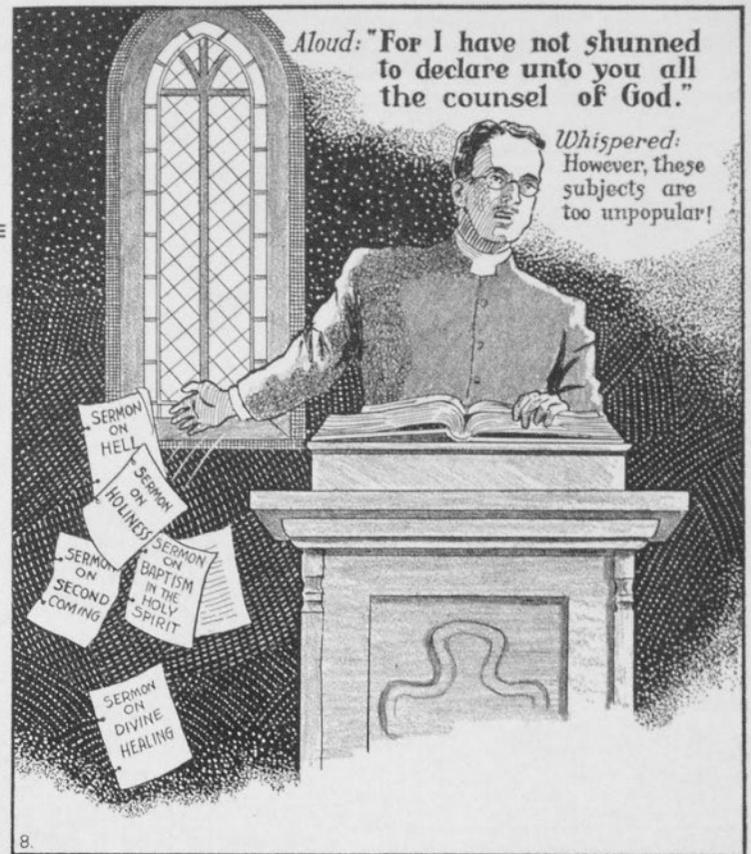
4. **He was submissive.** vv. 22-24. "I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem . . . but none of these things move me." In every city Paul was forewarned through prophetic utterances that persecution and imprisonment awaited him; yet like his Master he had steadfastly set his face to do the will of God and had not for a moment thought of turning aside. Notice some of the things Paul had endured in a life of incessant toiling for Christ. 2 Cor. 11:23-28. Still he says, "None of these things move me." Ought we not be ashamed for ever entertaining the thought that we have had a "hard lot"? Should we not feel inspired to press on in God, knowing that we have the same Holy Ghost that enabled Paul?

5. **He was devoted.** v. 24. "Neither count I my life dear unto myself, that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have received of the Lord." Long ago Paul had died, died to all self-consideration, to the opinion of man, to the vainglory of the world. He had but one objective—to be approved by Christ and to do His will. Phil. 3:7-14. Paul, in all his long spiritual journeyings, never lost the thing that is the heart of Christianity, the thing without which all works and efforts for God are incomplete—a passionate personal devotion to Jesus Christ. How is it with us?

#### II. PAUL'S COUNSEL TO THE EPHESIANS.

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves." Paul knew that the Ephesian elders must take care of their own souls. "The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits." 2 Tim. 2:6. We cannot properly take care of the vineyard of the souls of others unless we first tend to the garden of our own hearts. Song of Sol. 1:6.

"And to all the flock . . . to feed the church



of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." Paul reminds the Ephesian elders of their solemn responsibility. The members of the church are sheep belonging to God! The elders would someday have to give an account of their treatment of God's sheep. Whether ministers or laymen, we are all expected in our own sphere of life to give out spiritual food to those who will perish eternally without it.

"After my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you . . . therefore watch." Paul knew that the church he dearly loved would be assailed—by those who would pose as ministers and teachers professing godliness, but who in reality had impure motives and who sought self-gain—by trouble makers from within the church who by force of strong personality would seek to split the church and draw people after themselves. The church today is faced with the same dangers. Ministers and laymen alike are called to watch. If we detect in ourselves selfish, stubborn, fleshly uprisings, let us take sides against ourselves, reckon ourselves dead unto sin, and take a firm stand for the will of God at any cost!

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God." Thus Paul begins his benediction. He points them not only to God but to the Word which is able to build them up and to give them an eternal inheritance. Holding up his thin, toil-worn hands before them all he again reminds them of his unselfish toiling on their behalf. After these words the great apostle knelt with his beloved friends and prayed, prayed for their well being and his own. Undoubtedly the tears flowed freely as the elders sorrowed because they should see their teacher's face no more. They kissed and embraced each other, then sadly went down to the sea and watched as the ship sailed out over the horizon carrying on its deck the man whom they dearly loved, the man who had brought so many of them to Christ.—J. Bashford Bishop.

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It is a peculiarity of the divine rest that it gives us intense rest, and at the same time intense restlessness for the souls of others.—Andrew Bonar.

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If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet the distance makes no difference. He is praying for me.—Robert Murray McCheyne.

# REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

**AVONDALE, ARIZ.**—We have just closed a 2-weeks revival with Sister Justice at the Avondale Assembly. God was truly in our midst. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Evangelist and Mrs. R. C. Foster, Box 5.

**MILES CITY, MONT.**—We have enjoyed 3 weeks of inspirational revival services conducted by Evangelist Gene Martin of Creston, Iowa. Brother Martin is certainly an interesting and powerful exponent of the great evangelistic truths of the Word. Some souls were saved, others were reclaimed, and much strength and encouragement given to the saints of the congregation here.—Leonard and Frieda Palmer, Pastors.

**REEVESVILLE, ILL.**—The Lord has blessed in a 3-weeks revival with R. L. Farquhar of Wolf Lake as evangelist. Brother Farquhar brought many inspiring messages. Three souls were saved, and 2 received the Holy Ghost Baptism. Many sick were healed. A man who had walked with a cane for four years was instantly healed, throwing away his cane and leaping and shouting for joy. The church was greatly encouraged to press on. The power of God was present in every service.—Mrs. Mae Reeves, Church Secretary and Supply Pastor.

**LAFAYETTE, IND.**—We have just closed a 10-day revival with Evangelist Clifton Hall of Bastrop, La. Seven were filled with the Holy Spirit and 3 accepted the Lord as their Saviour. One night the Spirit of God moved over the congregation and without any preaching many came to the altar to seek God. That night 3 were filled with the Spirit, one of whom had been seeking his Baptism off and on for 10 years. We appreciated the ministry of Brother Hall.—Calvin Stants, Pastor.

**BIG SANDY (SEALE), TEXAS**—A new church was organized here recently with 13 charter members. A revival has just been closed, conducted by Clyde F. Drake of Silsbee, in which backsliders were reclaimed, 13 new converts received water baptism, and 11 were filled with the Holy Ghost. We want this to be a testimony to the public that God is still hearing and answering prayer.—W. E. Hogan, Pastor; by Mrs. C. C. Smith, Secretary.

**MANHATTAN, KANSAS**—We have enjoyed a 6-weeks revival with Brother and Sister Sturgeon of Longview, Wash., Evangelists, and Mildred Thompson of England, Ore., Pianist and Harpist. We began our revival in a tent but after three weeks were invited by the Mayor to continue in City Park Pavilion where union services of other churches are held during the summer. Attendance and interest were very good, hundreds of people being inside the pavilion and in cars outside every night. Folk from every church attended and reported that it was the best revival held in Manhattan in 25 years. Hands were raised for salvation in nearly every service, and 8 souls were definitely led to the Lord at the altar. The results cannot be counted in numbers, as prejudice was overcome and many new friends of the assembly were discovered. The ministry of Brother and Sister Sturgeon in the Word, and in instrumental music and singing, is very inspiring and helpful. Miss Thompson is a noted pianist on the West Coast; she also plays the golden harp and the violin, and has a real ministry to children and young people. There was a general invitation to the Sturgeon Evangelistic Party to return next year.—Charles D. Trotter.

**CAMAS, WASH.**—God's blessing has rested upon a revival conducted here by Evangelist R. R. Nichols of Bayard, Nebr. A number of new people were seen in our church. There were several conversions, among them that of a lady who had been backslidden 13 years. Conviction so seized her that she did not wait for the altar call, but rushed to the altar during the song service. The Friday night meetings were devoted to the interests of youth. The young people had charge of all preliminaries, and these were followed by appropriate messages by the evangelist. The Sunday before Brother Nichols arrived, the power of the Lord fell and 5 received the Holy Spirit Baptism during the day. One young lady who had been fasting for three days and seeking the Baptism, was gloriously filled as she and two other young ladies were spending the afternoon praying in the woods. God is also helping us in our remodeling program. We have raised the church

and parsonage, and constructed a full basement under each. This will give us a number of fine Sunday School rooms. When completed the improvements will have cost us \$3,000.—L. H. Sheets, Pastor.

**EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.**—We had a very good meeting when Evangelist Guy Shields brought his big brown tent to our city. The crowds were fine and the neighboring assemblies co-operated splendidly. We kept no record of the numbers at the altars. However, the altars were filled almost every night. There were many testimonies to salvation and the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, while others testified to having been reclaimed. Our young people were especially blessed, many coming back to their "first love." One thing I noticed in particular, was how Brother Shields worked at the altars. He never stopped until he was sure every one had been prayed for or a worker was with him. Sister Pack won the hearts of the children, and we still have a Boosters' Club every Sunday night at 6:30. The Shield of Faith Trio brought cheer and blessing to many hearts with their gospel songs. The meeting was very much like a camp meeting, it was everybody's meeting.—Imo Hisslerich, Pastor, Bethel Tabernacle.

## 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.

**CLINTON, ILL.**—414 S. Monroe St., Nov. 2—; V. R. Jackson, Evangelist.—Harold V. George, Pastor.

**LAKE PRESTON, S. DAK.**—Nov. 16, for 2 weeks; John Robinson, Milwaukee, Wis., Evangelist.—F. E. Evans, Pastor.

**DETROIT, MICH.**—Berea Tabernacle, Nov. 9—23; C. M. Ward Evangelistic Party.—George B. Nixon, Missionary Secretary.

**INDIANAPOLIS, IND.**—1240 Roache St., Nov. 4—; Clifton Hall, Evangelist.—E. Edw. Miller, Pastor.

**LODI, CALIF.**—Walnut at Washington; Nov. 23, for 2 weeks; Paul Pipkin, Evangelist.—Stanley McPherson, Pastor.

**NEWPORT NEWS, VA.**—617 32nd St.; Nov. 23, for 3 weeks; Wm. Kautz, Evangelist.—Chas. R. Shuss, Pastor.

**CONNEAUT, OHIO**—299 Broad St., Nov. 11—; Evangelist and Mrs. J. D. Saunders.—I. A. Shank, Pastor.

**ABILENE, TEXAS**—Revival in progress; Jack and Esther Martz, Reading, Pa., Singing Evangelists.—Wm. McCann, Pastor.

**PITCAIRN, PA.**—Third and Brinton, Nov. 2—16; R. L. Bartlett, Ft. Worth, Texas, Evangelist.—Kenneth Baker, Pastor.

**TOLEDO, OHIO**—Dorr St. and Lawrence Ave., Nov. 9—; C. B. Dobbins, Ft. Smith, Ark., Evangelist.—Wesley J. Domm, Pastor.

**MARSHALL, MO.**—Nov. 9—30; Evangelist and Mrs. H. G. Griffin, Dallas, Texas.—David M. Hogan, Pastor.

**ELMER, MO.**—Nov. 16, for 2 weeks or longer; Gipsy Johnson, Springfield, Mo., Evangelist.—V. Lenzy Hertweck, Pastor.

**COLUMBIA, TENN.**—Nov. 5—; Paul and Lura Grubb, Water Valley, Miss., Evangelists.—E. E. Noland, Pastor.

**LITTLE, OKLA.**—Nov. 5, for 3 weeks; Irene Harris of Tulsa, Evangelist. Leslie Moore is pastor.

**TALOGA, OKLA.**—Thanksgiving Revival, Nov. 23—; Fred and Hettie Dollar, Evangelists.—Erling and Helen Saxelid, Pastors.

**BLOOMINGTON, IND.**—1200 S. Walnut St., Nov. 20—Dec. 7; Harvey McAlister of Canada, Evangelist.—E. J. Bruton, Pastor.

**ROCKFORD, ILL.**—804 Second Ave., Nov. 16—; Chas. O. Neece, Evangelist.—Roy L. Buckley, Pastor.

**ROCKFORD, ILL.**—Soldiers' Rally, 804 Second Ave. Nov. 14, 7:30 p. m.—Roy L. Buckley, Pastor.

**GREENSBURG, PA.**—Nov. 12—30; Andy Christopher of Pottstown, Evangelist.—Chas. V. Elliot, Pastor.

**DYERSBURG, TENN.**—Nov. 2, for 3 weeks; Moses and Ruth Copeland of New Zealand, Evangelists.—C. N. Rice, Pastor.

**PAWHUSKA, OKLA.**—Nov. 7—; Hans F. Bretschneider, Evangelist.—R. A. Work, Pastor.

**FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.**—Nov. 16—; Corbett C. Crace, Evangelist.—William R. Porter, Pastor.

**GREENWOOD, ARK.**—Nov. 11—30; M. D. Stokley, Dallas, Texas, Evangelist.—L. C. Sloan, Pastor.

**JOHNSON CITY, TENN.**—Nov. 9—; Chas. Shafter, York, Pa., Evangelist.—L. A. Jolley, Pastor.

**ATTICA, KANSAS**—Nov. 9, for 3 weeks; Cleo Mae Hink and Opal Garrett of Nebraska, Evangelists.—C. N. Rima, Pastor.

**TAFT, CALIF.**—Nov. 9—30; Roland Hummel, Philadelphia, Pa., Evangelist.—J. K. Gressett, Pastor.

**TOPPENISH, WASH.**—Nov. 2, for 3 weeks or longer; O. V. Owens of White Salmon, Evangelist.—Ray Murphy, Pastor.

**PURCELLVILLE, VA.**—Pentecostal Church; Nov. 4, for 3 weeks or longer; E. V. Berquist, Evangelist.—W. T. Norman, Pastor.

**CHANGE OF DATE.**  
**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF.**—Nov. 23—Dec. 14; Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Knowles of San Diego. Arthur E. Gunter is pastor.—By Evangelist.

**TORONTO, CANADA**—833 St. Clair Ave. W., Nov. 4—30; Evangelist and Mrs. G. B. McDowell, Dallas, Texas.—H. R. Pannabecker, Pastor.

**VINELAND, N. J.**—6th St., near Park Ave., Nov. 16—; Anna Dickson, Altoona, Pa., Evangelist.—Lawrence W. Pearce, Pastor.

**SOUTH BEND, IND.**—Youth for Christ Crusade, Nov. 4—16; M. Brown and N. Schwalbe, Evangelists.—C. C. Burnett, Pastor.

**TULSA, OKLA.**—Home Gardens Assembly, Nov. 9—23; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Mallough.—Paul Copeland, Pastor, 439 S. 49th W. Ave.

**WARREN, OHIO**—235 Highland Ave., Nov. 25—Dec. 14; The Beneficial Sisters, Loveland, Colo., Evangelists.—Paul J. Emery, Pastor.

**MIAMI, FLA.**—7th Ave. and 36th St. N. W., Nov. 25—Dec. 14; John H. Bostrom, Pasadena, Calif., Evangelist.—C. C. Garrett, Pastor.

**FREDERICK, MD.**—One West 9th St.; meeting in progress; Mr. and Mrs. C. Merrill Johnson, Hiawatha, Kansas, Musical Evangelists.—Barclay B. Brickley, Pastor.

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.**—22nd and Franklin Sts.; Nov. 9, for 3 weeks or longer; Arthur S. Arnold, Oklahoma City, Okla., Evangelist.—T. J. Gotcher, Pastor.

**FT. COLLINS, COLO.**—Oak and Whitcomb; Nov. 25, for 3 weeks or longer; W. M. Stevens, Springfield, Mo., Evangelist.—Omar S. Johnson, Pastor.

**FARGO, N. DAK.**—Fargo Gospel Tabernacle; Nov. 9, for 2 weeks or more; C. E. Roberts, Pasadena, Calif., Evangelist.—R. L. Brown, Pastor.

**SALEM, N. J.**—Salem Pentecostal Church; Nov. 16, for 3 weeks or longer; Nimrod Park, Special Speaker.—Boston W. Turner, Pastor.

**CENTRAL VALLEY, CALIF.**—Nov. 16, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Perryman, Mrs. Gertrude V. Jones is pastor.—By Evangelists.

**TRAFFORD, PA.**—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Nov. 6—; Harry E. Bowley, Evangelist. Broadcasting direct from tabernacle.—L. T. Culp, Pastor.

**LONGMONT, COLO.**—8th and Brass Sts., Nov. 2—; A. M. Alber, Superintendent Nebraska District, Evangelist.—Glenn A. Reed, Pastor.

**ATCO, N. J.**—Church St.; Nov. 2, for 3 weeks or longer; H. E. Hardt, Falling Waters, W. Va., Evangelist.—Fred R. Diehl, Pastor.

**WILMINGTON, DEL.**—908 West St.; Nov. 16, for 3 weeks; W. F. Duncan, Evangelist.—Ralph P. Hughey, Pastor; by Marcus Gaston.

**ORD, NEBR.**—Nov. 4, for 2 weeks or longer; Arthur M. Otteson, Minneapolis, Minn., Evangelist and Singer.—L. E. Wilkins, Pastor.

**NORTH WICHITA, KANSAS**—14th and St. Francis St.; Nov. 2, for 3 weeks or longer; Hildreth Ethridge of Caldwell, Evangelist.—Ralph W. Hillegas, Pastor.

**DENVER, COLO.**—22nd and California St., Nov. 5—23; Frosty Foster, Kansas City, Mo., Evangelist.—D. L. Cooper, Pastor.

**CLARKSVILLE, ARK.**—Nov. 9, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist June Newbold, Indianapolis, Ind., and Viva May Calkins. G. H. Goodin is pastor.—By Evangelists.

**PATERSON, N. J.**—187-189 Pearl St., Nov. 18—Dec. 7; Evelyn M. Olsen, Vancouver, B. C., Evangelist.—Warren C. Anthony, Pastor.

**VIRGINIA, MINN.**—Gospel Tabernacle, Nov. 4—21; Ernest L. Powlesland, Seattle, Wash., Evangelist.—Oscar C. Eliason, Pastor.

**CLARKSBURG, W. VA.**—Assembly of God on Upper Lambert's Run, Nov. 12—30; Mary Monclovich, Martin, Pa., and Norma Wilson, Mars Hill, Me., Evangelists.—Ruth Fitzwater, Pastor.

**CROSBY-IRONTON, MINN.**—Gospel Tabernacle; special Thanksgiving services Nov. 23—30, or longer; Ernest L. Powlesland, Seattle, Wash., Evangelist.—Rolland W. Miller, Pastor.

**MOUNTAINAIR, N. MEX.**—Mid-winter Convention of the New Mexico District, Nov. 20—21. Fellowship Service, night of Nov. 19. N. R. Nichols is pastor.—H. M. Fuller, District Superintendent; by B. H. Caudle, District Secretary-Treasurer, Box 587, Gallup, N. Mex.

**NEW ORLEANS, LA.**—St. Claude and Friscoville Ave.; Nov. 23, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. E. T. Quana-bush, Belmar, N. J.—T. Horace Clark, Pastor.

**WEST MONROE, LA.**—Nov. 25—Dec. 7; Guy Shields, Evangelist. Youth Conference, Nov. 27—28; Margaret Miller in charge. Near-by churches invited to co-operate.—E. L. Tanner, Pastor.

**WILMINGTON, DEL.**—First Pentecostal Church; beginning Nov. 16, continuing over Thanksgiving; Willa J. Short, Oklahoma City, Okla., Evangelist.—J. E. Jenkins, Pastor.

**WARREN, PA.**—Crescent and Madison Sts., Nov. 9—28; Nora Benna and Vivian Higgins, Enid, Okla., Evangelists. Neighboring assemblies asked to assist a small church.—Frederick D. Drake in charge.

**COLUMBIA, TENN.**—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Nov. 4—; Paul N. and Lura Grubbs, Evangelists. Neighboring assemblies invited to co-operate.—Elton E. Noland, Pastor.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**—Thanksgiving Missionary Convention, Bethel Tabernacle, North Capitol and K St., Nov. 14—23. Services daily 10:30 and 7:30.—Special speakers invited.—Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor.

**WAYNESBORO, PA.**—Old-fashioned Tarrying Services; Nov. 16, for 3 weeks. Emphasis placed on fasting and prayer for Spirit-filled and Spirit-directed lives. Gay Benson of Philadelphia, Special Speaker.—George E. Dych, Pastor.

**BROCKPORT, N. Y.**—Church Dedication, Nov. 16, 3:00 p. m. District Superintendent Flen Van Meter will bring dedicatory message and also speak at 7:30. All nearby churches cordially invited.—Florence Mason, Pastor; Jessie D. Doyle, Copastor.

**DETROIT, MICH.**—Missionary Convention, 16760 Lahser Ave., Nov. 18—23. Missionaries attending: Ruth Couchman of Peru, Mary Martin of Liberia, Pansy Blossom of Manchuria, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis of India.—Mrs. Bertha March, Recording Secretary.

**HAGERSTOWN, MD.**—Howard and Spruce St., Nov. 9—27; Mr. and Mrs. J. Vernon Cardiff, Oakland, Md., Evangelists. All-day meeting Thanksgiving Day; C. A.'s of Central Section of Potomac District will meet in afternoon.—Ralph M. Jeffrey, Pastor.

**LAGUNA BEACH, CALIF.**—Evangel Assembly, Broadway at Canyon Road; Continuous Prayer Revival with prayer and fasting in progress under direction of Holy Spirit only. Those whom God sends in to lead us into prayer will be speaking or testifying. Come praying in the Holy Ghost.—R. Van Oosbre, Pastor.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.**—47th Annual Thanksgiving Convention, Highway Mission Tabernacle, Nov. 16—; Wilfred A. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer of Eastern District Council, Special Speaker. Great All-day Rally, Thanksgiving Day. For further information write Pastor Wesley R. Steelberg, 6641 N. 17th St.—Clara M. Payne, Church Clerk, 1927 E. Atlantic St.

**TWO EASTERN DISTRICT PRAYER CONFERENCES REMAIN**  
Westfield, N. Y., Nov. 18—20, Nelson J. Kenyon, Pastor, Trafford, Pa., Gospel Tabernacle, Dec. 9—11; kindly write ahead to Pastor L. T. Culp, 407 Gilmore Ave., Trafford, Pa. Services 9:00, 2:30, and 7:30. District Superintendent Flen Van Meter and able ministers of the District will minister the Word.—Frederick D. Drake, Prayer League Leader, 9 Prospect St., Jamestown, N. Y.

**KANSAS DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**WICHITA, KANSAS**—The 24th annual meeting of the Kansas District Council will convene at the Assembly of God Tabernacle, Lincoln and Main Sts., Nov. 24—27. Account great influx of defense workers into Wichita, it is difficult to obtain free rooms. So we request that each assembly take up offering to pay expenses of its pastor and one delegate. General Superintendent E. S. Williams will be main speaker.—V. G. Greisen, District Superintendent, 1017 S. Market St., Wichita, Kansas.

**TEXAS FALL CONVENTIONS**  
Valley Section; Harlingen; Nov. 13, 14, San Antonio Section; Freer; Nov. 18, 19, Austin Section; Giddings; Nov. 20—21.

All ministers urged to be present for fellowship and business meetings of each section. All conventions begin at 10:30 with three services daily. Mrs. F. D. Davis, District President of Women's Missionary Council, will have charge of their services the last afternoon of each convention.

For information write District Superintendent F. D. Davis, 1001 E. Robert Ave., Fort Worth, or District Secretary, C. P. Robinson, 2100 Belle Ave., Fort Worth.—F. D. Davis, District Superintendent.

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

**MEMPHIS, TENN.**—State C. A. Rally and Missionary Convention, 960 S. Third St., Nov. 27—30.—Norman O. Lee, Church Secretary.

**KINGMAN, ARIZ.**—Fellowship Meeting, Northern Arizona and also Tri-State, Arizona, Nevada and California, evening of Nov. 17 and all day Nov. 18. Fred Vogler, Assistant General Superintendent, Main Speaker. N. D. Davidson, Superintendent Arizona District, will also speak.—L. H. Hauff, Pastor.

SAYRE, OKLA.—All-day Fellowship Meeting, Nov. 18. C. A. Rally at night service.—Arthur Price, Pastor.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—Youth Rally, First Assembly of God Tabernacle, Nov. 23—30; Eileen E. McAlister, Evangelist.—Raymond De Vito, Pastor.

NORTH WOLCOTT, N. Y.—Central New York Fellowship Meeting, Nov. 13. David H. Keeler is pastor.—Robert T. McGlasson, Sectional Secretary.

BETHLEHEM, PA.—C. A. Thanksgiving Rally, Full Gospel Tabernacle, Nov. 27. Services 2:00 and 7:15. Speakers: M. Wells of Chambersburg and F. Eide of Wrightsville.—R. F. Bender, Sectional C. A. Leader.

CHICAGO, ILL.—South Suburban Fellowship Rally of all near-by churches, Bare Island Full Gospel Church, 13013 Western Ave., Blue Island, Nov. 15, 7:30 p. m. Ernest Sumrall, pastor at Stone Church, Speaker. Information can be obtained from G. W. Clark, 1222 W. 60th St., Chicago, Ill.

MELROSE, MASS.—Thanksgiving Day Fellowship Rally, Malden-Melrose Full Gospel Church, Swain's Pond Ave., Nov. 27, 7:45 p. m. All churches invited to cooperate. The church will be burning its mortgage at this time. District Superintendent Roy Smuland, Guest Speaker.—Lyle W. Butler, Pastor.

MATTOON, ILL.—Thanksgiving Day Sunday School Conference, 11th St. and Prairie Ave., Nov. 20. W. R. Williamson is pastor. Meetings all day; first service 10:30 a. m. General Secretary J. R. Flower and daughter Adele, Guest Speakers. Ministers and workers especially invited.—C. M. O'Guin, District Secretary.

GALESBURG, ILL.—C. A. Rally, Roosevelt's Thanksgiving Day. Services afternoon and evening. Fred Holmes, Bettendorf, Iowa, and Brother Hilleburgh, Genesis, Ill., afternoon speakers; Robert Shaw, Monmouth, Ill., and Harold Hamilton, Davenport, Iowa, evening speakers. Free lunch between services.—Donald E. Porter, C. A. President.

(Near) BELTON, S. C.—Sectional C. A. Rally, Dry Oak Assembly, Nov. 16, 3:00 p. m. All C. A.'s urged to bring instruments and special singers. District C. A. President Joseph M. Bell and District C. A. Secretary, Mrs. Joseph M. Bell, will be present. Mrs. Bell will be the speaker.—G. E. Wilson, C. A. Field Representative, 202 Gridley St., Sans Souci, Greenville, S. C.

TRENTON, MO.—Annual Fall Fellowship Meeting, West Central District, Nov. 19—20. General Superintendent E. S. Williams will be with us, also some singers from C. B. I. The new church in Trenton will be dedicated, afternoon, Nov. 20. Brother Williams preaching dedicatory sermon. Entertainment as usual. Glen McClure is pastor.—Roy E. Scott, District Superintendent; Chas. E. Long, Secretary-Treasurer.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS—Annual Thanksgiving C. A. Convention of the Texas District, Municipal Auditorium, Nov. 26—27. Special Speakers: Leonard L. Norville, District President; W. E. Kirschke, Paul Gaston, Edward Robinson, and George Hayes, Services begin at 10:00 a. m., with 3 services daily. All Sectional C. A. Presidents to meet Nov. 25, 2:00 p. m., for special business discussions at the Avenue A and Wall St. Assembly, Convention at Avenue A and Wall St. Church, Nov. 25, 7:30 p. m.—Leonard L. Norville, State C. A. President.

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NOTICE—Fathers, mothers, or pastors having boys or friends in the service in Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, or District Columbia, please send their names to Pastor Coley H. Jacobs, 23 Elder St., Cumberland, Md., and he will get in touch with them.

NOTICE—Have given up my work in Southern California, for the evangelistic field. I plan to spend the winter months in the Southeast. Anyone wishing to write regarding campaigns may address me at 2478 Inagua Ave., Miami, Fla.—John H. Bostrom.

NOTICE—Anyone having relatives or friends moving to Macon, Ga., or Camp Wheeler, please tell them there is an Assembly of God at Bowden and Knott Sts., in South Macon, or send me their names and addresses and I will be glad to contact them.—Pastor Earl A. Crawford, 116 Grady St., Macon, Ga.

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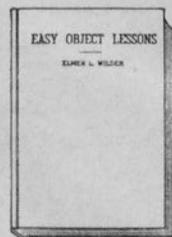


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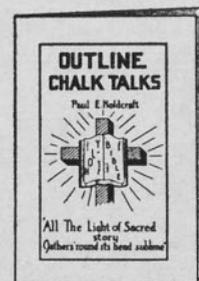
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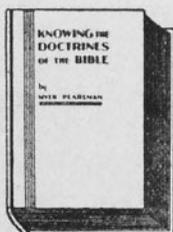
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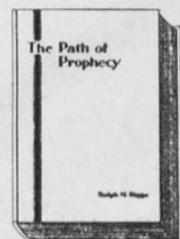


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## HEALED OF TUMORS

The first part of April, 1940 I took sick, and after suffering until June 15 I went to the Kern General Hospital at Bakersfield to be examined. I had been unable to be about my work after 10:30 a. m., but must lie down the rest of the day. I suffered from pain in the back and low down on each side. The doctors found I was suffering from two tumors and wanted to operate; but my thoughts were on Christ and I did not consent. July 6 I went to San Jose to visit my parents, and there I was very ill. I asked my mother to go to the Upper Room Mission and request prayer for me. She went and she and Sister Friemark prayed. From that very hour I was healed. To this day I am well and free from all pain. This is June 29, 1941.—Mrs. Mary N. Smith, Route 4, Box 399, Bakersfield, California.

Ed. note—We held this testimony for a short time and then wrote to Sister Smith. On July 25 she replied, sending us the statement of Claude and Bernice Hunt, Route 4, Box 278, Bakersfield, California, her pastors, and the statement of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rowles, 925 Oleander Ave., Bakersfield, verifying her testimony.

## HEALED OF CANCER

In the summer of 1939 I began feeling bad; but being a widow I had to work. I had the saints pray for me but I got steadily worse. I had a medical examination made and the diagnosis was that I had cancer of the womb and a tumor. For fourteen months I had to give up my work, and six months of the time I was in bed. I went down in weight from about 138 to about 80 pounds. Finally I went to State University Hospital in Oklahoma City in an ambulance. They reported that I had a cancer. They kept me four weeks, gave me thirty-two treatments, and then said they could do nothing more for me and sent me home to die. After I got home I had several elders pray for me and I had some anointed handkerchiefs. By this means and the Lord's tender mercy I was healed. I went back to the hospital January 28, 1941 for an examination. They reported that I was "as clean as could be." They could hardly believe their eyes.—Mrs. Edna Collins, 419 B Street, S. E., Miami, Oklahoma.

Ed. note—We received this testimony in May and after holding it sometime wrote Sister Collins about her testimony. In the middle of August she replied that she is well, weighs 120 pounds. She says she has worked 8 hours a day in a cafe for three weeks, made a trip to St. Louis on the bus in July, 1941, does her work, walks a mile or more to town, and goes to church three or four times a week. She sent us the testimony of Mary Etta Lindredge, 415 B Street, S. E. Miami, Oklahoma, who says Sister Collins' testimony is true, except that she does not know that the hospital people said they had sent her home to die.

## DELIVERED FROM DEMONS

From China comes this story of demon possession, written by a missionary to the *Evangelical Christian*. Mr. and Mrs. Wang were Christians, and are faithfully serving the Lord.

Last February, Mrs. Wang had an experience which has given her a much deeper spiritual life. At that time, while in Taonan attending revival meetings, she became demon-possessed. This happened one evening while the women were at prayer. Who of those present after having witnessed such a scene could doubt the power of the devil, when before our eyes was Mrs. Wang, well known to us, a meek little woman turned into a roaring fury. What a sight she presented. She sputtered and shrieked so loudly as to be heard a considerable distance away. At times she jumped violently, presenting a wild appearance, with her hair flying

about, an ugly, angry look on her face and her whole body at times in a tremble.

Becoming quieter, pointing to those of us who were there, she said, "I am afraid of you. I am going. I am going away to my own place." While we were singing, she said, "I am going to a mountain top and reign there as king." This, of course, was the demon causing her to talk that way; and well might be devil tremble, as he did that day in the synagogue at Capernaum, for Christ is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Prayer to God in Jesus' name is effectual.

Some of us sang some old, familiar hymns such as "What can wash away my sins? nothing but the Blood of Jesus," "Down at the Cross where my Saviour died," and "There is power in the Blood." Others were praying. Finally Mrs. Wang joined us in the chorus of the last hymn and then prayed with power. She confessed her sins of jealousy, hatred, and quarrelling. The Holy Spirit had been prompting her to confess her sins but she was afraid of losing face and had disobeyed the voice of God. This had given the devil an opening which he seized upon with a vengeance.

After praying, Mrs. Wang was restored. We read of portion of Scripture from the first chapter of Mark where Jesus has cast out the demon in the synagogue at Capernaum. After singing "What a Friend we have in Jesus," there was a season of earnest prayer for Mrs. Wang, and for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Mrs. Wang has been living in the power of the Holy Spirit since then, overflowing with joy.

To see the change in the lives of these two people causes one to exclaim with Paul: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

A writer in *Christian Victory*, telling of his visit to Palestine a few months ago, records his conversation with his Jewish guide in Jerusalem. "In my estimation," said the guide, "Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb are the correct sites. The Garden Tomb is the only tomb ever discovered near Jerusalem that fulfils all the specifications laid down by the New Testament. One important detail is the fact that in it there is a light shaft in the outer wall, so arranged that light would shine on the body lying in the far crypt. That light shaft enabled Peter and John to see the linen clothes lying. No other tomb around Jerusalem has such an opening for light." "You believe, then, that Christ was raised from the dead?" he asked the Jewish guide. He lowered his voice to a bare whisper, and answered, "I do, but I dare not express my conviction. I must be very careful what I say; these walls may have ears." If we but knew the number of secret disciples among the Jews like this guide, we might be encouraged to pray for the chosen people.

## A Corn of Wheat

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24.

**Buried? Yes, but it is seed  
From which continents may feed;  
Millions yet may bless the day  
When that seed was laid away.**

**Buried! hidden! out of sight!  
Dwelling in the deepest night;  
Losing, underneath the sod,  
Everything, except its God.**

**Buried, unremember'd lost—  
So thinks man: but all the cost  
God has counted to display  
Life abundant one glad day.**

**Art thou buried? God's pure seed  
Doth thy heart in silence bleed?  
Change thy sighing into song,  
Thus alone can harvest come.**

Margaret E. Barber

# SEED THOUGHTS

ALICE E. LUCE

"In every cup of bitterness that God offers us, or that He permits Satan to offer us, there is a sweetness that we can have no other way."

The sweetness is "Just Himself" known better and enjoyed more richly through every time of increased need.

Th time of our Lord's absence from the world is compared to the *travail* of His church. John 16:19-22.

As the end of this dispensation draws near, the "birth-pangs" grow more intense, until the man-child is brought forth.

The same word *birth-pangs* is used of the death of Jesus in Acts 2:24. The pains of death brought forth life, as He brings many sons unto glory.

Some glorious day He will see the *travail* of His soul and be satisfied. Oh that we may hasten that day!

Meanwhile the same principles holds good for us. As we suffer and travail in prayer, souls will be brought forth. There is no other way.

Some texts to study on the subject of *travail*: Gen. 30:1; 35:16-20; 2 Kings 19:3; Psa. 48:6; Isa. 13:8; 21:3; 26:16-19; 37:3; 42:14; 53:11; 66:7-9; Jer. 4:31; 6:24; 13:21; 22:23; 30:6; 49:24; 50:43; Hos. 13:13; Mic. 4:9, 10; 5:3; John 16:21, 22; 1 Cor. 4:15; Gal. 4:19; 1 Thess. 5:3; Rom. 8:22; Rev. 12:2. May our Lord see of the *travail* of His soul in us.

## CHINA'S NEED

Some years ago a traveler from U. S. A., whose creed was that whatever religion a people had was good enough for them without the substitution of Christianity, found himself in China in the course of business, and in consultation with two or three men who were called "the brains of the China of to-day and to-morrow." After the usual formal greetings, the traveler asked what, in the minds of the distinguished Chinese, was the great need of China today. Instantly came the simple answer, "Christianity." "You astonish me," said the American. "I thought you would have named new business methods, a new and progressive administration, education or such things. I ask you why you say, 'Christianity, of course?'"

"Because it is the only thing that goes deep enough," said one of the distinguished Orientals. "China needs all of those things that you mentioned, and many more, but it needs Christianity first, because that underlies all the rest. Take a single instance: We have gold mines in inner China, one of which would make your Klondike 'look like thirty cents', as you would say. It is gold which is easy to work. But we cannot work it. Why not? Because if we were to fill our canal boats full of it and start them toward the coast, every village mandarin through whose boundaries our boats passed would extort his bribe to let them pass, and every other official, little and big, would, as you say, 'get his', too. When we reached the coast we would have no gold at all, and would be lucky if we still had the boats. Now China can never have a new honesty until it has a new moral sense, and it can never have that until it becomes Christian."

## GONE TO BE WITH CHRIST

News has come to us of the home going of Brother Arthur M. Ricker, pastor at Milton-Freewater, Oregon, who went to be with the Lord on October 7, 1941. We sympathize with his wife and three children in their loneliness and sorrow.

Often in isolated regions of the world the missionaries are laboring day after day to tell the lost of other nations of God's wonderful grace. An offering from you for the "Missionary Christmas Fund" will be of untold value in encouraging these warriors of the Cross to fight on. Will you help?