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## Are You a Fruit-Bearing or a Withered Branch?

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"Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. . . . If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." John 15:2, 6.

I want to talk about our Lord being the true vine, and our being the branches, and the Father being the husbandman, and our bearing or not bearing fruit.

Straightway there comes to my mind the picture of a vineyard. For a number of years I lived in the Salt River Valley, near Phoenix, Arizona. It is a land of olive orchards, orange orchards, and vineyards, as well as other things. Near our place was an immense vineyard, and it was a beautiful sight when full of leaves, and especially when the grapes came on.

I noticed that the vines, when first put out, were left to grow until they were one or two years old without having the knife of the pruner laid upon them. The men would set them out and let them grow. After the vines had grown up a bit, little tendrils would begin to reach out here and there. And they let them wave around in the sunshine and all they had to do was to grow, drink in the sunshine and the rain, and have a good time generally.

But when the vines were about a year old the husbandman would go into the vineyard and place wooden posts in the rows. He would stretch smooth wires around the plants; and then take those tendrils and begin to train them up on those wires. When the tendrils start reaching out they will wrap themselves around a weed or anything. So he saw to it that the ground was kept free of weeds. A trellis was constructed and the vines were taught to grow upwards instead of spreading out here and there. But the husbandman did not do any pruning of the vines. They just grew and had a wonderful time, until—I don't know just how old they were, maybe a couple of years old, and then he would prune them a little.

But with an old vine it was a different story altogether. When I had my first glimpse of the tragic work my brother-in-law, who was in charge of a vineyard, did I took him to task about it. I saw grapevines that had branches as large as a man's arm, and branches running out from them, and he cut them back almost to the ground.

I said to him, "Why in the world did you cut off those beautiful grapevines like that? You ruined them!"

He said, "Well, we want to have better and more grapes on them next year."

"Oh," I said, "is that right? It is to make them bear better?"  
"Oh, yes," he said, "ever so often they have to be clipped back. We keep them clipped all the time. We take off every dead limb, and everything that winds itself around the vines. Sometimes the tendrils wrap themselves around a branch and choke the life out of it. We cut all those things off. But ever so often—not too



### *A Word to the Jonahs*

"Thou hast enough to pay thy fare?  
Well, be it so;  
But thou shouldest know does thy God send thee there,  
Is that all? To pay thy fare?  
There's many a coin flung lightly down  
Brings back a load of care.  
It may cost what thou knowest not  
To bring thee home from there."

often, always at the right time of the year, we cut them back quite closely."

Then he said, "You come out when I prune the new branches. We shall have a more abundant yield of grapes than ever before, bigger and finer grapes. Unless we do that, the grapes would become knotty, and there would be bunches of grapes with only a few fine ones, some little shriveled up ones, and some green and sour ones, all together on one bunch. When we want to harvest them and ship them out by the carloads, we must have good grapes."

"Oh," I said, "I see."

I got a better understanding then of what Jesus meant when He spoke of the vine and the branches than I had ever had before.

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# Signs of the Times

EVANGELIST WILLIAM E. LONG AT THE SPRINGFIELD ASSEMBLY

Read Matthew 24:3-14.

"Can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Matthew 16:3.

A few years ago I used to preach on the Antichrist. I knew who he was then, but today I am not so sure. At that time I knew who the 144,000 were, and the Man-child, and just about everything else there was to know—at least, I thought I knew. Once in a while I take my sermon notes of those days out of storage—even the moths wouldn't eat them—and I am surprised at the things I used to preach about.

When I was a little boy some were preaching that Kaiser Bill was the Antichrist. When he was exiled into chopping wood, they forgot about him, and they decided that President Wilson was the Antichrist and that the League of Nations was the Revived Roman Empire.

Someone else decided Lenin must be the Antichrist, and others thought it was Trotsky. Lenin died, and Trotsky was run out of Russia, and so they looked around for a fellow who was up and coming and chose Mussolini. He became second assistant stooge to Hitler and so they stopped saying he was the Antichrist. Then there were some who thought it was Lindberg—not now, but earlier—because he was a hero in this country. There were others who thought it was President Roosevelt. Some have thought it was Stalin. People have jumped at all sorts of conclusions.

During my first pastorate in Iowa a man came to preach for me the week before the election, when Herbert Hoover and Al Smith were running for President. This man had some Scripture—I have never been able to find it—on the basis of which he stood in the pulpit and said that Mr. Smith was going to be elected, that Mr. Hoover would be defeated, and that the Pope was going to move to the State of New York. He claimed to get it from the Bible! Mr. Smith never was elected, and the Pope never has come over yet!

A dear old lady came to me greatly disturbed over a Blue Eagle that was on my car. I had just been to the radio studio in Kansas City and when parking my car a fellow had given me a Blue Eagle and said, "Put this up in the back window of your car." I had put it up. I had driven the car from the radio station and parked it in front of the church, when this dear sister came to my study in tears and said, "Oh, Brother Long, you have taken the Mark of the Beast!" I was a bit disturbed. "Now, Mother, I don't understand," I said. So she told me that the Blue Eagle on my car was the Mark of the Beast. "Didn't you see all the things it had in its claws?" she asked. I said, "I didn't even notice that it had any claws!"

God in heaven expects us to have a sound mind and not to be carried away with every foolish idea that blows our way. I believe the devil has used these wild, weird ideas to blind the people so that the "signs

of the times" would not be preached any more.

Let us remember that Jesus Christ is to come again. The Bible does give us definite, distinct signs of the times, and they are not the pipe dreams of someone's imagination but facts of the Word of the living God. We must keep preaching the second coming of the Lord and not quit just because some have read into the Bible prophecies things that are not there.

One of the foremost signs of the times during this century is the Great War which was and which is. During the first World War ten million men died. Twenty million were wounded. Ten million more died later as a result of the war. And never since the Armistice was signed on November 11, 1918 has there been entire peace on the face of the earth.

Some preachers in America have stood before large audiences and said they wouldn't insult their audience by believing there would be any more wars. I heard Harry Emerson Fosdick say that we had beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruninghooks, that nation should no longer lift up sword against nation, neither should they learn war any more. Had he read his Bible he would not have believed that, for Jesus said that right up to the time of the end, "There shall be wars, and rumors of wars," and "nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom."

The greatest famines of history have occurred since the turn of the century. In 1920 in China, and in 1921 in Russia, thirty thousand died daily between the early summer and the harvest, because they were hungry. And we in America eat our food like hogs and don't even grunt our thanks to God! A hog at least sounds happy when he eats! In China in 1929 eight million people starved in the early days of the harvest and it was estimated that before the harvest was completed two million more died of starvation, making ten million altogether. Those lives are precious in the eyes of God. My Bible says, "There shall be famines."

We tell ourselves in America that it can't happen here. But a few short years ago we almost saw a famine come to America—and if we don't get on our faces in repentance we shall again see the people hungry. Church members wanted beer back in order to save in taxes. Anyone who has ever saved a dime in taxes since beer came back might let me know. Some have drowned in

it, died almost in delirium tremens. Our grandparents have become drunkards and our daughters barmaids. It has been the curse of America. Men on W. P. A. got their pay checks and went to the saloons to spend the money, instead of supporting their families. They went to the relief offices and got sacks of flour and took them to the saloons to trade for beer.

The Bible also says that there shall be "pestilences." Pestilence followed the close of the first World War. Twelve million people died with the 'flu,' more than were slain with the guns and cannons of war. Nearly five millions died in India alone. It was a terrible scourge.

In Canada there were thousands of little children afflicted with infantile paralysis when I was there one year. It was pitiful. But men didn't see God's hand in it. I can't understand a father's being so careless that when his child was afflicted he wouldn't fall on his face and repent. I can't understand a world that has lost its love and decency and honor to such an extent that men can no longer be stirred when their own families are made to suffer because of their sins.

The greatest earthquake of this twentieth century was in China. On one occasion in December, 1921, nearly a million died in one earthquake. In Turkey, Rumania, Japan, and India thousands of men and women have died in earthquakes. Even in America there have been earthquakes which should have awakened the people, but men have gone on living as before.

The other day some men had a very bad crack-up in an automobile and the way they were spared from death was nothing short of miraculous, and yet within ten minutes after the accident every one of them had taken God's name in vain time after time. You would think that after such a deliverance they would have a fear of God, but instead they only cursed Him. Such things are a sign of the times. Men are lovers of pleasures, not lovers of God.

Speaking to the Jews, Jesus said, "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." Matt. 24:9. And today we find a great wave of anti-Semitism sweeping over the whole world. The Jew is hated in every country in the world, including the United States.

"I don't like Jews," someone says. No matter whether you do or don't, God's hand has been upon them and still is, and the nations that curse the Jews shall be cursed—the Bible says so. In America today there are clubs and beaches and areas with signs which say, "For Gentiles Only." In Canada I have seen tennis courts, beaches, and clubs marked with great signs, "Gentiles Only." The Jews are being hated of all nations, and the Bible said this should be so in the end time.

If you were in a London bomb shelter you would not believe that all the swords had been beat into plowshares! And you wouldn't believe that we are actually living in the Millennium, as the Jehovah's Witnesses teach. They tell us that the devil has been bound ever since 1914. Well, if that is true, I must say he has left a lot of his imps running around to take care of his work while he is gone.

Sin is on the increase on every hand.



Blessed are those  
the Lord shall find  
watching

Luke 12:37

The imaginations of men's hearts, as in Noah's time, is only evil continually, and the signs of the times show us that we are near the coming of Christ. I believe that with all my heart.

One great sign is the return of the Jews to their own land. Jesus said, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Luke 21:24.

My wife's sister is a missionary to Egypt. Some of the letters she wrote to us a year or two ago told of visiting Palestine and finding so many cities that have grown up, beautiful and modern. She said Jerusalem is a city without walls. She told how the land has been reclaimed and is bringing forth great crops. And she told how the Jews cry to the Lord for their Messiah to come to them.

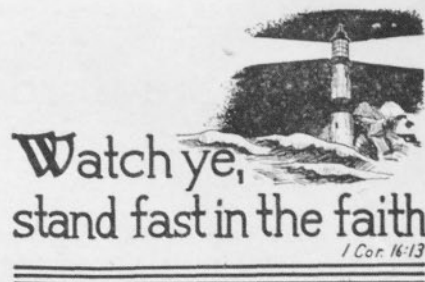
I was in London, Canada, looking for some unleavened bread. I went into a little Jewish shop and there a woman said she would get me some. She said, "You are a Gentile?" I said, "Yes." "Then why do you buy this bread?" she asked. I said, "I want it for our Passover; you know, we take a supper in remembrance, until the Messiah should come." She ran out of the little shop into a back room and a little old Jewish man came out. He patted my back. His heart was thrilled because a Gentile believed that Messiah was coming. He told me he was saving every dime he could make so that he would be able to leave the little shop and go to Palestine, because he believed that the Messiah was soon to come.

When I was in Kansas City I talked with a Jewish man there. There were only two men in Kansas City who could speak real Hebrew and I was talking to one of them. He introduced me to his brother who was in town. This brother spends eighteen hours a day searching through books in New York City. He is searching to find the reason why God has not spoken to Israel since Christ was crucified. I believe that God is going to reveal to these hungry hearts, in His own good time, the answer to their dilemma.

In Des Moines one day as I went down the street I saw a little light burning in a place and out of curiosity I went inside. The janitor was there. I asked about the light. He said, "That light represents the hope of Jewry. It is my business to see that that light never goes out. That light must burn until Messiah comes." I asked, "When do you look for the Messiah?" He said, "Oh the next year of the Jubilee it is the feeling of the Jewish people that God will send the Messiah." However, there is great confusion as to when the year of Jubilee is. But whenever Jesus comes, that will be the real Jubilee.

Jesus Christ is going to come back soon. The Jews are looking for Him and praying that Messiah will come. But let us ask ourselves this question: are we really anxious for Jesus Christ to return? We in America are not so anxious to have Him come. We have good jobs, we live in luxury, we have comfortable homes, we still enjoy peace. In other lands, however, it is different.

Picture in your mind an old gray-haired mother in Russia tonight, with a shawl pulled around her shoulders. She has stood true to Christ through all the days of Communism. Tonight she is scanning a



long list of the dead soldiers to see whether her son's name is there. Look at her face, haggard and worn. She steals away home. Or maybe there isn't any home—it may be bombed. I can see her reach inside her apron and take out a Book. She reads it. It tells her about the Blessed Hope. Her heart cries out, "Come soon, Lord Jesus, and end all this suffering."

Go across in your mind to Germany. The German mothers have hearts just like the American mothers. Many of those German mothers gave their husbands in the first World War. Tonight they are watching the lists of dead for the names of their sons. A little woman wipes the tears from her eyes, turns away from the notice board, and goes down the street. Maybe she is one of the thousands who have had their homes blown up, all their worldly possessions destroyed, and some of their loved ones killed by air raids.

There are families in France who have lost their fathers and sons. They have no word concerning them, whether dead or alive. The father went away in the first World War. The sons went away in the second.

The same suffering goes on in other countries. Think of the people of Poland. With only crusts of bread to eat, they are crying out, "O God, send Jesus back again. We don't know how much longer we can stand this. We have nothing to live for except the return of Jesus. O God, please hurry. Please, can't you speed the day?"

God says, "I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come." Haggai 2:7. I am looking for His appearing. Are you? I am anxiously awaiting His coming—the coming of Jesus. There are many in the world who are not saved, but that is no reason for hoping that He will delay His coming. If He should tarry a while most of them would not be saved anyway, but instead the number of sinners would increase and more souls would be lost because of His tarrying.

One night when I was preaching on the Birth of Jesus, and was really feeling in my heart how wonderful it must have been for the shepherds and the Wise Men to have seen Him—how glorious it would have been to hear the angels sing, and how gladly they must have left their sheep and come down to see the Babe in the manger—my mind went on to the story of Anna and Simeon. The two old servants of God were led by the Spirit into the temple just at the time when Mary entered with the heavenly Babe in her arms. Their hearts filled with gratitude and praise to God. "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace," Simeon prayed, "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation." That was all they had lived for—just to see that little Babe, the One for whom Israel had waited century after century.

Then there was John, the beloved disciple

who leaned on Jesus' breast. What a choice place of intimacy that was! But all of these only saw the Lord for a few short moments, or days, or months—just a little while. He went away.

In 2 Thess. 4:16 I read, "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Why lament because we did not have the privilege of knowing Jesus as the shepherds did, and Simeon, and John? We are going to be in His presence forever! I believe I am living in the day when my eyes shall see the King when He comes on the clouds of glory, when my ears shall hear the trump of God, when the graves shall give up the dead that are in them, and when I shall rise to meet the Lord in the air. John had nothing on me! Neither did Simeon and Anna, or the shepherds or the Wise Men. When He shall appear, I shall be like Him, for I shall see Him as He is. "So shall we ever be with the Lord." My prayer is, "Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus." Is that your prayer too?

### Who Will Go?

A man stood at the edge of a field of wheat, looking sadly across its flat and ruined acres. The wheat, dead ripe, had been beaten down by a wind-storm, so that now it could not be harvested.

A friend driving by stopped and said kindly, "It's too bad. Why didn't you harvest it before it was so ripe?" "I couldn't get the hands," the farmer replied as he turned away and proceeded sadly to the house.

Did you know that there are many within reach of you who are ripe and ready to be gathered into God's kingdom, but who will go on in their sins and land in hell, for the simple reason that the church contents herself with preaching only to such persons as will come to church? The Lord Jesus told us to pray against this very condition of a harvest ripe without harvesters.

### Are We This Type?

The world is not to be won for Christ by self-seeking, ease-loving men and women. Those not prepared for labor, self-denial, and many discouragements, will be poor helpers in the work. In short, the men and women we need are those who will put Jesus and souls first and foremost in everything and at all times. Of such men, of such women, do not fear to send us too many. Their price is far above rubies.—Hudson Taylor.

The worldling is a man of the center; the Christian is a man of the circumference. Don't let the spider of selfishness, which lurks at the center, rob you of the joy of giving an offering to the missionaries during this Christmas season. Send your contribution without delay designated for the "Missionary Christmas Fund."—Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

# Preparing Our Hearts to Seek the Lord

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"If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

"The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working." James 5:16.

"Beloved! if our heart condemn us not, we have boldness toward God; and whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do the things that are pleasing in His sight." 1 John 3:21, 22.

Here on earth the influence of one who asks a favor for others depends entirely on his character, and the relationship he bears to him with whom he is interceding. It is what he is that gives weight to what he asks. It is not otherwise with God. Our power in prayer depends upon our life. Where our life is right we shall know how to pray so as to please God, and prayer will secure the answer. The texts quoted above all point in this direction. All lack of power to pray aright and perseveringly, all lack of power in prayer with God, points to some lack in the Christian life. It is as we learn to live the life that pleases God, that God will give what we ask.

Let us learn from our Lord Jesus, in the parable of the vine, what the healthy, vigorous life is that may ask and receive what it will. Hear His voice, "If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." And again at the close of the parable: "Ye did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide: that whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He may give it you."

It is the branch life that gives power for prayer. We are branches of Christ, the Living Vine. We must simply live like branches, and abide in Christ, then we shall ask what we will, and it shall be done unto us.

We all know what a branch is, and what its essential characteristic. It is simply a growth of the vine, produced by it and appointed to bear fruit. It has only one reason of existence; it is there at the bidding of the vine, that through it the vine may bear and ripen its precious fruit. Just as the vine only and solely and wholly lives to produce the sap that makes the grape, so the branch has no other aim and object but this alone, to receive that sap and bear the grape. Its only work is to serve the vine, that through it the vine may do its work.

And is it to be understood that the believer, the branch of Christ the Heavenly Vine, is as literally, as exclusively, to live only that Christ may bear fruit through him? Is it meant that a true Christian as a branch is to be just as absorbed in and devoted to the work of bearing fruit to the glory of God as Christ the Vine was on earth, and is now in heaven? This, and nothing less, is indeed what is meant. *It is to such that the unlimited prayer promises of the parable are given.* It is the branch life, existing solely for the vine, that will

have the power to pray aright. With our life abiding in Him, and His words abiding, kept and obeyed, in our heart and life, transmuted into our very being, there will be the grace to pray aright, and the faith to receive the whatsoever we will.

The promises of our Lord's farewell discourse, with their wonderful sixfold repetition of the unlimited, anything, whatsoever (John 14:13, 14; 15:7, 16; 16:23, 24), appear to us altogether too large to be taken literally. But God's covenant is ever: *Give all and take all.*

He who is ready to place himself absolutely at the disposal of Jesus the Vine of God, to bear His fruit through Him, and to live every moment only for Him, will receive a divine liberty to claim Christ's whatsoever in all its fulness, and a divine wisdom and humility to use it aright. He will live and pray, and claim the Father's promises, even as Christ did, only for God's glory in the salvation of men. He will use his boldness in prayer only with a view to power in intercession, and getting men blessed. *It is the life abiding wholly in Christ that can pray the effectual prayer in the name of Christ.*

Just think for a moment of the men of prayer in Scripture, and see in them what the life was that could pray in such power. What gave Abraham such boldness in intercession? He knew that God had chosen and called him away from his home and people to walk before Him, that all nations might be blessed in him. He knew that he had obeyed, and forsaken all for God. Implicit obedience, to the very sacrifice of his son, was the law of his life. He did what God asked. He dared trust God to do what he asked.

Moses too had forsaken all for God. "counting the reproach of Christ greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt." He lived at God's disposal. "As a servant he was faithful in all his house." How often it is written of him, "According to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did he." No wonder that he was very

bold. His heart was right with God. He knew God would hear him. No less true is this of Elijah, the man who stood up to plead for the Lord God of Israel. The man who is ready to risk all for God can count upon God to do all for him.

Where we have not yet attained to that full devotion to which our Lord had trained His disciples, and cannot equal them in their power of prayer, we may, nevertheless, take courage in remembering that, even in the lower stages of the Christian life, every new onward step in the striving after the perfect branch life, and every surrender to live for others in intercession, will be met from above by a corresponding liberty to draw nigh with greater boldness, and expect larger answers. The more we pray, and the more conscious we become of our unfitness to pray in power, the more we shall be urged and helped to press on toward the secret of power in prayer—a life abiding in Christ entirely at His disposal.

Jesus said, "I am the true Vine, and my Father is the Husbandman." We have not only Himself, the glorified Son of God, in His divine fulness, out of whose fulness of life and grace we can draw,—this is very wonderful,—but we have the Father, as the Husbandman, watching over our abiding in the Vine, over our growth and fruit-bearing. It is not left wholly to our faith or our faithfulness to maintain our union with Christ. The Father of Christ, and who united us with Him, will see to it that the branch is what it should be, will enable us to bring forth just the fruit we were appointed to bear. Hear what Christ said of this, "Every branch that beareth fruit, He cleanseth it, that it may bear more fruit."

Just think a moment what this means. It is said that of all fruit-bearing plants on earth there is none that produces fruit so full of spirit, from which spirit can be so abundantly distilled, as the vine. And of all fruit-bearing plants there is none that is so ready to run into wild wood, and for which pruning and cleansing is so indispensable. The one great work that a vinedresser has to do for the branch every year is to prune it. Other plants can for a time dispense with it, and yet bear fruit: the vine *must* have it. And so the one thing the branch that desires to abide in Christ and bring forth much fruit, and to be able to ask whatsoever it will, must do, is to trust in and yield itself to this Divine cleansing. What is it that the vinedresser cuts away with his pruning-knife? Nothing but the wood that the branch has produced—true, honest wood, with the true vine nature in it. This must be cut away. And why? Because it draws away the strength and life of the vine, and hinders the flow of the juice to the grape. The more it is cut down, the less wood there is in the branch, the more all the sap can go to the grape. The wood of the branch must decrease, that the fruit for the vine may increase. In obedience to the law of all nature, that death is the way of life, that gain comes through sacrifice, the rich and luxuriant growth of wood must be cut off and cast away, that the life more abundant may be seen in the cluster.

It is only as our own will, and strength, and effort, and pleasure, even where it appears perfectly natural and sinless, is cut down, so that the whole energies of our being are free and open to receive the sap of the Heavenly Vine, the Holy Spirit.

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that we shall bear much fruit. It is in the surrender of what nature holds fast, it is in the full and willing submission to God's holy pruning-knife that we shall come to what Christ chose and appointed for us—to bear fruit, *that whatsoever we ask the Father in Christ's name, He may give to us.*

What the pruning-knife is, Christ tells us in the next verse. "*Ye are clean through the word which I have spoken to you.*" As He says later, "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy Word is truth." "The Word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit." What heart-searching words Christ had spoken to His disciples on love and humility, on being the least, and, like Himself, the servant of all, on denying self, and taking the cross, and losing the life. Through His word the Father had cleansed them, cut away all confidence in themselves or the world, and prepared them for the inflowing and filling of the Spirit of the Heavenly Vine. It is not we who can cleanse ourselves: God is the Vinedresser: we may confidently intrust ourselves to His care.

Come and listen to your beloved Lord as He tells you: only be a branch, united to, identified with the Heavenly Vine, and your prayers will be effectual and much availing. "*More fruit*" is not only your desire, but the Father's too. He is the Husbandman who cleanseth the fruitful branch, that it may bear more fruit. Cast yourself upon God, to do in you what is impossible to man. Count upon a Divine cleansing, to cut down and take away all that self-confidence and self-effort, that has been the cause of your failure. The God who gave you His beloved Son to be your Vine, who made you His branch, will He not do His work of cleansing to make you fruitful in every good work, *in the work of prayer and intercession too?*

Here is the life that can pray. A branch entirely given up to the Vine and its aims, with all responsibility for its cleansing cast on the Vinedresser; a branch abiding in Christ, trusting and yielding to God for His cleansing, can bear much fruit. *In the power of such a life we shall love prayer, we shall know how to pray, we shall pray, and receive whatsoever we ask.*—Andrew Murray.

### Are You a Fruit-Bearing or a Withered Branch?

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I understood why it was when we had grown up a bit we began to feel some snipping here and there. And too, how the time came when our growth was cut back so severely that we felt there was nothing left, and we said, "We are spoiled forever."

We used to be able to do this and that, we had quite a ministry along certain lines. We had gotten quite a growth, too much, in fact, and it was becoming woody in places. The branches had got woody and the sap from the Vine could not flow through. And so the Husbandman had to cut back, and let new vines grow.

But the root was still there, the same one that we had at the beginning. God does not want just grapevines. I don't care how pretty they are—and they can be very pretty, too; God is not concerned about a vineyard filled with just grapevines; God wants *fruit*.



In this chapter Jesus speaks of fruit, more fruit, and much fruit. So God is vitally concerned about His vineyard bearing fruit. That is the lesson we have here—fruit bearing.

Here is a definite statement: "I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman;... ye are the branches." If Jesus is the Vine—and He is; and we are the branches—and we are; the same life that is in Jesus Christ should be in us. If we are a part of Him—and we are—His life should be made manifest through us. Is that right? He said it twice: "I am the vine." He said, "Ye are the branches." So we belong to Him, we are a part of Him. And we are there to produce fruit.

And He said, "Every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." It is our Father who snips us back; it is our Father who brings the pruning shears into action here and there. I don't say that such business is pleasant. It is not. It hurts. There will always be a scar to show that an instrument was used and some things clipped off. But it heals over. And right by the scar will come out a new shoot that will bear more fruit.

Our minds will turn to Galatians 5:22, 23, where we are told about the fruit of the Spirit: "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." These are the fruit of the Spirit, the outward evidence of the indwelling Christ. I am afraid that too many of us have gotten the *gifts* of the Spirit and the *fruit* of the Spirit mixed up. The *gifts* of the Spirit are not an evidence of a continuous Spirit-filled life. Speaking in tongues alone is not a proof of a continuous Spirit-filled life.

A sister said, "Sister Grace, I have been taught in my church that the fruit of the Spirit is the evidence of a Spirit-filled life; but it seems to me that you folk teach that the gifts of the Spirit, especially speaking in tongues, are the evidence of a Spirit-filled life."

I said, "Sister, you don't understand. We teach that speaking in tongues by the power of the Holy Spirit is the initial evidence of the incoming of the Holy Spirit. Spirit-filled people do speak with other tongues—but there is a difference between having the gifts of the Holy Ghost and maintaining a Spirit-filled life afterwards. We believe that the *fruit* of the Spirit is the evidence of a Spirit-filled life."

Do you think I am right? I believe it with all my heart. Having been baptized with the Holy Ghost, we are to live Spirit-filled lives. That we do that is shown by the presence in our lives of the fruit of the Spirit. Men do not gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles. Grapes grow on the grapevine. The fruit of the Spirit is manifest where there is a Spirit-filled, yielded, clean, consecrated life. Some things can be imitated in the Christian life,

but the fruit of the Spirit cannot be successfully imitated.

There is no law against being filled with love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. These things in their fulness come to lives that have been pruned by the hand of the Father, to bring forth these things. And you do know when you come into contact with a life like that.

Shallowness, harshness, hardness, bitterness, impatience, intemperance, find no place in a life like that. The great Pruner has removed these things that the fruit might come. It is a big thing, isn't it, receiving the Baptism and then living a Spirit-filled life?

Do you know what? These things are not so demonstrative, not so showy, but they are the real evidence of the indwelling Christ and of a life filled with the Spirit of God.

I am more concerned about this hour than any hour I have ever known. I feel that the Husbandman is in a special way walking in His vineyard now, looking for fruit, searching us out, pruning us, cutting us back if need be, until we bleed, until we suffer, but letting no branches grow which produce no fruit.

You remember Jesus' coming to a fig tree? Being hungry and looking upon it He found no fruit; and He cursed the thing, and it withered. You remember again, the owner of the vineyard was about to order a fig tree cut down because it had borne no fruit for three years, but the dresser of the vineyard made a plea for it, saying, "Let me give it another chance to bear fruit." The all-important thing in God's sight is that we bear fruit. God wants fruit-bearing Christians.

Now I come to the real weight of my message, and I go just a little deeper, or just a little differently into this thought of fruit-bearing. Everything reproduces its own kind. The grapevine produces grapes, the peach tree produces peaches, an apple tree grows apples. Isn't that right?

All right, then, here is the thought on my heart. The Christians will bring forth of their own kind, and produce other Christians.

That is the thing I have been trying to arrive at, the producing of other Christians. If this is true—and it is—God placed this responsibility upon us Christians. Thank God, it is not just the preacher, the evangelist, the pastor, or the missionary, it is every Christian. Every branch in Him, if it glorifies Him here, will bring forth fruit. Believe Him for this.

I believe that Jesus is coming again before long; and believing that, I am tremendously concerned with the worldliness and indifference in the churches as I go from place to place. There are not many sinners being brought into the house of God. We are not getting enough of them. Oh, no; we are not. They are out yonder, and they rest like a weight upon me.

We need to get a vision of what it will mean for one soul to spend eternity in hell. We need to look to ourselves a bit. We need to change any tactics we are using that are not producing results. Thank God, we are not bound by traditions. If we are, let us break them off, for they are man-made. I am after souls. That is why we are in this vineyard. We are saved to produce

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# A Scientist Meets the God of Science

A TRUE STORY BY JAMES R. GRAHAM JR.

**O**NCE when I was preaching in Wuchang, one of the twin cities of central China, I noticed a well-dressed man sitting in the rear of the church. He looked rather bored. Seated in a pew all by himself, he put his foot up on the bench, braced his back in the corner of the pew, and tried to settle down for a comfortable nap.

Presently I began to read from the Mandarin Bible. The passage was Matthew 24. The man in the rear of the hall began to evince some interest that a foreigner could read the Mandarin with a rather unusual degree of facility. Having read a portion of the great Olivet discourse containing the signs of the age as given by the Savior Himself, I proceeded to give a message on the signs of the second advent of Christ, citing recent world conditions and international relationships, the general breakdown of morals, the departure from revealed truth as fulfillments of the sign. The man on the back seat in spite of himself, became deeply interested, and leaned over on the seat in front with arms folded and chin on the back of his hands. His eyes burned into me as I set forth the truth of the near return in judgment of the Son of God.

After the service was over, he came down to the front to speak to me. Rarely have I seen such agitation. Sputtering in alternate English and Chinese, he began to shout, "It's true. It's true. Every word that you say is true. I never knew that these things were revealed in the Bible. May I go with you to your house and talk with you further concerning these matters?" I readily agreed.

As we walked along to the house, I learned that he was Dr. Cheng, the dean of the Science Department of a great university there in Wuchang, a Doctor of Philosophy from one of our American universities. We had a long and earnest conversation, and he really met the Lord Jesus. A fire was kindled within him the like of which I have never encountered before in a spiritual babe.

At the next few meetings he was present, each time with his Bible open, listening with avid interest. On Saturday evening, he told me about a certain Dr. Chow, his friend whom he had brought in as a professor of mathematics in his department. His friend was in a hospital and Dr. Cheng felt that he was going to die shortly from a serious kidney malady. As he told me about it, he showed the greatest agitation, and shouted, "He is going to hell."

The next morning I looked for the doctor in the morning service. I scanned the audience in vain for his shining countenance. He didn't appear, but attended the afternoon service, seemingly more eager than ever. Following the afternoon service, he again came to have a conversation with me.

"You may have noticed," he said, "that I was absent from the morning service."

I assured him that I had taken note of it. He said, "I had my Bible in hand, but

as I started out the door, it seemed as if some unseen force literally thrust me down upon the floor in a passion of prayer for the salvation of Dr. Chow. I had hardly been able to sleep all of Saturday night, thinking of my friend's near approach to eternity without Christ. So when this overpowering burden of prayer came upon me, I knelt there on the floor of my own room and cried aloud to God, literally weeping a puddle of tears. The paroxysm of agony continued for about an hour. Then as suddenly as it came, it departed, and I rose from my knees with absolute peace of heart and mind. Looking at the clock, I saw that it was 11:30 and realized that it was too late for me now to arrive at the morning service. So I decided simply to stay at home until time to leave for the afternoon service.

"Now, Brother Graham, what I want is to exact a promise from you that as soon as you are able you will go to Shanghai and call on this friend of mine whose life hangs in the balance, and minister Christ to him before he goes hence."

I promised him that I would do this at my earliest opportunity. After a few days I boarded a train and went to Shanghai. Upon my arrival I went into the hospital office of the registrar to seek information as to Dr. Chow's room. As the registrar began to thumb through his records for the name, another young clerk came in and courteously asked me whom I sought. I told him Dr. Chow Chia-Su. He replied with a very solemn face and a shake of the head:

"Dr. Chow Chia-Su has left the earth."

About that time the registrar came across the record and nodded agreement with what his colleague had told me, producing a yellow hospital record sheet, at which I directed an amateur glance. There was a signed statement by the attending physician that Dr. Chow had left this life, but the thing that attracted my attention was the date and the time. It was on February 9 at 11:30 A. M. When I first heard that our mathematics professor had passed away, I wondered for just a moment why the Lord had brought me there after the death had already occurred. But as soon as I saw the date and the time, I knew that though I had missed seeing him, I should meet the mathematics professor one day in the glory.

The Lord never lays a burden of prayer such as was described to me by Dr. Cheng of Hankow, without intending to answer. The fact that the passing of Dr. Chow exactly coincided with the time that Dr. Cheng had been relieved of his burden, gave double assurance that the prayer was in the Holy Spirit.

I returned to my home, content to let the divine principle illustrated in this connection wait for eternity for its vindication.

In the counsel of God, I was not required to wait that long. Only a few days afterward, I was asked to speak at a mission high school for girls. I completed my mes-

sage with the story of the Chinese educator in Wuchang whose heart had become aflame with the love of Christ and who had called upon God with strong crying and tears to save his friend. At the end of the story, I told them I felt certain, due to the prayer of this friend, we should all have the pleasure of seeing Dr. Chow Chia-Su in the glory one day. As the name of the mathematics professor slipped from my mouth, I noticed signs of recognition in the audience of girls. I thought that was not surprising since he was a very eminent scholar and well known in Nanking and all through the Yangtze Valley.

After the prayer of dismissal, the Chinese lady principal of the high school asked me if I would wait for her a moment in her office. She had a word to speak to me. When she came in, she said, "Mr. Graham, that is a very interesting story you told at the last of your message this morning. The most interesting part of it is that I know the other half of it.

"The gentleman to whom you referred, who has now passed away, is a son-in-law of this school. His wife is an alumna and incidentally a former principal, a graduate of Columbia University of New York. We call her Ai Loa (Love-Joy). Just a few days ago she came into this very office to see me. I had not seen her for sometime and I had heard the report that her husband was dead. I found it difficult, therefore, to explain the fact of her peace and joy of countenance when she came in, coupled with the fact that she had on no widow's weeds or anything of that nature. I thought I must have been mistaken about her husband's death else she could not have appeared so calm and natural.

"After we had exchanged greetings, I said, 'And how is your husband? I heard that he was sick.' 'Oh, yes,' she replied; 'he is gone to be with Jesus, and I shall meet him in His presence one day.'

"I was very much amazed at this statement," went on the lady principal, "because this couple were rather notoriously irreligious in our set, and how she could speak so confidently that her husband had gone to be with Jesus and that she would meet him there one day amazed me beyond words. So I asked her for the basis of her assurance.

"She replied, 'It is all very wonderful. I can't explain it myself. My husband was at the point of death; we all knew the end was near. He had been unconscious or in a coma all of that Sunday morning. At about 10:30, as several of us stood around the room. He raised his head off his pillow and with a very clear eye and voice, declared to us all that he had seen Jesus Christ nailed on the cross for his sins. 'I do not know why,' he said; 'the conviction has become so plain to me, but I know that He died for me. I know that I believe in Him. I know that I have eternal life and that I shall enter shortly into His presence. My dear wife,' he said addressing me, 'we have wasted our lives. We have known of this gospel. We have neglected it. I urge you here and now, before I go hence, to trust Jesus Christ for salvation and to give your life to make Him known. In the school that we own and operate in Nanking, see to it that you have true Christian ministers to come and preach the gospel to our students from now on.' After so charging

us, he put his head back on the pillow and his lips began to move and we could hear presently the tones of a gospel song that he had learned long ago but which I had never heard him sing. We were amazed at the strength and clarity of his voice, and when the song was over, in clear, audible tones, drawing it from somewhere in the long hidden archives of his memory, there came forth from beginning to end the love chapter (1 Corinthians 13). He ended up, "and now abideth faith, hope, love, these three, but the greatest of these is love." And as he spoke these words, his spirit fled from his body and he was drawn into the presence of the Savior whom he had so recently trusted.

"So, Mr. Graham," went on the lady principal, "your judgment is correct. We shall see Dr. Chow one day in the glory."

It is strange how astonished we can be at that which we even claim to expect. My heart was filled with a song. I did not reach the bedside of Dr. Chow in time, but the Holy Spirit, the Teacher, the Regenerator, the One who leads men to Christ, preceded me. It happened that a few days later it was my pleasure to see the lovely wife of the deceased mathematics professor and to hear from her lips the testimony of God's grace to her husband and to herself and to her husband's brother, all because of the effectual fervent prayer of a friend whose heart was aflame with the love of Christ.

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fruit, to produce more of our own kind. That is why He baptizes us in the Holy Ghost, that by witnessing we might win others. Not just to make us happy—though it does, and I am glad it does—not just to make us move out of the ordinary things—for it does—but the Baptism has come to empower for service, that we might reproduce ourselves and win people to God.

I have kept my finger on the pulse as I have gone from this place to that. There is a harvest to be reaped, as truly as God lives this morning. There are fish to be caught; but some fish do not go readily into a net, they do not take the hook very easily.

God wants to give us wisdom so we will know how to win people. This is the hour of going out into the highways and byways and into the hedges and bearing personal witness, bringing sinners to Christ. That is going to be the answer to our problem of winning souls and having a revival.

In the old established places where the newness has worn off and the excitement is gone, people do not flock readily to the meetings. We have to go out and bring them in. In the old days, when you received the Holy Spirit you felt moved to tell everybody about it. You witnessed to your husband or wife, you could hardly wait to get back home to tell them. People in the place where you worked knew about it. There was aburden upon your heart, you were so full of it that it had to come

out. People became curious and came to our churches to see what it was all about.

But now we have gotten used to things, and we have settled down, in many places. God has put me in the body as a stir-upper or maybe as a mustard-plaster. I am drastic about winning souls in this hour, producing fruit. We *have* to do it!

Here is the thing that grips my heart. It is as if I had never seen, had never dwelt upon this scripture before; it is all new, so terribly new, and it is so terribly sad. "Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away." That is terrible.

Some have said it is only broken communion or that our communion has gone down. I am not going to be dogmatic, but what about it this morning? Twice He said that if a branch in Him beareth not fruit it is taken away. If it does not bear fruit it does not abide, it is cut off and men cast it into the fire, and it is burned. Isn't that a terrible statement? Isn't that a terrible result of being at ease in Zion? What do you think about it, Christian?

As a minister of the gospel—in the late hours of the night—I said, "Lord, have I done my best? It is true that I have preached in the pulpit and I have witnessed to others, I have won a few souls; but am I doing my best? Are You satisfied with the fruit of my life?" I don't know; I am afraid not.

Jesus said, "If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered." Oh, the withered branches! No spiritual life in them! Something has come into their life and severed the connection with the Vine, and the life of Christ does not flow through them to others any more. Malice, bitterness, so many things I could name have come in and severed the relationship with Jesus, and no longer does the life of the Spirit flow through them. They cannot produce any fruit of the Spirit. Withered branches! Have you ever thought about it like that before? It is a fearful thing to have any root of bitterness spring up within us. We cannot afford to let anything stand between us and God and hinder our being fruit bearers.

People are often self-satisfied, saying, "We have the Baptism, we speak in tongues." How much fruit are we bearing? How many people are we winning to Christ? I am talking to laymen. You are a branch, you are in the body just the same as we preachers are. It has been proven that preachers alone cannot do this thing. We have to have folk filled with the Spirit of God and with love for souls. You can compel people to come in when you love them. We cannot drive them in, but we can contact them and love them and some will come.

When just a young mother with two children, I was dying of lung trouble. The dear saints of God came by and some said, "Sister Grace, there's something wrong in your life, or God would heal you." Then I cried out and searched my heart, but could not find anything to condemn me. Then another would come in and say, "Sister Grace, you must be resigned. God wants to take you home." And so I started in to be resigned. I wasn't afraid to die. I knew Jesus had saved me by His blood, had baptized me in the Holy Ghost, and I loved Him.

But as I would resign myself to death, I would hear one of my babies cry, and a

pain would go through my heart. I would say, "Lord, who will take care of my babies? They will have no mother. I am so young."

But that was not the main thing that troubled me in my dying condition. All at once it came to me that, as far as I knew, I had never won a soul to Christ; and that outbalanced everything else.

I said, "O my God, I simply cannot face Thee without having some sheaves to lay at Thy feet!" It seemed to me the greatest tragedy that could ever take place under God's heaven was to come before Him empty-handed after He had saved me. I could not think of one soul that I knew for sure I had led to Christ in the few years I had been a Christian. I had had the Baptism a few months. I said, "Lord, I cannot stand it!" And I began to fight to live.

I read of king Hezekiah having the sentence of death passed upon him, and how he turned his face to the wall and wept and said, "God, if You will spare my life, I will do so and so," and God heard his prayer. And you know, I turned my face to the wall and I wept and said, "Lord, if You will give me the years that You gave to Hezekiah, I will give them to You." I had never thought of preaching the gospel. I felt no moving of the Spirit, no blessing, nothing unusual to let me know that God had heard and accepted my prayer. But I lived.

About a year or two later I was gloriously healed, but before that the Lord spoke to me and said, "I will make you every whit whole and you shall testify of Me before many people." I said to myself, "Could that be God speaking to me?" A few months after that He instantly healed me of tuberculosis and there has not been a trace of it since that time.

Then He called me to preach the gospel. I told Him I could not go, said I wanted to be with my husband and children. In the early hours, one morning, wrestling with God, down by my bedside in Arizona, He took me back in spirit to the room in Oklahoma and to the moment when I said to Him, "If You will give me the years You gave Hezekiah, I will give these years to You." He said, "You were Mine from that minute as never before. You will have to do it." I said, "God, I will do it. Just let me have a few souls."

But, you know, this has been increasing on me. I am not satisfied. Darkness is coming over the world and here in America the field is so great. How much more time have we to win people to God? There is a lethargy, there is a settling down, there is a lack of concern among God's people. I am praying that God may stir us Pentecostal people. I don't want to come before Him empty-handed, do you?

I feel I have not done enough, I am not doing enough. It makes me desperate. I mean to contact people, if I have to go from door to door and speak to them. There are church members in the land who do not know that Jesus is coming again, do not know anything about the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

We dare not put this light under a bushel, we have been born for this time. Everyone of us is going to face Jesus at the judgment seat of Christ, and give an account of how we have used the things we have had put into our hands.

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## An African Conference

J. W. Nilsen, Tanganyika, East Africa

The first week of September we had a three-days' conference with the native church. A large number attended the first meeting held on Friday, and we were conscious of God's presence in our midst throughout the conference. Everyone was hungry for more of God. Under these conditions God worked and the glory of the Lord filled the place, while hungry souls feasted on the good things of the Lord, several of the Christians being baptized in the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we gathered earlier than usual for we were to have a baptismal service and communion in addition to the regular Sunday meeting. After our regular service we went to the stream a short distance from the station and had our baptismal service. The sweet presence of the Lord was there as seven were buried with Christ in water baptism.

After this we returned to the church and had Holy Communion. The glory of God came down again in a very precious way and this was followed by a blessed tarrying service. When we left the church we found that six hours had passed so quickly, it seemed almost unbelievable. The church has been going through some hard times, but praise God, the people are more determined than ever now to work harder for the salvation of souls. Pray that God may continue to pour out His Spirit, filling hungry hearts and convicting men and women of sin.

We have had the joy of having Brother and Sister Dahlquist of the Swedish Pentecostal Mission with us for six weeks. Their stay with us proved to be a real blessing to ourselves as well as to the natives. Their music and songs were very much appreciated.

### BRIEF NOTES FROM FAR AND NEAR

#### Sailing Deferred

Owing to the critical world situation as well as the difficulty in obtaining passports for missionaries with children, the sailing of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Earle and little daughter, Suzanne Elaine, has been postponed for a year.

We appreciate the co-operation of friends and assemblies which have contributed toward their fare and support. All funds which we have received for them and what may come in during the next year will be held to their credit in the Foreign Missions Department until the way is open for them to proceed to Ceylon.

#### Young Missionaries Arrive

We have just learned that two new little missionaries have joined our big family in recent weeks.

A cable message dated November fourteenth brings news of the coming of a baby son into the home of John Watts in Es Salt, Trans Jordan. His name is also John.

Cecil Claire Hall arrived in the A. Walker Hall home in Hong Kong, October twenty-ninth.

We trust the blessing of the Lord may overshadow these two little lives and their families in these perilous times.

#### Baptized in North India

"You will rejoice to know that since last September we have baptized fifty-five in water. Some of them have been filled with the Holy



Christians of the Igali Mission, Tanganyika Territory, East Africa, and a baptismal service when seven were immersed.

Spirit. Many of them belong to other missions, but they are learning from us of Pentecost and the Scriptural mode of baptism."—J. H. Boyce.

#### New Desire in Cuba

"We wish to offer special thanks to God for the sixteen Christians who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit in the last two months in

Cuba. As a most natural result there is a greater desire among the Cubans to reach their own people, and a hunger for more of God. In Oriente we baptized a man in water who is about seventy-six years of age, and is blind. He had to be carried to the river. Now he is tarrying for the Holy Spirit."—L. W. Stokes.

## "Is Not This a Brand Plucked Out of the Fire?"

Katherine Cooke and Trudys Lawrence

Bihar, India

Have we written before about our little girl, Sakurni? She was a little Mohammedan girl whose parents had died. She lived with her grandfather, a drunken sot, who made the poor child steal so that he could have drink. If she would not steal, he would beat her; if she were caught by those from whom she stole, they would beat her. Before her parents died, when she was very small, they had married her to a Mohammedan man. When he saw the life she lived, he did not want her and took another wife.

#### She Came

Finally the grandfather departed to parts unknown (probably because he was in danger of being arrested) and the poor child was left. She had lived in the village with Hindu men, but when it was evident that she was free to do as she would and to go where she liked, she came to the Mission and asked us to make her a Christian. We told her that the Holy Spirit would have to do that, and arranged for her to stay with the preacher's wife, who helped her and told her about Jesus Christ and what He had done for her. Every day she received teaching and as she drank it in, we could notice a change even in her expression.

#### Kidnapped

She was very happy with us and we were so glad to have her and know that she was saved from such a life of sin as she hitherto lived. We thought that she was safe with us, but one day while we were away in camp and the preacher and his wife were out in the villages preaching, two men entered the compound and kidnapped her.

Some of the Christian boys heard about it and gave chase, but were not able to find the party. But a Mohammedan doctor who lives about six miles from us, and who is a friend to us, heard about the kidnapping. Later in the evening when he heard also that the party had brought the girl into his village, he went and took her from the men and locked her up in his own house while he came out to the Mission House to let us know she was found, and to ask what to do with her. We were in camp about nine miles away, so the preacher who was looking after things at the station, gave orders for the girl to be brought to his house until he could get in touch with us.

#### Given into Our Custody

The preacher, with the Christian boys who had been searching for the girl, came out to camp and told us the story. We immediately went into town to see what could be done. We found the magistrate trying a case in court, but he kindly stopped and interviewed us. We told him the story and asked for the custody of the child as her life was in danger. We felt that she was one of the little lost lambs which had gone astray—one of those whom the Lord came to seek and to save. The magistrate wrote out an order giving the girl into our custody while an investigation was being made to see if she had anyone who had authority to object to our taking her. She had no one, and nothing could be done with the kidnappers for they said that she had come with them of her own accord. There was no evidence to prove that she had not, only the girl's word.

#### Sakurni Goes to Bettiah

We sent Sakurni away to Bettiah to school. That was in February, and in June Miss Walthers sent us a picture of her. It was certainly a different picture from the one she presented



when she first came to us. She has settled down nicely in school and is beginning to learn to read and to write, and above all she is learning more of the Saviour of the world. She went to Miss Walther and asked for baptism, as some of the other girls were going to be baptized. We felt that she was not quite ready and should have more teaching before taking that step. Her Indian name is "Sakurni," but since starting to school, she wanted to take the name "Ruth" so we let her.

**What Would You Do?**

People think we should not take in any more orphans, but what would you do in a case like this? If we had not taken her, she would have gone deeper and deeper into sin and her soul would have been lost. Surely Christ died for her. Her support while she is at school in Bettiah will cost us about \$3.00 a month, and we are certain that the Lord will supply that.

**Our Responsibility**

As missionaries here we feel our responsibility keenly. We are endeavoring to take every opportunity to preach Christ who is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. Of little Sakurni we ask in the words of Scripture, "Is not (she) a brand plucked out of the fire?" We are indeed praying for her that Christ will be formed in her heart by faith, and that she, being a new creature in Christ Jesus may be among those of whom it is written, "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in the day when I make up my jewels."

We appreciate the interest which many of you have shown in us and in the work which we are doing. We are looking unto Him who is able to bestow every blessing on you in abundance, so that having in every case all sufficiency at all times, you may have ample means for all good works. And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread for eating, will supply you with seed and multiply it, and will increase the benefits wrought by your giving.

**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.

**A Hausa Trader**

Everywhere we go there is the inevitable Hausa trader. Of no certain dwelling, he stays a while in one place, packs up, loads his donkeys, then with his wives and children carrying personal effects on their heads, he goes to the next prospective market.

On his mats are native medicinal herbs of all kinds, ginger, black pepper, red pepper, garlic, cinnamon, snuff, antimony crystals and the little pouches used for its powder, epsom salts, and many other items such as trinkets, rings, beads, bracelets, armbands, fishhooks, and string. Many also sell Moslem rosaries and printed Korans. They are shrewd bargainers and oftentimes people spend much time arguing over a tenth of a penny.

**Twenty-seven Million**

The British government estimates that there



A typical Hausa trader in the market, sitting on his mat, with his wares surrounding him.

are twenty-seven million people who understand Hausa. The writer has found Hausa traders in every West African colony he has visited. Their language is the trade language from Bambara on the west to Swahili on the east. The entire Bible has been completed in the Hausa language, published by the British and Foreign Bible Society, and is being widely circulated by the Faith Missions of West Africa.

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**Hot Dogs**

The Africans collect all meat scraps, intestines, lungs, et cetera, at the meat markets. They cut them all up into small pieces and stick them on green-wood skewers and stake them in a circle about a glowing fire of coals. They sprinkle peanut meal on them as they broil and turn them to be evenly cooked. Small boys carry them about like newsboys do papers and sell these dainty tidbits to all who want them—they are quickly sold to meat-hungry natives who lack money to buy cuts of meat. The writer saw one containing the following: pieces of ear and intestine, and eye and pieces of lung.

**NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE IN SYRIA**

While Yumna Malick is detained in America because of war conditions, her sister, Mrs. Ivanoff, is carrying on the work in Syria. Mrs. Ivanoff writes:

"It is with special gratitude that I write this letter of thanksgiving for the money which came to me recently from you for it came with unusual evidences of its being a gift from His own hand to us to meet our immediate needs.

"It was time for the fall opening of our school and we had no flour. We could not get flour without a permit from an official in Beyrout. After much prayer I wrote to the American Consul to help in getting the permit. By return mail the permit came so that I could have gone immediately to purchase the flour, but with what was I to pay for it? I tried to borrow money, but all to whom I applied refused to lend. Again we knelt and prayed. The very next day after the arrival of the permit your letter came with the bank draft, and it completely covered the bill! The flour is now neatly placed in our storerooms, and now for several days we have had bread.

"Of the work, may we report that it goes forward. We recently rented larger and better rooms for the Bedwin work. It seems that there are special evidences of God's power upon it. I brought one of their daughters to school to have her study the Scriptures in order to help for the future in their meetings. Many of these people have come into the city because of war conditions and are out of work and are in need. Two of the teachers visit afternoons among them praying, testifying and reading the Word of God. They are cordially received by all, and there have been some answers to prayer for healing.

"The Gospel Mission meetings are held twice weekly. Besides outsiders, a number of our school children attend the meetings voluntarily. All love to sing praises, read the Word or listen to testimonies and exhortations.

"We continue to visit the prison in Baabda and in Beyrout fortnightly, singing and preaching the gospel there."

**FROM THE FIELDS BEYOND**

**Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mock in Cuba**

At last we are writing from the "fields beyond." It is joy to report that Jesus' words, "And lo, I am with you always," is a new reality to us.

At the request of our Missions Department we have come to Cuba for as many months as seems His will, to study the language and to get acquainted with Latin-American people and ways. Many of their characteristics are the same as in any country. We are glad for this opportunity and want you to pray with us

that our time here will be used most profitably. Time really seems to slip away so rapidly in the tropics.

**A Need So Close**

Cuba is an island 750 miles long and about 70 miles in average width. It boasts, 4,500,000 inhabitants. Among these are many Chinese, Negroes, Indians, and refugee Jews. Catholicism is the dominating religion, but the gospel has the same power here as anywhere. The Christians that we have met surely are zealous and love their Lord as much as we do. It is hard to realize that there is such a needy and sadly neglected field so close to Christian America.

We can do very little now except listen, try to learn the language and preach now and then with one of our other missionaries interpreting. We have testified twice in Spanish, which sounded more like a first-grader learning to read. The Cubans enjoyed it anyway. Thank God, we can feel the Spirit and rejoice with the others as five have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit near here the past week. Pray with us missionaries for a great outpouring on this island as fewer than 200 have received the Holy Spirit.

**Our Trip Here**

We left Sioux Falls, South Dakota, September 19, and were ready to sail from Miami, Florida, October 3. Then came that hurricane that you no doubt read about, so it was October 7, before we said good-by to the U. S. A. for the first time in our lives. We were only 14 hours on the water. Next morning we sighted land, low green hills and later beautiful Habana harbor with its palms and picturesque Morro Castle (ancient fort) which guards the entrance to the harbor. Our ship, the Florida, was ready to dock by nine o'clock.

Brother and Sister L. W. Stokes, with their two-year-old twins and the station wagon were there to meet us. Without their help we should never have found our way through all the seeming rigmarole that is involved in landing in a foreign country. When we got our breath, we found ourselves five miles from the city limits on "The Farm," and eight-acre piece of property owned by our General Council Missions Department and used as a Bible School.

**Everything Different**

One surely finds everything different; the trees, the birds, the flowers, the people and their customs, the houses, the stores and even the buses. The buses look much the same as those at home but are shorter and lower, and go far too fast and reckless for comfort on their poor and very narrow streets. A bus is called a "guagua" which means "something for nothing," and you can understand this when we say we can ride ten miles for five cents. Almost everything else is much higher than in the States.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their gifts in money and goods that have enabled us to go forth. May God bless every pastor and assembly that have faithfully sent in their good missionary offerings regularly every month, because your faithfulness in the homeland makes it possible for us to be faithful in this foreign land.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mock

# THE DYING WORLD AND THE LIVING WORD

## IN JERUSALEM

Reported the New York *World Telegram* recently: "The mood of Jerusalem is evidenced by a shortage of Bibles in the European languages."

## THE SOUL OF THE RUSSIAN

In spite of Bolshevism and the anti-God teaching, reverence is ingrained in the heart of the Russian people. Lenin declared it was impossible to pluck religion out of the adults, so he would let them die out, and aim for the young generation. But the Communist Press has to admit that even the youths are largely religious.

The Bible has been forbidden and new generations are ignorant of its teachings, but Russian prisoners in Finland were glad to receive copies of the New Testament.

## THE FIG TREE IS BUDDING

Two thirds of the returned Jews in Palestine, states *Dawn*, are hand-workers of great variety, and only 15 per cent are tradesmen. In the city of Tel Aviv there are now 2,700 small factories and workshops. Over the new port of that city is the Hebrew inscription in huge letters, *Beruchim Hevaim* ("Blessed are those who enter"). The fig tree continues to bud! The fig tree represents the nation of Israel, and Jesus said, "When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer (the time of prophetic fulfilment) is near." Mark 13:28.

## ITALY IN PROPHECY

No one can be dogmatic about the interpretations of Bible prophecies, but many Bible students believe that Italy's place in prophecy is with Britain and other Mediterranean nations rather than with Germany or Russia. In that connection a report in *Time* in mid-October is significant. It discussed the possibility that Italy might make a separate peace with Britain and even turn against Germany. "Reports of a rift in the Berlin-Rome Axis, of dissension within the Axis countries, came last week from so many sources that they took on an aspect of credibility. German forces were reported massing at the Brenner Pass. Italy was said to be withdrawing troops from the Rumanian-Russian front and fortifying the Brenner. Italian peasants who watched the fortifications being built called them the *ligna non mi fido* (I-have-no-faith line)." The result of the present British drive across Italian Libya may help speed the day when Italy and Britain will again be on friendly terms.

## WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER

The world has been horrified by the awful slaughter that has been going on since Germany invaded Russia this summer. The bloodshed is far worse than at any period during the war of 1914-18. During those four years the German dead were 1,800,000, reports *Dawn*. During the first three months of the German-Russian war, according to Winston Churchill, from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 Germans have been killed, and the Russian death roll has been at least as large. As many have been killed in three months as were killed in four years a generation ago!

However even such slaughter cannot compare with the death rate of the whole world when God's final judgments shall be poured out. One half of all people are to die, for in Rev. 6:8 we read that a fourth part of men shall be killed with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with beasts. Then in Rev. 9:18 we read that two hundred million fierce creatures shall be loosed which shall destroy one third of those who remain, by fire and smoke and brimstone.

The Book of Revelation paints a dreadful picture of the judgments that are to come upon those who reject Christ. It is a solemn warning to sinners to flee to Him for mercy and forgiveness before the day of grace is past.

## THE POWER OF THE PRESS

Commented *The Watchman-Examiner* a while ago: "The Roman Catholic Church in the United States has 134 religious papers with a circulation of 2,400,000, and 197 reviews with a circulation of 4,000,000. These printed pages are, in large measure the secret of its growth. When will our Protestant people begin to manifest good horse sense?" (No doubt the circulation has since increased.)

Let us thank God for the Full Gospel literature we do have but let us pray for more literature and better literature. We are not making the most of what we have, however. It is possible for all of us to circulate our publications among more of our friends and neighbors.

## GIVING HEED TO A WARNING

According to the *Gospel Call* the following incident occurred not long ago somewhere on the Finnish-Russian front:

A lieutenant was awakened from sleep by hearing a voice which told him to arouse his men and move the tent. At first he thought he must be imagining things. Then he decided to heed the warning.

Awakening the seventeen soldiers who were with him, he related his experience to them. Immediately they acted upon the strange counsel and took the necessary steps to lower the tent and move.

Hardly had they gone 150 feet from where the tent had been located, when a bomb made a direct hit upon that very spot.

The lieutenant and his soldiers were greatly affected by this extraordinary happening and recognized that God had revealed Himself in this manner to save their lives. Was it an angelic warning? "He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Psalm 90:11.

## A CATHOLIC NIEMOLLER

"Not you, Herr Hitler, but Christ, is my Fuehrer." This is the cry of Martin Niemoller, the man who remains in a Nazi concentration camp because he refuses to acknowledge the State as supreme. Niemoller is a Protestant. He is friendly toward many Roman Catholic priests because of the similar stand they have taken, for he admires their courage, but the reports that he himself has turned Catholic are not true. He declares he never will change.

However, a "Catholic Niemoller" has arisen in Germany, according to *Time* and other papers. He is the Bishop of Munster in Westphalia. In August he preached three sermons in which he denounced Nazism so vigorously that Himmler wanted to have him shot. The Bishop's influence on the workers of Westphalia is so great, however, that Hitler fears there would be a major work stoppage if they harmed him.

The Bishop declared that injustices in Germany cried to heaven for redress, and that the country no longer had any law. He denounced Nazi use of euthanasia, revealing that many patients in his diocese had been taken away from asylums and put to death. He charged that the Ten Commandments were being violated with the knowledge and consent of all the national leaders—the first commandment by idolatry, the fourth by the actions of the Hitler youth on the Sabbath, the seventh by authorities who encouraged soldiers to become "war fathers," the eighth by Nazi leaders who were using their positions to enrich themselves personally.

He took a cue from Elijah who, when King Ahab said to him, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" replied, "I have not troubled Israel; but thou. . . ." The Bishop said, "If the Church is accused of disrupting the unity of a nation, the reply must be that the secret police is disrupting that unity in a way which concerns all Christians."

## AND SO I LOVE—

In this day of anti-Semitism, it is refreshing to the spirit of a child of God to find a poem like the following by Martha Snell Nicholson:

When I was just a little child  
I loved my mother so,  
I liked to touch what she had touched,  
And always tried to know  
The things she loved the best of all  
So I could love them too.  
I made a secret list of them,  
Although she never knew.

And now that I am grown I love  
My Heavenly Father so,  
And like a little child again  
I humbly seek to know  
The things which are most dear to Him,  
So I may love them too,  
And thus draw closer to His heart;  
And so I love—the Jew!

## AT A MILITARY CAMP

The New York *Herald-Tribune* of September 3 told of conditions at one of the military camps in Louisiana, as seen by a reporter on Sunday, Aug. 31. Sunday has been set as the payday for soldiers; and on the evening of that day, the 950 men of a certain regiment received some \$38,000 in cash, immediately after supper. No sooner was "chow" over than dice, poker, and blackjack games got under way. Much of the men's wages were lost to gambling sharks in the army tents. At the same time the army canteen was busy, and some 3,840 cans of beer were drunk that Sunday night by about half of the men, an average of eight cans to each man who drank. A few of the others attended a short religious service conducted by the regimental chaplain just before the evening "movie."

It should be borne in mind that one-fourth of the personnel of this regiment are "selectees," the rest being older regulars. This should give us an idea of the environment and temptations into which the drafted men are thrown. The need of praying for these young soldiers, and of doing all possible to win them for Christ by distributing gospel literature among them and inviting them to our churches and our homes, cannot be over-emphasized.

## A RABBI'S TESTIMONY

Dr. MacInnes, Bishop in Jerusalem, reported an interview with the eminent Jewish rabbi, Stephen Wise, in New York, saying:

"I was surprised to see a picture of an incident from the life of Christ; then I looked around and to my surprise found that every picture in his drawing room was a picture taken from the gospel. When he came into the room he said: 'I see you are interested in my pictures. I expect you are surprised to find pictures from the life of Christ in a Jewish rabbi's room.'

"I said, 'It is very surprising to me. Tell me what it means.'

"He said, 'We regard Him as not yours only but ours. He was the greatest Jew that ever lived. We want to venerate Him; we do venerate Him.'

"I said, 'Yes, that I can understand, but what beats me are these pictures of the Crucifixion. What do they mean to you? Why have pictures of the Crucifixion? Who was He whom you crucified?'

"He looked very grave. 'Well,' he said, 'that was the most tragic blunder we ever made. But there are bad men in every age. Caiaphas was a bad man. We have suffered for his iniquity ever since. But you want to know what I think of Him whom we crucified. I think the position is this—we regard him not so much as God come down to man, as a man who lived so near to God that he drew others with him into the Holy Presence.'

This rabbi, like many of his people, is "not far from the kingdom of God." Pray that such as are so apparently sincere and hungry for the truth may have their eyes open to behold Jesus as the Son of God, our Saviour and theirs.

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## Prophecies Concerning the Wonderful Babe

Lesson for December 21. Lesson Text:  
Isa. 7:14, 15; 9:6, 7; 11:1-10.

In just a few days the world will once again celebrate Christmas Day. And how the world celebrates! Each passing year finds the true meaning of Christmas buried deeper and deeper beneath gay and frivolous festivities and intemperate eating and drinking. And He whose birthday is being celebrated, is forgotten, while the hearts of men are bent on seeking their own pleasure. Little does the world at large realize WHO it is whose birth we celebrate on Christmas Day. Let us not be guilty of such ignorance! From one who spoke of Him more than 700 years before His birth, let us learn; and learning let us worship and adore! "Prophecies concerning the wonderful Babe"—observe—

### I. HIS NAMES

1. *Immanuel*. Isa. 7:14, 15. Isaiah predicts the virgin birth. His name shall be Immanuel, which means "God with us." Wonderful name! Immanuel—God manifested in the flesh (John 1:1, 14) in the person of His Son! God in our nature, the indwelling Christ. Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27.

2. *Wonderful*. Isa. 9:6. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given"—and then the prophet gives other descriptive names of this Child. HE IS WONDERFUL. The word, "wonderful," may also be translated "miracle." God had done many miracles in past ages. But Christ was THE miracle, the greatest miracle of all. His birth was miraculous; His life was miraculous; His acts were miraculous; His death was miraculous; His resurrection was miraculous; His ascension was miraculous; and His High Priestly ministry at the Father's right hand is now miraculously efficacious on our behalf.

He is Wonderful in His saving grace, in His healing power, in His baptizing power, in His sanctifying power, in His delivering and sustaining power. When the most eloquent of men has exhausted his vocabulary in vain effort to describe the person and work of our Lord, that person can only say, "HE IS WONDERFUL!"

3. *Counselor*. Christ is THE counselor, able to advise us in every detail of our lives. He is the personification of divine wisdom (Prov. 8:14-36), having had a part in the creation of the universe and having been acquainted with the counsels of God from eternity. Christ is the light of the world; those that follow Him shall not walk in darkness. John 8:12. God has given Him "the tongue of the learned" so that He knows just how to speak a word in season to the weary. Isa. 50:4. Perplexed soul, not knowing which way to turn nor how to choose, thou canst now find the solution to thy problem! Look now to THE COUNSELOR; He will guide thee and give thee rest!

4. *The Mighty God*. Just as Christ has wisdom and guidance for the puzzled ones, so He has power for the weak ones. He is not only man but God, the mighty God. "In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him." Col. 2:9, 10. "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." Matt. 28:18. Draw strength from this particular name of thy Lord, O

fearful one, questioning thine own ability to endure the testings and temptations of life! The same Babe who was born in a manger in Bethlehem, is even now the mighty One dwelling within thine heart! Zeph. 3:17.

5. *The Everlasting Father*. This name of Christ especially points out His protective power and tender love. "Like as a father pitieth his children so the Lord pitieth them that fear him." Psalm 103:13. When earthly fathers die their death ends their children's enjoyment of their protection, fellowship, and love. Our Christ is the everlasting Father. He lives forever. "Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end." It is ours now to enjoy the blessings of His fatherly love and care. And, far from ever having to be deprived of these blessings, the

## From Manger to Throne



time is coming when Jesus, the everlasting Father, shall return to earth to set up upon it His everlasting kingdom, His eternal household! May the day come soon!

6. *The Prince of Peace*. Jesus is Prince of Peace because He is the author of all true peace. "He is our peace" (Eph. 2:14), having reconciled us to God by His sacrificial death. He is the preserver of our peace, enabling us, through His Word and by a constant supply of His Spirit, to have inward poise and calm in the midst of sorrow, stress, and strain. Not only so, but this Prince of Peace is coming again to establish upon earth a kingdom of peace from which all strife, turmoil, and confusion shall be abolished.

II. HIS SPIRITUAL ENDOWMENTS. Isa. 11:1-3.

Verse one may be translated as follows: "A shoot shall come forth from the stump of the tree of Jesse (father of David), and a green branch shall grow out of his roots." Isaiah likens the Jewish nation to an oak tree which, though cut to a stump, will put forth from that stump a new growth. In other words, Isaiah says, "At a time when the house of David shall be almost exterminated, there shall come forth from its stump a green shoot—the Messiah Himself."

How truly was this fulfilled! At a time when the Jewish nation was in subjection to Rome, in an obscure village was a humble maiden who gave birth to a tiny Babe. And that Babe was the Son of God who brought salvation to mankind and who will one day restore Israel to a position of great spiritual and national power.

After speaking of the origin of the Messiah, Isaiah describes the spiritual endowments by which the Messiah shall rule and reign. Those characteristics are as follows:

1. *"The Spirit of wisdom"*—the gift needed by all leaders who are called upon to settle difficult cases. See 1 Kings 3:12, 16-28; John 8:1-11.

2. *"The Spirit of understanding"*—the ability to rightly discern and solve problems of human relationship. Much damage is done, much trouble caused and aggravated because people fail to understand one another. Jesus understood perfectly and was able, therefore, to deal perfectly and rightly prescribe for every man. Wise Christians, too, will covet the "spirit of understanding," and pray with Solomon, "Give . . . thy servant an understanding heart."

3. *"The Spirit of counsel and might."*

God's Spirit enabled Christ to guide men in the most difficult of affairs and to plan for their salvation and well-being. The same Spirit gave Him might or power to execute the things He had planned. Jesus not only planned salvation; He has the power to save!

4. *"The Spirit of knowledge."* No one else knew God as Jesus did. Consequently no one but Jesus could give us sure knowledge about God. Likewise, it is only to the extent that we know God for ourselves, that we can reveal Him to others.

5. *"The fear of the Lord."* In what sense did Christ fear God? He had such holy reverence for the Father as to choose His perfect will. John 8:29. Do we have this spirit too?

III. HIS KINGLY RULERSHIP. Isa. 11:4-9.

Isaiah now speaks of the manner in which Christ shall rule when He has set up His thousand year Messianic reign upon the earth. His reign shall be characterized by—

1. *Perfect impartiality*. "He shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears; but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth." Money often means power today. The world smarts under injustices, political graft and wirepulling, cruelty, and oppression. When Christ comes all this will be abolished. He who has perfect knowledge and is perfectly righteous will see that every man gets a "square deal."

2. *Perfect law enforcement*. "He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked." No more getting away with wickedness in that day; no bribery, or racketeering then! Lawlessness shall be instantly stopped and offenders instantly judged.

3. *Perfect peace*. Verses 6 to 9 (first clause). These verses show that peace is to be so universal that even the natures of animals will be changed. "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb," etc.

4. *Perfect evangelization*. "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." What a wonderful prospect! No more perishing millions who have never heard of Christ! And how comforting a verse when we consider the appalling and widespread ignorance of the true meaning of Christmas that exists in our own land. In that day the Christ shall not be neglected on His birthday!

O, Babe of Bethlehem, hasten Thy return; that Thou Thyself may be with us in Person when we celebrate the day of Thy birth!

# THE LORD'S HEALING

## HEALED OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

On last Christmas Day our 2-year-old baby boy was taken very sick with high fever and vomiting which lasted three or four days, during which time he completely lost control of his legs, the right one being more affected than the left. I called our pastor C. C. Garrett, but my husband took him to Dr. L. H. O'Guinn of Hialeah. He thought it was infantile paralysis and sent him to the hospital at Kendall, Florida for a complete examination. His spine was punctured and the fluid examined, and I was told my son had acute anterior poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) and must be taken to the isolation ward of Jackson Memorial Hospital at Miami. He was kept there two weeks, during which time at my home and in the church prayer was had unceasingly. I was not allowed to be with him, but the nurse told me he showed such marked improvement, pulling up and standing at the side of his bed, that the doctors were amazed. After two weeks they allowed me to take him home. He was taken to the Crippled Childrens' Hospital in Coral Gables for a check up. The doctor said the nerve had been dead but had been restored to life. In about two weeks after he was brought home he was his original normal self. He can run and play on that leg as well as ever. The doctor told me it was a very unusual case.—Mrs. E. W. Futch, 328 East 19th Street, Hialeah, Florida.

Ed. note—After holding this testimony for several weeks we wrote Sister Futch recently about the child. She replied that there was no sign of the paralysis left, that he is as well as ever. She told of his having had an attack of locked bowels in April, which became so serious that he was taken to the hospital where his fever was found to be 103 and an operation was directed. However she refused to have him operated on, prayer was offered and he was healed. This testimony is vouched for by Pastor C. C. Garrett, 1252 N. W. 33rd Street, Miami, Florida. Mr. Elmer W. Futch, the father, also signs the testimony.

## MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Wei Hsi, Southwest China—Pray for two native workers who are in charge of Lisu district and the station in Wei Hsi. Pray that God will stir the hearts of the people in Tali.—Mrs. Mary E. Lewer.

Jubbulpore, India—Pray that several young men who have received the Holy Spirit will stand true to God. As we work in the Central Provinces pray that many souls will come to Christ. Pray especially for the Indian soldiers.—J. M. Lewis.

Martandam, India—Please pray for nine children who were recently saved and baptized in the Spirit and for two Catholics who were saved. Also pray for the healing of two people and for a Hindu girl who is being persecuted.—Helen Lenart.

Punalur, India—Please remember us in prayer as we look to the Lord to lead us in opening up work among the Tamil speaking people of South India.—Clarence T. Maloney.

Colombo, Ceylon—Pray that God will bless the Word that has been given forth and the literature that has been distributed.—Kathryn Long.

25 de Mayo, Argentina—Please pray that our poor people will turn to the Lord in their anguish and that many souls will be saved as a result of the literature that has been distributed. Pray that the sick will be healed.—Alice C. Wood.

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil—Pray for definite pledged support for native workers and for God's blessing upon the work and workers. Pray that we will be able to take the gospel to new places and that the unsaved will come to the Lord.—Theodore Stohr.

Huancayo, Peru—We praise the Lord for those who recently have been saved. Pray for a revival.—L. Perkins.

Chimbote, Peru—Pray that we may get a suitable place for services in Casma.—A. I. Walker.

Baguio, Philippine Islands—Pray for an outpouring of the Spirit in Bethel Bible Institute and throughout these islands. Pray that many will turn to the Lord.—Elizabeth Galley and Gladys Knowles.

Chicago, Illinois—Pray that God's blessing will rest upon us as we go from door to door inviting Jewish people to attend the coming campaigns in the various sections of the city. Also pray for the speaker, Brother Marks.—Jeanette Fox. (Jewish Work)

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Thou art my Sabbath, Lord,  
My day of rest.  
In Thee my strivings cease  
And I am blest.

The weary, fruitless toil  
Of working days  
Is ended; and a song  
Of joy I raise.

Oh, holy is the day  
Of rest in Thee!  
No servile work nor care,  
But liberty!

No pleasure-seeking ease  
May mar the day;  
They rest while still they serve  
Thy will alway.

And on this day of rest  
Ne'er sets the sun;  
No nights and weary days  
Their courses run.

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# REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

LEBANON, ORE.—Recently we had a precious and profitable time with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Perryman of Sacramento, Calif. Souls were saved, backsliders reclaimed, believers baptized in the Holy Spirit, and saints encouraged in the Lord.—H. Ivan Ryan, Pastor.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—Just closed a 3-weeks revival which was a blessing and proved very successful. Twenty were saved, 12 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, 7 were baptized in water, and 11 united with the church. Our Sunday School has increased in number from 170 to over 200. Melvin Nicewonder of Bluefield, Va., was the evangelist.—R. L. Wilkerson, Pastor.

ASHER, OKLA.—A revival has been conducted here recently by Evangelist and

Mrs. Beauford Hannum of Enid. This meeting proved a great blessing to our church. I have been here two years and six months, and we have the best unity and sweetest fellowship now that we have ever had. Our people seem to be more anxious to pray and wait on God than ever before.—J. W. Hudson, Pastor.

MONETA, CALIF.—After three years in Exeter, we felt that God would have us go over and help them at Moneta. The church has prospered and has been blessed in every department. We have lots of new people and a growing Sunday School. Last night we closed a glorious revival with Evangelists Zola Grosscup and Jennie O'Brien. They were a great help to us.—C. E. Shields.

PARIS, ILL.—We have enjoyed a very

successful meeting at the Full Gospel Assembly, Fred Numrick of Springfield being the evangelist. The Lord wonderfully blessed his ministry. Several were baptized with the Holy Ghost, a goodly number were saved, and 12 were added to the church. The Sunday School attendance was almost doubled, and a spirit of revival still remains in the assembly.—E. R. Goff, Pastor.

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS—Just closed a 4-weeks revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul W. Harrington. The meeting was preceded by two weeks of prayer. This was one of the best revivals Plainview has had since our coming here almost three years ago. The spiritual tide rose, as the people united together in prayer and consecration. Many were reclaimed, some saved and baptized. The church has been greatly benefited by this good revival.—H. Paul Holdridge.

CHARLESTON, MO.—Our assembly just closed a very successful revival with the Benson Trio. Ten souls were saved, there was a large increase in the Sunday School,

4 new members were taken into the church, and the entire church was benefited. The evangelists not only sang and preached soul-inspiring messages, but they helped make a financial drive for the new church building. In our stay of nine months we have had three other successful revivals, conducted by Milton Beckett, Dewey Cole, and Idama Keeton. This work is marching on to victory.—Louise Copeland, Pastor; Virginia Chapman, Assistant.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—After a ministry of over 12 years, Mrs. L. A. Murphy has resigned as pastor of Bethel Assembly of God, 2300 N. Ninth St., and has been succeeded by Herbert McDaniels, under whom the church is going forward. There is a healthy spiritual condition, for which all are praising God. O. O. Murphy and Sister Murphy will continue their ministry, working in the Home Missions field and as loyal members and helpers in the church which was brought into existence by them, under the leadership of the Lord. Brother McDaniels is a young Council minister, and a hearty welcome awaits the visiting brethren.—Mrs. L. A. Murphy.

**FITSTOWN, OKLA.**—On November 4 the church here voted us in as pastor. We have been here two weeks and have been well satisfied with each service. The Sunday School attendance is very good and is growing. Our C. A.'s are all consecrated, and there is a goodly number of them. T. J. Lemon, the former pastor, has accomplished a great work. He was well loved and every member was sorry to see him go; but he felt God was moving him to another field of labor. We know the Lord has His hand on him. We feel that God is going to give us a greater church in every way. We are looking forward to the National Week of Prayer, January 4-11, and believe it will be one of the greatest times in the history of this church.—Mr. and Mrs. Ossie B. Jones, Pastors.

**CHICKASHA, OKLA.**—We are grateful to the Lord for the precious way He blessed in our recent 2-weeks revival with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. White, Shelbyville, Tenn., Evangelists. The presence of God came down in each service, convicting, saving, and healing those who knelt at the altar. A number were saved, reclaimed, and baptized in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. People stayed at the altar and prayed until late at night. One night a number prayed until 2:30 a. m. God answered prayer and brought all the saints into greater unity and fellowship. People who had never before been to our church attended this revival, some of them being saved and filled. All departments of the church, including Sunday School and C. A.'s, were built up spiritually and encouraged to go forward in a greater way.—W. C. Gilbert, Pastor.

**MILWAUKEE, WIS.**—It was the privilege of the saints at Glad Tidings Temple to have Harry E. Bowley of Coffeyville, Kansas, for his first fall campaign since entering the evangelistic field. The deep teaching given under the anointing of the Spirit, was blessed of God in the revelation of spiritual truths. New consecrations were made by the youth, and the church received encouragement and strength to press forward. One Sunday afternoon a union service was held for all the Full Gospel churches in the city. Several of the ministers expressed their appreciation of the good ministry of the Word. Although the evangelist has gone to other fields of labor, the presence of God continues to be felt in our midst. We feel that the Lord will use Brother Bowley in the ministry of evangelism because of his complete consecration to the plan of the Lord.—Arthur Bell, Pastor.

**SHOOKSTOWN, MD.**—We praise God for definitely dealing with souls in our midst during the 2½ weeks of revival with Evangelist T. J. Kerfoot, Grand River, Ohio. There were 21 who took membership, of which number 5 received the Baptism and 6 were immersed in water. Several testified to definite healing. One woman claimed to have been operated on while she was under the power of God. One young girl in a vision received a call to "go and tell them," when she saw multitudes of people in darkness and Jesus calling unto her. A sweet spirit of unity is prevailing among us. Another soul was saved last Sunday night, and two sick people have been healed since the revival closed. The Pentecostal fires are burning continually in our midst. Brother Kerfoot's ministry stirred the people to seek God in a greater measure.—Anna P. Polta, Pastor, and Eva Hogans, Coworker, Route 5, Frederick, Md.

## 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.

**GRANITE CITY, ILL.**—Community Heights Church; revival in progress; V. R. Jackson, Evangelist.—Ray Willis, Pastor.

**ALPENA PASS, ARK.**—Revival in progress; Charles Fiant, Evangelist.—Bill Hickman, Pastor.

**ESCALON, CALIF.**—Meeting in progress; Light Bearers' Quartet, Evangelists.—C. Ely Persing, Pastor.

**WINNEBAGO, NEBR.**—Nov. 30—: El Bertha Deane Steinie, Evangelist.—M. J. Hiserote, Pastor.

**HOT SPRINGS, ARK.**—508 Seventh St.; Dec. 2, for 3 weeks or longer; Arthur S. Arnold, Oklahoma City, Okla., Evangelist.—L. L. Riley, Pastor.

**WANCHESE, N. C.**—Dec. 17—: Mr. and Mrs. C. Merrill Johnson, Hiawatha, Kansas, Musical Evangelists.—Willie Mizelle, Pastor.

**ALLEN TOWN, PA.**—125 South 8th St.; Dec. 9, for 4 weeks or longer; Gay Benson of Philadelphia, Evangelist.—J. J. McShane, Pastor.

**LONGMONT, COLO.**—Revival in progress; Hazelle E. Reed and Evelyn Bethurum, Grand Island, Nebr., Evangelists.—Glenn A. Reed, Pastor.

**STEVENS POINT, WIS.**—Gospel Tabernacle, South Church St., Nov. 30—; Esther Cofield and Evelyn Klefas, Evangelists.—N. L. Shotwell, Pastor.

**AUBURN, CALIF.**—1443 Lincoln Way; Dec. 2-14, or longer; Roland Hummel, Philadelphia, Pa., Evangelist.—Maurice H. Luce, Pastor.

**HOUSTON, TEXAS.**—Manchester Assembly; Nov. 30, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Malrough.—Paul J. Broyles, Pastor, 9136 Ave. P.

**NEW ALBANY, IND.**—2101 E. Oak; Nov. 23, for 3 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Heath, Fort Morgan, Colo., Evangelists.—G. W. Payne, Pastor.

**FARMINGTON, MICH.**—Gospel Assembly, Nov. 30—Dec. 14; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Davenport.—Orville J. Windell, Pastor.

**DARDANELLE, ARK.**—Nov. 30, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist June Newbold and coworker, Viva May Calkins.—D. A. Reed, Pastor.

**NEW BROCKTON, ALA.**—In Bible School Building; Dec. 2, for 2 weeks or longer; Lenward J. Reece, Meridian, Miss., Evangelist and Musician. Special Christmas and New Year's services.—Asa E. Hughes, Pastor.

**GREENVILLE, S. C.**—Sectional C. A. Rally, First Assembly of God, Park and Gridley St., Sans Souci, Dec. 21, 3:00 p. m. All C. A.'s urged to attend; bring musical instruments. Special singing and music. Glenn Utey of Greenwood, Speaker.—G. E. Wilson, Field Representative.

**MOOSIC, PA.**—Full Gospel Tabernacle; Nov. 26, for 3 weeks or longer; Roy P. "Frosty" Foster, Kansas City, Mo., Evangelist. Neighboring churches and pastors cordially asked to support these meetings.—F. S. Van Meter, Pastor.

**NORTH BERGEN, N. J.**—Bible Convention, Gospel Tabernacle, Hudson Blvd. and 51st St., Dec. 11-14. Services evenings 7:45, also Saturday 3:00, and Sunday 10:45 and 3:00. Different speakers at each service. Northern New Jersey Ministerial Fellowship Meeting will meet at the Tabernacle, Dec. 15; services 10:00, 2:00, and 7:45.—Nicholas Nikoloff, Pastor.

**S. CUMBERLAND, MD.**—Workers' Meeting, Jan. 4-10. Three meetings daily. Speakers: Flem Van Meter, Superintendent Eastern District; H. Strickland, Superintendent Potomac District, and Arthur H. Graves, Secretary Potomac District. All pastors and workers encouraged to attend. Rooms will be provided. Write Pastor Clely H. Jacobs, 23 Elder St., S. Cumberland Md.

**SILAM SPRINGS, ARK.**—Ozark Section Bible and C. A. Conference, beginning Jan. 5 and continuing throughout the week. First service 10:00 a. m. District Superintendent David Burris and C. A. President Agnes Stokes in charge. All our ministers, C. A. and Sunday School workers urged to attend. David B. Jagers is pastor.—Omer Jarrell, Presbyter.

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

**ADVANCE, MO.**—Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Run Branch Assembly, all day, Dec. 15. Ministers' meeting 1:00 p. m. Alvin Farmer of Dexter will bring morning message.—L. C. Ramsey, Presbyter.

**WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.**—Western North Carolina Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Waughtown and Dacian Sts., Dec. 15. Services 10:30, 2:30, 6:30, and 7:30.—F. Wildon Colbaugh, Pastor.

**KIRKWOOD, MO.**—C. A. Rally, St. Louis Section, McKinley and Magnolia Sts., Dec. 14, 2:30 p. m. Richard Vinyard is pastor.—Lester Shockley, President; by E. J. Boettcher, Secretary.

**ITHACA, N. Y.**—Central New York Fellowship Meeting, First Pentecostal Church, 521½ Meadow St., Jan. 1. J. Boyd Wolverson is pastor.—Robert T. McGlasson, Sectional Secretary, 28 Vincent St., Carthage, N. Y.

**HOLT, MO.**—Sectional Fellowship Meeting, North Missouri Section, Dec. 15. Services begin at 10:00 a. m. Special dedication of new Tabernacle in afternoon. Bring basket dinner and musical instruments. Glen McClure is presbyter.—Ross Chittim, Pastor.

**BIG STONE GAP, VA.**—Joint Fellowship Meeting for Tennessee and Virginia, Dec. 13. Services 10:00, 2:30, and 7:30. P. H. Lowe, Presbyter of East Tennessee, and A. H. Morrison, Presbyter of Southwest Virginia, in charge. Evening service will be for the young people of both Districts.—Andell L. Todd, Pastor.

**AMARILLO, TEXAS.**—Mid-Winter Prayer Conference, Jan. 19-22. Monday night, Fellowship Meeting. Five-district meeting.—Texas, West Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and New Mexico. Three full days of prayer, consecration, and spiritual refreshing. For further information write Pastor E. R. Foster, 900 N. Pierce St., Amarillo, Texas.

**H. Paul Holdridge, Secretary-Treasurer, West Texas District.**

**DAYTON, OHIO.**—State Ministers' Institute, Bethel Temple, 108 Buckeye St., Jan. 12-14. Harry E. Bowley, Coffeyville, Kan-

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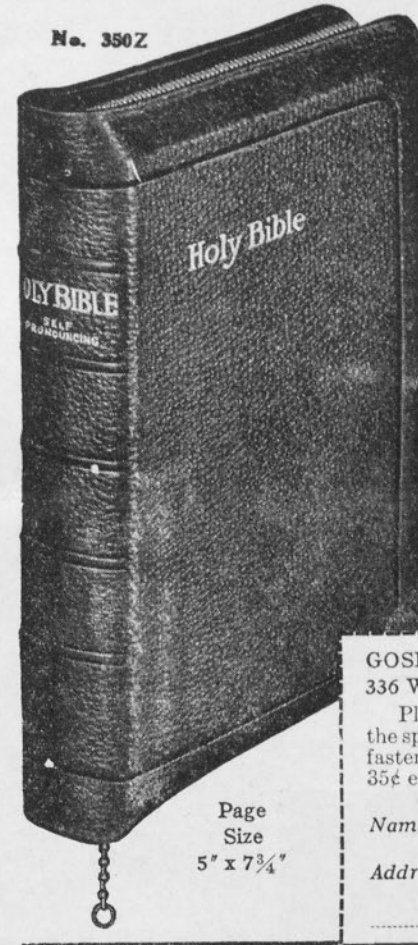
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NEW ADDRESS—212 E. Walnut St., Sisseton, S. Dak. "We have accepted the pastorate here."—Mr. and Mrs. Milton Barfoot.

WANTED—Bibles, Testaments, Evangelists, tracts, C. A. Herald's, S. S. literature, picture rolls, for free distribution.—Mrs. Stella Holcomb, Route 1, Austinville, Va.

WANTED—Bibles, Testaments, books, songbooks, mottoes, papers, and tracts to distribute to the gospel hungry in West Central Arkansas. Please send post-paid.—E. McLain Bible Evangelistic Crusade, Dardenelle, Ark.

WANTED—Right persons for Home Missionary effort at Rome, Ga. New church, well seated with 250 chairs, also living

apartment. No membership, but good city. Workers must have musical talent and be able to preach, also means of their own or a trade by which to get support. Give good references to S. W. Noles, District Superintendent, Box 1101, Columbus, Ga.

NOTICE—If anyone having soldier friends at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., will send me their name and company number, I will be glad to contact them. Our church is located at 714 Lee St.—Pastor A. P. Bilbo, 1203 Lee St., Biloxi, Miss.

NOTICE—Pastors or relatives having friends or loved ones in the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Livermore, Calif., please send their names to Pastor Carl T. Carlin, Wayside Chapel, 563 North L St., Livermore, Calif., and he will gladly visit them.

NOTICE—Friends and relatives of soldiers stationed at Ft. Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska, are urged to notify them that a live and going group of Soldier's A's invites them to attend Sunday evening meetings at 6:45 at Anchorage Gospel Tabernacle, Club Room of Odd Fellows Hall. Or write Pastor J. M. Reb, Box 1855, Anchorage, or C. A. President, Pvt. Dak Gill, Bat. A., 75th Coast Artillery, Fort Richardson, Alaska.

CALVARY TEMPLE ON 4 STATIONS—The Gospel Fireside Hour, from Calvary Temple, Winnipeg, Canada, can now be heard every Sunday over Stations CIRC Winnipeg, 630 kilos., CJGX Yorkton, Sask., 1430 kilos., and CJRM Regina, Sask., 980 kilos., at 10:00 p. m.; also over Station CKOV Kelowna, B. C., 630 kilos., at 10:15 p. m. All times given are local.—Watson Argue, Pastor.

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 "House of Prayer," Sundays 5:00-5:30 p. m., Station KTMS, Santa Barbara, Calif., 1220 kilos. Will announce special meetings of any Assembly church in district. Write us a letter.—Curtis R. Nims, Pastor.

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Thief River Falls Gospel Tab	27.00
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Walker Full Gospel Assembly	1.00
Willmar Gospel Tabernacle	122.41
Worthington Gospel Tabernacle	10.00
MISSISSIPPI Personal Offerings	6.60
Biloxi Lee St Assembly of God SS	32.00
Hampton Sharon Chapel	3.70
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MISSOURI Personal Offerings	182.56
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has never been to school. She knows almost nothing of the world lying outside of her garden gate. The only people she knows are the members of her family and a few close friends. Her ideas about God and His beautiful world are just beginning to be formed. With children older and more worldly-wise than herself she is bewildered. Their experiences are so much broader than hers. Yet, trembling silently in her eyes and on her lips lie questions which are crying to be answered.

She could be in your Sunday School. Have you consecrated your efforts to bring her to God—in the way she can best understand?


You cannot do it by herding her into a class with a group of Primaries. She must be taught with other children of her own age (4 and 5 years) by the methods best suited to their needs.

Perhaps you are still trying to teach your Primaries and Beginners in the same class. To divide them will mean a real pioneer effort—a step of faith. But let's be pioneers for God! He will meet us! All over the country, where schools have had the vision to divide their younger children, God has given two classes—in many cases, both larger than the first class.

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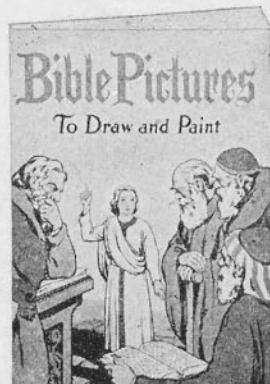
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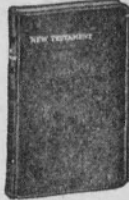
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