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THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS

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Does It Work?

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WE are living in an intensely practical age; an age of machines, an age of mass production.

The test of everything is, what can it do? How many miles an hour, how many revolutions a minute, how many articles "turned out" a day. This is how things are valued. Horses, automobiles, airplanes, liners become famous according to their speed.

Men are asking for *efficiency*. Neither men nor machines can live on a past reputation. It is their practical value that matters. Antiques interest the few, achievement the many.

Some time ago a series of articles entitled "The Faith of Youth," appeared in a newspaper. One of the writers said, "*Youth will not accept religion as a tradition, will not accept, unquestioned, second-hand creeds, and age-worn dogmas. Youth seeks in religion a work-a-day ideal, a religion that can be applied to every minute of every day.*"

He was quite right. Young people are impatient, not to say intolerant, of churches, creeds, dogmas and ritual unless they touch life at its vital spots.

They are puzzled and perplexed with the many competing faiths of today. But the test applied to them all is "What's the good of it?" "Will it make any difference to my life?" "What is its value in the strain and stress of life?" "Will it be any help in the rough and tumble of life?" "Does it work?"

Eucken says there are four stages in religious beliefs: *faith, criticism, experience, and the final livable creed*. By which he means—

1. *Credulity*.—Swallowing all we were taught as children without question.

2. *Criticism*.—Turning on our beliefs and doubting them.

3. *Credence*.—Finding at last some rock on which to place our feet.

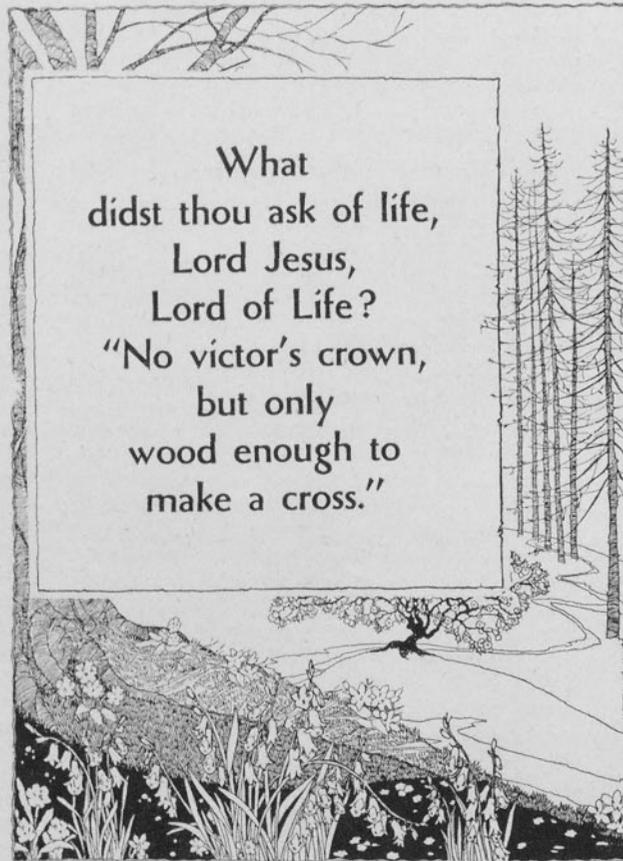
4. *Conviction*.—Having tested it, and found that it works in daily life, it becomes our final creed, which we cannot help believing.

It is for such a faith that men are hungering; a faith that can be proved and tested in the fires of experience; a faith which does not fail in any emergency or exigency of life; a *faith that functions*.

"It's all very well to talk like that, sir," said an interrupter to a preacher. "If you had seven little bairns at home crying for their mother who will never come back, and your heart was broken, you wouldn't have much faith in a God of love."

It was a challenge to the preacher. Had he a faith that could function in adversity?

A remarkable picture, entitled "Checkmated," hung on the walls of a gallery, and people came from far and near to see the artist's work in which he had depicted a game of chess being played between the devil and a young man.



A look of grim satisfaction is on the face of the devil, as much as to say, "Now, I've got you, my boy!"

Every line on the young man's countenance speaks of defeat and despair. He can see no way out, no solution to the problem.

The picture is a perfect portrayal of a fellow who has gone down in the hour of temptation.

How many there are today who know this sense of importance. Try as they may, they cannot win. They are beaten. They have discovered how diabolically cunning the devil is. He takes no holidays. He is never off duty. He lays siege for their souls. His assaults are crafty, clever, insidious. He overcomes move by move. First in the thought life when we are alone, and "he insinuates low imaginings and evil purposes which steam up in the mind and make the windows dim." Then in the desires, ambitions, and affections, and finally in the deliberate act of sin.

Truly life for us all is a battlefield, not a playground. We must either fight or rot.

And does anyone read these lines who has not longed for a *faith that functions* in hours of temptation; a faith that can deliver when we are checkmated and in despair?

It was in the trenches. The platoon stood waiting in suspense while the tense moments were ticked out on the officer's watch, till the word of command should be given to go over the top into no-man's land. In a lull of the barrage the low-toned word of a Christian lad was heard, "*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.*"

"Shut up your canting hypocrisy," answered back another soldier. A moment later the command was given and over they went. The boy who had spoken the words of faith fell dead. His faith had functioned in the hour of death. The other man rolled wounded into a shell hole.

Adversity! Temptation! Death!

Have you a faith that functions in these three? Go back a moment to the story of the interrupter. There is a sequel to it. A week later the preacher himself was plunged into deep sorrow by the sudden death of his wife. In the same place where he had told of his faith he stood by her coffin and said, "If the man is here who challenged me last week, I want him to know that now when my heart also is broken, all that I said then is still gloriously true. I am proving now the upholding strength of Christ, and His love is as real to me today as it was last week, so that I can say, 'Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.'"

The man rose from the back of the hall, and, coming forward, said, "Tell me, sir, how I can have a faith like that."

There is a sequel also to the story of the picture. Paul Murphy, the world's champion chess player of that time, heard of the picture, and went to see it. Studying it closely, at last he exclaimed, "I can save him yet!—Bring me a chess board." Placing the chessmen as in the picture, he said, "Look! there is just one move which will save him from the devil."

Christ is the master of the devil. He has met and conquered him at Calvary. This risen Christ has a thousand moves by which He can deliver every defeated, despairing soul out of the power of sin and Satan. Every man who trusts this Christ, and yields obedience to Him finds the faith that functions in the hour of temptation, and is able to say, "I can do all things through Christ."

Finally, the man who rolled wounded into the shell hole, thought as he lay there, "I wish I had that fellow's faith," and while he waited for the ambulance men he sought the Saviour, and on his return to England sought out the lad's mother in some little village, to tell her that her son's last words led him to find that same faith which had functioned for her boy in the hour of death.

What then is this faith?

Listen!—"I know *whom* I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which

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The Pentecostal Outpouring of the Last Days

DAVID H. McDOWELL

A REMARK was made to the writer by a minister in 1907, that the Pentecostal manifestation would soon blow over and come to nought. He warned me that I had better watch and not be caught drifting with some unworthy movement and become entangled in the meshes of false doctrine of the last days.

I said that if this experience of Pentecost—I meant the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, evidenced by the speaking in tongues—was wrong and false and unfounded on any scriptural teaching, then I would be ready to say that there was nothing real or dependable, and that I would be fully warranted in rejecting the whole Bible as a "jumble of religious ramblings." But it is in accordance with the Scriptures. I believed that this work came from God and had the seal of God upon it and had all the earmarks of a genuine scriptural experience. I recall some of the truths taught and the experiences through which we passed in those days. I will recount some of these.

1. *A greater revelation of the truth and power of the cross of Calvary and the necessity of insisting as never before on the vicarious death of the Lord Jesus.*

2. *A clear and unmistakable revelation of the person and deity of Christ.* How clear and definite the Holy Spirit made the Godhead of the Lord Jesus to the simple heart of faith and trust. There could be no mistaking that Christ had risen indeed and was at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. One could better doubt his own existence than this wonderful fact. It stood out clear, shining as the sun in the heavens, and was just as real to the spiritual perceptions as the sun is to the natural. No mistaking this. No cunningly devised fable here. If this were a hallucination, then there is nothing real.

3. *A missionary cry went up everywhere and there was a definite longing and yearning for the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth—the gospel in all its power and fullness—a longing to tell the nations the glad tidings of Christ's death and resurrection.* This could not be the ravings of a false experience. This universal desire, springing almost simultaneously in the hearts of God's people everywhere, could not be the work of Satan. There was a certain constraining inward heart appeal amounting almost to an overwhelming, consuming desire that would brook no interference. This could not be other than the yearning of a God of love for a lost world being transmitted to the hearts of His saints through the mighty Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The devil is not an advocate of missions desiring to publish the "glad tidings of great joy to all peoples."

4. *Miracles of healings were manifested in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.* Of course one might say that this feature was not new and that others had believed and experienced healings also. But there can be no gainsaying that there was an increasing manifestation in this respect, and that the truth of "Christ for the body" was on the increase and was definitely associated with the mighty activities of the Holy Spirit in this revival. Testimonies by the score could be recounted here of healings of all manner of sicknesses and diseases.

5. *Emphasis was laid upon the premillennial return of Christ to the earth.* The prophecies of the Bible were unfolded and emphasized in a wonderful way to an ever-increasing number of those who were being brought into the fold.

6. *The opposition of the devil.* It is certain that the devil would not oppose anything coming from himself or with which he has anything to do, but he would rather stimulate and encourage it. He understands also that the most potent weapon with which to fight this work is a counterfeit experience, and so it is not to be wondered at

that he sent about his emissaries to represent this work and testify to the experience, while carrying on anything but a godly and Christlike walk. In the newness of this revelation the people of God were reluctant to put their hands upon anything or to reprove any manifestation for fear they might be quenching the Holy Spirit.

But as the work progressed and men equipped with a knowledge of the Scriptures and an understanding of the truth of God relative to this work were raised up, there was a change brought about. Through the instruction of the Word of God, the saints rallied to the truth and the work took on definite progress. As at the beginning, "the Word of God increased and multiplied." Men were raised up to distinguish between the true and the false and the standards were raised and the work established throughout so that instead of the prophecy that "it would soon die out and pass away," being fulfilled, it has increased and multiplied greatly so that it is today become one of the greatest factors in the support of belief in the fundamentals of the Scriptures.

Indeed the Pentecostal revival might be termed "Fundamentalism Plus," that is, a movement standing solidly for the plenary and verbal inspiration of the Scriptures as the Living Word of God; and standing for all the fundamental teachings of this sacred and Holy Book, plus the personal heart experience attained by passing from a mere intellectual knowledge of truth to a realization of these sacred truths as the experiences of the heart in daily practice.

In a word, the Christ of the Bible is not only a person who trod this earth and taught precepts and principles, but He is one who lives in the heart of the believer in a practical and wonderful way. It is the *plus* that the devil hates. Learn all you desire to know about the Bible, study the truths all your life, but for the devil's sake, don't ever permit these truths to become real in your heart and life. Don't ever attempt to yield yourself in surrender to the Master, for if you do it will hinder the purposes of God's enemy, the devil. That is Satan's way.

God's way is to study the Scriptures, know all you can about the truth, then by faith and consecration let the Holy Spirit come in and make Christ a real factor. This is the greatest need of man today. The Holy Spirit insists on positive heart experience and practical fellowship and communion with Jesus Christ. When you take this fact out of the Bible and out of Christian experience, you have nothing left but an empty shell. Jesus is the foundation, the center, the circumference. He is the heart and life of Christianity. When you take Christ out you have nothing left.

Therefore Pentecost stands for reality in the life. Otherwise it would join the ranks of those having mere outward religion, known in the teaching of precepts and dogmas, and of such folks we have quite a plenty in the world. The great need of the world today is Jesus Christ, the Person, enthroned in the heart and life by the Holy Spirit. Jesus, the object and love of the heart! Praise His matchless name! "My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich (self-satisfied in personal attainments) He hath sent empty away."

7. *A love for Christ.* This is to me one of the greatest and most wonderful of thoughts. This Pentecostal blessing has brought a deep, tender love for the Lord Jesus into the heart. He is so real to the heart and life. Jesus, oh, how sweet the name! How it thrills the whole being with tender devotion and expectation. Not a phantom vision of a principle, not an ideal, not a religious

theory, not merely a name to think about and chant in hymns and psalms, nay verily, A PERSON the only begotten Son of God crucified, risen, ascended, glorified, who received the gift of the Holy Spirit at the hand of the Father and poured HIM forth into the hearts of the believers to manifest His presence in the heart. Hallelujah! How amazing! Jesus glorious Lord of lords deigns to call me His beloved, and shelters me beneath His wings.

8. *This thought then naturally leads to the inevitable, viz., prayer, communion, and a love for the Scriptures.* One cannot love Christ without desiring to commune with Him and this includes a love for His precious Word. Thank God we are not devoted to a mere religion of words and dogmas, but to fellowship with the real person of Christ. How real it is! How wonderful! And it is the privilege of every person who will forsake sin, and turn to Christ in repentance and faith in His vicarious death and resurrection. Because He lives, thou shalt live also.

Everywhere all over the world churches and missions have sprung up and this work is progressing. Hundreds and thousands of souls have been saved and are still being saved. Instead of the work dying out, it is on the increase, because it is founded upon a Rock. It reminds one of the words of Gamaliel, "If this work be of men it will come to nought, but if it be of God, we cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found even to fight against God."

The churches have gradually been returning to the world since the Reformation. But God is raising up a witness, strong and powerful, that is going to the ends of the earth amidst much opposition. Let the love of Christ constrain us to hold fast and press on into deeper depths and higher heights of His bounty and matchless grace.

Jesus is soon coming and the Holy Spirit is yearning to prepare your life for that glad some event. Lay this article down, go off somewhere alone with God, and there before Him with an open Bible, turn your life inside out. Do it in faith; do it in confidence; make much of the Blood of Christ for your entire cleansing and sanctification; yield and consecrate your all to Him, and the Holy Spirit will come into your life as He did into the church on the day of Pentecost and as He is coming into the lives of hundreds and thousands over the world this very day. Come, believe, pray, yield, and be filled, and then go forth and be waiting for the coming of the living, loving Bridegroom of your heart. Amen.

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I have committed unto Him against that day." It is faith, not in a thing, but in a Person. Not in a creed, nor a church, but in "the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Faith involves trust, repose, committal, dependence.

The man who puts his trust, not in his own good deeds, but only in the sacrifice of Christ upon the Cross for the forgiveness of his sins; the man who receives the living Christ into his heart and life, and depends, not upon his own resolves, but upon the presence of this indwelling Christ for power over daily temptation; the man who surrenders his life to the control and kingship of Christ to do His will at all costs, the man who does these three things, has found the "faith that functions."

Have you? If not—why not?

God has a plan for every one of us, a special place for each one of us to fill. We may choose or refuse God's plan. Which are you doing?

The Great Physician

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DIVINE healing is one of the fundamentals of the Word of God. The subject becomes paramount when we consider the fact that sickness and disease are on a steady increase in all parts of the world, and the curse of many ailments is reaching out like the long arms of an octopus to seize humanity. An army of physicians, surgeons and nurses is steadily growing to meet the demand of the afflicted for relief from pain. Medical science has made many remarkable advances in the past decade, and much has been accomplished to relieve vast multitudes of their afflictions. There are still, however, thousands upon thousands of cases that are considered incurable and past any human aid.

So it is with joy that we are able to turn to the Scriptures and read that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever." A casual reading of the Bible will reveal to us that when Jesus Christ was on earth He had a love for sick and afflicted folk, and that He healed all that were afflicted, and cast out the evil spirits with His word.

The Son of God entered the humble home of Peter, only to discover that his wife's mother lay sick of a fever. But it took nothing more than the touch of His hand on her hand to remove the fever, and she arose to care for the house and minister to her Guest.

After delivering the mighty sermon on the mount great multitudes followed Him. At the bottom of the mountain a leper cried for the cleansing of the Christ. Said he, "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." Then the cleanest hand of all history, the hand of God's only begotten Son, was stretched out to touch the vilest and most loathsome of earth's diseases, and the leper was clean.

The Gospel according to Matthew tells of a Roman army official, a centurion, who came to Him on behalf of a sick servant who was suffering with the palsy. Undoubtedly this was a serious case, for he said that the man was grievously tormented. Jesus offered to come and heal him, but the centurion, being a Gentile, declared that his house was not worthy to be graced with the presence of the Christ of God. He stated that he was a man of authority, and that to those under him his word was law and demanded obedience. His faith rose high when he said that if Christ would only speak the word the servant would be healed, for he had confidence that Jesus had authority over all sickness, disease and the power of evil spirits. Christ marvelled at his faith, and bade him to go his way, and said that it would be done. His servant was healed in the self same hour.

Then there is the narrative of the man who was born blind. He was healed when Christ anointed his eyes with the clay that He had made from His own spittle, and told him to go and wash in Siloam's Pool. The healed man was a consternation to his neighbors, to his relatives, and also the religious leaders of the day. That which he had received was most definite though, for he said, "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."

But there is possibly no more touching story in all Scripture than that of the healing of the woman with the issue of blood. For twelve years she had endured the suffering of her ailment. All of this world's goods that she possessed had been invested in every known remedy, but it was all in vain. Her case was notorious for many physicians had worked on her, but their treatments had only added more suffering. She was steadily growing worse and it seemed as though only the merciful hand of death could deliver her from that painful body. The good news that Jesus was in the vicinity reached her one day, and no time was lost in getting as near to Him as possible. The crowd

that was following Him was large, but this dear soul got in with the stream of people and kept her eyes on the Saviour. The thought flashed through her mind that if she could only touch the border of His garment she would be instantly healed. His presence had inspired courage and faith. She elbowed her way through that happy crowd until she was close to Him, and then she touched the hem of His garment. Instantly she felt in her body the healing virtue of Jesus. The bondage of the plague was gone and she was healed.

Immediately Jesus stopped to discover who had touched Him. He said that virtue had gone from His body and He knew that some ailing person had made contact with Him. The disciples argued that there was a large crowd there, and that everyone was pushing and crowding against Him. Many had touched Him. But He knew that someone had done so in a peculiar way.

Filled with a mixture of happiness at the relief from pain, and the blessing in her soul, and also a consternation for fear that she had taken too much for granted, she fell at His feet and confessed all. The tender loving heart of our Saviour went out to her when He said, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace." More welcome words than these were never heard on earth, by such an afflicted person.

Yes, during His earthly ministry the blind were made to see, the dumb spoke, the deaf heard and the lame walked. Internal, organic, and external defects of the human body were all cured by the touch and command of the Man of Glory.

To realize that He is the same today as when He was here on earth nineteen centuries ago, is a great blessing. The first that I ever heard of this was in 1916. The revival and fires of Pentecost attracted our family, and my grandfather and mother and myself were all healed of long endured affliction and disease.

If the Word of God is obeyed, as directed in James 5:13-16, we have every right to expect the healing touch in our bodies, making them completely whole. The sick are instructed to call for the elders, who will anoint them with oil and lay their hands on them. The prayer of faith is to be offered. The virtue is not in the oil, but rather in the anointing of the Spirit which it signifies. There is no virtue in the elders' hands, but there is in the hands of Jesus that were pierced for you. As His servants we lay our hands on, in faith that His hand will also be laid on you, and you will recover.

The Bible is full of promise to sick folk. In the book of Exodus God promised that He would bring none of the afflictions of the Egyptians upon the people of Israel, "for I am the Lord that healeth thee." In the same book He also said, "I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." The Psalmist gave an exhortation to bless the Lord, "who forgiveth all thine iniquities, and healeth all thy diseases."

In the Gospels Jesus declared that "all things are possible to him that believeth." He also said, "Have faith in God,—whatsoever things ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." These are but a very few of the precious promises that are extended to us. What more need be said? God has revealed Himself as the All-sufficient One, who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. So come in faith all ye that are sick and afflicted. Whether your ailment is of a minor or major nature, remember, He is just the same today, and He will heal you now.

"WE WILL NOT COME DOWN"

When Sanballat and Tobiah realized that the wall of Jerusalem was being built by Nehemiah,

they resorted to a clever and deadly piece of stratgy, had it worked. They said, "Nehemiah, leave the work for a time and come down on the plain."

And is this not the subtle cry of many in the villages of the plain today? "Come down, you old fogie, you are holding the standard too high. Don't ask us for a separation from the world. Don't ask us to dress differently from the world, and leave the world behind. Don't shout so loudly and pray so earnestly. Come down. We don't want Saturday night prayer meetings. We want to listen to the broadcast. We don't want all-day prayer meetings; we want rallies with big spreads for our stomachs. We don't want old-time trawling prayer with weeping and groaning over a lost world; we want high class solos and entertaining preaching. Brother, come down to our social gatherings. Come and spend some time in our villages of pleasure, pride, popularity, wealth, and formality. Let the wall wait; leave your prayer meetings and your Bible searching, and man-scaring preaching, and come down and visit us, and see what a good time we are having in Babylon. Come down, come down."

Shall we go down to Babylon? Or shall we, like Nehemiah of old send back word, "We are doing a great work and cannot come down. Why should the work cease and we leave it?" Nehemiah knew that if he went down upon the plain in answer to these backslidden tricksters he would never return alive. And brethren, let me solemnly warn you that if we ever go down at the request of Sanballat or Tobiah, we shall become slaves in Babylon, and with our spiritual eyes put out, shall finally find ourselves in the torments of hell itself. We will not go down. God has sent us to build up the walls of salvation, to hang up the gates of praise, and keep the Church in that separated place where His glory will be felt within her borders.—D. N. Buntain.

FOR EVERY PASTOR

Our Missionary Secretary has said, "There is no place for retreat in the Church of Jesus Christ." A challenge is being presented to the Church today for a greater missionary program than has ever been witnessed. We have reason to believe that, should Jesus tarry, many effectual doors will be open to the gospel at the close of the war. We must encircle the globe with the Redemption tidings, but *preparedness* is the watchword.

Our youth must be armed with spiritual weapons to successfully encounter and defeat the powers of darkness. They are our potential leaders. Among these ranks lie latent powers and abilities to be awakened and directed.

Another National Young People's Conference—the fourth consecutive one—is being planned. It is designed to give our Christian youth help in view of future problems and difficulties which may arise, to help prepare them for places of leadership and, most important of all, to inspire them to a more complete consecration.

We are enlisting the co-operation of every pastor. Urge your young people to attend, or perhaps your church could arrange to send a delegate. A free folder has been printed giving full details. This will be sent upon request to anyone interested. Address National Young People's Conference, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

This was George Muller's testimony: "I live in the spirit of prayer. I pray as I walk, when I lie down, and when I arise. The answers are always coming. Thousands and ten thousands of times have my prayers been answered. When once I am persuaded a thing is right, I go on praying for it until the answer comes. George Muller never gives up!"

"Difficulties are sent to reveal to us what God can do in answer to the faith that prays and works."

Strength for the Battle

JOSEPHINE E. TURNBULL

"Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle." Psalm 18:39.

DAVID is testifying concerning what God had done for him in literal battles with men, but in these inspired words we discern a spiritual truth that is for us today.

We do not want to become narrow and fearful and weak in our spirits during these days of peculiar strain and conflict, therefore, we must constantly have renewed spiritual vision and experience with our God. In the face of all that is going on in the world today, we must Scripturally affirm that God has not left us defenseless, unprotected, unguided, without provision for His people to go through life triumphantly with Him. We are not like a little bark out in an unknown sea, without chart or compass, for we have a sure guide in the Word of God, and back of it Himself, with all His love and power and willingness to make good to us that which He hath promised. How hopeless and helpless is the one who does not accept God's Word!

Let us now look at this word from the Psalms, "Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle." Notice there are three parties apparent in this scripture:

Thou—Jehovah.

Me—the individual.

The enemy—which the battle suggests.

Thou! We may be comforted and refreshed and helped somewhat by fellowship with others, but *only God Himself* can gird us with strength for the battle. To be girded means to be wrapped about, as the oriental binds the loins securely for strenuous action. To be girded means to be prepared. Notice, not girded with strength to have an easy time, but "unto battle," or, for the battle. Strength for the battle! If we compare with this the message to saints in Ephesians 6:10-17 we would see again that there is conflict that cannot be evaded by the vital Christian. There is battle, there is conflict, but not civil war, thank God, for the enemy is on the outside.

How we need to know our God! How we need to store our minds with Scriptural thoughts of God, and thus feed our faith! We cannot allow our minds to think haphazard, weak, unscriptural thoughts of God and be strong, overcoming Christians. We are surrounded on every side with unbelief and even with antagonism against God, but we can be still in our inner being and know that *He is God*. Psalm 46:10.

A thoughtful, spiritual servant of the Lord said shortly before the war began: "America has made many gains in the last fifty years, but she has also suffered many losses. Her gains have been mostly material—her losses spiritual. Of those things she has lost, nothing is more serious than her loss of reverence for God. Daniel Webster used to speak with deep reverence of 'Almighty God' and 'Heaven.' No one could hear Daniel Webster's solemn appeal to Almighty God without feeling a deep sense of the greatness of God and the littleness of men."

That is what we need to feel. The nation has sadly drifted from God since Webster's day. But we who feed on the Word may become increasingly God-conscious. His might, His love, His willingness to help, His abounding grace are, or should be, realities to every child of His. Look at a few of the Scriptures that tell us about Him, and say "Amen" in your heart as you read, remembering He is the great "Thou" who girds us with strength unto the battle.

Deut. 33:27: "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Psalm 27:1: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Isa. 57:15: "Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, *with him also* that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

Psalm 46:11: "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

What confidence may be inspired in our hearts through these and many other blessed scriptures! Confidence in God, our El Shaddai—"The God who is enough." Our attitude is not that of the woman who sighed in self-pity as she said, "I have no one but God." That may be true, but let our attitude be one of joyful confidence—I have God and He is enough. His great, loving power is over our lives; knowing this by faith and by experience gives steadiness, courage and strength in life. "Thou!" "me!"

Look for a moment at the "me," the needy individual, the you and me. Helpless in ourselves, undone by sin, no power to cope with the powers against us; but with power to say "yes" or "no" to God; instruments in His hands to be girded with strength unto the battle. Man is a failure in himself, and the sooner we really know it and confess it the better it will be for us.

"Lost, and wandering from my way,

Bankrupt, with my debts to pay;

Guilty, and with naught to say;

Just the case for Him."

What a true picture, but how different when the case is turned over to Him!

Now, look at the third party of our text, "the enemy." He puts up various kinds of battle against us, and he is powerful, intelligent, wily, cruel; he cannot be ignored nor treated as a joke. The names given to him in Scripture show us his nature and his work.

He is Satan, the adversary, the one against us. He is depicted as a *serpent*, subtle, deceiving and beguiling the world. He is described as a *lion*, active, terrifying by his roar, seeking to devour. As an *angel of light*, beautiful, attractive, ministering in the counterfeit, bringing false messages to allure and destroy the soul. He is the *accuser of the brethren*, ready to accuse God to us, and us to God. He stands to resist and oppose. He is the *great dragon*, the murderer of souls, cruel, strong, relentless, coming to steal and to destroy. *The father of lies* the fountain-head of all deception, falsehood and untruth. *The god of this world*, blinding men and keeping them in his evil control. He is the *devil*, and he has many helpers, but we have One who is Almighty, One who overcame him, and who still overcomes in us. God has given strength for the battle that this enemy presses against us.

If we study the records of battles in the Old Testament, records that were written for our learning, we find that in nearly every instance the enemy was stronger than God's people, and God did a supernatural thing to bring victory. He proved Himself willing to help His people out of impossible situations, when they relied upon Him and moved in obedience to Him. Look, for instance, at the victory over Jericho, in Joshua 6. Obedience, and faith, with praise, preceded the visible victory. The same method works today, may we observe. "Shout, for the Lord hath

given you the city," precedes anything visible. When Gideon's small band went against their great enemy, the Midianites, God's power wrought the victory; but again, obedience, faith and praise preceded the visible victory. Judges 7. We might speak of King Asa in his great deliverance, when the hosts of the Ethiopians came against him with twice the size of his army (2 Chron. 14); and of King Jehoshaphat relying upon God when unable to meet the strong hordes of Moab and Ammon coming against him. 2 Chron. 20. In these and other accounts, we are taught the great lesson that God does the supernatural for His own when they obey and trust Him.

Let us ask the question that applies to us in our conflict with the enemy in our spiritual warfare. *What has God given to us that strengthens us, or enables us for the battle?* What is this wonderful girding with strength that we may receive in this dispensation of grace? Let us speak simply and positively that God has given *four things*, supernatural and apart from ourselves, that will minister strength for every conflict we meet.

I. *The Blood of Jesus*, His atoning work. When we sing, "There is power in the blood," we sing the truth; but we sing of a great and precious mystery. We sing of the poured-out life, the death and the triumph of Jesus Christ, the God-man, God's Son. By this precious blood we are loosed and cleansed from our sins, and *we are redeemed from the hand of the enemy*. We must believe this. When we plead the blood in times of conflict, we are declaring our faith in the victory of Jesus over Satan. This is the great and wonderful foundation upon which we build; this is the great refuge of our souls in the battles of life—this is truly strength unto the battle. We do not get anywhere spiritually, neither can we stand in battle, until we know the victory of Jesus for us; until we know we are set free from sin and its power; and this is all for us in the blood of Jesus. We put the whole weight of our need upon the Victorious Redeemer when the enemy is pressing us hard, and we are secure in Him. See Rev. 12:11.

II. *The Name of Jesus, the Lord*. His name stands for all He is in His present exalted position of authority and power. When He left in body He said, "You may use my name." See John 14:13-14. He has been given a name that is above every name (Phil. 2:9), and as we pray in His name we put the whole weight of our petition in His prevailing name. The names of our enemy show us his power and purpose, and in our own strength we would fear before him, but the name of Jesus our Lord is high above every name. It is a mighty name: every other name must bow to His name. As we use His mighty name in times of conflict there is prevailing in prayer; there is strength to go through the battle. Let us remember that His name stands for all that He is, while His blood stands for all that He has done. His name prevails in heaven and sets God's power free in our direction. His name prevails against the enemy. John 16:23; Mark 16:17, 18; Acts 3:6, 7, 16. This means prayer! No strength for battle without prayer.

III. *The Word of God*. We are made partakers of the divine nature by appropriating, taking by faith, the promises of God. They are exceeding great and precious promises. 2 Peter 1:4. The Word of God is life to those who receive it, and they are made strong to stand in the conflict as they hold up to the foe, "It is written." We grow faint, strengthless and weary unless we constantly feed the inner man on God's Word. He has given it to us; it is divine, and through it God strengthens us, as He enlightens and teaches us.

IV. *The Spirit*. The blessed Holy Spirit has been given to us that we may be divinely empowered for life and service. He is a reality. Without His precious ministry we cannot enter into newness of life; we cannot live the new life; we cannot stand in victory against Satan. It is He, the Holy Spirit, who reveals Jesus; it is He who enthrones the living Christ within us, so we may experience the truth of 1 John 4:4, "Greater is He who is within you than he that

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is in the world." We are "strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man." Eph. 3:16. This means to go through the battles of life in victory. Without the holy and mighty work of the Spirit within us all spiritual truth is as a dead letter; the blood of Jesus, the name of Jesus, the Word of God are mere theories; there is no life, no spiritual strength and no victory in the conflict. We are not prepared to meet the enemy unless our faith claims what God has given, and as we claim. Hallelujah! The Holy Spirit makes it real. We all need more of the Holy Spirit these days. God has power and strength and a new coming-upon-us to enable us to go through in triumph, and take others with us if we dare believe. This strength we need is not from earthly origin, as we have tried to explain, but it is *God-given* to every Christian who will humbly and confidently receive what He has given us in and through the blood of Jesus, the name of Jesus, the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit.

Let everyone who reads breathe out a deep "Hallelujah" to God for His blessed provision for us, and let us individually believe, as we appropriate the truth of the text. Make it personal, and say with confidence, "Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle."

A VISION OF THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

In *Redemption Tidings* an English Pentecostal missionary, William Bernard, writes as follows: "In the town where I resided in Java, as surely as the rainy season arrived we always had an epidemic of the fearful bubonic plague which always took a serious toll of the people.

"The story I am about to tell relates to a small native girl who was stricken with this plague. She was the daughter of a Mohammedan mother. But God intervened. In a dream or vision the child saw Jesus, who spoke to her and gave her the assurance that He Himself would heal her. The miracle happened, and the child was healed and raised up. What could the overjoyed Mohammedan mother do but turn from Mohammed to the Lord Jesus. After a period of instruction I had the privilege of baptizing her in a pool which had been a Hindu sacred bathing place."

ABIDING VS. SINNING

In sanctification what becomes of the old nature? Many people are somewhat unduly concerned to know if it can be killed outright, and seem to desire a sort of certificate of its death and burial. It is enough to know that it is without and Christ is within. It may show itself again, and even knock at the door and plead for admittance, but it is forever outside while we abide in Him. "Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not." 1 John 3:6.—A. B. Simpson.

A HOLY BURDEN

"I cared not where or how I lived, or what hardships I went through, so that I could but gain souls to Christ. While I was asleep, I dreamed of these things; and when I waked, the first thing I thought of was this great work. All my desire was for the conversion of the heathen (unsaved at home or abroad), and all my hope was in God."—William Bramwell.

A PASSION FOR SOULS

"One of Wesley's biographers said, 'He was out of breath pursuing souls.' Whitefield's cenotaph has carved upon it a blazing heart. The seal on Adam Clarke's grave is a candle burned down to its socket, and underneath are the words, 'In living for others, I am burned away.'"—F. A. Daw.

CRIME IN AMERICA

In the past thirty years crime has increased 500 per cent. Forty per cent of the crimes is caused by drink, according to Clarence E. Mason (in his booklet *America, God Is Calling!*) and so six billion dollars of America's fifteen-billion-dollar annual crime bill is chargeable to liquor.

A Christian never falls asleep in the fire, but in the sunshine.—Berrige.

"He Shall Not Fail Nor Be Discouraged, Till..."

ISAIAH 42:4

MOSES tells us that the Lord "loveth the people," and that "all His saints" are in His hand. Deut. 33:3, R. V. What a man has in his hand he can watch, he can hold, he can preserve. And the Lord watches over, holds fast, and preserves those that are His.

John saw seven stars in the right hand of the Lord, and was shown that these were angels, or messengers, or ministers. His messengers are held and controlled and kept by the right hand of Him who is the Head of the Church. But it is not only the ministers that are in His hand. That hand, in the hollow of which were measured out the waters of the great Atlantic and the mighty Pacific, upholds, preserves and keeps "all His saints." And He assures the sheep of His pasture who follow Him, "They shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of My hand." John 10:28.

When Moses was instructed to make the tabernacle and all things pertaining to it, he was given as a helper Bezaleel, one who was filled with the Holy Ghost. By the Spirit of God this man's hands were given skill. The ark, the mercy seat, the table for the shewbread, the candlestick, the altar, the veil, the beautiful garments for the priests, the sacred vessels, all were to be the work of his skilful hands and of those whom God gave him as assistants. And this Spirit-filled man made everything according to the divine pattern.

But to One greater than Bezaleel, One who is indeed filled with the Holy Ghost, and with all wisdom and knowledge, is given the task of making and preparing all things for that "holy temple in the Lord" of which all the saints are a part. Eph. 2:19-22. It is written of Him, "All things were made by Him and without Him was not any thing made that was made." He who made all the stars and directed their courses, He who spake and all the mountains came into being, who created all the cattle that graze upon them, who made all the massive trees of the hills and the dainty flowers of the valley, who gave the godly wings to the peacock, who put into the eagle her mighty strength, who designed the tiny humming bird in her beauty, who painted the myriad tints on the wings of the butterfly and shaped the delicate antennae of the minutest insects, He it is who will make and shape all the vessels for the Holy Temple.

And all will be according to the heavenly pattern. John, writing to the saints, said, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know—it is not mere imagination, it is not surmise, it is not speculation on our part, we know, we know, we KNOW—that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him." Like unto the heavenly pattern, like unto the Son of God!

John, who was with Him on the mount of transfiguration and saw beneath the veil of human flesh the Son of God in all His transcendent beauty, declared,

"We beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father." And it is this very glory that His Father gave to Him that He shares with His own. John 17:22. "We know," says John, "that we shall be like Him"—in grace, in glory, in disposition, in nature, in every way. He of the skilful hand, the greater than Bezaleel, will make us like unto Himself. It was this revelation that gave David such joy when he sang, "As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness."

What is to be our attitude? One of restful trust. Said Naomi to Ruth, "Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day." And Boaz was faithful in performing the task of redemption on behalf of the foreign

maid who had chosen the God of Israel to be her God. And in like manner, in perfect peace, with minds set on Him, trusting wholly in Him, the child of God can sit still and rest in the full assurance that complete redemption will be made by our heavenly Boaz—the redemption of the purchased possession. He who holdeth all the saints in His hand will not fail to perfect that which concerns them.

Says John, "And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." And He who is the heavenly Vine says, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me." He gives warning, "If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered." And He tells us the simple secret, "If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love." Let us abide in Him, abiding in His hands, abiding in His love.—S. H. F.

THE GOD OF LOVE

Harry Moorhouse's morning address was to Christians. (I used to preach that God was behind the sinner with a double-edged sword, ready to hew him down.) I had never heard anything quite like it. He gave chapter and verse to prove every statement he made. When night came the Church was packed. "Now, beloved friends," said the preacher, "if you will turn to the third chapter of John, sixteenth verse, you will find my text." He preached the most extraordinary sermon from that verse. He did not divide the verse into secondly, thirdly, and fourthly; he just took the whole verse and went through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation to prove that in all ages God loved the world. God has sent prophets and patriarchs and holy men to warn us, and then He sent His Son, and after they had killed Him, He sent the Holy Ghost. I never knew up till that time that God loved us so much. This heart of mine began to thaw out. I could not keep back the tears. It was like news from a far country. I just drank it in. So did the crowded congregation. I tell you there is one thing that draws above everything else in this world, and that is love. I preach now that God is behind man with love, and he is running away from the God of love.

For six nights he preached on this one text. The seventh night came and he went into the pulpit. Every eye was upon him. He said, "Beloved friends, I have been hunting all day for a new text, but I cannot find anything so good as the old one; so we will go back to the third chapter of John and the sixteenth verse," and he preached the seventh sermon from these wonderful words, "God so loved the world." I remember the end of that sermon: "My friends," he said, "for a whole week I have been trying to tell you how much God loves you, but I cannot do it with this poor stammering tongue. If I could borrow Jacob's ladder and climb up into heaven, and ask Gabriel, who stands in the presence of the Almighty, to tell how much love the Father has for the world, all he could say would be, 'God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'"—D. L. Moody.

Bring me a worm that can comprehend a man, and I will show you a man that can comprehend God.—John Wesley.

You do not test the resources of God until you try the impossible.—F. B. Meyer.

"A Foreign Land a Step Away"

H. W. Ayers

Mexico, "a foreign land a step away," known to most of us as the country south of the Rio Grande River, has been called the land with a "warmth in her soul and a song in her heart." Her very interesting history begins centuries ago with the coming of the explorers from the old world, to find an amazing civilization among the Aztec and Toltec Indians. Through the years she has been slow to adopt modern methods, due largely to the influence of the Roman Church; but the circulation of the printed page, the radio and the movies have helped to present to the people a different way of life.

The Republic of Mexico, in area almost as large as the United States, is composed of twenty-eight states, two territories, and one federal district. Its capital, Mexico City, has a population of 2,000,000. It is a country of untold and undeveloped natural resources. In the mountainous regions precious metals have been found and made into vessels for the use of kings. But our hearts are burdened for the vast number of precious souls waiting to be sought out, refined, and made ready for the coming of the King of kings.

Among the first to bring the full gospel message to Mexico was Anna Sanders, who came here about twenty-one years ago. Her faithful efforts down through the years have helped greatly in building up the present Assemblies of God work in the southern section. She is affectionately called the "mother" of our full gospel church in Mexico.

R. C. Orozco, Roberto Cardenas and Cesareo Burciaga have been instrumental in developing the work in northern Mexico, as well as in preparing many young people for effective gospel ministry. These brethren were converted in the United States and returned to their native land where they have labored faithfully for a number of years.

Since our arrival in Mexico, we have found wonderful opportunity for missionary service, and daily we watch the steady progress of the work. We have rejoiced beyond measure in being able to send out a fine young couple as missionaries to the Yucatan Peninsula. Andrew and Mary Araza are graduates of our Bible Institute here in the capital and also have assisted as instructors in the school. Their deep consecration will undoubtedly enable them to be fruitful laborers among the multitudes in that needy field.

The full gospel message is spreading rapidly in Mexico. Recently we were invited to a village where a man, although not acquainted with our message, had built a small chapel that his large family might have a place to gather for worship. They were too poor to receive the spiritual (?) benefits of the local temple. At the first service held in the chapel two were saved. Interest is growing in this little village of San Bartolo.



Andrew and Mary Araza, missionaries to Yucatan.



(1) Laying the first stone for the temple in Tlalnepantla. (2) Group that gathered for first service in San Bartolo.

construction of church buildings is Tlalnepantla, an important military town. The accompanying picture shows the laying of the first stone for the chapel. We are praying for funds to finish the church so that it may become a real gospel center in that region.

We feel a real burden for this vast republic. Our days of preparation for missionary service have helped us to understand its need. We solicit the fervent prayers of all our friends in behalf of "sleepy" Mexico, that there may be a great spiritual awakening.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

A cable message from China requests prayer for our missionaries in Japanese occupied territory. Certain changes are taking place and they are in special need of the Lord's help at this time. Do not fail to remember also our nine missionaries in the Philippines, and Jessie Wengler in Japan.

"TO THE POOR THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED"

Luke 7:21

"The mountain work near here is progressing well and has a promising future," Henry Mock writes, from Oriente Province, Cuba. "It is in a large region called the land of Machado. Some years ago the Republic of Cuba had a dishonest president called Machado. During his term he appropriated for himself this area of government land containing several hundred sections for a ranch. Finally the time came when because of his dishonesty he had to flee from the republic to save his life. One day soon afterwards, thousands of poor, homeless

families moved on this land from every direction (some having previously lived there), divided it among themselves, built homes of palm trees and planted gardens and crops.

"Today this region is a mass of little farms inhabited by large families of spiritually hungry people. Their houses are very poorly furnished, windowless, with dirt floors. They do nearly all their farm work by hand. The people are poorly clothed and without the advantages of civilization; many can neither read nor write. Almost no religious work is being done among them except Spiritism, which is spreading rapidly.

"Friendly and eager, they receive the word readily. Often a hundred people will gather in a service, all coming on foot and many returning three or more miles in the darkness along horse paths. Two works started among them last year have become thriving assemblies almost ready to be organized as churches. At present we are reaching only a small number of them, but with the two horses and saddles that the Lord has provided we shall be able to do more in the future.

"We thank everyone who responded to the appeal made in the Evangel for funds to buy a horse. Enough extra came in to purchase a second horse and saddle for the young native minister who lives in the mountains too. May God bless those who have given, and also those who could not give but prayed. We shall share together the harvest in the land of Machado."

CLEAN! CLEAN! CLEAN!

Katherine Cooke tells of an outstanding conversion which occurred during a convention of the Indian Christians held last fall in Muriaro, Bihar, North India. "The convert was an old woman with whom we had been dealing for years," Miss Cooke writes. "She was sick unto death and sent word to the church for prayer. The crowd went over to the little mud hut where she was lying on her rope bed on the verandah. The woman was anointed and prayed for; then after the group had left, she says she had a wonderful vision of the Lord, who showed her His pierced hands and feet and the wound in His side, and told her that He had suffered all this for her. She saw her own sinful heart and cried out to the Lord for salvation.

"When I saw the woman afterwards, I could tell immediately that some wonderful thing had happened to her. She said to me, 'Oh, Missahiba, it was a wonderful vision! The Lord was so pure and holy, and I was so black and sinful. But this old heart that was so black with sin is all CLEAN, CLEAN, CLEAN, and this old tongue that used to say such awful sinful words is now all CLEAN, CLEAN, CLEAN! Jesus has washed it in His precious blood. Glory, glory, hallelujah!'

"In this vision the Lord healed her and told her to go and be baptized in the river. So she went to the church, testified of the vision and her salvation, and asked for baptism. They went down to the river, where she was baptized, while all the heathen villagers looked on. One of the Christians wrote me in English afterwards, 'Old Mama Ji's baptism was very impressive, and as original as in the early church.' The latest news was that she was living an entirely changed life, going on with her blessed Lord."

Change of Address

W. Lawrence Perrault draws attention to his change of mailing address. Correspondence in the future should be directed: Apartado 840, San Jose, Costa Rica.

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"HE SENT HIS WORD AND HEALED"

In wish to introduce you to the greatest and best Physician—the Lord Jesus Christ. He never fails. I have trusted Him for healing for forty-five years. He has healed me many times, with great and wonderful healings. Suffering one, just get close to Him and touch Him. There is still virtue in Him for everyone. Luke 8:46. Twice I have felt the hand of God as real as that of any human upon my body for healing. Oh, how I thank God for His love-gift, Jesus Christ, my Saviour, my Healer, yea, my all in all!

About 1935, when I was at the Jewish mission in Portland, Ore., I had a nervous breakdown. I suffered greatly from a bad heart and nerves off and on until 1942, when God so wonderfully healed me. A few years ago, while still suffering from this nervous disorder, two of my front teeth wore through to the nerve, resulting in inflammation in my mouth. All of one side of my face was swollen. I suffered from Friday until Monday night. The dear saints stood by me in prayer, but some thought the teeth should be extracted. However, I believed that God would heal my teeth, as He had done it before. My Bible was lying open night and day at the 17th chapter of Jeremiah and the 5th verse: "Thus saith the Lord, Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." Jer. 17:5-8. So I trusted in God and stood upon His Word. And He did not fail me, praise His blessed name!

Monday night I went to bed. At 11:00 o'clock I awoke thinking it was morning. I saw myself in the mirror and my face was so swollen and so red, that I said, "Lord, this looks like an abscess, and my mother used to say that it took nine days before it would break. And, Father, I don't feel that I can go through with it; my heart and nerves are so bad, and I am so weak now." Then I lay down, and as I slept God in His mercy undertook for me. At 3:00 o'clock I awoke and felt the Lord had touched me. All I could say was, "Oh, God, I am new!" And all the inflammation and swelling were gone. The Lord had enameled those teeth over so they never hurt again, and I am still using them. Glory and praise unto our God in the highest!

On August 30, I felt a pain in my right side, something like pleurisy. All day I couldn't take a deep breath. About 12:00 o'clock that night I woke up, and the pain was so unbearable I had to call for help. A brother and a sister came and prayed with me. About 2:00 in the morning I felt relieved enough for them to leave, but still I was suffering. The pain was terrible, it felt as if something was twisting and turning in my side. I got some relief but suffered night and day for about three months. I took a bad cold and coughed so hard that my heart got so weak and my nerves so bad that I could hardly walk. Early Thanksgiving morning I awoke, and felt so bad it seemed I could not live much longer. Just then a voice said, "Just lean on the arms of Jesus." Instantly, I was every whit whole. Praise and thank our wonderful God! He sends His Word, and heals, whosoever will call upon Him. I am still healed, and am praising God for His touch on my body, soul and spirit. I do my work although I am threescore and ten. Truly, the Lord hath done great things for me, whereof I am glad!

I want to thank all the dear ones who so faithfully stand with me, helping to fill the vial, so the angel of God can offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar that it may come up for a memorial before God. Acts 10:4; Rev. 5:8; Rev. 8:3, 4.—Mrs. K. M. Ralph, Route 5, Box 41-A, Springfield, Mo.

WHAT PRAYER WILL DO

Dr. Charles Pitman, who died in 1854, was about to hold a meeting in a town in Delaware when a devastating storm threatened. The sky was so black that he could hardly see to read his first hymn. When he knelt to pray, the fierce lightnings flashed across the sky, and loud thunders were

rolling up in mid heaven. Dr. Pitman knelt and prayed: "O Lord God Almighty, Thou who hast sent me to preach to this people, hold back these threatening clouds for one hour, while we go on with this service in Thy Name, and let us not be disturbed by the impending storm, but let Thy presence descend on both preacher and people, and let great good be accomplished this day by the preaching of Thy Word in the salvation of souls."

This petition was thrice repeated, and each time with greater earnestness and fervor. There were those in the congregation who, after he had offered that prayer and announced his text, took out their watches and marked the time. Dr. Pitman preached with great power. The hour passed; some said the sermon exceeded it by ten minutes, others, that it closed almost to the minute, and at its close it was difficult to account which had produced the greater effect, the answer to his prayer so signally made known to both saint and sinner, or the preacher. God was in both. "And now," said the preacher, as he closed his sermon, "go to your tents and fall down before God and thank Him for this glorious privilege we have enjoyed together." The congregation repaired to their tents, and the ministers followed. Dr. Pitman was the last to leave the stand, and as he retired to a tent near by the lightnings began to flash, and the pent-up thunders rolled in fearful omens over the encampment; the rain descended almost in a deluge; men stood aghast, women trembled, and thought the day of doom was upon them. Sinners fell to the earth under the power of the convicting Spirit, and the presence of the Lord rested on the multitudes that gathered in the tents; and during the afternoon, from careful computation, it was estimated that over 500 souls were converted.

WITH THE LORD

Dorothy Eveyln Peterson, wife of Pastor Homer Peterson, of Cheltenham, Md., passed away on March 6, 1943. May the Lord bless and comfort Brother Peterson and the six children left behind.

FRUIT TO GO INTO WINE

Despite nation-wide rationing of essential fruits, more than two billion pounds of fruits and berries will be wasted in making wine during 1943, according to government figures quoted by the National W. C. T. U.

Reports from the Reapers

SUNNYVALE, CALIF.—A 5-week revival was conducted here by Evangelist Hans F. Bretschneider of Chicago, Ill. There was splendid co-operation by all. Many new people were in the services from night to night. Souls were saved and others reclaimed. The blessing of the Lord rested upon the meeting and the saints enjoyed the ministry of Brother Bretschneider.—J. H. Carver, Pastor.

Just Off the Press

We have just completed the printing of a twenty-page booklet describing our complete Vacation Bible School Courses. Every V. B. S. worker should have this pamphlet. Free copy sent upon request.

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CARLSBAD, N. MEX.—God is blessing in our midst. We recently closed a revival in which our son, Harold S. Miles, Paducah, Texas, did the preaching. God wonderfully helped him in giving out the Word and it was a blessing to the church. Several sought the Lord and some prayed through. David Burris, Superintendent of the Arkansas District, was with us over the week end and his messages were a blessing to the church also.—T. S. Miles, Pastor.

Coming Meetings

DRY FORK, W. VA.—Ministerial Fellowship Meeting and C. A. Rally, Western Section of Potomac District, April 26. Services 2:00 and 7:30.—Russell W. Harvey, Sectional Vice-President, Clarksburg, W. Va.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Sunday School Rally, St. Louis Section, Page and Marcus Aves., April 18, 2:30 p. m. Fred Lohmann is pastor. R. M. Riggs, speaker.—E. J. Boettcher, Sunday School Secretary, St. Louis Section.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT SECTIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

North Central Fairfax, April 19-21; Panhandle, Woodward, May 10-12; Northeast, Tulsa, Capitol Hill Assembly, May 26-28.—W. S. Bragg, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 128, Okmulgee, Okla.

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS—The West Texas District Council meets April 20-22. Monday night, Fellowship meeting. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams, Council speaker. For room reservations and further information write H. Paul Holdridge, Secretary-Treasurer and Pastor, Box 10, Plainview, Texas.

TAMPA, FLA.—South Florida District State-wide C. A. Rally, Oak Park Holiness Church, 50th St. and 7th Ave., April 21-23. Ralph Byrd, Atlanta, Ga., speaker. Three services daily. Rooms furnished out-of-town visitors as far as possible. Carl V. Brumback is pastor.—Oswald B. Leach, District C. A. President.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Illinois District Council will convene at Springfield, Ill., April 27-29. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, principal speaker. Credentials Committee will meet April 26, 2:30 p. m., to consider applicants for ordination. Bert Talcott is the local pastor.—W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent, 7131 Norman Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 27th Annual Conference of the Eastern District Council will convene at Maranatha Park, Green Lane, Pa., May 11-13. The Credentials Committee will meet at this time for the purpose of examining candidates for ordination. For application blanks write Wilfred A. Brown, District Secretary, 445 Main St., Pennsburg, Pa.

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 24th session of the Appalachian District Council will convene at North Tazewell, Va., April 22-24. Fellowship meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m. First service, 10:00 a. m., Thursday. C. A.'s will meet Saturday afternoon in connection with District Council. All our District ministers and delegates urged to attend. Two delegates from each assembly.

For information write Pastor A. H. Morrison, Berwind, W. Va.—M. B. Hampton, District Superintendent.

CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Central District Council will convene in Lima, Ohio, April 27-29. The Christ's Ambassador officers of the District will have charge of a young people's rally, Monday evening, April 26. Services will be held in Trinity Methodist Church, Market and West Sts. A. G. Ward, evening speaker. For additional information write Pastor L. A. Sappington, 766 Holly St., Lima, Ohio.—D. G. Foote, District Secretary, Box 244, Port Huron, Mich.

TEXAS DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTIONS

San Angelo Section, Brownwood, April 27-28. First service 7:30 p. m. Ft. Worth Section, Cleburne, April 15-16. First service 10:30 a. m.

All ministers urged to attend, as all licenses must be renewed at spring conventions. All ordained ministers will renew their fellowship with the District at these conventions. Those desiring to make application for ordination or license will meet the committee at their resident section. For information write the District Office, 2100 Belle Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas.—F. D. Davis, District Superintendent; C. P. Robinson, Secretary.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Evangelistic

M. L. Davidson, P. O. Box 2494, Beaumont, Texas—"Re-entering evangelistic field. Open for revival calls June 1, at which time my resignation from First Assembly of God, Beaumont, will be effective."

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Evangelists and C. A. Heralds to be used in a new work. Send postpaid.—N. B. Rayburn, Box 387, Martin, Tenn.

SERVICEMEN AND DEFENSE WORKERS CONTACTED—Henry H. Graf, Pastor, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Bent Ave. and Burdick St., Oshkosh, Wis. Near State Teachers College Air Corp Training School. James G. King, 624½ Fifth St., Henderson, Ky. Near Camp Breckenridge. "We have accepted the pastorate here."

VISITING ALASKA—Evangelist Don Mallough and wife are going to Alaska to hold meetings in Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, Wrangell, Anchorage and Fairbanks. They will be glad to contact the relatives of American saints. Mail will reach them at P. O. Box 2901, Juneau, Alaska.

BROADCAST—Old-time Gospel Hour, Sundays, 3:30-4:00 p. m. Station KWJJ, Portland, Ore., 1080 kilos. Will gladly announce special meetings for assemblies within hearing distance.—F. J. Huntley.

BROADCAST—"The Victory Hour," Station KERN, Bakersfield, Calif., 1410 kilos., Sundays, 9:00-9:30 a. m. and 10:00-10:30 p. m.—William E. Long, Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle, 17th and O Sts., Bakersfield, Calif.

The PASSING and the PERMANENT

ELECTRICAL POWER FOR PALESTINE

American scientists have prepared a plan for the excavation of a channel between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea in Palestine for the purpose of creating a waterfall 1,300 meters high. This would furnish an abundance of cheap electricity for the whole Middle East.

PREACHING AT A STATE CAPITOL

Upon invitation of the Tennessee Legislature, Evangelist Gipsy Smith spoke recently before a joint session of the Senate and the House of Representatives, convened especially to hear him. He preached for thirty minutes on the general theme that "righteousness exalteth a nation."

A BY-PRODUCT OF MISSIONARY WORK

Wendell Willkie, reporting on his tour around the world, said: "There exists in the world today a gigantic reservoir of good will toward . . . the American people." First on the list of causes for this he placed the "hospitals, schools and colleges which Americans—many of them missionaries—have founded in the four corners of the world."

PALESTINE AND VERMONT

The population of Palestine is three times as dense as that of Vermont. It is about the same size as Vermont—10,000 square miles—but has a population of a million and a half, which is three times as great. Palestine has probably had a faster population growth than any other country in the past quarter century.

CHURCH BUILDINGS IN SPAIN

The Spanish Government has set aside 40,000,000 pesetas for the construction and reconstruction of churches destroyed or damaged in the Civil War. "Of course," adds *Watchman-Examiner*, "the only churches to be reconstructed are Roman Catholic. Protestant churches are not allowed to function in that unfortunate land."

BLOODIEST YEAR IN HISTORY

About 2,000,000 fighting men died last year, the bloodiest year in the history of the world, according to statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, who base their estimates on many scattered pieces of information. When the fourth seal of Rev. 6:7 is broken, the death toll will amount to 500,000,000.

INDUSTRIAL CHAPLAINS

Increasing use of industrial chaplains is reported. The Kaiser Shipbuilding Company has agreed to place a second worker on a full-time basis. The General Manager of a concern in Arizona has asked a denominational board for the release of a worker to serve as chaplain. The Ministers' Association of Richmond, Calif., is planning to employ a chaplain to co-ordinate the work of the churches with war workers.

BLASPHEMOUS PARALLEL

In an editorial published in the Norwegian Nazi-controlled newspaper *Vestlandske Tidende*, Andreas Hanseen says:

"World history is full of judgments upon nations who have refused to recognize their time of visitation. When that time has expired no one, not even Quisling, can save Norway, just as Christ—who was God's Son—could not save the blinded and obdurate Jewish people, however much He wished to do so.

"Before Germany in some way or another is assured of the Norwegian people's adherence to Quisling, Germany will not, and cannot for her own and Europe's sake, take her hands off Norway."

WHAT NATIONAL REPENTANCE WOULD DO

Complete repentance would bring immediate relief to America as surely as it did to Nineveh of old. The Book of Jonah has a message for today. Nineveh was a desperately wicked city. Because of that, God sent Jonah to say that Nineveh was going to be destroyed. But the people of Nineveh repented of their sins and cried to God for mercy. As a result, God immediately changed His plans, and Nineveh was not destroyed. National repentance would have exactly the same effect today.

"THE PRAYING LINE"

Said Dr. Little, a Member of Parliament, speaking recently on the floor of the British Parliament:

"We have three lines: the fighting line, the working line and the praying line. I would say that the praying line has proved a great strength to the fighting line and to the working line. Those in the praying line will bring encouragement, strength and valor to our fighting line, while at the same time they will, by touching God on the Throne, bring discomfiture and defeat to our enemies.

"Let us keep our eyes fixed on the Throne, for God is supreme, and God's purposes will stand."

CHINA'S CUP MUST BE FULL

For the past five years, China's cup of sorrow has seemed to be full. But four additional disasters are now reported, the most serious being a famine in Honan Province where nine million are threatened with starvation. Shantung, adjoining Honan, is similarly affected. The Japanese dominate this section, so there is little promise of relief. A second disaster is the result of devastation wrought by the Japanese after their unsuccessful campaign in Chekiang. As they fell back the invaders systematically looted the whole area, burning crops and destroying farm implements and animals. The third trouble was a flood in Shensi Province. Within fifteen hours three thousand were drowned and forty thousand lost their homes. The fourth is another famine in Kwangtung Province. Missionaries are rendering all help possible, but the Japanese hold many of the railways and divert supplies to their own use.

MARINES SAVED THROUGH TESTAMENTS

Chaplain W. W. Willard, serving with the Marines in the South Pacific, has written to the Gideons International in Chicago as follows:

"Our unit took part in our first offensive in this war. On August 7 one of our companies was the first to land in the Solomons. . . .

"Some of the men in my regiment have been saved by reading the Gideon New Testaments. Some are now in heaven. . . .

"Three men in my regiment have been saved from wounds or death because they loved 'The Book' enough to carry it in the front shirt pocket as they went into battle. One of these Testaments stopped a Jap .25 caliber bullet which went through to the back cover. Two other Testaments prevented their owners from being wounded by Jap shrapnel. The owner of one of these is a Roman Catholic. He told me that before the battle he had read through the New Testament five different times. The verse he liked best was from the words of our Saviour, as recorded in John 6:37, 'Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.' How many men have your New Testaments helped me win to Christ? I do not know, except that the number goes into hundreds. How many men have they helped keep close to Christ during these trying experiences? They number into thousands."

FOOD FOR STARVING GREEKS

The American and British governments have tried to undo a little of the suffering Hitler has brought upon Greece. During the last nine months of 1942, eighty thousand tons of food have been shipped in. This seems to be a relatively small amount, but is was in concentrated form. According to a statement by Undersecretary of State Sumner Wells, our State Department is satisfied that the food has been distributed among the Greek population by the International Red Cross and did not fall into the hands of the enemy.

ARE SCIENTISTS ALL ATHEISTS?

Dr. Harry Rimmer, Sc.D., says in *The Harmony of Science and the Scripture*: "Call the roll of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and among the 15,000 members you can scarcely find a man who will confess himself an atheist. A company of the most eminent of them, headed by Dr. Millikan, who attained fame long before he isolated the atom, sent forth a signed statement to the press, declaring in no uncertain terms their faith and belief in God the Creator. It is a mistake to think that Science is essentially atheistic: it is radically the opposite."

GOD CONTROLS THE WEATHER

An inspiring story of the sea, telling how God answers prayer and preserves His own, is told in the *Natal Mercury*.

A certain liner was one of a convoy detailed to carry a Canadian division across the Atlantic. The troops embarked with utmost secrecy. In some way, however, the Germans knew, and the evening before sailing 'Lord Haw-Haw' announced in English on the German radio that all was known. Even the ships' names were given out and 'Lord Haw-Haw' declared that not one vessel would reach its destination.

In the crew of this liner was a Christian seaman who tells the story. "The news rather depressed some of the troops," he states, "but personally I felt it a challenge from Satan, and going to my cabin I got on my knees before God and, like Hezekiah of old, told God all about it.

"The next day we started, and at noon a line of stately ships with troops sailed out of harbor. As we did so we left a sunlit port for as dense a fog as one could ever get at sea.

"No vessel could see another. Navigation was dangerous and difficult, and this caused some murmuring on board, but realizing the safety that the fog gave us from the enemy, I welcomed it and pointed out to others its protective value.

"The Germans had not made this threat of sinking us without meaning it," the story goes on. "During the days and nights taken to cross the Atlantic, submarines were again and again reported. . . . Evidently they had been waiting for us, and failed to find us in God's fog. . . .

"For three days and nights the fog continued. Submarines were around us, and more than once we had orders to change our route on their account. . . .

"On the fourth day the weather cleared. . . . More submarines were reported. . . . As orders came through, the weather began to get thick. Thicker and thicker the fog grew. . . . Forty miles beyond the danger spot it cleared altogether. . . .

"Last warning of danger—enemy planes 170 miles to the west of us. I afterwards learned that they had been sent specially to find us. But they failed also, and that evening, as 'Lord Haw-Haw' announced that the Germans had carried out their threat and every ship in the convoy had been sunk, about 200 officers and men attended a voluntary thanksgiving service on board my ship, and together publicly thanked God for keeping them safe.

"At 6 a. m. the convoy reached port without one casualty to man or vessel during the whole voyage!"