

NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



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I Go a Fishing. John 21-3.

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BOTH Jonah and Peter blotted their copy books with a spot of backsliding when they ran away from their calling, and both found it very unprofitable, for Peter fished and caught nothing, while Jonah paid his fare and did not get his money refunded.

The hero of this story is called Jonah, and the following tells how he lived up to the reputation of his name. He is quite a friendly and likable little man, never being outstandingly bad or good; he has maintained a steady Christian character for many years, is a reasonably good scholar, craftsman and fisherman. He somewhat atones for his long-winded preaching by being fantastically original. His unique and distinguishing feature is a light-colored falsetto voice that has tears in it when he talks, and squeaks, trills and trembles when he sings. He is certainly a better teacher and pastor than a missionary, for when God's call came for workers to go to the distant up-river villages saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Jonah quickly and loudly replied, "Here am I," but on second thought added, in an undertone, "Lord, send him," for Jonah did not go with a good heart. With alacrity he obeyed the call to come home for his annual refresher in the evangelists' school, and had such a good time that at the end of the two months he did not want to go back, so he made many excuses to idle about, then his wife fell sick, and he welcomed this as an excuse for further idling about until she got better.

All this time God was urging him to get back to his neglected field of witness. When his wife got worse he alone knew the reason why, so packing her into a canoe he started on his three days' paddle up the river. From the moment he put her into the canoe she started to get better, and when she set her foot in the village she was perfectly healed.

Jonah was blessed and made a blessing to the people for two whole weeks, during which time he had put all his spare time into repairing to perfection his fishing nets that he had brought along with him. Seeing his wife looking so well and his fishing nets and pocket so empty, he thought he could afford to paddle off down the river alone to one of the lakes and enjoy a fishing expedition that would be profitable. He arrived at the fishing camp so

full of future plans and hopes that his sleep was made glorious with dreams of record catches; but, alas, on waking up he found that while he slept the rats had chewed his net to a bunch of strings. He could not catch fish with it or with his hands alone, so he had to paddle home, a sadder but not wiser man, for he knew he was disobeying God, and tried to make up for his disobedience by waking up at all hours of the night to pray.

Jonah took another two weeks to repair his net, after which he decided to take his wife with him to smoke the fish as he caught them and thus save him from care. This time he went to another fishing camp. Poor Jonah, he fished all day and many days, but caught nothing but cold and disappointment. Each night he dreamed the same dream of God calling him back to his work of soul-winning, but each time he asked for just one more day. Next his wife was taken very ill again, and he had to rush her off to the nearest church on the river to be prayed for. In the night a church elder was awakened with a call from God to go and lay hands on Jonah's wife or she would die. He obeyed immediately and found her fighting for breath, but as he laid hands on her and prayed in the name of Jesus she was healed. Of course, Jonah told nobody of his running away from God's call, but seeing his wife so miraculously healed he presumed on God's grace by starting off to yet another fishing camp, taking his wife with him. Again he caught nothing and again his wife was taken ill, but this time there was no one to pray for her. Jonah tried, but the heavens were as brass to him, so taking fright he ran away a whole day's journey in search of herbs with which to cure his wife.

While on this errand he found his own white mis-

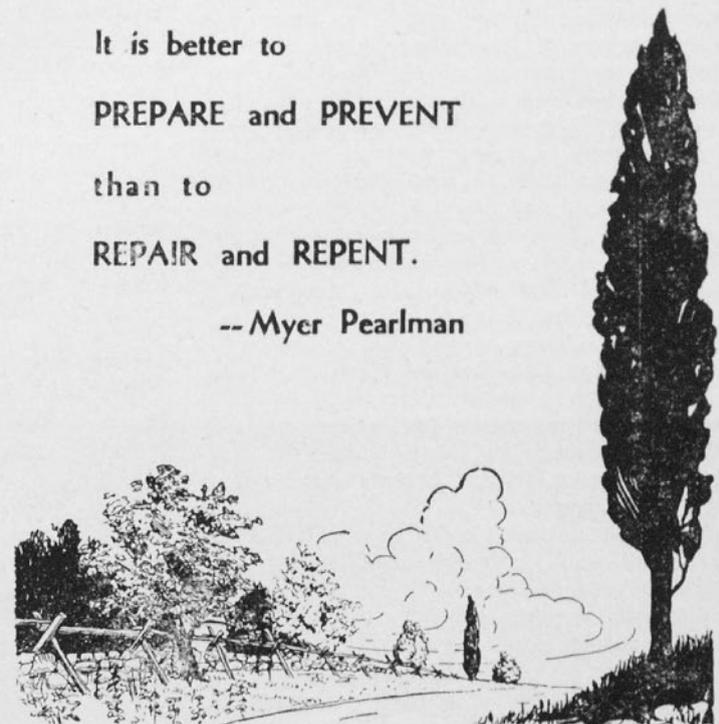
sionary out preaching the gospel in that very village miles from home. That open-air meeting held Jonah and the Word of God gripped his soul till he wanted to run away, but could not. Then the white missionary, not knowing Jonah's doings but delighted to see him, and only hearing of his wife's sickness, called him into the tent and prayed for her healing and Jonah's blessing. His guilty conscience had led him to expect reproach, but to his surprise he received only prayer and sympathy; that broke him. That night Jonah could not sleep for hearing the voice of God calling him back to his work. On the first streaks of daybreak he was up and off back to the river, where with his sick wife he paddled back to home and duty, a poorer, but wiser man. The day he reached the village his wife was perfectly healed.

God blessed Jonah's message to the village; many were saved, and a church established there. At the next evangelists' school Jonah was man enough to stand up, and with humble shame to confess his backsliding and disobedience, begging others not to do the same, but to follow always the cloud of God's protection and provision whatever the wilderness looked like, for He had promised to do all the adding if we sought only His kingdom and righteousness.

Jonah, having done his job and learned his lesson, is now installed and blessed of God as a local pastor.

It is better to
PREPARE and PREVENT
than to
REPAIR and REPENT.

--Myer Pearlman



I Am the Lord That Healeth Thee

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THERE are a great many people who would like to trust God for their bodies, but they do not seem to know how to take hold of the Lord. However, if they understood, even in just a little measure, God's wonderful Word, and His great and mighty promises, there would not be any doubts or fears as to trusting Him. When it comes to *divine healing* for our bodies, we must first know from the Word of God that Jesus through His sacrifice on Calvary, is the great Healer. When we do, we have a foundation to stand on that will not fail.

In Genesis 1:26, we read: "And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . . and God saw that which He had made, and behold, it was very good." Before sin entered the world, man was in the likeness of God, pure and holy. Everything in the Garden of Eden was bright and beautiful, no sickness or disease, no thought of disobedience; there was no cause to walk apart from the way God led them. God said to them that of every tree in the Garden they might eat if they wanted to, except one tree—"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." It was because of their disobedience, that sin and all the result of sin entered the world.

In Deuteronomy 28 you will find listed, as resulting from sin, all the diseases to which mankind is subjected. However, we need not stop there; we may go on to Galatians and there read that, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is everyone who hangeth on a tree." Gal. 3:13.

We find, in Ex. 15:25, 26, God's wonderful covenant of healing, where the children of Israel in their wanderings through the wilderness, came to the bitter waters of Marah. There God told Moses to take a certain tree and cast it into the waters, and because of it, the waters were made sweet. We know that this is a type of Jesus, the only one who can sweeten the bitter waters of this life—"There He made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there He proved them, and said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and will give ear to His commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that healeth thee."

There is always a condition to meet with every blessing that God has given to us, and that condition is *obedience to God's will*. He is not a hard taskmaster, but he does love and demand obedience in His children. We find, in the doing of His will, how the *bitter waters* are made *sweet*.

The first condition is, "If thou wilt hearken diligently"—not carelessly, indifferently, but earnestly desiring the Lord's will above everything else. Hearken *diligently* to the voice of God. Yielding to your own will is an *act of disobedience*. We have His Word that cannot be broken, that if we *hearken diligently*, He will put none of the diseases of Egypt upon us,

not one! It is *God Almighty* saying this, and *He cannot lie!*

God was to be their Healer. That was His pledge to them. Israel, on the other hand, had to do her part. In Numbers 12, we find where Miriam became leprous—because of what? Murmuring against God's leader. "And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married . . . and the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; and he departed. And Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold Miriam became leprous, white as snow." You might wonder how it should have brought such an affliction upon Miriam; but brother, sister, any condition, any evil power that the enemy can implant in the human heart, that worketh ill to his neighbor and brings rebellion against God, and His people, is *sin!* We look at great outstanding sins and count them as terrible, but in God's sight *sin is sin*, whether it comes in like a flood or creeps in like jealousy, envy or strife, and it is bound to bring forth bitter fruit in our lives. Consider Moses! When he saw the condition of Miriam, even though she had sinned against him, his great heart besought God in her behalf, and the plague was stayed. Beware of this most subtle tool of the enemy—*jealousy!*

The higher we climb the ladder of power and blessing, the closer on our tracks comes Satan with all his imps. You have never put your foot forward, to go one step higher in God by way of prayer or intercession, but you will find the enemy contesting every foot of ground. If you are satisfied to keep the same old place, walking round and round the same old block all the time, you will never be bothered with him.

Do not allow discouragement, or anything else from the enemy, to lodge for one little moment in your heart and *mind*, for it will not be long before it will creep down into your *heart*; and it will take some praying, some breaking before God, to get it out of your heart. No such condition will ever enter your *heart* unless you first allow the seed to take root in your *mind*. Never has the temptation of envy, jealousy, or anything else, crept into your heart but it was first entertained and permitted to flourish in your mind, and soon it worked its way down into your heart and became *sin*. Satan would easily wedge his way in if I allowed him for one moment to find lodgment in my mind, and it would not be long before he would work his way down into the

recesses of my heart and *sin* would separate me from communion and fellowship with my Lord, making an opening for the enemy's subtle attacks. It has taken me all night many times on my knees, to pray through, that God might deliver me and protect me from the enemy's encroachment. We cannot *afford* to allow the smallest root of bitterness to spring up that will separate us from God.

In Num. 21:4, we read: "And they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to compass the Land of Edom, and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way." There are very few people who can take the path that is not all roses and see God in it. If any little trial or test comes their way, they say that it is not God's will—"Why should He allow this to happen to me? I would not mind if I were *sure* it is God's will," etc. *Murmuring* and *discouragement!* Let us turn to the life of that mighty man of God, which was so marked by trials and tests that you and I know nothing about, and listen to him saying, "None of these things move me! Don't weep over me because I am going to Jerusalem to suffer. Don't weep over me, for none of these things move me. I have caught a great vision, I have a great God at the helm, and I am seeing *Him* above the tests and trials."

They began to murmur against Moses—"Wherefore did he bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness; there is no bread here, no place to bury us if we die—what do you mean, Moses, by bringing us along this way?" Moses did not have to fight the battle alone, but he just looked to God; and when God heard that murmuring, saw their disobedience, and how grievous was their sin, He sent the fiery serpents in their midst, and this plague spread throughout the whole camp of Israel.

God was in this terrible trial, for in His mercy He brought them to the place where they had to look to Him for help. I often think that our way of safety lies in the fact that God allows the enemy to afflict us, to bring us to a sense of our depravity, that we might look unto Him and live. I have learned that there is a sweetness in trusting and praising God in the hard places, and letting Him lead me through to victory. *We are redeemed from the curse!* Why should we sit in the dust? The blood of Jesus Christ has prevailed against the foe!

God may take severe ways to speak to us sometimes, because we are wayward and stubborn, and do not hearken to Him "diligently"; therefore it may take great trial to awaken our heart to a realization of our condition and how far short we are in our consecration. We think sometimes when we complain and find fault, and have an unkind feeling toward one of God's children, that there is not much to it, but *it opens an avenue for sin to enter*, and affliction may follow. You cannot murmur and complain against God's leadings without sinning against God, but God knows our condition, that we are but flesh, and He has raised Christ on High, just as He raised the brazen

WHY EIGHT PAGES?

We regret having to bring out another eight-page issue of the EVANGEL this week, but our paper is rationed. We are now printing 107,000 copies of the EVANGEL each week, and we are allowed only 75% of our 1942 quota of paper. Next week there will be a sixteen-page edition as usual.

serpent in the wilderness, that everyone that looketh, may live—many look up and behold their redemption.

It is hard when in pain and suffering, to look away from the curse. It was hard for those Israelites to turn away from the awful agony of the serpent's bite, and look at the brazen serpent, but nevertheless, *everyone who looked,*

was healed. We look so much at ourselves instead, and feel so sorry for "poor me," and we grumble and find fault with the way, but *whosoever looketh away to the Lamb of God shall be delivered from sin, from leprosy, from sickness and death.* The Lamb of God has been "lifted up" that He might draw us all unto Him. Let us look to Him and be made perfectly whole.

Actor or Soldier--Which?

J. NARVER GORTNER

CHARLES LAMB, in writing of the death of Munden, an actor, who, he remarks, "was not an actor, but something better, if you please," has told us that he saw him one evening play three different parts, and play each part so successfully that "a stranger might not have dreamed that he was seeing the same actor." In other words, in each part he acted so perfectly the part he was acting, and the parts were so different from each other, that he really appeared to be three men instead of just one man.

It would seem that this is the way some Christians act. At times they appear to be Christians, real Christians; they act as Christians should act; and at other times they act like sinners; they behave like sinners. Many a man in his home is altogether different from what he is in his place of business, and in his place of business he is altogether different from what he is when in the church attending a church service. He does not act the same part in each sphere. And this is, evidently, because he is an *actor*, a mere actor.

The real Christian is not an actor; he is a soldier; he has enlisted in an army; his business is to fight the good fight of faith, to resist the adversary and to press the battle to the gates. He is expected by Him who has called him to be a soldier to wage a good warfare, to be loyal under all circumstances, and to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. To this end he was called and to this end he responded to the call and enlisted in the King's army. It is not enough that a soldier, called to the colors, act the part of a soldier when he is being drilled to render service on the field or in the trenches, or when the army, in full dress uniform, is being reviewed, for the special benefit of some distinguished visitor from a

foreign land. The real test comes in the day of battle, when the enemy is assailing or is being assailed, and loyalty is expected and courage demanded. What the soldier appeared to be when his regiment was being reviewed or was marching away to the front, drums beating and banners flying (this language is figurative for drums and banners appear to have little to do with modern warfare), he must be in the thick of the fight, when shells are screeching overhead, bombs are falling, shrapnel is flying, and there is danger on every side.

Turning the Other Cheek

A TRUE STORY BY DAVID N. HARTT

MEET Andrew Peter. He is a short, thick-set, jolly fellow. He works hard, speaks out his mind, and talks like a machine-gun. His mind is stubborn and quick tempered.

Shortly after Andrew was saved, persecution broke out in his community. The local priest visited around, and burned the Bibles he was able to lay his hands on. Andrew was peaceable until he took his treasured Bible and would not give it back. Forgetting his Lord's injunction to bless his persecutors, the new convert ripped the priest's gown and laid him flat upon the ground with well-aimed blows. The zealot got his Bible back, but his temper cost him a few days in jail and a fine. He came to Bible school later, and has just completed his third year.

Andrew came in from his preaching post for a little visit the other day. His right eye was swollen and bloodshot. We asked him for his story.

He went, he explained, to visit a family whose father had just died. The man was unsaved, but one of his daughters was "of the gospel," and hence it was his duty to visit there. Upon arriving he found the local priest in the midst of his open-air funeral service denouncing the Protestants. Andrew sat down and listened quietly. After the service, the wife of the deceased paid the priest for the ritual, and he mounted his horse and rode away.

The priest having gone, the woman asked if Andrew had anything to say. The young man arose and began to proclaim the simple gospel from the Word of God. And the priest, fear-

What we are engaged in as Christians is not a comedy or a farce; it is not an entertainment that is put on for the sake of the crowd; it is a real warfare against the powers of darkness. And the issues that are involved are of infinite consequence. God would have every man who has enlisted do his duty. Nelson said before the battle of Trafalgar, "England expects every man to do his duty." Do you think England expected more than God expects? And do you think England deserved more than God deserves? And is there a likelihood that as great issues were involved, or that there was a greater necessity for loyalty and bravery?

We are fighting in a warfare,
And Jehovah is our King;
Let us forward move with courage,
While we let His praises ring;
Let us be like faithful David,
Who against Goliath went,
Fearless in the day of battle,
By unfailing courage sent.
Actors not are we but soldiers,
And our banner is the Cross;
Christ, the Lord, our mighty Captain,
And we cannot suffer loss!
For our triumph in the conflict
God in patience surely waits;
Men of God, gird on your armor,
Press the battle to the gates!

ing that just such a thing might be happening, galloped back to see. He dismounted and insisted that Andrew cease speaking. But Andrew continued without paying any attention to the intruder. The priest then asked the relatives to make him stop.

"But we have already paid you for your services, and we have a right to hear what the Protestant has to say since he preaches free of charge," they replied.

Since no one else would take his part, the priest went to Andrew and heaped threats upon him. Andrew continued his message, and then the infuriated priest struck him on the head. Still there was no response from Andrew, so the priest struck him again in the eye. He was wearing a pair of dark glasses. They were broken and an ugly gash was torn below his right eye. Seeing the blood flow, the priest turned, mounted his horse and rode away.

This time Andrew was instructed in the Word, and had "turned the other cheek." He had not ceased to speak even after having been struck and cut so that his right eye remained blind for three days. The unconverted audience remained so astounded at the young Protestant preacher's continuing his preaching, not striking back nor saying a word against the priest, but rather praying for his salvation, that they spread the news far and wide. Against their advice he refused to report the affair to the authorities, and remained in the district, faithfully preaching the Word as he had done before.

The result? The whole community has been awakened and souls are being saved, one by one.—*Prairie Pastor.*

COUNTING NOT THE COST

If any man counts his life as of any account, dear unto himself, or desires to live many years, he had better seek some softer job than to be a missionary for Christ. But if he feels that for him the world holds no greater honor or pleasure than to fight for Christ on the firing line, except it be to die for Him in the hottest part of the field, then by all means let him come to the mission field.—C. T. Studd.

Christ Is Returning

It is written, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints." Jude 14. His escort from heaven will be augmented from the earth. "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: so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:15, 17.

There will be those who will be left behind, and they will wail when they find that the Bridegroom has come and left them. A solemn word will be given to the foolish ones, "Too late! Too late! You cannot enter now." The oil can be had today. Do you have the oil?

We are warned alike by Peter and Paul, that the day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night. 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10. You cannot buy oil in the night. The Word of God says, "Now is the accepted time!" 2 Cor. 6:2. The world says there is plenty of time! What does the world know about God's plan? The Holy Ghost says, "Now!" The world thinks it knows better than God. The world sneeringly says, "Where is the promise of His coming?" The man who listens to the world is lost.

But writing to the saints, Paul declares: "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. We are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober. . . . For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him." 1 Thess. 5:4-10.

Note those words, "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day!" The child of God has entered into the dawn of eternal day, the eternal and unending day of God Himself. All the old things have passed away. Calvary has inaugurated a new day.

The inspired apostle declared, "We which have believed do enter into rest." Heb. 4:3. The eternal rest of Jehovah has been entered by the sons of light, by those who have responded to the Word of the Son of God. "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matt. 11:28, 29.

The central act of that eternal day will be the enthronement of Jesus in the kingdom of His Father. Now we see not all things put under Him, but He is preparing His saints for the coming sight. The Father has decreed that every knee shall bow to Him, and every mouth shall confess that He is Lord. Satan tried to break the decree, but he failed. He is now trying to rob Him of the glory that is coming to His name, and he will fail again.

On the cross of Calvary the blood of the Lamb of God was shed. That precious blood that brings cleansing to the sinner who avails himself of its flow, spells the doom of Satan.

Satan tried to trample on the Son of God, but he himself will be trampled on. The Son of God triumphed over him and made His way back through the principalities and powers, back to the throne of God; and He is coming back through these powers and will overthrow them all. And He will consign Satan first to the bottomless pit for a thousand years, and then to the lake of fire, there to dwell forever.

Christ overcame, not for Himself alone, but for all those who believe on Him. There is no defeat for those who believe on Him. They can overcome him who seeks to overcome them, by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony. Rev. 12:11.

The Word declares, "The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly." Rom. 16:20. Believe the Word.

CHRIST chose a motley crowd for His disciples. Some of them were fishermen, one was a tax collector. As to divine qualifications, they had none. After He had chosen them, they disputed who should be the greatest. We see them even rebuking mothers who brought their children to the Master to be blessed.

They were full of unbelief. A father had to complain to Christ, "I brought him (my son) to Thy disciples, and they could not cure him." Matt. 17:16. When they asked the Master, "Why could not we cast him (the evil spirit that possessed the lad) out?" He answered, "Because of your unbelief." And still they were disputing as to who should be the greatest.

Yet He gave them commissions, and while the commissions lasted they were effective in carrying them out, in preaching the gospel, in healing the sick, and in casting out demons. It was a short-time success in lives in which we see much failure.

Christ said to His disciples, "O faithless and perverse generation, . . . how long shall I suffer you?" Matt. 17:17. He did suffer them, and yet we see little improvement.

In the garden of Gethsemane He said, "Tarry ye here, and watch with Me." But when He came to them He found them asleep, and He said, "What, could ye not watch with Me one hour?" But when he came again, they were asleep.

But worse was to follow. Peter denied Him, and they all forsook Him and fled. Even after the resurrection they went fish-

THE THREEFOLD WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

"And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him;

(a) For He dwelleth *with you*.

(b) And shall be *in you*." John 14:16, 17.

"And ye shall receive power, after that (c) the Holy Ghost is come *upon you*." Acts 1:8.

"With you" brings forth the New Birth. "In you" builds up the Christian character.

"Upon you" empowers for Christian service.

Pentecost

ing. They were chosen ones, apostles, but on the whole men would say that they were failures.

That is human judgment. They were failures, doubtless, as human beings, but they were following One who had infinite grace, grace sufficient to overcome every failure in their lives. He had chosen them, and He had purposes of grace for them.

After the crucifixion they were afraid of the Jews, and shut themselves up in a room. Nevertheless, they were His all the time. His eye was over them. He had not forgotten His gracious promises to them concerning the providing of the Comforter. The Holy Spirit was waiting to fall upon them.

The day came when they were all filled with the Spirit. There was a mighty influx of power from on high. Human beings were charged with God Himself. No longer do we see the upper room closed for fear of the Jews. The Jews had fear of them. They cried, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

They had had three years of training, and there had been much failure except in the hour when they went forward under His special commission. But now He who gave the first commission recommissioned them and re-empowered them.

Today His people have the commission. His word is clear, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Christ longs to recommission and recharge His disciples, so that they go forth under the power of the Spirit of God, doing the works of God.

Despise not the days of His schooling, but look for the day when you will be sent forth with a fresh anointing and a fresh filling. Christ promised that supernatural signs would follow them that believe. "In My name shall they cast out demons; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:15-18. As those early disciples went forth and preached, the Lord worked with them, confirming the Word with signs following. He will do the same in this day.

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THE QUIET TIME

The Use of the Bible in the Quiet Time

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THE first and obvious thing to say is that *there must be a quiet time*. No one can say for another what time in every twenty-four hours is the best, because our circumstances and duties are so infinitely varied; but, if the proposed benefit is to be ours, *we must have a time*.

The time should be *fixed*. It is a strange and sad thing that we organize pretty well everything except our religious life. We organize our study, our meals, our recreation, our sleep, and so on, but we leave the needs of our soul to take care of themselves as and when they can. There is no use of anyone who organizes three meals a day for his body to say that he cannot possibly fix a time daily for Bible meditation; such an affirmation is but a loud advertisement of spiritual indifference.

Some are able to give more time, and some less, but all should and, if we are to live, must give *some* time, and that time should be fixed. It should be as regular a part of the daily program as the morning wash or the evening meal. Before you go any further, do something about a *time*.

The next thing to be said is that *there should be a quiet place*.

At home there may be a big family, or one may be sharing with another a bedroom, or, for some other reason, it may be difficult for some to get away *alone* at a given hour each day, but at least the effort should be made. If in any case entire aloneness be impossible, then the next best thing must be done. If you find that noises in the house, or street, distract you, stop your ears rather than lose your time. To derive the fullest benefit from the season of meditation you must close the doors of your mind to everything else.

The next requirement is a *right attitude of soul*.

Time and *place* will be of little avail if the *spirit* is wrong. There should be *stillness* within. If our soul is like a storm-tossed sea, if we are beaten about like a bird in a hurricane, if we rush into the divine presence as a horse into the battle, what hope is there of our accomplishing anything in the short time at our disposal?

We must definitely recognize stillness of soul as our need, and go to Him about it, and be very definite about it.

Assuming, therefore, a more or less normal state of soul, we should bring to the Quiet Time a spirit of *stillness*, or quickly secure it there. "Be still, and know that I am God." "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

"Speak, Lord, in the stillness, while I wait on Thee; Hushed my heart to listen in expectancy."

Stillness, yes, and *expectancy*, that is another necessity. He who expects nothing will get nothing. It is the eager soul that will be made glad. If we expose all our soul to the Holy

Spirit, we shall have many a thrilling surprise.

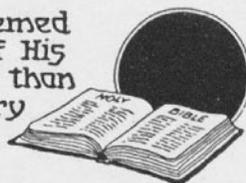
In the time chosen for our meditation, be it longer or shorter, we must be *unhurried*. It is worse than useless to waste this precious time thinking about your next engagement. *Be quiet, concentrate, expect, don't hurry*. Fifteen minutes of that will be much better than an hour of restless reading of the Word.

The next thing that matters is that you have an *object*.

If you aim at nothing, you are sure to hit it. Purpose should be behind all action; in all we do we should have an end in view. Now, the object of the Quiet Time should not be to prepare addresses for a class, Sunday School,



**I have esteemed
the words of His
mouth more than
my necessary
food.** Job 23:12



open air, or anything of the kind, but to nourish and upbuild *one's own soul*. At such a time (I am talking of Bible meditation and not of prayer) it is not only right but necessary to forget *others*. For the idea of getting ready for a service draws one's attention from his personal need, and, in any case, the preparation of one's own soul is the best preparation for every service.

Make that perfectly clear to yourself each day as you "enter in." I do not stand to help anyone else by neglecting myself. I cannot convey to others divine grace if I myself have a neglected leak. The object, therefore, of the Quiet Time should be self-examination and self-renewing. This personal element is very prominent in the Psalms.

Ask yourself just here if your past disappointment has been due to your not having had an object definite enough, or, perhaps, having had a wrong object.

Now, having considered the matters of *time, place, attitude* and *object*, the next thing, and it is of supreme importance is a *simple, practical, and effective method*.

So many fail for want of this. To begin with, then, *plan your field of meditation*. You can do this on a small or on a great scale, but it should be done. You may elect to meditate,

perhaps for a month, upon some of the great texts of the Bible; or you may choose a Psalm, say the 23rd, or may select a number of great passages, such as John 17; 1 Corinthians 13; Hebrews 11, and work carefully through them; or you may prefer to take a book, say John's Gospel, or Mark's, or Ephesians, or 1 Peter, and read these over and over again until like rain they saturate your thirsty soul. But about these suggestions I would say two things. First, if you plan on the big scale you cannot take verse by verse, and word by word, as you would on the smaller scale, for that would too greatly protract the study, and variety is necessary for the maintenance of interest. But detailed consideration should be given to short chapters, to brief passages, and to verses.

Make your reading and study *practical*. Your object is not so much to gather information as inspiration, and so you should discover what is the application of what you read to your then present circumstances and need. Turn the truth into terms of life, and use the Word to light and feed the fire of devotion.

Remember, you cannot lead anyone higher than you yourself have gone; you cannot enrich any beyond your own actual experience of God; hence the absolute necessity of the Bible in the Quiet Time.

SEED THOUGHTS

Gathered by Alice E. Luce

"Our life is like the dial of a clock. The hands are God's hands, passing over and over again—the short hand the Hand Discipline, the long hand the Hand of Mercy.

"Slowly and surely the Hand of Discipline must pass, and God speaks at each stroke; but over and over passes the Hand of Mercy, showering down sixtyfold of blessing for each stroke of discipline or trial; and both hands are fastened to one secure point—the great, unchanging Heart of a God of Love!

"Satan delights to represent God to us as a tyrannical taskmaster, and His will as a slavish fear. To become a child of God means that this lie has been exposed, and you know God for what He really is, and not as He has been misrepresented." (Russell Howden).

Is your life representing God as He really is? What opinion do others form of Him when they watch your actions and listen to your words?

"Waiting on God brings us to our journey's end quicker than our feet." Do not be discouraged if you are advancing slowly; but keep your eyes on JESUS. Heb. 12:1, 2.

We are often reminded that God's delays are not denials. He hears every Spirit-breathed prayer and starts the answer on its way.

Satan and his hosts of evil were permitted to delay one of Daniel's answers for three weeks; but it reached him in the end.

HOW IS YOUR PRAYER LIFE?

Activities are multiplied that meditation may be ousted, and organizations are increased that prayer may have no chance. Souls may be lost in good works, as surely as in evil ways. *The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying*. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.—S. Chadwick.

Reports from Our Missionaries

Lately there has appeared in Palma Soriano, Cuba, a Negro who calls himself, "Jesus Christ," and has written a song which uses his first name, the title being, "Benito Jesus." Every day there are new faces wearing his insignia, a blue square with a white cross, and he has established two temples in Palma with their corresponding priests. He claims to have over 500 followers in Guantanamo, Santiago and Palma. The people in the latter place are very much disturbed over him and are planning on putting him on public exhibition in the theater to perform some miracle. While he is an ignorant man yet he speaks with fluency and coins many new words to fit his ideas.

He, as well as his followers, quotes Scripture and carry either a New Testament or the entire Bible. When his followers enter into his presence they kneel down and kiss his hand. He claims to have the nail prints in his hands and feet, but the city doctor who has attended him has told Brother Einar G. Peterson, one of our missionaries in this field, that the marks were made by some sharp object like glass. He claims that he died in Jerusalem and was reincarnated by the Holy Spirit in Santiago de Cuba. He has made many prophecies, in general taken from the Bible, but his followers claim he made them. His name, before he assumed the title of the Lord, was Benito Collazo.

"For many shall come in My Name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Surely these are signs of the last days.

CURING THE INCURABLE

The Holy Spirit continues to work in the hearts of the Indian people in South Travancore. We praise God for the good report that there seems to be a growth in hunger for spiritual food in that place, and that our missionaries there have heard the cries for help, and are doing their utmost to obey the Lord's command, "Give ye them to eat."

Some time ago, they were called to pray for a boy of 14 who was near death with an incurable tropical disease. Many in that neighborhood had died from it. As the Christian workers began to look to the Lord for this boy, a spirit of prayer came upon them. The whole family was asked to turn to the Lord, at which they started to cry and confess their sins openly. As soon as this family, including even the aged grandmother, gave their hearts to the Lord, the boy was healed, and is now attending Sunday School. The rest of the family come to the services, and give a testimony worth hearing.

Some time after this, another child of the family was sick, and again the missionaries were called to pray, and again the Lord manifested Himself in healing power. Now

the whole neighborhood became stirred.

Our Sister Mary Lindberg, one of the faithful workers in this field, writes: "We need these manifestations to bring souls to Christ. We thank the Lord who has so graciously confirmed His Word in healing, so that our churches are filling and many are getting saved and going on with the Lord. One woman brought a goat as an offering to the Lord in gratitude for healing her. We gave it to the pastor of that church. Before these people are saved, they offer such things as goats and money to the devil." How it fills our hearts that these offerings are now brought in devotion to our Lord who alone is worthy, rather than as offerings of fear and superstition to Satan who had for so long bound and deceived these precious souls.

PRAYING THROUGH A "STANDSTILL"

The following is an inspiring account of God's wonderful work in Venezuela, translated from a letter of a native deacon of the church of Aguada Grande to our missionary Brother G. F. Bender, which was forwarded to us by him.

Dear Brother Bender: I desire to tell you

of some of the marvelous things the Lord has done for us.

"Noting the 'standstill' of the work, we resolved to start two prayer meetings weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays in the home of a brother. . . . We felt that we were basing the same on Acts 2:17, 18.

"God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, has kept His word. Brethren have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in these meetings, speaking in other tongues as in Acts 2:4. And this happened soon after starting these meetings. My son and his four children have also been filled with the Holy Spirit. Another prayer meeting opened in a sister's home, where three young ladies have been filled with the Holy Spirit. All this the Lord has done for His humble followers. Glory to His holy Name!

"Of course we know that the enemy does not like to see God's children prosperous, and now he is stirred up and causing us to have some struggles and opposition. We ask your prayers that the good work will go on and the enemy be defeated. For my part, I am consecrating my life to the Lord for His glory and work."—Presciliano R. Rodriguez.

I care not where I live or what hardships I go through, if only I can win souls for Christ. While asleep I dream of these things; when I awake my first thought is of this great work.—Brainerd.

Street Meetings in Ceylon

Street meetings have ever been one of the best means of getting the gospel out to the unsaved, and this holds true in India as well as in America. We were happy for the good report of the blessing of God upon

open-air services held by Rosa M. Reineker and her coworkers.

Some difficulty was encountered when she tried to get witnesses from among the Indian young women for these services. It is not exactly the accepted thing in India for young women to speak in public, and so most of them are forbidden by their fathers or husbands to take part in the meeting. However, the Lord has said, "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy," and His Word shall never fail. Two of the Sisters (on photo) have a real burden for souls, and are helping in spite of public opinion being against them.

God is blessing their efforts, and at their last service, a young business man, who six months before had turned from Hinduism to nominal Christianity, stepped into the meeting, and there for the first time heard of the born-again experience. He followed the women to their home, and after confessing his desire for a real experience with God such as they had described, he knelt with the missionaries in prayer. When he arose, his whole expression had changed, and he said that he then understood the way of salvation of which he had known nothing before.

Miss Reineker asks our united prayers for these street meetings, and we want her to know that we are standing with her in this good work.



Two consecrated believers in Ceylon

Send all contributions to Noel Perkin, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri

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Forthcoming Meetings

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—1438 University St., May 5-14; E. R. Winter Evangelistic Party, Texarkana, Texas.—Floyd McWhinney, Pastor.

PARSONS, KANSAS—April 23-May 14; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul N. Grubb, Water Valley, Miss.—Geo. L. Hanley, Pastor.

LONGMONT, COLO.—Full Gospel Church; April 16, for 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Ira Heath.—Glenn A. Reed, Pastor.

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Calvary Tabernacle; meeting in progress; Mae Eleanor Frey, Evangelist.—Ralph Hughey, Pastor.

CAMDEN, N. J.—Missionary Fellowship, 570 Walnut St., May 2. Services 2:30 and 8:00. Robert McClay of India will speak in evening service, other missionaries will take part. Kenneth Haystead is pastor.—Elizabeth J. Ashcroft.

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL
The South Carolina District Council will convene at Assembly of God, Spartanburg, S. C., May 29-31; A. C. Bates of Texas, main speaker.—J. D. Courtney, District Superintendent.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL
The Eastern District Council will convene at the Camp Curtain Memorial Methodist Church 6th and Woodbine Sts., Harrisburg, Pa., May 16-18. For accommodations write Pastor A. Vigna, 2423 Reel St., Harrisburg, Pa.—F. F. Reidenbach, District Secretary.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL
The 22nd annual session of the Illinois District Council will be held at South 12th and Jefferson St., Quincy, Ill., May 2-4. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, guest speaker. F. R. Davidson, host pastor. Rooms furnished as far as possible.—W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent.

PENIEL BIBLE INSTITUTE
Commencement Exercises, Auditorium, Peniel Bible Institute, Stanton, Ky., April 28. Baccalaureate sermon, 10:30 a. m., R. M. Riggs, speaker; commencement address, 7:00 p. m., M. A. Jollay, speaker. Fellowship meeting, 2:30 p. m., R. M. Riggs, speaker. Relatives and special friends of Seniors, and students in general, entertained by school as far as possible. Greyhound bus to Hazard stops in front of school on request. Hotel rooms and restaurants near by.—Mrs. Elsie M. Elmendorf, Principal, Box 211, Stanton, Ky.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL
First annual conference, New York-New Jersey District, Calvary Full Gospel Church, Jones Ave. and Plymouth Ave. N., Rochester 6, N. Y., May 9-11. Opening rally, night, May 8. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams, special speaker at night services. Those planning to attend should write Pastor Willfred A. Brown, 45 Jones Ave., Rochester 6, N. Y. Candidates desiring to meet Credentials Committee should write me at 400 W. 8th St., Plainfield, N. J.—Thomas R. Brubaker, Secretary-Treasurer.

ALABAMA C. A. RALLIES
Alabama C. A. Rallies, April 30: Northwest Section, Sharon Chapel, near Beverton; James Ballard, Representative. Northeast Section, East Birmingham; Samuel Mizell, Representative. South Central Section No. 1, Troy; Marvin L. Smith, Speaker; Nolan D. Lee, Representative. South Central Section No. 2, Elamville; Mrs. Myrtice Herring, Representative. Southeast Section, Abbeville; Max McNab, Representative. Southeast Section No. 1, Creel Church; Elbert Jackson, Representative. Southeast Section No. 2, Whitaker Tabernacle; W. L. Croley, Representative. Southeast Section No. 4, Opine; C. F. Norton, Speaker; C. W. Davis, Representative. Southwest Section No. 1, Castleberry; Clyde C. Goree, Speaker; Alaice Burkett, Representative. Southwest Section No. 2, Toxey; Jimmie Flowers, District C. A. President, Speaker; Hubert Loper, Representative.—Mrs. Jimmie Flowers, District C. A. Secretary-Treasurer.

SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT COUNCIL

The second annual Southern Idaho District Council will convene at Jerome, Idaho, May 10-11. The District Presbytery will meet May 8-9. All applicants for credentials requested to appear before that body afternoon or evening of May 9. For further information write W. F. Morton, District Superintendent 1915 West State, Boise, Idaho, or Homer M. Doyle, District Secretary, P. O. Box 306, Nampa, Idaho.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS

East Central Section, McAlester, May 8-10; North-east Section, Skiatook, May 15-17.

Those desiring license or reinstatement are required to meet the board during any of these Sectional Councils. Licensed ministers are to get their renewal blanks at these meetings. First service, Monday night; closing service, Wednesday afternoon, licensing service.

For further information write F. C. Cornell, District Superintendent, or V. H. Ray, District Secretary-Treasurer, Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.

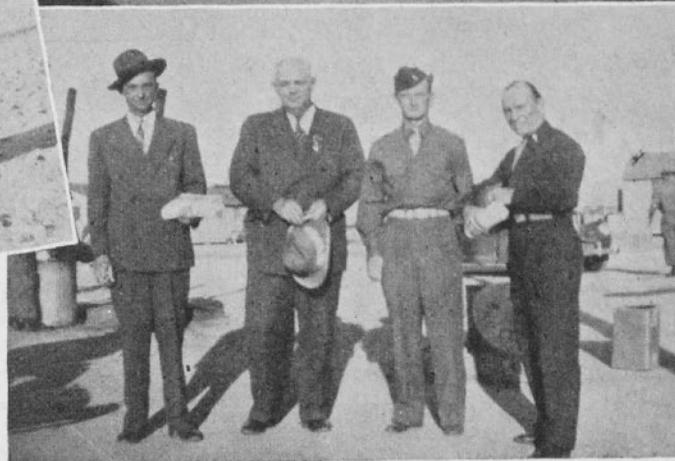
ALABAMA DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTIONS

The following conventions begin 7:30 p. m. the first day, three services the second day: Northeast Section, East Birmingham Assembly, 4306 Eleventh Ave. N., Birmingham, May 1-2. Southwest Section, Prichard, May 8-9. South Central Section, Girard Assembly, Phenix City, May 15-16. Northwest Section, Military Grove Assembly, Sulligent, May 29-30. Southeast Section, Elba, June 5-6.

Every minister affiliated with the Alabama District urged to attend his or her Sectional Convention. All licensed ministers and exhorters will need to meet their committee for renewal. Those making application for ordination will need to meet the committee of their particular section. The entertaining assemblies will furnish free beds. A representative missionary from Springfield will speak at each of these conventions.

For further information write Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent, 55 Chidester Ave., Mobile 17, Ala., or Grover M. Langston, District Secretary, Box 2006, Montgomery 3, Ala.

Winning Men in the Desert Training Area



In the Arizona-California Desert training area, hundreds of thousands of men have been prepared for combat duty. Sand, wind and tropical climate have hardened the men in preparation for the rigorous conditions of battle.

A few months ago, 50,000 volumes of Scripture were sent to this area by Evangelist Harry A. Jaeger, now director of the Servicemen's Department. Later Raymond T. Richey set up his red, white and blue tent and won hundreds of men to Christ. In the past few weeks, Chaplain E. M. Brengle, one of our Assembly of God chaplains, formerly a Florida pastor, provided an open door to our workers. John W. Sitton and J. Curtis Car-

lin, field representatives of the Servicemen's Department, report glorious victories for Christ in their work with Chaplain Brengle. These men distributed 25,000 Gospels of John, 25,000 *Reveille* and 2,000 tracts in a period of three weeks. Literally hundreds of souls found Christ.

This is just a part of the tremendous work being carried on through the Servicemen's Department. Your prayers are needed for a greater ministry ahead.

Pictured above are Curtis Carlin, John W. Sitton, Lieutenant Peck, and Chaplain E. M. Brengle. Also pictured is a mess call at the desert training center.

Servicemen's Department, Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri

The PASSING and the PERMANENT

NO LIQUOR ADS

Over two and a quarter million subscribers to the *Saturday Evening Post* voted against liquor advertising in that paper.

A GOOD IDEA!

According to the *Free Methodist*, the city of Woonsocket, South Dakota, has passed an ordinance requiring all places which sell liquor to have over the front door in letters six inches high the word, "Saloon."

POSTWAR PLANNING

One denomination is planning to "send a corps of flying missionaries after the war to conduct a 'mass bombing' of all the large cities of the world with religious literature." These fliers will go from one populated area to another dropping religious tracts from the sky.

MISSIONARIES IN CHINA

The need for missionaries is greater than ever, as is also the opportunity, and yet there are less than one-third the number of foreign missionaries in China that there were at the outbreak of the China-Japan war. According to Robert Hall Glover, only 1,700 remain—one missionary to every 231,000 population.

THE PRESIDENT AND PALESTINE

President Franklin D. Roosevelt thus voices his sentiments on Palestine: "The interest which I have had and have frequently manifested in the rebuilding of the ancient Jewish homeland is, I am persuaded, an interest which is shared by all who recognize that every people has the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

OVER A THOUSAND TONGUES

The number of languages in which some part of the Scriptures has been published is now 1,062, announces the American Bible Society. Four new languages appeared in 1943—one spoken in Ethiopia, two in Gaboon, French Equatorial Africa, and one in northern Australia. Homer has been translated into 20 languages, Shakespeare into 40, but the Bible into more than any other book.

THIRTY MILES FROM VICTORY

At least three times the Nazis have been within thirty miles of what might have been decisive blows in this war. They were only thirty miles from the shores of England; thirty miles from the city of Moscow; and thirty miles from Cairo. Thirty miles—less than an hour's drive by car! But God has set "the bounds of their habitation." Acts 17:26. He let them go thus far, but no farther!

THE COST OF KILLING

The last war cost the United States roughly about \$30,000,000,000, states *Newsweek*. To win the present war the President outlined obligations from June 1940 through June 30, 1945 amounting to \$397,000,000,000 (of which \$105,000,000,000 would be expended, representing contracts uncompleted at that date). This leaves a cost of \$292,000,000,000 which is equal to \$2,200 for every man, woman and child in this country.

TITO CHOSE A JEW

Marshal Tito, leader of the Yugoslavian partisan forces, has chosen a Jew as vice-president of the provisional Government of Yugoslavia. According to *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* he chose Dr. Moshe Pijade, a Jewish physician, for this high office. Hitler will not like this!

JAPANESE-AMERICAN CONVERTS

In Italy, Chaplain Israel L. Yost, a Lutheran, is attached to a Fifth Army unit composed of Japanese-Americans. According to *Time*, the men are 50% atheists and 25% Buddhists. But Chaplain Yost prayed with them before battle, and buried their dead with Christian rites. Last week 13 of his men became Christians. About 50 others are about ready to do the same.

A SHAMEFUL REPORT

The first Protestant missionary to Japan was so effective that the Emperor declared that if what the missionary said could be proved true, he would make Christianity the State religion. The Emperor sent five of his leading men on a tour of Europe and America. When their trip was nearly ended, the saintly Bishop Moule asked them, "Tell me, gentlemen, what is the report that you will take back to your Emperor?" They replied, "We will tell him much. In a sentence it is that the Book is all right, but that it does not work."

DISILLUSIONED

A remarkable confession of the impotence of Science without Revelation is given by the President of the University of Chicago, R. M. Hutchins. He says:

"The Sciences at best might help attain our ends if we knew what those ends were; but we do not know where we are going or why, and we have almost given up the attempt to find out. We are in despair because the keys which were to open the gates of heaven have let us into a larger and more oppressive prison house. They have failed us. Many have long since cast off God, and now appeal to the undiluted animalism and emotionalism of demagogues, in Hitler's scream, 'We think with our blood.'"

THE SOB OF A THOUSAND MILLION

of poor heathen sounds in my ear, and moves my heart; and I try to measure, as God helps me, something of their darkness, something of their blank misery, something of their despair. Oh, think of these needs! I say again, they are ocean-depths; and, beloved, in my Master's name, I want you to measure them, I want you to think earnestly about them, I want you to look at them, until they appall you, until you cannot sleep, until you cannot criticize.—Chas. Inwood.

ALL-TIME DIVORCE RECORD

Nevada had 11,399 divorce suits in 1943—a divorce boom without a rival in that State's history. The highest divorce total in any previous year was 8,614 in 1942. Marriage license records indicated that 10% of those divorced in Reno remarried within a week. Surely present world conditions equal those of Sodom and Gomorrah in the eyes of God, and judgment such as those cities suffered cannot be postponed much longer. The day of reckoning must come.

SAN JUAN EARTHQUAKE

A curious hint of vain prayer in coming judgments is revealed in the earthquake in San Juan, Argentina. Over 5,000 corpses corrupted the city. The *London Times* (Jan. 20, 1944) said: "President Ramirez last night addressed the people of San Juan in the main square. He said they must accept this misfortune, which God had sent them, as a reparation for past errors. After invoking the divine blessing for the victims, President Ramirez asked for one minute's silence. The silence was broken suddenly by a strong earthquake which caused the President's listeners to flee terror-stricken!"

ARMY DISCIPLINE

A father visited his son at Camp San Luis Obispo one Sunday when his regiment had an open house. He said afterward: "I have come to the hard conclusion that we are all wrong about our education. The youngsters thrive on discipline, and we have taken it all out of their lives. I have never had so much deference and respect and real affection from any of my children as I have right now from my soldier son. He is polite, he is solicitous of everyone. He is most desirous of doing the correct and courteous thing. My children have always been so casual, even bordering on rudeness. This is not just my son. All the boys were the same. Parents came from all over California and many of them were farmers, not particularly stylish. Those boys could not do enough for them. . . ."

THE CAVES OF THE EARTH

Should the Lord tarry, this prophecy of a well-known news commentator is likely to become a reality: "Fifty years from now, it is probable that no dwelling house, public structure, office building, factory or place of amusement will be permitted to be built without bombproof vaults for the protection of man from his fellow men. We are moving into the new caveman era. Progress is in reverse; we are devoluting back to the caveman."

Such shelters may be sought for protection from the wrath of the Lamb, as well as from the wrath of man. The Bible describes the scene of His glorious appearing. Rich and poor, bond and free, all in that day shall hide themselves "in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains," and shall say, "Hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." However, no shelter will save them from that judgment. Man cannot hide from Christ. But man can hide in Christ, and the Bible says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." If you are not hiding in Him today, lose no time in fleeing to His outstretched arms. He will save you today and keep you safe as you trust His boundless grace.