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

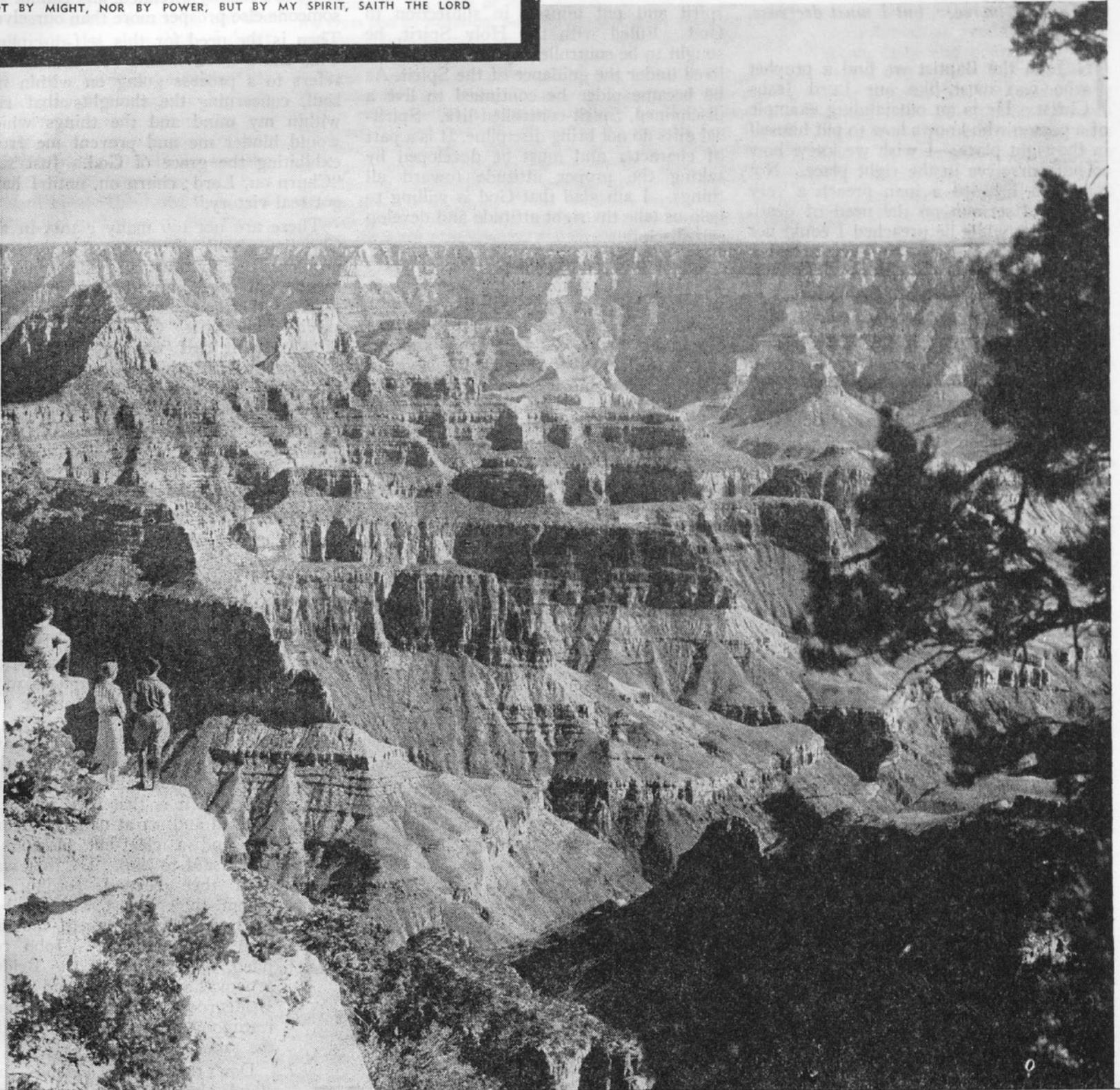
CREATION

I was not there. I do not dare  
To take my pen,  
And try to trace just what took place  
Ere God made men.

You were not there. How do you dare  
Presume you can  
Think or dare tell all that befell  
Ere God made man?

But God was there—and doth declare  
Creation's plan.  
Believe His Word—the truest heard.  
He knows—not man!

—Rosalie Banta Kirkland.



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# Self-Discipline

*Ernest S. Williams at the 1947 General Conference of the British Assemblies of God*

*He must increase, but I must decrease.*  
John 3:30.

IN John the Baptist we find a prophet who was most like our Lord Jesus Christ. He is an outstanding example of a person who knows how to put himself in the right place. I wish we knew how to put ourselves in the right place. Not long ago I heard a man preach a very wonderful sermon on the need of death to self, but while he preached I could not help feeling I wished the brother had a revelation of himself. I think many people need a revelation of themselves.

John had had a remarkable ministry. He had been successful; the multitudes were going down to the river Jordan, being baptized, and confessing their sins. The Scripture says he was a "burning and a shining light." He had a marvelous revival. Many men would not be able to stand such success; it would turn their heads and ruin them for ever. But not John. He stood the test.

The time came when John was cast into prison for preaching the truth, and the crowds stopped following him. Instead, Jesus took the pre-eminence, and people came to John saying, "All men go after Him." John was neither bitter nor resentful. His answer was, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

Such an attitude must have been the fruit of careful discipline and inward crucifixion. Friends, if we are going to be what God wants us to be, we must have and must hold, from the beginning of our Christian life on to its close, a self-discipline concerning our emotions, our desires, our wills, and all things which might tend to predominate and which would bring catastrophe to us and to other people.

John had rough apparel. The simplicity of his apparel and the fact that John could wear a garment that would be uncomfortable to his body, and that he could live on a diet of locusts and wild honey, shows me that he was disciplined. John had breathed of the free life of the desert, and it is grand when one can be free and do just as he pleases; but John gained the mastery over that free

spirit and put himself in subjection to God. Filled with the Holy Spirit, he sought to be controlled by the Spirit. He lived under the guidance of the Spirit. As he became older he continued to live a disciplined, Spirit-controlled life. Spiritual gifts do not bring discipline. It is a part of character and must be developed by taking the proper attitude toward all things. I am glad that God is willing to help us take the right attitude and develop self-discipline.

I was in a meeting a number of years ago when the pastor said, "We want to have a real testimony meeting, and I would like you to make your testimonies nice and brief." The people rose and began to testify. We were having a grand time of fellowship when a portly woman about fifty years of age said, "I don't believe in these short testimonies; I believe we ought to have all the time we want to tell what God has done for us. I was saved and sanctified twenty-five years ago. . . ." When she said that, my heart sank within me. I thought, "Saved and sanctified twenty-five years ago, and yet she never has known what it is to get her own will subjected to the Spirit of God!" She had a theory of sanctification but did she have the spirit of sanctification? We get the theory of a lot of things but do we get the reality of true holiness deep in our hearts and lives? That is the vital question. Should I be speaking to any who have not learned to discipline themselves, take yourself to God and say,



Watch ye and pray  
lest ye enter  
into temptation

Mark 14:38

"Heavenly Father, help me now; I will subject myself to Thee. Help me to have self-discipline, that I may live for Thy glory and do Thy divine will."

To me John is an example of a giant, both in qualities of character and in depths of humility. It takes a big man, when things seem to be going wrong and everything is against him, still to exhibit the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is an expression of smallness if we are readily offended, and cannot see someone else prosper more than ourselves. Then is the need for this self-discipline. This same word means "to churn." It refers to a process going on within my soul, concerning the thoughts that rise within my mind and the things which would hinder me and prevent me from exhibiting the grace of God. Just say, "Churn on, Lord; churn on, until I have got real victory."

There are not too many giants in the Christian world. A group of Pentecostal people comes to town and the ministers become all upset, afraid they may take some of their members, and they do not exhibit a big spirit. O God, give us more of the spirit that was in John! We embrace the truth this morning, but what are we going to do when the testing hour comes? That is the vital question. Will we show forth the virtues of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light? God can help us, and He will, if we will look to Him.

#### PUTTING JESUS IN HIS PROPER PLACE

John had a really keen and proper view of spiritual things. He was not hazy, preaching things that were not clear. We must keep away from the things that are not clear. There are some things that are as clear as the brightness of the day; we know the Lord; we know what salvation means; we know that God baptizes with the Holy Ghost and fire. But there are some people who, filled with spiritual pride, seek to probe into things that are not clear, and bring disruption to the work of God, and then they wonder why it is that they are persecuted and set at naught. Here we find a clear-cut testimony. They said to him, "He that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to Him." John replied, "Well, He is the Bridegroom; I am just the friend of the Bridegroom." He gave a clear testimony, and you and I must do the same.

Don't try to live in a cloud—the clouds always veil the sun. Some people, in order to exhibit their own spirituality, have to live there, in the hazy atmosphere of nowhere. I pray the eyes of our

understanding may be enlightened, that when we get hold of something we will pray it through until we really know where we are, and God will wonderfully bless us.

John knew how to put Jesus in His proper place, and that is an important thing. Many people are preaching Christ but they have not put Him in His proper place. They unconsciously want to stand in the limelight, but the Lord does not want that. I don't quite agree with the matured preacher who said he wished he could preach through a keyhole so that the people could just see Jesus. I don't want just to hear the preacher; I want to see the preacher too: but when I see him I want to see the Lord in him. I pray God will give us the meekness and gentleness of Christ that will exalt our Lord and Savior. John says, "He that hath the bride is the Bridegroom. I am the friend of the Bridegroom; I came to bring about a connection, and this therefore my joy is fulfilled. . . . I have to decrease and get out of sight, while He increases and comes into prominence." The Lord wants us to have the same spirit.

#### PUTTING PEOPLE IN THEIR PROPER PLACE

Another thought: John knew how to put his fellow-men in their proper place. Some put people in their proper place in quite a different way! A woman said, "The Bible says we have to rebuke sharply. I rebuke you in the name of the Lord Jesus!" If she could have done it more sharply she would have done so! She wanted to put me in my place, and a lot of people want to put others in their place. John did it in the right way. There is a right way and a wrong way of doing everything. You can preach Christ in a wrong way. If you preach Christ in the right way you will woo the people to the Lord.

John turned the attention of the people to Jesus. He said, "He is the Bridegroom, go after Him. I am going to slip out of the picture, but He is going to be permanently before you as the Bridegroom of your souls." Brethren, you and I are going to step out of this ministry one of these days, but the Lord is going to continue to brightly shine. While we are here He gives us the opportunity of being a bright and shining light, and the people gather around us. God wants them to do so. We are the shepherds of the sheep, and through gathering them we are to gather them around the Great

## Denying Self

"Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." Matt. 16:24.

CHRIST had for the first time definitely announced that He would have to suffer much and be killed and be raised again. "Peter rebuked Him, saying, Be it far from Thee, Lord: this shall never be to Thee." Christ's answer was, "Get thee behind Me, Satan." The spirit of Peter, seeking to turn Him away from the cross and its suffering, was nothing but Satan tempting Him to turn aside from the path which God had appointed as our way of salvation.

Christ then adds the words of our text, in which He uses for the second time the words, "Take up the cross." But with that He uses a most significant expression revealing what is implied in the cross: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross." When Adam sinned, he fell out of the life of heaven and of God into the life of the world and of self. Self-pleasing, self-sufficiency, self-exaltation, became the law of his life. When Jesus Christ came to restore man to his original place, "being in the form of God, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and humbled Himself even to the death of the cross." What He has done Himself He asks of all who desire to follow Him: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself."

Instead of denying himself, Peter denied his Lord: "I know not the Man." When a man learns to obey Christ's commands, he says of himself, "I know not the man." It is the secret of true discipleship, to bear the cross, to acknowledge the death sentence that has been passed on self, and to deny any right that self has to rule over us.

**Death to self** is to be the Christian's watchword. The surrender to Christ is to be so entire, the surrender for Christ's sake to live for those around us so complete, that self is never allowed to come down from the cross to which it has been crucified, but is ever kept in the place of death.

Let us listen to the voice of Jesus: "Deny self," and ask that by the grace of the Holy Spirit, as the disciples of a Christ who denied Himself for us, we may ever live as those in whom self has been crucified with Christ, and in whom the crucified Christ now lives as Lord and Master.—Andrew Murray.

Shepherd of the sheep. If we present them before Him at His coming we shall have done a beautiful work. But if we are rounding up the sheep and gathering them about us in order that we ourselves may benefit, then we are missing the mark. May God give us a beautiful revelation of our Lord Jesus, and help us so to present Him that those who listen to our words will fall in love with the blessed Son of God. Hallelujah! I believe that nothing will so draw folk to Jesus as the spirit of love and the fellowship which we enjoy with the Father, that radiates from our hearts and from our words, and brings a benediction to their souls.

At a camp meeting two or three years ago, where many had gathered together, a preacher stood up and talked to the people as though they were in some terrible spiritual condition. These people were living in hard circumstances, and had sacrificed to come to this place for spiritual edification and help; yet the preacher just seemed to make them feel they were wicked, and utterly failed to give them any food for their souls. God's people

have discouragement enough without being beaten by the preacher. They need to be uplifted. They have battles to fight; they have conflicts and discouragements. What they need is someone who will present the Bridegroom and tell them that Jesus is altogether lovely. They need to be reminded of the fact that they have been redeemed, not with corruptible things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Jesus. That will create faith and courage in their hearts and lives. I don't like to hear a great deal of condemning preaching. We must preach against sin, but we can do it in a spirit of love and show Jesus to the people. Let us give them a lifeline, not a burden that will discourage them.

#### PUT BY JESUS IN OUR PROPER PLACE

Whether things are advancing or seemingly receding, whether we have popularity or unpopularity, whether we seem to be successful or unsuccessful, the great Judge that walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, and upholds the stars in His own right hand, is the One who will put us all right.

John in prison sent two of his disciples who said, "Art Thou the one that should come, or look we for another?" Jesus healed a few sick people and answered, "Go and show John again those things

which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the poor have the gospel preached to them; and blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in Me." Then He turned to the multitudes and said, "What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. . . . Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women, there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist." Jesus put John where John ought to be. If you and I could commit our work unto the Lord and live in the humble spirit of John, Jesus would put us where we ought to be. You can commit yourself, your life, your failings, everything that there is, into the hands of the Lord, and if our hearts are right, and our spirits are in harmony with the will of God, all will be well. Then when our task is finished we will hear that final word from Jesus, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

# The Sin of Ingratitude

**T**HE Word tells us how men became degenerate; "that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful." Rom. 1:21. They did not glorify Him for all His boundless benefits, they were not thankful to God for His mercy, for His providences, for His revelations. They were not thankful to God for the gift of His Son. Even those of God's chosen nation gave no thanks to God for His great gift; for Christ came unto His own, and His own received Him not. John 1:11. Heaven's best gift was rejected and cast out of the city of Jerusalem to die as a malefactor. The Jews preferred a thieving malefactor to a benevolent Savior. Instead of giving glory and thanks to Him who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, they despised and rejected, yea, they even crucified the Lord of glory.

## A CAUSE OF FAILURE

You see a man fall into sin, or fall away from grace, and you blame various things. But have you ever looked into the matter of how far he came short in thanking God for His mercies, favors and protection; how far short he came in failing to recognize God in His providence, in His bounty, in His mercy? Ingratitude hurts the heart of God, and it reacts on the heart of the individual.

## A DISAPPOINTMENT

There were ten lepers who cried to the Lord Jesus, "Master, have mercy on us." He said to them, "Go show yourselves unto the priests." And as they went, they were healed. But only one of them returned to give thanks—and he was a Samaritan. Christ said, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" Oh, the pathos, the sorrow hidden beneath those words of Christ's! Nine of them were cured of an incurable disease, completely delivered from a loathsome sickness, their flesh made whole, by Christ; but their hearts were hardened by their ingratitude. Nine restored to perfect health and forgetting the One who gave them health! Each one would have paid a physician all he possessed for his healing, but not one of the nine returned to utter a word of thanks. Yet the Samaritan, despised, looked down upon, turned back and with a loud voice glorified

God. One in ten thankful! A shamefully small proportion! And we believe the proportion is smaller today.

## ACCEPTABLE GRATITUDE

Simon the Pharisee invited Christ to come to his house for a meal. Instead of showing Him courtesy and love and appreciation, he criticized His conduct, because a woman who was a sinner had come into the house, had washed His feet with her tears of repentance, wiped them with her hair, kissed His feet, and anointed them with ointment. Christ said to His host, "Simon, seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest Me no water for my feet: but she hath washed My feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss My feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed My feet with ointment." Her gratitude was expressed in an act. Can we show gratitude to Him today? Yes, in word and in deed. It is written, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me." Psalm 50:23. The highest form of service is praise ascending from lowly lips to the Lord of glory.

## A CALL TO PRAISE

The Psalms are full of thanksgiving. In the last verse of the last Psalm we have this word: "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord." There are two requirements to bring about the glorification of God, breath and praise. The heavens praise Him. The word came to them, "Praise ye Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars of light. Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens." Psalm 148:3, 4. But this is inarticulate praise; it is a mechanical praise, because the heavens are always perfect in mechanism. But the praise of man, who is made in the image of God, is not mechanical. It is free, voluntary, springing from a sense of gratitude, of unworthiness and dependence; and as such it is acceptable to the Father through the merits of Jesus Christ His Son. God appreciates our praise.

## GOD APPRECIATES PRAISE

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me."

The occupation of heaven transferred to earth, the earth thereby made a miniature heaven. The praise of heaven is a spontaneous praise, a perfect praise, a praise expected, and a praise that could not be otherwise from beings who have never experienced sin. Here, praise is the more acceptable because it comes from the realm under the rule of Satan, the prince of the power of the air, the archenemy of God. Being voluntary and coming from grateful hearts, it is appreciated by our God.

## PRaise THROUGH THE SPIRIT

The Spirit of God encourages us to praise, telling us: "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name . . . for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." Heb. 13:15. Out of the mouth of His born-again ones praise is perfected by Him who is perfect, by Him who was made to be sin on our behalf in order that sinners might be perfect and like unto the One who saved them. The Father accepts the weakest, the frailest, the most halting praise, when it comes forth and is presented in the name of His son, Christ Jesus our Lord. We are urged to be filled with the Spirit in order that we might be "giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Eph. 5:20. Quench not the Spirit. Yield your lips unto God in joyous, constant praise.

## A THANKSGIVING CYCLE

"Freely ye have received, freely give," is our Lord's own word. Nothing can move a man to complete consecration to God like the fact that He so loved us that He gave His only begotten Son. The gospel is founded on giving, and its spirit is giving. God gives us Jesus, gives us eternal life, gives us grace and glory—gives us everything, in fact. And then, moved by love to Him, we give ourselves back to Him and to His people. He gives to us, and we thank Him. We give to others, and they thank God for the kindness which He has inspired in us. Thus a round of thanksgiving to God is created by the spirit of giving which first of all displayed itself in the unspeakable gift of God. We are as cups filled at the spring, and from us the thirsty drink and praise the fountain.—Spurgeon.



# God's Word to an Ambitious Youth

Donald Gee at Central Bible Institute

*Seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.* Jeremiah 45:5.

In the midst of weighty prophecies concerning great nations, we find a whole chapter devoted to a young man named Baruch. It is a short chapter, having only five verses, but it contains a choice message; and it comforts my heart to know that I have a God who is interested in individuals and can speak to us individually.

Baruch was Jeremiah's scribe—or, to use the modern term, his private secretary. He must have been gifted, cultured, and competent. He was able to take down (in some kind of shorthand, I suppose) the burning messages that the Holy Ghost inspired the prophet to utter. When I read some of those messages I imagine they gushed out in a torrent of words, and Baruch must have been no poor stenographer to be able to take down those messages and transcribe them! Not only was he gifted, but he was courageous; for when Jeremiah was shut up in prison and could not utter his unpopular message before the king, and the princes, and the people, Baruch took the prophet's message to a focal point of public life and there read it to all the people. It takes courage to face the scowls of unfriendly crowds and faithfully give them the message from the Lord.

But there is another quality of Baruch's character which particularly concerns us, and that is his ambition. "Seekest thou great things for thyself?" said the prophet. The young man was ambitious, and Jeremiah—and the God of Jeremiah—knew it. Young people, we older folk are not quite as stupid as you sometimes think we are! Shrewd old Jeremiah knew his young scribe; he loved him, admired him, and fully appreciated all his fine qualities; but possibly he saw combined with all these an ambition so strong that he feared it might be his ruination.

For a few minutes, let us consider this thing called ambition. We will say frankly that ambition in itself is a good thing. It is a driving power and it is absolutely necessary. I'm glad if you have some ambition. If you hadn't you would be so insipid you'd get nowhere at all. I believe Paul was ambitious. He wrote, in Phil. 3:14, "I press toward the mark for the prize. . . ." Isn't that ambition? Isn't

that driving power? Yes, there is a place for ambition if it is sanctified.

On the other hand, there is deadly danger in ambition when it is put to the wrong use. It is all right to seek great things. In chapter 33 the Lord had spoken through Jeremiah saying, "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." But here in chapter 45 He says, "Seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not." Notice the qualification, "for thyself." It is that which makes ambition so dangerous. I



charge you, as I charge my own soul before God this morning, let us seek great things for God, let us seek great things for the gospel, let us seek great things in all realms of the spiritual life; but let us not be ambitious for selfish purposes.

Selfish ambition is ruthless. Selfish ambition can turn a man into a Napoleon, or a Hitler; and even in the Lord's work personal ambition can drive us to cruel, carnal scheming. "Get out of my way—I'm climbing! Nothing must stop me—I'm going up that ladder!" That is the spirit, though of course we don't use such crude language. We cover it up with a lot of sugary, hypocritical words, and say, "Dear Brother, I'm so sorry to have to——" or "My precious sister, it hurts me to do this, but ——." Did you know that there is such a thing as "politics" in the church? Yes, there is even such a thing as "Pentecostal politics," though I don't like the phrase. Pulling wires to get position. Scheming for personal advancement. Elbowing others out of the way. Oh, selfish ambition is a deadly thing. It will enslave you if you let it gain a hold in your heart.

But, thank God, ambition is a blessing if it is sanctified and submitted to Him. Be a bond-slave of the Lord Jesus Christ, be filled with His blessed Spirit, and your ambition will not ruin you. Instead it will

keep you pressing on to God's highest and best.

I want to say to ambitious men and women here, I thank God for your ambition, and I don't want you to lose it; but I do warn you in all love and earnestness that you will have to submit to tremendous discipline from Christ. God will deal with you heroically. It will have to be so.

I am thinking of those two ambitious brothers in the disciple band, and their yet more ambitious mother. It amuses me to think of two husky fishermen like James and John holding back and letting their mamma ask a favor for them. I think they must have felt a bit ashamed for being so ambitious, or they would have done their own asking! "What is your request?" Jesus asked. And she answered, "It's just a little thing, Lord; just let these two sons of mine have the two best places in the kingdom! Grant that the one may sit on Thy right hand, and the other on Thy left!"

I think that as Jesus looked at her, and as He looked at the two sons, His face must have been a study. I think that in one part of it you might have discerned a smile, and in another part you'd have seen the rising tear. As they looked at Him, they heard Him ask, "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" That is His word to all ambitious people! I am amazed at their cocksure answer. "We are able," they said. And He looked at them with eyes brim full of love, and said, "Then you shall." And they did. They both suffered with Christ, for they wanted to reign with Him. James became a martyr, the first of them all to give his life for Christ's sake; while John became, at the end of a long, rich life, a spiritual father. I'm glad that ambition, when it is sanctified and God-controlled, can bring us fathers and mothers in the maturity of their years. God give us more in our assemblies. It is still true that we have ten thousand instructors in Christ, but not many fathers.

Beneath the tremendous ambition of many of His people the Lord sees a lack of purity. He sees in them great possibilities if only they will surrender that ambition to Him. And so He throws them the challenge: "Are you able to pay the price? Are you able to drink the cup?" Only by suffering with Christ

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# The Revival in Ireland in 1859

William Gibson

WITHIN about three miles of Ballymena stands the village of Broughshane, the center of a densely inhabited district. At an early period, the awakening spread in that direction. One morning a number of young women were affected in a spinning factory hard by. Immediately intense excitement spread among the workers, and within an hour twenty or thirty persons, of both sexes, were laid prostrate. The business of the entire establishment was interrupted, and, as a matter of necessity, it was closed. When reopened two days after, nearly half the usual hands were absent. About the same time, a congregation of several thousands assembled in the open air in front of the Presbyterian church, and the services were not concluded till an advanced period of the evening. In the village itself, and all the country round, such meetings were of frequent occurrence throughout the summer months, and hundreds, there is reason to believe, were brought in connection with them under the power of a Divine influence.

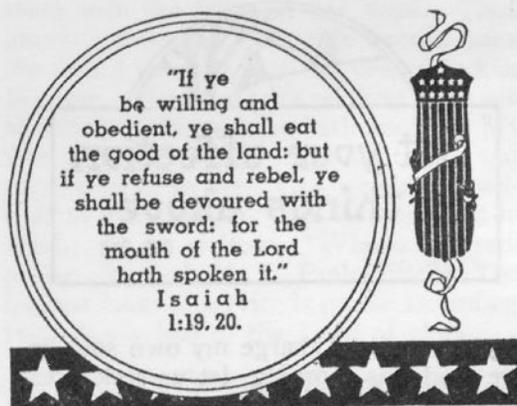
A visitor, at the beginning of the awakening, thus describes the presence and address of a Broughshane convert at a meeting in a quarry pit, at which there were several thousands in attendance:

"Near the end of the preaching, one old man stood up to address the multitude. He was a remarkable-looking man. A dealer in rags would not have given more than sixpence (twelve cents) for all the clothes he had on his person. He bore the marks and tokens of a 'hard liver,' a confirmed drunkard. He spoke something to the following effect, as nearly as I can remember: 'Gentlemen,' and he trembled as he spoke—'I appear before you this day as a vile sinner. Many of you know me; you have but to look at me, and recognize the profligate of Broughshane. You know I was an old man, hardened in sin; you know I was a servant of the devil, and he led me by that instrument of his, the spirit of the barley. I brought my wife and family to beggary more than fifty years ago. In short, I defy the townland of Broughshane to produce my equal in profligacy, or any sin whatever. But ah, gentlemen, I have seen Jesus Christ; I was born again a week ago. My heavy and enormous sin is all gone; the Lord Jesus took it away; and I stand before you this day, a monument of the perfect grace of God! I stand here to tell you that God's work on Calvary is perfect; yes, I have proved it, His work is perfect.'"

Archibald Robinson, of Broughshane, sets forth the character and progress of the work in his parish: "The first case of awakening here was of a very peculiar and solemn kind. It was in 1858. It was that of a man who had been a drunkard. He was drunk the week before. In the middle of the night he awoke and roused the family out of their beds—said he had had a dream—an angel came and told him to be up and busy praying for mercy, for he would die at one o'clock, or, if not at one, decidedly at four o'clock the next day. He dressed, and gave himself up entirely to Bible

reading and prayer. People thought he was mad—in *delirium tremens*. He refused all solicitations to induce him to drink—went about wringing his hands and entreating mercy, till about one o'clock—went to his bed, and died happy about four!

"It was not, however, till May, 1859, that we were visited with a most gracious and abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We had been praying for and expecting some such precious blessing, but were, notwithstanding, taken by surprise, so sudden, powerful, and extraordinary were the manifestations of the Holy Spirit's presence. Persons of every shade of temperament and character were mysteriously affected, overpowered, prostrated, and made to pour out the most thrilling agonizing cries for mercy. Most of those thus impressed and awakened



found peace and comfort in a very short space of time, and then their countenances shone with a sweetness and glory beyond description. Very many of them received a marvelous fluency and power of prayer. A hatred of sin, a love for the Savior, a zeal for His cause, an affection for one another, and an anxiety about perishing sinners, took absolute possession of their hearts, and literally ruled and governed their actions. For about six weeks almost all agricultural operations, and indeed every kind of secular employment, were suspended, no man being able to think of or attend to anything but the interests of his soul. Night and day the sound of praise and prayer never ceased to float upon the air. An overwhelming sense of awe and terror held in check the boldest sinners, while thousands who hitherto had lived as if eternity were a priestly fiction seemed now for the first time to realize its truth and presence, and to feel as if the end of all things was at hand. I should say about one thousand people were suddenly, sensibly, and powerfully impressed and awakened.

"In one district of country almost all the matrons within an area of more than two miles were graciously visited and converted in the most satisfactory and conclusive manner, if we can so speak about another's conversion at all. These women have exercised a mighty influence on their families and neighborhood; and if one wishes to see the religion of the Cross in her loveliest features, in the simplicity, beauty, and power of primitive times, he has but to pay

this district a visit and see and hear for himself. I have no doubt he will return, saying, as the Queen of Sheba, that the half has not been told him.

"The gift of prayer bestowed on these matrons is beyond conception, and certainly it is not left to rust. They have a prayer meeting of their own—no men or boys being admitted—the exercises of which are praise, prayer, and reading the Scriptures without note or comment. This meeting has tended greatly to fan the flame of love in their own hearts, and kindle it in others who come. We have many such prayer meetings, and I am satisfied of their utility.

"About the month of August the physical features of the revival in a great measure passed away, but we had abundant evidence that the work of the Lord was still going on, more silently, but as progressively as ever. Seldom does a week elapse without some groping, hoping, praying soul finding Christ, and pardon, and peace in a way more or less marked and visible. Frequently our prayer-meetings have experienced a sudden, mysterious overpowering impulse, swaying the whole assembly as one man, and leaving all weeping, praying, rejoicing. Men have felt as if the Lord had breathed upon them. They were first affected with awe and fear—then they were bathed in tears—then filled with love unspeakable."

It is remarkable how deep and lasting was the work done in the people's lives. Of the thousands swept into the kingdom, very few were known to fall away. One minister wrote, "I have heard of some going back to former wickedness, but none such have come under my own knowledge." Another said, "Though numbering upwards of two hundred, no evil things as yet can be said of one of the converts here." The minister in another place states, "Of all the stricken ones—two hundred in number—I do not know of one backslider."

J. M. Killen of Comber gives this illustration of one who was stricken by God's mighty power: "An elderly woman, the mother of a family, who had been a careless, cursing creature, and one greatly opposed to the revival, was suddenly and violently prostrated on her own kitchen floor. When I first saw her she was rolling on the ground and writhing with agony. Her appearance was certainly the most satanic I ever beheld. The bystanders were overawed; all felt that influences more than human were at work. A medical man was sent for, but he fled at the sight, declaring that it was a case for a clergyman, and not for a physician. The unhappy woman evidently was the subject of a great spiritual conflict. Her cries for about an hour were terrific. She declared that Satan and all the devils in hell were round about her.

"Gradually her shrieks subsided, and as the paroxysms wore off she settled into a sort of despairing calm. For days she continued weak in body and distressed in soul; but at length the light broke, her bonds were loosed, she saw and embraced Christ, obtained peace, and was filled with joy unspeakable and full of glory. She is now one of the finest specimens of Christian character I have known—a mother in Israel, distinguished by her strong faith, her ardent love, and her sweet, meek disposition. She enjoys an almost uninterrupted realization of her Redeemer's presence, combined with a very profound reverence for Messiah's character, a strong desire to promote His glory, and a most extreme sensitiveness lest she should do anything

to forfeit the enjoyment of His love. 'O sir,' said she lately to me, 'I am just watching how I lift and lay down my feet, lest I should offend Him.'"

## A Modern Onesimus

Lola Newbery

HE was one of our real failures and our hearts were very heavy as we saw the bright-faced young man walk jauntily away from the mission, trying to show by his bravado attitude how little he cared about being expelled from school. He had been defiant, disobedient, lazy, and disrespectful, and when these faults were pointed out to him he was quite capable of abusing his teachers in the most vile language. Many times the teachers had come to the missionary complaining of his conduct, until at last, after many chances, it was decided that he must go if they were to keep any authority at all in the school.

It was easy to see that he had found the godly living of the Christians too narrow a path for him to walk in. He wanted the world and all the pleasures of sin, and was just ready to plunge as deeply as possible into every form of filth and vice that the unspeakably evil mode of native living can offer.

So we let him go, but the Lord, praise His name, did not. The Word, that had been sown in his heart during his stay in school, brought forth fruit, and the evangelist in his village was able to lead him eventually to the Lord. Once truly saved he wanted to preach the gospel to those who were still in their sins, but feeling that he could not yet apply to enter the Evangelists Training School for instruction after his past record, he set off by himself with his Bible in his little bundle, to walk literally hundreds of miles preaching the gospel.

He had found before that those who walk in darkness cannot find fellowship with those who walk in the light. Now he discovered

that having really believed upon the Lord, his old partners in sin and evil no longer had any time for him—and this they very soon told him!

While visiting a certain village, he was suddenly taken ill and had great pain in his legs, which soon swelled up to twice their normal size. Knowing it to be poison, the boy spent all night crying upon the Lord, but in the morning his pain was worse than ever. "It is easy to see that he is going to die," said the heathen. "Let this be a warning to anyone else who thinks that they can do without their charms and idols, and believe in this white man's religion."

"We will send for your relations to come and carry you home, but you will probably be dead before they get here," they went on turning to the young man. "I am not going to die," he cried. "I am going to get better; I believe that Jesus will heal me."

The heathens scoffed, and the village mourners gathered round ready to wail as soon as he was dead. Then even as they watched the swelling suddenly went down, and the pain ceased. Standing up, his heart full

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## A Kingly Marriage

Ernest S. Williams

ON NATIONAL RADIO HOUR, "SERMONS IN SONG"

RECENTLY we have heard much about the marriage of Princess Elizabeth in England. What an event! The whole world stopped to talk about it. Do you know there is coming another royal marriage? And this will be more startling than that of Philip and Elizabeth. Invitations are now being sent, and we are here to extend an invitation to you. Hear the good news concerning this event. The king says: "Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage." Matthew 22:4. What an invitation!

But we learn that many of those who were invited made light of the invitation. They acted as if the invitation were unreal or unworthy. Then the record tells us that the king sent his servants into the highways to invite whomsoever they could find. The servants therefore gathered as many as could be found, "both bad and good." Notice those last four words. What do they mean? They mean that God is inviting people of every class to be present at the marriage of His Son. Now notice again: "And the wedding was furnished with guests." This means that, although many will reject the invitation to this royal wedding, God will not be disappointed. You may be disappointed, when you find you have let your opportunity slip by, but not God. Plenty of people will be there when the wedding of Christ and His bride takes place, and I hope to be among that number.

The purpose of the gospel of Christ is to get people ready for this great event. The oxen and fatlings being killed means that everything necessary for man's salvation has been done. All man needs to do is to accept the gospel invitation, and put on the wedding garment, which is the righteousness God imputes to those who take Christ as their personal Savior.

Church membership alone will not do. When the time came for this marriage, a man was found to be present who had not on a wedding garment. Because of this he was cast out into outer darkness, the Bible says. It was customary among wealthy Orientals to provide wedding garments for those who were invited to the marriage. It cost the guest nothing but to put the garment on. And the garment of salvation costs us nothing; we have only to put it on. This garment is the righteousness of Christ which God offers to all who will take Jesus as their Savior.

Do you not want to be ready when God gathers the believers in Christ to the great Marriage Supper? Remember that "Jesus paid it all." The garment of righteousness can be yours because it was bought by Him. Can you not see Him as He suffered on the cross, and as He died there, crying out, "It is finished"? Those were the words of a finished redemption. All things are now ready. All you have to do is to take Christ as your Savior and Lord.

Listen to this beautiful testimony: "I have never committed the least matter to God, that I have not had reason for infinite praise thereby." These are the words of Anna Shipton. If you will commit your life to God, you too will find peace and blessing now, and union with Him forever.

### DISAPPOINTED "BRIDE"



## FORTY CHINESE MILITARY OFFICERS BAPTIZED AT TSINAN

WHEN the so-called "Eastern Asia War" broke out, many of the western missionary workers had to return home and some of them were interned. The Chinese pastors, evangelists and Christians were the only objects of the enemy's persecutions. Many Christians became indifferent and many preachers turned to another kind of business. The gates of the church were guarded by the gendarmes and services were suspended.

Pastor Hsiao Feng Hsi, then the only minister of the Tsinan Assembly of God, was

summoned to the Japanese gendarme headquarters several times for investigation and questioning, but God protected him and he kept on preaching the gospel. Food was scarce and sometimes his diet was wild roots and chaffs. God granted him grace to continue in the work of the Lord without murmuring.

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." The atom bomb was dropped and at last the Japanese surrendered and withdrew from China. The door is wide open for preaching of the gospel. The chapel of the Tsinan Assembly is small but it is crowded at every service, and quite a number of military brethren are attending the services. Many people go to other churches because of the limited space and seats in the Assembly.

### OFFICERS BAPTIZED

We are very thankful to the Lord for the military officers who are attending. We believe that many more officers will become Christians. General Huo, the commanding general of the 12th Army, and Colonel Wang, head of the officers' training corps, are very much interested in Christianity. Therefore, the Bible is selected as one of the subjects in their training course. Pastor Hsiao, of the Tsinan Assembly, is invited to go to their training corps to teach and preach the Word of God once a week. Through the help and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, forty of the military officers voluntarily asked for water baptism and after much prayer and investigation their request was granted. On October 3 they were

baptized at the Black Tiger fountain at Tsinan. It was the first time that such a large number of military officers were baptized together on the same day. The ceremony was very serious and it caused great excitement in the city. There were more than a thousand people who witnessed the baptismal service. Hallelujah!

These new Christian officers are enthusiastically following Christ and there are about one hundred more officers who would like to be baptized, but the cold weather is now on, and we shall wait until next spring. Pray for these officers and that the troops in China might be Christianized in the near future. (Translated from the "Triumph of Faith" published in Peiping)

## Resistance to the Gospel

Fred Glaser, French West Africa

OUR annual convention is over. It was followed by a round table discussion for missionaries and native workers. It was a happy time of fellowship with our fellow missionaries once more. The missionaries' children on the field also come together at such times. This association is invaluable as they see one another so seldom. The missionary family has grown considerably but there is still room for more.

The business interests of the work were discussed at length, keeping in mind our forward move for God. We continually are confronted with new problems which keep us aware of our dependence on the Lord for divine guidance and help.

A considerable quantity of cement has arrived from the States and along with it a staggering bill for duty and inland transportation. The erection of more missionary homes and buildings has already been approved, so there will be plenty to keep us all busy. In addition, the spiritual side of the work must be kept up.

Here at Kaya we see and feel the regular resistance to the gospel. Boukari, one of our new preachers has been having a fruitful ministry at a location forty miles away, but when the chief saw many converts he called his people together and asked them why there were so many that followed this white man's road. He threatened them and said he was displeased with them. The result was that many did not continue on with the Lord.

Two remarkable healings have stirred the people and one of those healed has been saved so the people are convinced that there is a supernatural power in this religion.

In another case here in Kaya, a boy's father refuses to allow the boy to follow God's road, in fear that he himself will die. Another boy's mother opposes him but his father does not, so this boy may be obliged to leave home and live with other Christians.

In another village where we have quite a number of new converts, the Catholics are erecting buildings and we know that means another pull in an opposite direction. Recently two of our Kaya Christians penitently confessed their backsliding and are happily reclaimed.

The best prayer book you can find is a map of the world.—A. J. Gordon.



Top left, Pastor Hsiao Feng Hsi, of the Tsinan Assembly of God; top right, Chinese Officers who were baptized in the Black Tiger fountain at Tsinan; center left, Pastor Hsiao and helper baptizing an officer while other officers, center right, look on from the bridge; bottom, the entire Officer's Training Corp who hear the Word of God once a week.

## Preaching to MILLIONS

THE ministry of the gospel by radio is reaching literally millions of people who would never enter the doors of a mission or church. This is particularly true in foreign lands where people are frequently suspicious of the activities of foreigners who are often in charge of gospel missions.

We have been fortunate to obtain time on radio stations in such foreign countries as Cuba, Venezuela, Brazil, China, Fiji Islands, the American zone in Europe and the Hawaiian Islands. We are hoping soon to have word that our full gospel broadcasts are going forth in the Philippine Islands.

The cost of these broadcasts assumed by the Foreign Missions Department has averaged about \$700 per month. Unfortunately, this amount has not been coming in and unless further contributions are made, we shall be forced to discontinue broadcasts on some of these stations. We believe that many who are in a position to help in this work would gladly do so if they could visualize the vast number of people who listen to these broadcasts and who thereby may come to a knowledge of God. Send your offerings designated for foreign missionary radio broadcasts to the

### FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

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## "African Packed"

Lloyd H. Aud, Nigeria, West Africa

MISS Birkland and Miss Jacobson have been stationed at Rahama for about six months. They are working among the Karama tribe, where we have three churches. One of these churches is located twenty-five miles from Rahama in the village of Aluwala. I preached in this church one Sunday morning and the house was "African packed." A women's meeting was announced for the following Wednesday at noon.

When we arrived Wednesday at noon, we found that the women had been there since early morning, and the pastor had already had two services with them. They had not misunderstood, but had only come early. Miss Birkland held a two hour service with them and they still wanted more. She had to dismiss them as she was exhausted from standing so long.

The twins that we wrote to you about in our last letter are fine. The mother stayed with them on the compound for six weeks. When she went home, she took the boy with her. We kept the girl until we went north, and then we left her in the care of Miss Garner and Miss Weber.

We now have a three-weeks-old boy whose mother died at his birth. He had no one to care for him as the other mothers that could have taken him are afraid that they will also die if they take him. They feel that there is a curse connected with it. The Nigerian District Council has voted to have a home for motherless babies. Please remember us and the work in prayer.

## Treated Royally

Russell A. Kensinger, Nicaragua

AT the close of the activities of the Annual Conference in Nicaragua we decided to make a trip into the mountainous interior of the Matagalpa section. God has been abundantly pouring out His Spirit there.

Everyone felt that a few days' communion with the mountain churches and a study of the needs would be of great help and inspiration for us as well as the mountain folk. On the day planned for the trip, five mules arrived to supplement the two owned by the mission. Early in the morning our party of seven began the long day's journey. Few of the party were accustomed to riding, so we did not make good time. Midday found us far short of the distance we expected to make. The roughest trail was still ahead.

It was Mrs. Kensinger's first day in the saddle for this season, while all of the others had been riding some recently. At two hours past midday, she began to feel very tired and spent. We decided that she and I would not continue but would return to a small village we had passed through at noon; there we would spend the night while the rest of the party continued. We arrived at the little mining village at dark. Both of us were tired, and coveted only a place to hang our hammocks. There were no known believers here so we inquired of strangers for a place

to spend the night. According to them, there was not so much as a place to hang hammocks. The spirit was neither friendly, nor inviting. We almost despaired.

The next village was another hour's distance. We were going to attempt to travel on when suddenly a young man appeared from the darkness, apparently having overheard our petition. He suggested there was a chance of obtaining a room "at the house up on the hill." We had no idea who lived there, but quickly thanked him and made our way to the house. It was well kept for this part of the country. To our surprise, we had been directed to the home of the superintendent of the local gold mine.

Though complete strangers to these people, we were treated from the first moment as royalty. Our mules were given the best of care for the night. We were given a guest room with an "innerspring mattress." To our spent bodies and tired spirits this was nearly overwhelming. We were invited to share a most delicious hot meal with the family. We soon learned that we were in a Catholic home, but found them to have open hearts and a spiritual hunger. Testimony and teaching were in order for the following twenty hours. **The value of this contact—a village was open to the gospel.**

## Keeping Up to Date

DeEtta Butler sailed on December 24 for Monrovia Liberia

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Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mason and family arrived at New York City on January 4

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Murphy arrived in the States from India in December.

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Irene Dietrich has reached the United States after her trip from South Africa.

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Roy Dalton returned to Cuba in December and will be working in the province of Oriente.



DeEtta Butler  
Liberia

## A Harvest Offering for Missions

THE Full Gospel Assembly of Maywood, California were especially blessed of the Lord this fall as they observed a harvest offering for Missions. Arthur W. Erickson, pastor of the Full Gospel Assembly writes:

"It seems that the directing power of the Holy Spirit drew our attention to the great natural harvest and showed us that just as there is a special time of natural harvest so we should have a special season of spiritual harvest. Consequently, we set aside all offerings of the

church and its organizations for the month of November for a harvest for Missions. This offering of \$2608.78 is the result. Aside from this, we sent \$418.00 worth of groceries to 55 needy Christian families living in the war stricken areas.

Needless to say, God has sent great spiritual blessings into our own church. During the month of November, 21 were baptized in water and 32 new members have united with the church.

# The Passing and the Permanent

## "CITY OF PEACE"

Jerusalem, a city whose name means "City of Peace," has had anything but a peaceful history in the thirty-three centuries of her existence. She has endured more than twenty sieges and blockades, eighteen reconstructions, and two periods of desolation. She has passed from one religion to another six different times.

## PRAY FOR PALESTINE

On a visit to Palestine not long ago, Henry Wallace said to a group of Jewish journalists, "I have long believed that there would never be peace in the world until there was peace here in Palestine." Mr. Wallace was in agreement with the Scriptures in making such a statement. Palestine is the key to world peace. Let us "pray for the peace of Jerusalem," as the Lord commands. Psalm 122:6. When the Messiah returns to Jerusalem and the people of Palestine receive Him as their Redeemer and King, the world shall have peace—and not before.

## "THE OLDEST AMERICAN"

The skull of an early Mexican Indian, discovered last winter, has been carefully restored by sculptor Leo Steppat under the auspices of Washington's Smithsonian Institution. It is described as "probably the oldest American ever discovered." *Life* commented on the "true restoration" of Tepexpan Man that the "finished head . . . looks very much like that of a modern American Indian."

If scientists admit there has been no appreciable change in the human head for "15,000 years" (they claim the skull is 15,000 years old, though we differ), they may have to re-examine their theories of evolution!

## AMERICA IS RIPE FOR REVIVAL

Immediately before the great revival of 1800, the land was characterized by "death in the churches, rottenness in public morals, infidelity coming in like a flood upon the schools and the thinkers of the young republic." It was then, said C. L. Tompson (in *Times of Refreshing*) that God did a new thing.

The same was true of the period immediately preceding the sweeping American revival of 1857 and 1858: "It was a time of reckless expenditures, of unparalleled fever for riches without consideration of how they were obtained, of apathetic conscience and wakeful selfishness, of coldness and deadness in the church, and alarming godlessness outside of it. The nation seemed drifting in the same direction in which it had gone before the great revival of 1800."

At such a time, God found a few praying people and answered their petitions in a gracious way. Similar conditions exist today, except that sin is probably more widespread, or at least it is much more open. Can we not pray that God will meet the greater need of this present day by sending a greater outpouring of His Spirit than we yet have known? America is ripe for revival. Surely God is willing to send it, if God's people will humble themselves, and pray, and seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways.

## A REMARKABLE RECORD

Catherine Booth-Clibborn, mother of ten children, has preached for over 73 years and is still preaching daily in Europe. "La Marechale," as this daughter of General William Booth (founder of the Salvation Army) is known, is now 89 years old. She was born Sept. 18, 1858, and began preaching at the age of 16. It is believed she has preached for a longer period of years than any other woman in the gospel ministry in the past or present.

## WHAT GOD CAN DO

Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it, and make it worth \$6,000—that is GENIUS.

Rockefeller can sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth \$1,000,000—that is CAPITAL.

Uncle Sam can take silver, stamp an imprint on it, and make it worth \$1.00—that is MONEY.

An artist can take a fifty-cent piece of canvas, paint a picture on it, and make it worth \$1,000—that is ART.

God can take a worthless, sinful life, cleanse it, put His Spirit into it, and make it a blessing to humanity—that is SALVATION.

## UNITING THE NATIONS?

A total of \$2,938,213,000 was spent by UNRRA for relief and rehabilitation, up to the time when all the work of UNRRA except in China was stopped. The largest contributor was America, which also has spent additional billions through other channels in an effort to prevent the famine and misery which might breed another war. Colossal sums have been spent—and yet, the world seems as far from peace as ever. Why? Because mere money cannot buy peace. But money can finance gospel missionary work, and gospel missionaries can do much to lead the people of every land in the paths of peace. God wants America to be a missionary nation. How costly and how vain are her efforts when she tries to substitute mere relief for the mighty, soul-saving gospel of Christ!

## CAPITAL OF THE JEWISH STATE

The Jews have always looked to Jerusalem as their capital city. "Next year in Jerusalem," has been the traditional Hebrew greeting—but these words may lose their meaning after a Jewish State is established in Palestine, because the city of Jerusalem will definitely be in the neutral International Zone. The capital of the Jewish State will be Tel Aviv. Even now the Jewish Agency and other Jewish institutions in Jerusalem are looking for space in Tel Aviv to which they can move. Jerusalem will thus become No. 2 city in Jewish eyes. Everything of importance for the functioning of the state will be centered in Tel Aviv. "This hardly sounds like God's plan for the land of Israel," comments *Prophecy Monthly*—but we doubt whether the Jews will ever forget Jerusalem or give up the hope of having it for their capital some day.

## THE STAR OF PEACE

An ideological war (the "cold war") is being waged between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A., and all the other nations are lining up either openly or covertly with one great power or the other. Each nation is wondering what will best serve its interests—to hitch its wagon to the Red Star, or the Stars and Stripes. But, as *Evangelical Christian* comments, "there is peace in neither way. The only way of peace for the nations is to hitch all their wagons to the Star of Bethlehem."

## THE PRESIDENT AND MISSIONS

Some time ago, when World Missions Week was observed in Washington, thirty-two Protestant missionaries assembled and had the privilege of shaking hands with President Truman. According to *Missionary Digest*, the President made the significant statement that he considered missionary activity one of the most important factors in efforts to obtain peace in the world. He indicated his recognition of the fact that a basic requirement for world peace was getting people converted.

## "MODERN" INVENTIONS

David Gordon, writing in *American Legion Magazine*, points out that modern devices of warfare are, after all, "just secondhand copies of gadgets Mother Nature invented long ago.

"Smokescreen: When attacked, the cuttlefish hides in an inky cloud he makes in the water.

"Radar: Bats emit high-pitched sounds which guide them through dark caves.

"Jet propulsion: The squid propels himself forward in rocket fashion by shooting water backward through a tube.

"Poison-gas: Ever hear of a skunk?

"Armored car: The armadillo zips around entirely encased in a coat of mail.

"Camouflage: The chameleon changes its color to conform to its background."

To these we might add a seventh: *Ground-to-airplane radio*. There is a wireless called Prayer, by which man may communicate with God above and obtain mercy and help in every time of need. Have you tried it yet?

## IF ATOMIC WAR BEGINS

Sceptics have ridiculed the idea that half of the earth's population will be destroyed in the Great Tribulation. But today scientists are going beyond that, and saying that *two thirds of the people on the earth might be killed if an atomic war breaks out*. That very statement was made by Albert Einstein, only a few weeks ago, at a meeting of the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists. And when might such a war begin? Dr. Harold C. Urey said war would be inevitable when the Russians can make atomic bombs—and he predicted that the Soviet Union would have a stockpile of atomic bombs in eight years, or perhaps sooner!

What does the Book of Revelation teach? It says (6:8) that a fourth of the earth's population will be destroyed at the time of the Pale Horse, and then (9:15) a third of the remainder will be killed at the time of the Sixth Trumpet—leaving only half as many alive as at the beginning. The outlook is dark for the sinners of this world—but there is hope for the people of God. Jesus said, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to *escape* all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:36.

# John Wesley on Divine Healing

MR. WESLEY established a medical dispensary for supplying the poor with remedies for their ailments, and wrote a book on physics. But he did not confine himself to the medical profession for the healing of the sick. He knew that very few people lived so closely in touch with God that they could accept Him for the healing of their bodies without human remedies. Hence he provided them with medicines. But he knew also that God could heal without human remedies, in direct answer to prayer, as He did when He was here on earth, and as the disciples did after He had passed into the heavens. Hence, in Mr. Wesley's journal we read again and again how healing came to himself and others in answer to the prayer of faith.

His notes on James 5:14-15 indicate very clearly his views on this matter. He says: "This single conspicuous gift which Christ committed to His apostles in Mark 5:13 remained in the church long after the miraculous gifts. Indeed, it seems to have been designated to remain always, and James directs the elders, who were the most, if not the only gifted men, to administer it. This was the whole process of physics in the church till it was lost through unbelief."

His journal proves that he practiced what he preached. The following selections are from Wesley's journal:

"Monday, May 10, 1741.—But at our love feast which followed, besides the pain in my back and head, and the fever which still continued upon me, just as I began to pray, I was seized with such a cough that I could hardly speak. At the same time came strongly into my mind, 'These signs shall follow them that believe.' Mark 16:14. I called on Jesus aloud to increase my faith and to confirm the word of His grace. While I was speaking my pain vanished away, the fever left me, bodily strength returned, and for many weeks I felt neither weakness nor pain. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I give thanks."

"Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1746.—In the evening at the chapel my teeth pained me very much. In coming home Mr. Spear gave me an account of the rupture he had for some years, which, after the most eminent physicians had declared it incurable, was perfectly cured in a moment. I prayed with submission to the will of God."—Journal, vol. 1, p. 382.

"Tuesday, April 6, 1756.—One was informing me of an eminent instance of the power of faith. 'Many years ago,' she said, 'I fell and sprained my ankle, so that I never expected it would be quite well. Seven years since last September, I was coming home from preaching on a very dark night, and, stumbling over a piece of wood, fell with the whole weight of my body upon my lame foot. I thought, 'Oh, I shall not be able to hear or preach Thy word again for many weeks.' Immediately a voice went through my heart, 'Name the name of Jesus and thou shalt stand.' I leaped up and stretched out my foot and said, 'Lord Jesus Christ, I name Thy name; let me stand.' My pain ceased and I stood up, and my foot was as strong as ever.'"

"May 2, 1767.—Thomas B—, about three miles from Tyrell's Pass, was at the point of death from a violent rupture. While they were praying for him in the societies he was at once restored to perfect health."

"December 27, 1761.—Mary Speciah was at once healed of several tumors in her breast in answer to prayer." Upon this case Mr. Wesley makes the following comment: "Now, here are plain facts—she was ill, she is well; she has become so in a moment; which of these can with modesty be denied?"

"May 17, 1772—Dr. Hamilton brought with him Dr. Munroe and Dr. Gregory. They satisfied me what my disorder was and told me there was but one method of cure. Perhaps but one natural one, but I think that God has more

than one method of healing either the soul or the body."

"July 26, 1772.—The next day I read over Mr. Eisle's ingenious treatise on the Dydrocele. He supposes the best cure is by seton or caustic, but I am not inclined to try either of them. I know a Physician that has a shorter cure than either one or the other."

"May 24, 1782.—Mr. Foyd lay in a high fever, almost dead for want of sleep. This was prevented by pain in one of his feet, which was much swelled and so sore that it could not be touched. We joined in prayer that God would fulfil His word and give His beloved sleep. Presently the swelling, the soreness and the pain were gone and he had a good night's rest."

October 7, 1790, he narrates the case of Mrs. Jones, who after having been confined to her bed for two months with a most severe case of prolapsus uteri, helpless and hopeless, was immediately cured upon commending her case to the Lord, and adds: "I think our Lord never wrought a plainer miracle, even in the days of His flesh."

## Delivered From Malaria

VIOLET SCHOONMAKER, CHAPRA, INDIA

GUJERAT is one of the worst malarial districts in India. I had been in India only a few months, when I was seized with a violent attack. Chills, nausea, fever, and perspiration followed one another in regular succession every other day without fail. Then our annual missionary convention convened in the city of Bombay. Owing to neglect in having cooking vessels "kalaid" (re-tinned) a number of us were stricken with ptomaine poisoning. Already weakened by malaria, I was the first one stricken down. I had never been so desperately sick before, and became so weak that after two or three days I could not lift my head from the pillow. As I had had no sleep since the attack began, my nerves were in a completely shattered condition.

The missionary in charge of the Bombay Home, one afternoon suggested that he call in a doctor. "For," he said, "you are very ill and if you should not live, there is danger of our getting into trouble if we do not have a physician's certificate."

We were all standing for Divine Healing, and although some twenty missionaries were down in bed, no doctor had been called. He suggested that since I was not definitely trusting the Lord, that it would be better to call in a doctor. His words wounded me. Why did he say that I was not definitely trusting the Lord? I objected to his statement, but he reminded me that I had not asked to be anointed with oil according to the commandment of the Lord. It was true; but my reason for not having done so, was merely that I had not really thought of it. So many had been stricken down and frankly I was too sick to care. I suggested that he leave me alone for a short time and let me pray about it. I turned the matter over in my mind and finally decided to be anointed. Three or four missionaries came in, in answer to my request, and after offering a short prayer they anointed me. I was not conscious of any

touch of God during the prayer, but as soon as they had left the room I turned my head on the pillow, that had formerly felt so hard, surprised to find that not only it, but my whole bed seemed suddenly transformed into soft feathers. I sank down into them and fell into a most restful sleep—the first I had had for days. When I awoke, the room was filled with the most wonderful stillness. I felt I dared not move nor speak and I lay for some time drinking in the stillness.

Then the thought occurred to me that I could get up. I arose and walked up and down in my room with no difficulty at all. I dressed, and later in the day packed my trunk and left that evening for Gujerat. After a train journey of some two hundred miles or so, and a ride of six miles in a springless cart over country roads, I reached home with no sign of weariness. Indeed I seemed to be carried for weeks after on eagle wings and all who saw me remarked that my very countenance had changed.

This experience occurred before the coming of Pentecost to India. At that time this divine stillness was an entirely new experience to me. But since being baptized in the Spirit, I have experienced several times, the wonderful stillness of the Spirit. Although the physical touch was wonderful and glorious, the deep spiritual blessing that came into my life at that time was even greater. It is so, I believe, with all physical healing that comes from God. Let us trust Him more!

An old Scotch woman said to her pastor, "That was a grand sermon you preached last Sabbath at the Kirk!"

Seeking to test her sincerity he asked, "And what was the text?"

"Ah, meenister!" she replied. "I dinna ken the text or the words. But I came home and took the false bottom out o' my peck measure."

## The Spirit's Victory Over Temper

# The Broken Lamp

MRS. GEORGE ROUNDS

WHILE attending seminary at the age of sixteen, I was suddenly told of the death of my dearly beloved father. The shock was so great that I fell to the floor prostrated by the blow, striking my head on my trunk. This resulted in nervous prostration, and many years of suffering, which became the opportunity for Satan "to sift me as wheat." With naturally a sensitive disposition, he made good use of the circumstances and the natural heart to fasten upon me a very unmanageable temper. A match never took fire quicker than this phosphorescent "bundle of nerves." Time would fail to tell the soul efforts, the soul agonies, the cries, the tears, the prayers that went up for deliverance; but all to no purpose. Many were the times the writer would come downstairs, from her knees, crying to God to be kept for the day, only to fall to pieces over a burnt biscuit or potato, or any other trifling thing. Do what I would, there was always "a law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, bringing me into captivity to the law of sin." Rom. 7:23.

Upon the occasion that caused unusual disturbance, in a state of helpless hopelessness, crying to the Lord for deliverance, four points were clearly given me by the Spirit, as a guide to the coveted blessing:

First: "Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin." Rom. 6:11.

Second: "Reckon yourselves alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:11.

Third: "Yield yourselves unto God as those who are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Rom. 6:13.

Fourth: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Phil. 2:12, 13.

With a heart full of gladness and thanksgiving, I felt these four points were four keys, which, if used by the Spirit, would bring the deliverance sought.

First key: I was to reckon myself dead to temper.

Second key: I was to reckon myself alive unto God in the sweetness of love.

Third key: I was to yield myself unto God.

Fourth key: I was to let God work the temper out, and the love in.

But, as always, when truth is received, it must be inwrought into our being, to be of any practical use; so a test came that worked the truth from the head to the heart.

A few days after, I was awakened by a heavy crash in the hall. Half asleep, I groped my way to the head of the stairs. Looking down, I saw that my dear husband, in attempting to take the lamp from its place in the hall, had let it slip from his hand, and, to my horror, I saw kerosene oil streaming down the stairs and over the hall carpet, with broken glass everywhere, and my husband frantically trying to repair the damage, all unmindful of my presence. In an instant I was thoroughly aroused, inside

and outside, and notwithstanding all my "reckonings," etc., I was "mad." The old-time habit of "giving a piece of my mind" on such occasions promptly presented itself for utterance.

I felt I must say: "Now, George, how could you be so careless?" with the proper emphasis on "could."

But a Voice whispered: "Yes, but that would not be Christ-like."

"I know," I responded; "but I think I ought to say something that would make him more careful in the future."

"Yes, but that would not be Christ-like," repeated my faithful Monitor.

"True, but I want to say something."

"Yes, but that would not be Christ-like," again uttered the gentle Voice.

"Sure, but I must say something, or he will break all the lamps in the house, and ruin everything."

"Yes, but that would not be Christ-like. Have you forgotten the four keys I gave you?"

I went back into my room. In a moment, like Christian, I remembered, and I began to "reckon myself dead" to those thoughts that came rolling like sea billows over my soul and seemed determined to force out the unkind word, and I "reckoned myself alive" to the love that would say the kind thing. But still no relief. It was "all of self and none of Thee." Then I said: "I yield myself unto Thee, O Heavenly Father. Thou must work the wrong things out, and the right things in, for I cannot." Instantly, like a flash of lightning, it was done. Every desire to say and unkind thing was taken away, and my heart was brimful of tenderness and love. I went to the top of the stairs and called down in the sweetest of tones, for they came out of His heart: "Hello, George, what is the matter down there?"

With a look of agony and expectant reproof, he said: "I was trying to take the lamp down, and it slipped from my hand. Oh, it's too bad!"

"Yes, it is quite a mess," I said; "but never mind, we'll fix it up after breakfast."

A more relieved man never breathed. He looked up to see whether it could possibly be his wife, and the look spoke volumes of gratitude.

The "reckonings" and "yieldings" had given the Holy Spirit a chance to get the victory. From that moment the power of sin was broken, and these four keys have been the means of entering and closing many a door that before had been an open entrance to the enemy.

Not only was it victory for me, but a lesson for my daughter also. As she came down to breakfast, she whispered: "Oh, mamma, do you see what papa did?"

"See here, Fannie," I said, "papa feels badly enough about this; suppose you and I do not say anything to him about it."

"That's so," she said, and went away happy and satisfied.

Well, after all, the "cleaning up" was not so formidable as it seemed, because the Spirit kept working, while we kept reckoning and yielding, and the result was one of the happiest of days; because the Lord Jesus had had the "right of way," and He always leads in ways of pleasantness and peace.

It has been a most blessed experience, ever since, to apply these principles to everything in Christian life where there is conflict, and "thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

## IS AMERICA DOOMED?

In the next war America can expect "sabotage, disorder, and even invasion," says the Army's chief of information, Lt. Gen. J. Lawton Collins. Testifying in Washington a few weeks ago, he said: "We could expect that the war would start very suddenly and come through the air, and that the enemy would try to eliminate the United States at the outset. We would have chaos, with communications disrupted, millions of people sick, wounded and dying."

General Eisenhower declared that "the decision in the future conflict would be determined by our ability to act and react in the first 60 days, rather than the twelfth, eighteenth, or twenty-fourth month, as in past wars."

"Sudden destruction" will be the lot of the ungodly. See 1 Thess. 5:3. In past wars America has been spared in the destruction that has fallen upon most countries, but America's time is running out. Her days of grace are numbered. Like Nineveh of old, her sins are mounting to heaven, calling for judgment. That great city had only forty days of grace; but when Jonah's voice was raised in warning, the people repented, and destruction of the city was delayed for 200 years. This is America's day of grace. Will America repent in time to avert destruction? God's ways are not arbitrary. He waits to be gracious to those who ask for mercy.

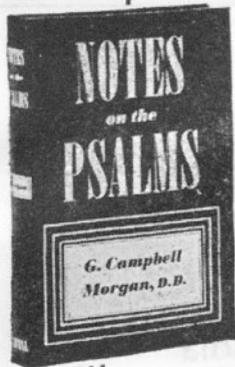
## GOD'S WORD TO AN AMBITIOUS YOUTH

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shall we be privileged to reign with Him.

Strangely enough, in the third epistle of John, though it is written by one who once had great personal ambition but who had been thoroughly disciplined and sanctified by Christ, there is another character mentioned who is the classic example of the ambitious man in the church whose ambition has not been sanctified. He is "Diotrephes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence." There's nothing wrong with having the pre-eminence. Someone must have charge. I wouldn't want to be in an automobile without someone at the wheel to drive it! Coming across the Atlantic I was glad to look up at the bridge on that great liner and see that the captain was there. Never get the fanatical idea that we don't need any bridge and we don't need any captain. We must have someone at the helm. Some must have the pre-eminence in the church. Of course, the best ones for it are those who don't want it, but some must have it.

The trouble with Diotrephes was that he loved to have the pre-eminence. It was his very life. His ambition was not sanctified. So to those who know that in their hearts there is great ambition, I would say: yield yourself to



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the discipline that Christ will give you. Drink the cup that He drank, and accept the baptism with which He was baptized. Then your ambition will be sanctified and it will become a glorious driving power to make you useful in the kingdom of God.

Having said that, I want to turn from a consideration of the young man himself to some thoughts concerning the time in which he lived. Baruch's day was overshadowed with heavy, threatening clouds. God said to him, "Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land. And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord." The clouds were hanging lower and lower. The captivity was only twenty years away. There

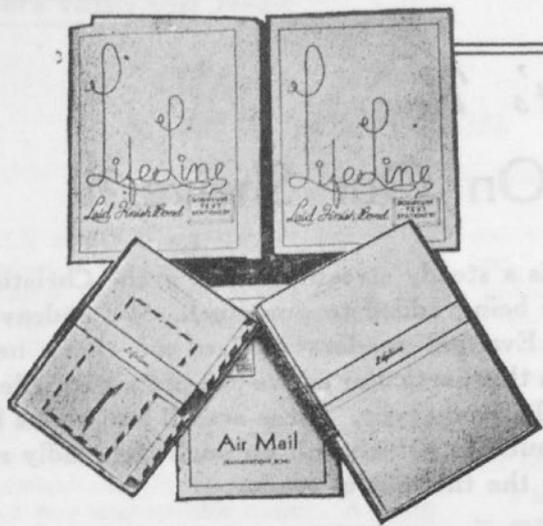
were only twenty years of freedom left, and then the iron curtain was destined to come down for seventy years.

These words were spoken to Baruch in the very days when that wicked king had taken a knife, ripped the parchment of God's Word into shreds, and burned it in the fireplace of the winter palace—one of the most reckless, insane acts of history. When rulers do such things to the Word of God, you can expect judgment to fall. So the clouds were thickening—and, for my part, I see a striking and ominous parallel between those days of Baruch and the days in which we are living. Need I say to sane people, who are living with their feet on the ground, that the clouds are hanging low and everything is ominous? This is not a day of sunshine and security, not even in this great-

ly favored land of America. Threatening clouds are everywhere; the whole world is overshadowed.

I happened to pick up a homemakers' magazine of my wife's, and I noticed it had a correspondence column. The thought came, "I wonder what ladies write about in a magazine like this!" So I looked, and found that one lady had said: "I have enjoyed your articles and they are very nice; but tell me, Mr. Editor, what heart do you think we housewives have to make our homes pretty, when hanging over us all the while is the atomic bomb?" Well, it's there. I know you get tired of hearing about it, but it's there, and that's the feeling that lies deep in many, if not most, hearts all over the world.

We have to resist the temptation to say,



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"What's the use of trying?" The businessman wonders. The young people graduating from college wonder. And we who know the Lord are tempted to say, "What is the good of it all?" We must face the situation. Pentecost is not a means of escape; it is an equipment. Christianity is not a way of escape; it is a way through. Thank God in this hour for the blessed baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire. God knew what He was doing when He poured out His Spirit in this day and time, and it is a privilege to be alive in this hour.

I suppose Baruch was tempted to say, "What a discouraging time to live in!" There he was with his gifts, his character, and ambition burning in his heart, but the outlook was so dark. The clouds were descending and he had God's own Word that evil was going to be brought upon all flesh. Perhaps he thought, "I wish I had been born a hundred years ago." Have you ever had a similar wish? Have you ever thought, "Oh, I wish I had been in the beginning of this Pentecostal outpouring, rather than the end"? I confess I have. But in truer, better moments I have thanked God for the privilege of being alive in this very hour.

Notice the message God gave this ambitious young man for such a time: "But thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest." At first it doesn't sound very comforting. "Thy life will I give unto thee for a prey." "Is that the best promise You can give me, Lord?" "Yes, that's all." That's all the Lord can promise, my ambitious friend.

He will give you your life for a prey. "Prey," of course, means "booty, plunder, spoil." "Thy life will I give unto thee for a spoil." Well, after all, that's a good way to look at life—that life itself is spoil this morning.

In these past seven or eight years we have learned to value some of the things we used to take for granted. When I was young I never thought of thanking God for liberty. It was the very air I breathed. It was the only thing I had known. But when the dark shadow of Hitler's bid for slavery came over our land, I was on my knees every morning thanking God I was still free. I charge you, people of America, get down on your knees and thank God you're free. Thank Him for liberty of speech. Thank Him for liberty of religion. And thank Him for food. I suppose a lot of you don't appreciate the abundance of food that you have in America, for you're wasting it; but if you had just come from England as I have you would thank God with all your heart.

It is my great privilege this morning to be speaking to quite a number of you fellows who have been in the United States armed forces. It has moved my heart to know I am speaking to men who, like myself, have lived in jeopardy of their lives. Brethren, you know what I mean when I say, "I thank God I am alive." If you have been through perils on the battlefields of land, sea, and air I know you're thanking God that you're alive. I confess that in 1939, when England entered into the war with Ger-

many, I never thought I'd live to see the end of it. I expected to be killed. "What miserable unbelief!" you say. Quite. And when V-J day came and I found I was still alive, I said, "Well, fancy that!" I never thought I would see America again, but here I am. Well, I am thankful for life. The Lord said, "Thy life will I give unto thee for a prey"—for a spoil. And here we are preparing ourselves to live in a day of peril, and threatening clouds, and coming destruction.

Let us welcome the check to our worldly, carnal ambition. "Seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh." We live in uncertain times. Though we might have great worldly ambitions, it is questionable whether we would be permitted to see them come to pass. A man is foolish to dedicate his life and talent to any cause but Christ, in these days. Don't seek great things for yourself in this world. This world has the judgment of God pronounced upon it. The Word has gone forth from the Almighty and this civilization is doomed. I see no hope for the world apart from the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you're planning to get a big career in it, you're a fool. I don't want the highest office you can give me on a sinking ship! I thank God that we are citizens of another world and subjects of another kingdom. Hear again the exhortation of the apostle, with new meaning and new application: "Set you affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Seek those things which are

above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." Keep your ambition, but surrender it to God's control, so that your ambition will be to live for Him alone, to serve Him every day, whether your time on earth be long or short.

As I close my meditation I am thinking of two of Baruch's contemporaries. They had to live in the same period of time as he, and God gave them their lives for a prey. One was Daniel and the other was Esther, and how nobly they arose to the challenge of the dangerous hour in which they lived. Daniel was promoted to be the first official in the state, and yet, when the challenge came to his conscience, he kept himself clean though it meant going to the den of lions. Thank God for men like Daniel. "Thy life will I give unto thee for a prey," the Lord says. And they answer, "Yes, Lord, if I'm called to lay it down for Thee, I will do so at any hour. I'll go into the lions' den for Thee. My life is only given me for a spoil, anyway. Take it if You want it." And God gave it back to him.

And doesn't it thrill your soul as you remember that brave girl, Esther? As the great opportunity of her life came to her, she remembered that her life was given her for a prey, and she said those memorable words, "If I perish, I perish." Mordecai said, "Who knoweth, Esther, whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" And she replied, "Yea, I know it; and if I perish, I perish, but I'm going to do the will of God."

I leave the Word of God with you this morning: "Seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey." May our answer be:

"O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
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of the joy of the Lord, the young man praised God and immediately preached the gospel. That day seventeen people believed.

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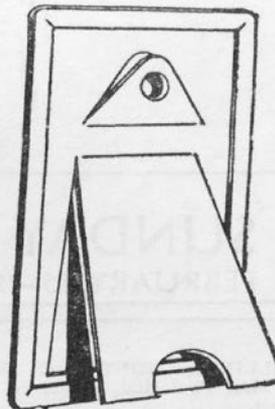
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AURORA, ILL.—202 N. Lake St.; Feb. 1, for 2 weeks or longer; Don Porter of Galesburg, Evangelist.—W. E. Thurmond, Pastor.

MACON, GA.—Youth for Christ Crusade, 581 Orange St., Jan. 18—Feb. 1; Lura Mae Hatcher of Columbus, Evangelist.—S. J. Westbury, Pastor.

HUBBARD, OHIO—Community Tabernacle, Jan. 25—Feb. 8; Evangelist and Mrs. Otis M. Keener Jr.—Simon Troyer, Pastor.

LAMESA, TEXAS—Special "Deeper Life" Meeting in progress, 2nd and Roosevelt St.; A. N. Trotter, Muskogee, Okla., speaker.—Neil Sawrey, Pastor.

GRESHAM, ORE.—Meeting in progress; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Andrews, Evangelists, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry, Musicians, all of Seattle, Wash.—George Bullock, Pastor.

PORTLAND, ORE.—Youth Ingathering Campaign, 115 N. W. 14th Ave., Jan. 27—Feb. 8; Wayne Fagerstrom, Springfield, Mo., Evangelist.—Wm. F. Hageman, Pastor.

FT. SMITH, ARK.—S. 12th and Dodson Ave.; Jan. 25, for 2 weeks or longer; T. S. Miles, Muskogee, Okla., Evangelist. All neighboring churches invited to attend.—C. A. Lasater, Pastor.

QUINCY, ILL.—Missionary Convention, Bethel Church, 12th and Jefferson Sts., Jan. 21—25. Mr. and Mrs. James Salter of England, speakers.—Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Davidson, Pastors.

GREEN BAY, WIS.—C. A. Rally, Jan. 26. E. A. Beck, Host Pastor. Evening service only, 8 p.m. H. R. Brown of Dallas, Wis., speaker.—J. A. Andrews, Sectional Chairman.

TENNESSEE BIBLE CONFERENCE

Midwinter Bible Conference, Covington, Tenn., Feb. 3—5; Bert Webb, Superintendent Southern Missouri District, special speaker. For rooms and information write C. W. Quattlebaum, Host Pastor, Garland Ave., Covington, Tenn.—W. G. White, District Superintendent.

TEXAS DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTIONS

Texas District Sunday School Conventions: Valley Section, 11th and E. Madison, Harlingen, Feb. 3—4. Corpus Christi Section, First Assembly, Corpus Christi, Feb. 5—6. Yoakum Section, First Assembly, Yoakum, Feb. 10—11; San Antonio Section, First Assembly, San Antonio, Feb. 12—13. Houston Section, 204 Clifton, Houston, Feb. 24—25. Waco Section, 18th and Pine, Waco, Feb. 26—27. Austin Section, 501 W. 37th St., Austin, March 2—3. Beaumont Section, Ave. A and Wall St., Beaumont, March 4—5. Lufkin Section, Nacogdoches, March 9—10.

All services begin 10 a.m., first day, unless local changes necessary. Notice given in such cases. Loine C. Honderick, National S. S. Representative, main speaker; James McKeehan, District Representative, presiding. For further information write Sunday School Department, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.

He gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat and were filled. Matt. 14:19



SIXTH NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION FEBRUARY 15—19, 1948 SPRINGFIELD 1, MISSOURI

BILLINGS, MONT.—Jan. 20—Feb. 1; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild, Fargo, N. Dak.—Earl Goodman, Pastor.

VANCOUVER, WASH.—East 26th and F Sts., Jan. 20—Feb. 8; Anna B. Lock, Evangelist.—Paul G. Trulin, Pastor.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

Thirty-first Annual District Council of the Rocky Mountain District, Denver Revival Tabernacle, 9th and Acoma Sts., Denver, Colo., Feb. 9—13. A big District C. A. Rally, Monday, 7:30 p.m., opens Convention. Special services for ministers and their wives, all day, Tuesday. Convention proper opens Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Ralph M. Riggs, guest speaker.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MINISTERS' INSTITUTE AND YOUTH RALLY

BRainerd, MINN.—North Central District Ministers' Institute and Youth Rally, Jan. 26—29. Opening rally, Monday, 7:45 p.m. Ministers' Institute daily, 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. North Central Bible Institute Faculty members and District ministers will be the speakers. Evangelistic rallies, nightly, at 7:45. Brainerd Gospel Tabernacle, Gillis Ave. and A St., host church. R. S. Peterson is pastor. Institute will close with District C. A. Rally at Franklin Jr. High Auditorium; G. Raymond Carlson, speaker. Rooms provided, as far as possible, for ministers.—Bartlett Peterson, Superintendent.

NORTH DAKOTA MINISTERS' INSTITUTES

North Dakota Ministers' Institutes, with identical programs: Bismarck, Gospel Tabernacle, Jan. 26—29; E. N. Oster, Pastor. Fargo, Gospel Tabernacle, Feb. 2—5; Milton Barfoot, Pastor. J. E. Purdie, Principal of Western Bible College, Winnipeg, Canada, special speaker and instructor. Free rooms to District ministers. Write Herman G. Johnson, District Superintendent, 723 First Ave. N., Jamestown, N. Dak., for programs and information.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Chas. E. Robinson, 815 E. Webster St., Springfield, Mo.—"I am now making up my late winter and spring list of appointments for Bible Lessons. Have recently retired after 22 years on the Pentecostal Evangel staff."

Evangelistic

Harry J. Knisell, 101 Hendy Ave., Elmira, N. Y.—"Open for evangelistic meetings."

Pastoral

L. F. William, P. O. Box 931, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.—"Eight years in the ministry. My wife and I sing together; experienced in both branches of ministry. Have active interest in Sunday School work, C. A.'s and evangelistic effort in church. Just the two of us. Free to go wherever the Lord leads."