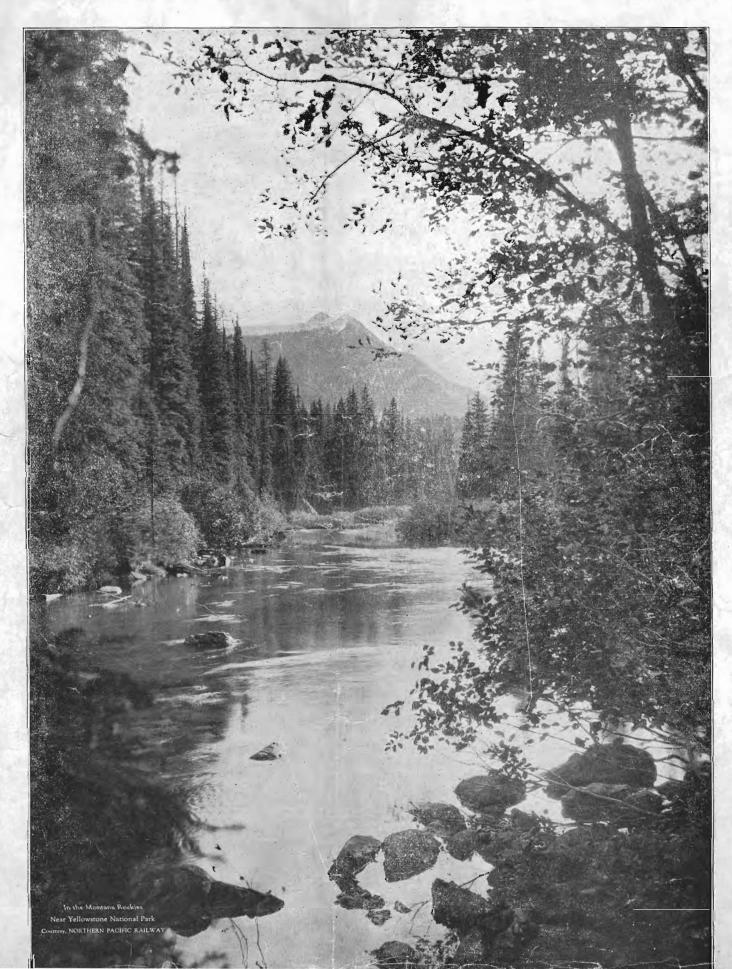
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# MAN'S MOST IMPORTANT DUTY

That only is vital which is eternal. Man's most important duty in this terrestrial life is to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ to the extent that a desire seizes his very being, fully sufficient to provoke him into seeking and searching out those things which the Bible declares are eternal and everlasting.

The great Apostle Paul declares in this world we have no abiding city. Man's surroundings in this mortal life are only terrestrial and can never endure the onslaughts of time and change. Man's earthly life is reckoned among the rank and file of all that which is born, grows, lives and dies; yea, man knows not his time and is but an earthly sojourner passing on with a passing age, going in the same direction of all that is mortal and finishing life's short race so soon.

There are many reasons why man should pass the time of his sojourn here in fear; yet there are, it seems, just as many men who never seriously think upon even one of those reasons. Man neglects and procrastinates to a much greater degree as affecting those things that are essent. ally vital to his eternal wellbeing, rather than material, earthly, terrestrial surroundings that possess no lasting value. Neither can give eternal satisfaction or peace. Yes, the sins of omission are just as capable of keeping mankind out of heaven as the sins of commission. Failure in this life to comprehend our most important duty will bring only regret and eternal disappointment to the victim. Then since the everlasting God has declared Himself as touching man's most important duty, let us believe and acclaim with the Preacher of old—that to fear God and keep His commandments is the whole duty of man.

Jesus declared, "If any man believe on me as the Scriptures hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." This spake He of the Holy Spirit which mankind may yet receive by repenting and being baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and they shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. "For the

By Elder G. B. Rowe



promise is unto you and to your children and to all them that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." May God help us to realize and do something about it—even our most important duty—while we have opportune time.

(The following is also by Elder G. B. Rowe) An ex-novice

Give me not the voice and command for the beginner; give me not the necessary helpings that pertain to the novice—courage, zeal, zest, and persistency that is so needed for the upstart—save all these for the new entrant.

Don't talk to me in terms of childish tone

Or plead for me to let the world alone;

Don't ask me if I feel like going on,

When years ago I turned to lively stone;

Expect of me that steady tread, As one who is running from the dead

Exact of me no proper fashion or form,

I'm out at sea; I'm too far gone. Mine should be the finisher's cheer!

Mine should be "The goal is near!"

Armoured now with climaxing strength—

Girded for the last home stretch.

No more pondering, no more stopping;

I'm beyond all these.

With experimental stages past, God is right—Heaven's mine at last! A Sunday at Midway

Sunday, Feb. 22, was a profitable day spent worshiping the Lord. Sunday Morning Sunday School began at 9:30, services closing about 12. At noon "pot luck" dinner was served in the dining room adjoining the church. From 12:30 to 1 P. M. we listened to a broadcast over W. C. R. T. Elkhart, given by Bro. McPherson. The Yazel family (his wife's family) and Bro. and Sis. Bishop were with them.

We have Young People's Rally every Sunday from 2 until 4:30.

We had a wonderful program, by our own Young people consisting of many songs and sermonettes. We have able speakers among our young people. The Spirit of the Lord was in our midst during the entire service. While the trio sang a song, the power of God was so great they shouted the praises of God while singing.

Two brothers were ready to sing but were interrupted by a young lad wishing to be baptized, the son of one of the singers. The lad was baptized and they proceeded with their song. The blessing of the Lord was so great the father had to pause in his singing.

The Junior Chorus, consisting of about eighty singers, also received a shower of blessing. Some shouted, others danced, while some cried, and others rushed down to the prayer room.

Sister Procter read a letter from one of our soldier boys, Bro. James Bates, from our assembly. A great many could be seen wiping their eyes. But before reading the letter Sister Wreatha preached a wonderful sermon. Just to look at her face could not help but convince an onlooker that she was Spiritfilled.

During the program we had an illustrated sermon on The Necessity of having the Whole Armor of God, in order to withstand the enemy, also to never look back.

Those wishing a lunch before evening services again went to

# Report from Bro. Bullock in the Homeland

Our Dear Friends & Co-workers: Greetings and best wishes for a successful New Year in the Lord!

We have just returned from a two weeks' evangelistic trip to Los Angeles and vicinity and find so many letters awaiting us here that I am again forced to resort to a general letter to catch up with my correspondence.

After witnessing in all the Chinese churches in San Francisco we felt we should also bear witness to the Chinese in Los Angeles before settling down to our own work here. After reaching Los Angeles we found that one of our Chinese friends from Hong Kong had made arrangements for me to speak at a union meeting of all the Chinese churches. It was held in the big Congregational Church and the Lord gave me great liberty and blessing as I spoke to a full house in their own tongue. We were delighted to see several of our old hong Kong friends there wno had come over before the war started and they were happy to know that I had gotten out anve.

We also had the privilege of attending two fellowship meetings among our own churches, besides visiting several of our churches in Los Angeles, Pasadena, Long Beach, Riverside, Lodi and Turlock. Would like to have visited more but felt that duty was demanding us to hurry back and get our work started here. We were glad to find good live assemblies in all these places pastored by conse-

crated men with a clear vision of the original sound Apostolic Gospel and power of God. Everybody was very kind to us and we feit so unworthy and grateful to God and to His loving children.

At Turlock Pastor David Gray secured the use of the First Methodist Church, with a seating capacity of six hundred, for our meeting. It was kindly donated by the pastor. I had a pleasant surprise when two of my fellow-prisoners from Hong Kong walked in! They were a young couple by the name of Erickson who had gone over there as missionaries shortly before the war broke out. She was a good singer so I invited her to sing a solo for us.

We are now "home" again and busily engaged in preparing a building which we hope will become a real Lighthouse for Jesus' Name in this dark city. We have been able to secure a nice clean building right in the heart of Chinatown at a very reasonable rental, considering the prevailing rates. It is at number 715 Sacramento Street. I hope you can pay us a visit some time and I am sure the Chinese would be glad to hear you testify, as most of them understand English.

Another need seems to have been met, too, and that is a Spirit-filled Chinese preacher who is established in the original Apostolic truth. Such a find is very rare indeed in America. Brother Hensley ran across him in Michigan and, since he had known him for years, gives him

a high recommendation, as does also his pastor. We are hoping he will be here in a few days as a native worker is almost imperative to success in working with the Chinese. But above all, please pray that God will rule and overrule in everything, and that we will be kept humble and in the center of His will.

Now we wish to thank you for your nice letters and Christmas cards and offerings. May God richly bless you throughout this New Year and give many precious yellow sheaves for your hire, for we find many unevangelized heathen right here in America.

Yours in His love and service till He comes,

Ralph D. Bullock and family.

We are glad to note that Bro. Bullock is pressing the battle in this country in his usual aggressive style. He must have scarcely recovered from his terrible ordeal in the Japanese camp. Inasmuch as contact with China is uncertain, i thought some might want to help Bro. Bullock in his work among the Chinese in San Francisco. We of course are continuing to impound offerings for China until such times as we can reach our churches and workers over there. Offerings for Bro. Bullock will be received here as usual and if for San Francisco work, will be forwarded to him or held for China just as designated.

> W. T. Witherspoon, Chairman B. of F. M.

#### A Day at Midway—Contd.

the dining room. At 6 o'clock Sister Rowe conducted a service instructing saints how to tarry with seekers; the service lasted until evening services at 7:30. The Lord again met with us in the evening service. Evangelists, Elder and Mrs. Bishop have been conducting a revival service in our assembly. The building was crowded to its capacity, extra chairs having to be used to seat the people.

There was much conviction during the service, the prayer room was filled with those seekin the Lord, the baptism or help from the Lord. Those who came to the service at 9:30 A. M. spent a full day worshiping God also having saved on gas by having one trip to do for the entire day. Truly "Midway" is a soul saving station for Mishawaka and South Bend as well as those living for miles around.

Some of the members drive

thirty and forty miles to services and go home feeling well paid for the way they spent the entire day.

The Lord is truly using Bro. and Sis. Rowe, their family and the saints in this place.

Keep on fighting and telling the story. Never slack your pace or think it all in vain. Just keep your face set Zionward, striving to enter in, and at last Heaven to gain.

Hazel S. Matthews

# IS JESUS COMING BACK TO EARTH AGAIN?? WHEN??

### Radio Message given by W. T. Witherspoon at Boise, Idaho

Good evening, radio audience. Once again it is our privilege and pleasure to come before you. In fact, it has been a pleasure to be in your city for some two weeks, and especially, to minister to a church like the Bethel Temple. We have had the house nearly full each evening, and I do not know where I have found a more Bible-loving, prayerful and spiritual people.

Our subject today, "Is Jesus Coming Back to Earth Again? When?" has a very definite bearing on the life of everyone that will be alive at the time of the return of Jesus to this earth, and if you think this will not include you. I want to say that it is more than likely that He will come very soon. As to when He shall come, I grant you that "no man knows the hour or the day' but I want you to know also that the Bible clearly teaches that there will be suincient signs of the approach of that event that no one need be taken unaware.

To more fully cover this subject and to answer the questions in the minds of the majority of the people, we will consider this subject briefly under five heads: The Fact of His Coming; The Time or Signs of His Coming; The Method of His Coming; The Purpose of His Coming; and The Results of His Coming.

#### The Fact of His Coming

It is necessary to consider this first, as so many do not believe He is personally coming back. They have never been taught that this truth was one of the foremost set forth by the Apostles, and was continually referred to, especially, by the Apostle Paul, and that it was the sustaining hope held before all of the New Testament Christians. It is noticeable that the perversion, or the denial of this truth marks the teaching of practically every cult, or false religion. They either deny that He is coming back personally, or teach that He has already come,

thus overthrowing the faith of some. Two or three Scriptures says in Acts 1:10, that at the time of His ascension, "Behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven'." Paul said, "For this we say unto you BY THE WORD OF THE LORD that we which are ALIVE AND REMAIN UNTO the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thess. 4:12-17.

Peter further says, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they are willingly ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water; whereby (that is, by the WORD OF GOD) the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens and earth, which are now, by the same WORD are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But ... the day of the Lord shall come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. The earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter 3:3-7,10. These Scriptures should convince anyone of the fact of His personal coming, and exclude the possibility of considering that event as "conversion, death or the general resurrection."

### The Signs, or Time of His Coming

As the signs indicate the time, we will group these under one head. Paul says, "But of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the DAY of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as do others, but let us watch and be sober." 1 Thess. 5:1-6.

Paul also writes to Timothy in this manner: "This know also, that in the LAST DAYS perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disbedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having the form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." 2 Timothy 3: 1-5. These are unmistakable signs we right now are nearing the end. Jesus said, "Take heed lest any man deceive you, For many shall come in my name saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And when ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. (Not

# I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS

This, to me, is one of the most beautiful and inspiring of the Psalms. I never tire of reading and meditating upon it. I believe that the inspired Psalmist was looking beyond the natural hills when he wrote those words which we are using for a text for this article.

As he looked away to the grandeur of the Judean hills with their summits pointing heavenward, he was reminded of the fact that the God Who had created them was the Eternal God and that those hills were fitting memorials of the everlasting power and greatness of God. Those hills stand as silent witnesses of God's mighty acts in creation as long as the earth The Psalmist was glad for the knowledge that the God Who made them in the beginning was his God, and that, as those hills were kept and preserved by the power of God, just so would he, the Psalmist, be preserved by the same all-wise God and Creator.

Even as inspiring and comforting as were the hills with their heads lifted above the sphere of the toils of the creatures who lived at their base, was the thought that he, too, could be lifted up above the toils and worries of the road by the help of the everlasting God, Who had given to him his great promises. Yet, we believe that he was looking to other and greater hills, from whence came his help.

David knew of the many hilltop or mountaintop experiences that great men of the Bible had enjoyed in their days. He could recall the wonderful story of Moses, the man of God, who had stood in the holy mount for forty days, and God had descended to the mount and had given him the law for his people, writing it upon the tablets of stone with the finger of God. "And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded By Eld. W. T. Poling

long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice." Ex. 19: 18,19. So great was the sight, and so awesome the power and presence of God, that Moses said, "I exceedingly feared and trembled," and the congregation in the plain begged that the voice of God speak not to them, lest they die. So great was the presence of God, that Moses, even though he was a great man of God, was awed by the Voice and the holy presence of the mighty God as he communed with him and wrote the ten commandments.

David, in looking to the hills, no doubt had this wonderful epoch of Israel's history in mind, and remembered, too, that at one time Moses had to wear a veil over his face because his face shined with the glory of God. Moses had been commanded to come up to the place that God appointed him, and there, as God hid him in the cleft of the rock and put His hand over him, He allowed His glory to pass by and proclaimed the Name of the Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, "I have mercy for thousands." This surely was a mighty hilltop experience to which to look, and no wonder that the Psalmist could say, "From whence cometh my help, my help cometh from God." This very same One had so wonderfully appeared to his people (they were also David's people), and David knew that God had said, "I have mercy for thous-He knew also that His mercy reached even to him. He could look back to Noah's experience upon the mountains of Ararat, and to the covenant that God had made with him. He could still see the bow in the clouds after the rain, just as we see it. Because of that, he knew that God was still keeping His promise. The Psalmist derived strength and help from those hills of experience to which he looked.

The Word of God is replete with wonderful accounts of the experiences of men and women who walked with God and many Testament saints proved to be hills of strength. We, of today, need also to look away to the hills, not as the Psalmist could, but with a far broader vision, back to the hills of Ararat, Sinai, Carmel, Temptation, Transfiguration, Calvary, and forward to the Mount of Olives on whose summit the feet of the Lord will again stand! We need help today as never before in our lives and there remains but one source of real help: "Our help cometh from God.'

We, too, must look today to the hills and such wonderful hills of help and hope they are: the wonderful and inspiring scene of the Saviour, as He stood on the mountain of temptation with Satan trying to induce Him to give way to the subtle and tempting words, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread;" "Cast Thyself down" from the pinnacle of the temple; "Fall down and worship me," for which, in exchange, he would give Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. Yes, very subtle, indeed, were the words of Satan, but Jesus said, "Thus it is written," and because He quoted the Scripture (He was the One Who inpired them), He could say, "Get thee behind me, Satan." When we, His children, are tempted (and we are all tempted and will be while life lasts), it is so helpful and strengthening to look back to our Saviour and His conquest with the tempter and know that the same Scriptures and the same power that He used to rebuke Satan is ours. The same Jesus Who withstood the devil for our sakes, will for His Name's sake give us power to overcome the tempter. These, and other experiences of the Bible similar to them, are hilltops of help to me. As David of old could look away to the hills which he knew, I, too, can look back, not only to the ones

## WHY WAR?--THE ANSWER

"And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the Lord to war, and will go all of you armed over Jordan before the Lord, until He hath driven out His enemies before Him, and the land be subdued before the Lord; then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the Lord, and before Israel; and the land shall be your possession before the Lord. But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin will find you out." Num. 32:20-23.

In the face of the accumulating disaster in the world today, the flight of refugees, the bombing of open cities, the suffering of the innocent, the spectacle of humanity preying upon itself, the modern mind asks the question, "How can God permit this war?"

The repeated onslaught against goodness and justice is a scandal to men; they can not understand why God allows these things. But in order to understand them we must understand that war, evil, and suffering is pegotten of the worldspirit rather than the Christ Spirit, "And I also say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give (future) unto thee the keys of the kingdom (or church) of heaven: and whatsoever thou (Peter) shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou (Peter) shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matt. 16:18. All true Christians that have an understanding of the Word of God, feel that the True Apostolic Church still has this apostolic authority, as God gave it to Peter. It is declared in the church in which 1 am affiliated, but that is not all, "From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto His disciples, how that He must go into Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes." Matt 16:21. To Peter, the fact that Christ should suffer was a scandal. It was similar to the question we ask, "How can God permit this war?" Peter asked, How can God permit the cross?" Peter

By R. L. Blankenship

took the Lord aside and began to chide Him, saying, "Be it far from thee, O Lord; this shall not be unto thee." Matt 16:23. The word "chide" in its original Greek implies that Peter rebuked Him severely and was angry. We can almost hear him say, "Don't be ridiculous! What would happen to Your Kingdom (or church) if You die? A cross can accomplish nothing but death." Peter started with exactly the same assumption some do when they consider either war or suffering in relation to God.

He assumed the Cross was a total loss, incompatible with divine power, and also disruptive of God's purposes. But our Lord turned His back on Peter and said to him, whom a moment before He had called the rock, "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto Me: for thou dost not mind the things of God, but those of men." Notice: "things of God" and "things of men." The "things of God" imply suffering as a prelude to glory, the Cross as a gateway to resurrection, death as the condition of life. In other words, war, suffering, trials, and pain can and do fit into the divine plan. The "things of men," on the

The "things of men," on the contrary, seek to avoid the cross, to escape the law of sacrifice, or, in the language of the modern psychologist, they seek to be "self-expressive" which in less euphemistic language means just plain selfishness.

There are only two possible points of view; Peter's view (that the cross is a loss), and the Savior's view (that the cross leads to salvation or deliverance). All who take Peter's point of view look only at the present, which is necessarily self-centered. There are many who take that point of view today.

To drive this lesson home Jesus turned to His disciples and said; "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake (the Church) will find

it. For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Matt. 16:24-26. God's ways are not our ways. Apparently our Lord was "scandalized" at Peter being scandalized that God would not immunize the world against sacrifice. Jesus believed that it was close to being diabolical for those who professed faith in Him being God, as Peter did. to think that men could ever be saved without setting one's face toward Jerusalem and the cross. Many feel that Jesus suffered, that we might be freed from suffering, but on the contrary, there are many Scriptures to prove that all true Christians will suffer,—"Yea, all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall

Applying this lesson to our own time, why cannot the Savior Who once in His human nature suffered, suffer again in His mystical body, The Church? He Who once set His face toward Jerusalem, now can set it (the Church) toward Berlin, Tokio, and anywhere truth is crucified. We are living in a time when the church is a militant body. It is not a triumphant church yet; we must contend for the faith.

If Jesus valued life more than anyone ever valued life (for Jesus is the source of life), Jesus did not think death too great a price to pay to defeat evil.

Back to our first thought, "Why does God permit a cross?" It is not difficult to reason this out by those who mind the things of God; but by those who mind the things of men, those who start with the assumption that life should be a Utopia and a constant round of uninterrupted pleasure and that pain and suffering are obstacles too great for God to utilize—that is puzzling.

The modern mind says that war and evil make God unintelligible. To some extent they are right, for the Christian starts with the simple proposition that God is justice and love. But once these affirmations are

# Outlines For Young People's Meetings

## By Mrs. Mary Williams

This month's lessons are built around words beginning with the letter "p." Prove each statement and question with Scripture. If time permits have class build a Bible Lesson outline on some Christian Privilege each week. Each lesson should be preceded with devotional service.

#### Lesson 1

- 1. Define "pardon for sin."
- 2. Prove there is none without shedding of blood.
- 3. Will God grant pardon freely? readily? abundantly?
- 4. Is confession of sins necessary to the obtaining of pardon?
- 5. Why is water baptism necessary after confession and repentance?
- 6. What relation does the baptism of the Holy Ghost have to pardon for sin?
- 7. Discuss the change wrought by one's pardon.
- 8. What 5 lettered word beginning with "p" expresses a benefit produced by one's pardon?
- What do the following verses contain about this blessing? Psa. 147:14; Isa. 45:7; 1 Cor. 14:33.
- 10. What should the fruit of righteousness be sown in?

#### Lesson 2

A certain grace in one's life is recommended to:

1. Produce experience and hope.



- 2. The race set before us cannot be run without it.
- 3. Tribulation is its teammate.
- 4. It is necessary to the inheritance of the promises of God.
- 5. It must be accompanied by a. godliness. b. faith. c. temperance. d. longsuffering. e. joyfulness.
- 6. It was exemplified by a. Job; b. Simeon; c. Paul; d. Abraham; e. Prophets; f. John.
- 7. The trials of saints lead to.
- 8. There is a certain other element that originates in ignorance toward God by those who inflict it.
- 9. It was voluntarily submitted to by the Lord Jesus.
- 10. Preachers of the Gospel are subject to.
- 11. God delivers out of.
- 12. Exercised against the Lord's children by Pharoah, Saul, Jezebel, etc.

#### Lesson 3

- 1. The following characteristic is very necessary in the life of a Christian. Decide what it is and add other questions.
- 2. It must be manifested in?
- 3. Seeking God. 1 Chron. 16:11. Waiting upon God. Hos.12:6. Prayer. Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18. Well-doing. Rom. 2:7; 2 Thess. 3:3. Holding fast hope. Heb. 3:6.
- 4. It is maintained through: The power of God. Psa. 37: 24; Phil. 1:6. The fear of God. Jer. 32:40. Faith. 1 Pet. 1:5. What do you find out about it in the following verses? Job 17:9; Heb. 6:10, 11; 1 Cor. 15:58; Acts 13:43; Heb. 12:2,3; James 1:25.

- 5. The want of it excludes from the benefits of the Gospel. Heb. 6:4-6.
- 6. Lack of will bring punishment. John 15:6. An illustration is shown in Mark 4:5.17. (This word has twelve letters)

#### Lesson 4

The following should be filled in with 7 letter words beginning with "p." Find each reference.

- 1. Saints who overcome in Christ will become....in temple of God.
- 2. Ministers are considered as .....according to Jeremiah's record.
- 3. Christian.....have their faces toward Zion.
- .....embrace God's promises and look forward.
- 5. Golden vials will be filled with the.....of the saints.
- 6. Incense will be offered with the..... of the saints.
- 7. God inhabits the.....of His children.
- 8. There never has failed one word of all God's good.....
- 9. Paul said that Cephas and John seemed to be .....in the Church.
- 10. . . . . . is upon . . . . . . teaching us the doctrine of God.
- 11. According to Brother Peter, Christians today are.....
- 12. There was a day when the Word of God was.....
- 13. God's sons are still.....as in the days of Jeremiah.
- 14. It is a Christian privilege to show forth God's.....



## PRAYER IS A FIGHT

The book says, "All things are possible to him who prays," or all things are possible to him that believes. If this be true we live in an age when there is little praying. The present condition of the Church proves it. Results, results, results. Plenty of praying but no results. An age of preachers and preaching, and so few results. We are a failure and should stop and find the trouble.

Man in the garden walked by sight; but after the expulsion had to walk by faith; hence the necessity of prayer as the means of communication. Prayer is a man on earth talking to God in heaven. God does nothing but in answer to prayer. If this be true, what a tremendous responsibility rests upon the ministry. The Church will only rise with faith and power as the ministry rises. The present situation is a result of the condition of the ministry.

"Like people, like priest." The need of the hour is prayer—intelligent, definite, persistent prayer that will bring results, prayer that will constrain the divine Hand to our aid. Every child of God who has a spiritual vision can see the necessity. Oh, for ministers who will put God's people to praying!

Oh, for leaders to teach the saints how to pray! Oh, for servants who can wrestle in the closet. A revival will only come as the result of persistent prayer. Praying preachers will have praying saints, praying leaders will have praying followers. Praying pulpits will have praying pews.

The servant of God who has the spirit of prayer has power with God and man. Men who pray are the men who stir things. The man of prayer gets his sermon down instead of up and red hot sermons will soon warm and fill a cold church. Preaching that brings results is preaching that is born of prayer. Preaching that is saturated with prayer will hit the mark. Men of the past who moved things for God, whose memories are fresh and have left their mark in Christiandom were all men of By William Black

prayer. After all, it is prayer that makes the preacher. Prayer will do what money, culture, learning, genius or college can not do. Prayer makes a heart preacher instead of a head preacher. Prayer puts the sermon in the preacher's heart; better still, prayer puts the preacher's heart into the sermon.

The preachers who are mightier in their closets with God are mightier in their pulpits with men. Prayer is the first thing, second thing, third thing necessary for the ministry.

Pray then, my brother, pray, pray, pray. Prayer makes the sermon strong, gives it unction and makes it stick. Prayer will make live sermons which will crowd the church. Preaching that kills is always prayerless preaching. Light praying will make light preaching. Truth unquickened by God's Spirit is dead, but prayer will make "the Word of God quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword."

#### **Eloquence Good—Unction Better**

Prayer brings unction; without unction God is absent. Unction with the preacher puts God in the Gospel and the sermon is full of unction because the man is full of unction. No eloquence is equal to unction - it carries the Word like sugar, like salt, like dynamite. Unction does not come in the study, but in the closet. Unction is that indefinable, indescribable something that comes from on high, convicting the sinner and stirring the dead congregation.

Prayer is the sole condition to obtain and retain the anomating. No ministry can succeed without much praying. The The tongue-tied preacher admits he does not pray enough. Most ministerial failures today come from a failure to preach the Word and a lack of prayer.

Lack of freedom in the pulpit is sure bondage in the pew. Great sermons are born at real travail of souls and deep meditation before the throne. The Apostles gave themselves continually to prayer and ministry of the Word. He (Jesus) with-drew Himself into the wilder-ness and prayed. The next verse says, "And the power of the Lord was present to heal." The man of God gets his message fresh from God in the closet. God will be found of us in the day we seek Him with a whole heart. This is as true of the preacher as it is of the penitent. The preacher who prays puts God to work. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. It has been the mightiest weapon of God's mightiest soldiers. Much alone with God is the secret of knowing Him. No man gets God who does not seek hard after Him. Prayer will inflame a desire after God which will keep the devil and the world so far behind that they can not catch

The laziness of the present day ministry is a crying sin. The children of this world are wiser than we; they are at it early and late. God is waiting for men to seek Him. He waits and longs to answer prayer. The reason we do not believe Him more is because we do not know Him more. It is logical that the longer and better we know men, the greater will be our confidence in them. To know God, we must talk with Him, and Him with us. We can not talk with God and man at the same time. It is in the closet that the revelation comes. Much time spent with God is the secret of successful praying.

Prayer begets prayer. Prayer begets faith and faith will move God to move mountains, and heal the sick. "Lord teach us to pray." It is the fact that many neglect secret prayer and Bible Study and then wonder why they have no power with God or souls. It is much easier to preach and write about prayer than to get to business and pray through.

Fight It Out In Prayer

Simply talking to the air is not prayer. Lung-straining noise is not prayer. A quarter-minute's grace said over an hour's dinner is not prayer. Three minutes in a nightrobe beside the bed is not prayer.

# GRAINS FROM THE Harvest Field

### OLD TIME SERVICES AT ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

We are glad to be able to report victory in the Name of Jesus! During the month of January, eleven were baptized in the Name of Jesus, one of which received the Holy Ghost in the water. On the eleventh of February we started a series of revival services with Evangelist George Agy and Elder Clyde Dailey in charge. Nine were baptized in Jesus' Name were baptized in Jesus' and received the Holy Ghost. We thank God for answering prayer and that His mercy is still extended. It makes us happy to see the power fall as on the day of Pentecost. We desire your prayers that God will continue to bless.

Reporter, Anna Spiegel Pastor E. A. St Clair \* \* \*

### NEWS FROM SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

We are glad to report that we are still in the battle for Jesus. Two were baptized in the Name of Jesus recently, and one has received the Holy Ghost. The Lord is blessing the work in every way.

Although we are few in number, God is with us. We still extend a welcome to any evangelist or minister passing this way.

Pastor, Mrs. R. B. Rundel

#### SPENCER, IOWA

We are glad to report that the work is progressing here at Spencer and the presence of the Lord is felt in our services. We are looking for success, as we believe that God is for us, none can be against us. We have been here but a short time and like it fine. We can see where Brother Dainty, the former pastor, has done a fine work. May the Lord bless him in his new field.

Recently two of the faithful saints here have passed away, namely, Mrs. M. L. Tatro and Mrs. N. J. Needham. We miss them greatly in our meetings. We ask an interest in your prayers that God will continue to work here.

Pastor L. E. Hodges

### NEW PASTOR AT FRANKFORT, IND.

We celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the dedication of our church, Zion Tabernacle, with a special service on last Thanksgiving Day. This day was of double importance to us as we burned our mortgage also. Some of the ministers present were Elders C. G. Bryan of Elwood, James Petty of Indianapolis, Lester McFarland of Lynn, and I. I. Bradley of Kokomo. Elder G. B. Rowe of Mishawaka, was our principal speaker.

On New Year's night we held a reception at the church for our new pastor. Elder George Dainty and family. This proved to be a blessing. We believe that God approved Bro. Dainty's coming here and we are much encouraged to go forward for God.

Eld. Frank Schocke

# \* \* \* YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE STARTED

Greetings from the First Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ in Tulare, Calif. We are glad to report that our church is steadily growing. We have a good Sunday School and soon we plan to start Young People's Service. There has been a fine interest manifested and a revival spirit is moving in our midst. There is a great desire for more faith. Pray for us.

Pastor Paul W. Leak

### \* \* \* TEXARKANA, TEXAS

We would like to invite al soldiers passing through Texarkana to visit our services. Several hundred soldiers pass this way daily and there is an army camp here. If you have a friend or relative in the service in this part, please have him get in touch with us. Also, we write many letters to service men. If vou would like for us to write your son or friends, please write us. God has laid this burden on our heart, and if you will send us the address of any soldier or service man, we will be glad to write him.

Pastor Eldredge E. Lewis

### AT HAMBURG, ARK. FELLOWSHIP MEETING

A fellowship meeting was held at the assembly of Eld. C. I. Cox, recently, with many parts of the state being represented. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and much benefit was received from the sermons delivered. A spirit of unity prevailed throughout the gathering. Some of the ministers present were Elders Tucker, Rice, Johnson, Wilson, Warren, Webster, and Cox. Pray for us.

Pastor C. L. Cox Mrs. R. L. Cox

### NEW CHURCH AT RICHMOND, IND.

Pastor Lester McFarland of Lynn, Ind., announces the opening of a church at Richmond, Indiana, which will be known as Richmond Gospel Tabernacle. A fine location has been secured at 10 and 12 N. Fifth St., one half block off Main St., and directly across from the city hall. A revival began on the opening night, February 22, and will continue for several weeks. vices are to be held as follows: Sun. 2:30 P. M., Sunday School; Sunday 7:30 P. M., evangelistic; Thursday 7:30 P. M., Bible Study; Saturday 7:30 P. M., P. Y. P. A. We request prayer from all the Outlook readers for this new work and invite all our friends, far and near, come and help us.

Reporter, Mrs. L. McFarland

#### ABILINE, TEXAS

We have opened a new P. A. of J. C. church in Abiline, Texas, at So. 11th and Pecan St. We wish to extend a hearty welcome to the boys in service at Camp Barkley, Texas. Our service nights are Wed., Sat., and Sunday nights.

Pastor T. W. Burk

#### REVIVAL AT GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

We have just closed a three weeks' revival with E. Allard of Hannibal, as the evangelist. One received the Holy Ghost and the services were wonderful. Pray that God will continue to save souls.

Leona Johnson, Evangelist

#### VICTORY AT DIBOLL, TEX.

We wish to thank the Lord for a soul-stirring revival at the Diboll Pentecostal Church, held by Evangelist Gerald Mangun of Plymouth, Indiana. Sixty-seven were baptized in the Name of Jesus and forty-eight received the Holy Ghost. The timely messages were an inspiration to all of us. We praise God for a young man who will hold up the truth. We were assisted in the early part of our campaign by Eld. Allen Doyle who proved a blessing to us. Eld. Morgan has recently assumed the pastoral duties of this church. With the help of the Lord we plan to enlarge our building in the near future. We desire your prayers that we may keep the true raith of Jesus.

Reporter. Covie Wilkerson Pastor H. B. Morgan

#### CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.

Recently, a new work was started here. God has wonderfully blessed hungry hearts and rekindled them with the divine fire of the Holy Ghost. Lately two souls received the experience of the New Birth of water and Spirit as in the days of the Aposties. We are happy to report victory through the blood of Jesus Christ.

> Pastor James S. Lucas \* \* \*

#### LYNN CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

We celebrated our 4th anniversary on New Year's Day. We were blessed by having several visiting ministers and brethren with us. The speaker of the afternoon was Eld. C. G. Bryan. In the evening we greatly enjoyed the message given by Eld. Carl Hensley, returned missionary from China.

Following this event we held a two weeks' revival with Elder and Mrs. Jack Scott of Marion, Ind., as the evangelists. The wonderful unity and presence of the Spirit of the Lord prevailed in the entire revival. Every night seemed to get more blessed and the saints were strengthened and thrilled with the timely messages. If you are looking for an evangelist that is mighty in the Word of God, we wish to recommend highly Brother Jack Scott.

Pastor Lester McFarland

#### McCLEARY, WASH.

We opened a revival here on the 10th of January with Lucille Lyerla, the midget evangelist, as our speaker. In one week's meeting two received the Holy Ghost and there was a good stir of interest among the people of this community. We wish to reccommend this evangelist as a capable one and a help to any church or community.

Pastor W. A. Crumpacker

#### EROS, LOUISIANA

We can report victory in the Name of Jesus during our revival campaign, having baptized twenty-nine in Jesus' Name and twenty-two having received the Holy Ghost. Six seekers came to the altar at one time; many prayed through again. The power of Lord has been here in a mighty way. All the saints are revived in spirit and more determined to fight the battle. We closed the revival with 14 seekers at the altar and a heavy convicting power.

Pastor Thomas Staggs \* \* \*

#### BOGALUSA, LA.

The Lord is still wonderfully blessing here in Bogalusa. He is still adding to the Church for which we are thankful. With the "eye" of faith we are looking for His soon coming.

The death angel visited us and took from our midst one of the brightest jewels. Bro. Kirby went to be with Jesus Oct. 3rd. He left a wonderful testimony behind. Before he passed away he raised his hands and praised the Lord sweetly and told those that were present that he was going to "Glory." He called his faithful wife and told her to go on working for the Lord and take up where he had left off.

He was a faithful worker. His motto seemed to be "anything worth doing was worth doing

He was Sunday School Superintendent 4 years and a Senior deacon 5 years. He had the Holy Ghost 6 years. He is sadly missed by the whole church.

Reporter, Azzie Munn

#### HARRISVILLE, W. VA.

On May 18, 1941, I secured a leave of absence from my job, and started out in evangelistic

I told my employer if God

kept me busy I would not return to my job. At the end of six months I sent my foreman word I would not be back.

While conducting a revival for Elder Stanley Hanby at one of his branch churches near Mellin, W. Va., God began to burden our souls for the people of this county, as there was no other Oneness work in this county.

We took over the pastorate of the Mellin Tabernacle, and felt to start tent meetings at Harrisville, the county seat of Ritchie Co., fourteen miles from Mellin.

Through the courtesy of the Tri-State Council, we were able to secure a tent and began services in July. Many of the good brethren came to assist us in the meeting as it was a strain on our voices to do the singing, praying and preaching. These brethren, instead of taking an offering usually left one, and God graciously supplied our needs. We baptized sixteen adults in Jesus' Name.

We were able to secure a building on Main St. in a fine location, and pay monthly as rent.

Eld. H. C. Weaver helped us to remodel the building and now we have a nice tabernacle near the center of town. This was a step by faith, but we felt God

had definitely spoken. On Nov. 14, 1942, we held the dedication service. The presence of God was manifested as we greeted the precious brethren and saints from many parts of Ohio, Pa., and W. Va. Elder W. T. Poling of Morgantown, W. Va., brought the dedicatory message which inspired the hearts of those present. Our Honorable Mayor of Harrisville gave a splendid talk during the service. We sincerely thank those who assisted with offerings and those who held us up in prayer.

We are desperately praying for a real Holy Ghost revival in this vicinity.

It is still necessary for us to be away part of the time in evangelistic work because there is not much work available here. We are looking forward to the time when the work will be self supporting and we can devote our full time to Gospel work in this county. There are many hungry hearts who desire the truth. We covet your prayers.

Eld. and Sis. Jewel Cole

# WHO AM 1???

### Test your Bible knowledge with this interesting type of quiz

#### WHO AM I?

- 1. I was born six miles southeast of Bethlehem at a little country town called Tekoah. ? ? ?
- 2. I did not have a chance to go to the school of prophets. My early life was spent on the farm. I seemed to like the work with the trees more than the grains in the fields. ? ? ?
- 3. Uzziah was king in the land of Judah at the time, and Jeroboam, king of Israel. But I didn't worry much about these wicked kings. I was too busy with my sycamore trees.

4. I did not dream that the Lord would call me to be a prophet, and especially did I never have any intentions of going up to the northern part of Palestine called Israel, because I was born and reared in the South, which is called Judah.

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5. Perhaps you will remember some of my writings such as..."Two do not walk together except they be agreed". I wasn't much of a writer, my little book is quite short, only nine chapters. I am one of the minor prophets.

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#### WHO AM I?

1. I am a Phoenician princess, daughter of the king of the Zidonians.

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2. In my hands my husband became as a mere puppet.

3. The first effect of my influence was the immediate establishment of the Phoenician worship on a grand scale in my husband's court.

4. The people, at the instigation of Elijah, rose against my ministers and slaughtered them at the foot of Carmel.

5. My end was very sad. Chariot horses trampled out my life, and my body remained in the street. The dogs ate my flesh, as was prophesied by Jehu.

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#### ANSWERS TO FEBRUARY WHO AM I?

- 1. Jeremiah.
- 2. Ahithophel.
- 3. Ezekiel.

#### WHO AM I?

1. I was born in Judah, and was very efficient in business, even before I was very much influenced by Christianity. Although I had faith in the coming Messiah, when I did answer the call. I was put to my old job.

2. I walked and talked with Christ and many of His sermons were preached just for me, for He could read my mind and knew I also loved something else.

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3. My doom was prophesied in the Psalms of David and later Peter preached a sermon about me in the first of Acts.

#### ? ? ?

4. My love for money and the knowledge that Jesus would not have an earthly kingdom led me to betray Him for thirty pieces of silver.

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#### WHO AM I?

1. Jesus loved me very much, but I became ill.

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2. When Jesus heard about it He was not alarmed.

3. Jesus not only loved me but my whole family.

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4. About two days after Jesus heard that I was sick He came to Bethany against the advice of His disciples because the Jews sought to stone Him.

5. Even before He saw me He said, "He is sleeping." My sisters were sad because by that time I had been dead four days. Soon, however, because of Jesus' miracleworking power Ι forth from the brought grave— alive!

#### WHO AM I?

1. Nothing is known of his early days.

2. He first appears upon the scene when he was 500 years of age.

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3. His great grandfather was a man delivered from death by an unusual way.

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4. His grandfather was the longest lived man according to early Biblical record.

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5. His father's name was Lamech.

6. His father, apparently a religious man, gave his child a name that is thought to mean rest.

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7. He lived in a terrible corrupt age when men had become so universally depraved that the Lord had determined to destroy the race.

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8. The earth, being filled with violence, it was divinely revealed to this man that there would be a great flood which would destroy man from the face of the earth.

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9. He was given a strange, and from the human standpoint, apparently an impossible task to preform—to build an immense boat or vessel for the saving of his own house.

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Watch for the answers in the

April Outlook!

# Conventions and Reports

First Full Gospel Church

11th and Blaine Streets Caldwell, Idaho Phone 628J—

Eld. Robert G. Hammond, Pastor Visiting Ministers Welcome

#### CONVENTION REPORT

The Illinois State Convention of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ convened at White Hall, Ill., Oct. 27-30, 1942. The first day was devoted to the Sunday School department. The Young People of the state rendered a good spiritual program in the evening.

Wednesday 10 A. M. After devotional service the Young Peoples business session was opened by Elder B. W. Robinson, Pres. After the business session a few remarks were offered by Elder Summers, Sister Baker, and Eld. Underwood. 1 P. M., A wonderful Bible lesson was taught by Elder R. G. Hoekstra, Indianapolis, Ind. The evening services were well attended and great interest was manifested.

Thursday, After song and prayer a Scripture lesson (Psa. 59; 1-17) was given by Elder Summers. After a short business session the remainder of the day was spent in devotional service and Bible teaching.

Friday, 10 A. M., After a short devotional service. Scripture lesson Mark 15:15-16 was read by Elder Marion Turner. It was decided by the convention that owing to the gasoline rationing and conditions being such as they are that the place for the next convention will be selected by the officers of the state work. Any pastor who desires the April convention should get in touch with the Secretary as early as possible. The remainder of the day was spent in devotional service and preaching by the various ministers. We will long remember the hearty welcome extended to us by Eld. Rigdon and the saints of White Hall. Unity and love prevailed throughout the entire convention.

Sis. Nora Baker, Sec'y-Treas. Eld. J. O. Underwood, Chairman

#### PUYALLUP, WASH.

The location of the Jesus Name Pentecostal Mission in Puyallup has been changed from North Meridian to 114 East Pioneer.

God has blessed us with two large show windows at the entrance of our church and through this means we have sold much Christian material, Bibles, books, calendars, etc, to passersby as well as to the saints.

Our church services are held every Sunday at 10:00 A. M., Sunday evening at 7:30 P. M., Bible Study, and Prayer every Wednesday evening, 8:00 P. M.

Pastor Edmund Werner Mrs. Frank LaCrosse, Reporter

### NEW CHURCH AT BOSTON, MASS.

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The saints scattered throughout the country no doubt will be prayerfully interested in knowing that Elder Ralph G. Cook, Presbyter, P. A. of J. C. has opened a new work here in Boston, Mass.

The place of worship is located at 53 BERKLEY ST. The meetings have been well attended. Some folks have already requested that they be enrolled on the church roll. Others have been showing a marked interest, and some seeking to be filled with the Holy Ghost and fire.

The prayers of all are requested that souls be saved, healings wrought by the power of Christ, and that believers be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Ministering saints passing this way, write to Elder Ralph G. Cook, 9 Chestnut St. Foxboro, Mass.

We are trusting that all will remember us in much prayer.

George McLeod, Reporter

### NORTHWEST ONENESS COUNCIL CONVENTION

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# ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

We were very happy to have with us our National Chairman Elder W. T. Witherspoon of Columbus, Ohio, for our eleventh annual convention. Every message which he preached, we were convinced, was under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. His timely messages were the message of the hour. Both saints and unsaved people were edified and built up. His radio messages brought many strangers into the church. Therefore. our saints are encouraged to go on with the Lord as never before. Our people will be glad to have Elder Witherspoon at any time. Our prayer for him shall be that God will always bless him in his ministry.

B. M. David, Pastor

#### CONVENTION ANNOUNCE-MENT

The 12th Annual Oklahoma Bible Conference will be March 28th to April 4th, 1943, at the First Apostolic Church, 21st Place and South Nogales, West Tulsa, Oklahoma. Everyone welcome. Eld. C.P.Williams, Pastor.

These are perilous times, but we feel this conference will benefit all. Ministers and saints come prepared to stay the entire period. Bring bedding. Meals furnished on the free will plan. For further information write: C. P. Williams, State Chairman Box 555 W. Tulsa, Okla. C. A. Nelson, Sec'y-Treas. Rte. 2 Claremore, Okla.

#### NEED HELP?

I am open for calls in evangelistic work anywhere.

Elder S. S. Wilson N. Bent Ave., Las Animas, Colo.

### SPECIAL NOTICE ON WAR CLASSIFICATION

If you are not satisfied with your classification, FILE AN APPEAL WITH YOUR LOCAL DRAFT BOARD IMMEDIATE-LY. This is accomplished by filling in a paragraph on the back of your original questionnairre which is on file in the office of your local draft board. This appeal should be filed within 10 days of the time you receive the notification of any classification to which you object. Frequently, the local boards will grant a request for an appeal anytime before the induction is ordered, but they are not required to do this. If you experience any difficulty on this point, report the full particulars to this office, giving your fuli name, address, order number, and the number and location of your draft board. DON'T DE-LAY FILING THIS APPEAL, THINKING THAT YOUR LO-CAL BOARD IS GOING TO CORRECT YOUR CLASSIFI-CATION. THEY MIGHT IN-DUCT YOU WHILE YOU ARE STILL NEGOTIATING WITH THEM.

Amost every day, we have some case where one of our young men has been inducted into the army as a conscientious objector but is being required to bear arms or serve in some combatant position. We have been successful in every case so far of this kind that we nave nandled in having them transferred to another position. We are always willing to intercede on the behalf of any of our young men who are not receiving proper treatment in the military camps.

W. T. Witherspoon

NOTICE: According to a new ruling by Secretary of War Stimson, all conscientious objectors taking non-combatant service in the army (1-AO) will automatically be assigned to the medical corps.

This simply means that any of our men entering the army with a classification of 1-AO can be sure they will be assigned to the medical corps rather than the many other positions they were formerly assigned to under the **Selective Service Act.** 

W. T. Witherspoon

### Why War?—The Answer —Contd.

made the problem of evil is intensified, for if God is just, why is there injustice? If God is love, why is there hate and war? These are legitimate questions and they do throw a difficulty on one who minds the things of God. Yes the unbeliever, the materialist, the sceptic, the sophmore who still feeds on the husks of Darwin, Marx, and James, never has to answer these questions; for if the world is only a machine, why should it not occasionally get out of order? If there is no purpose in living, then why should life not be meaningless? If we are descended from beast, why not like beast? Since there is no goodness at the root of the universe, no Sun of Justice from which the rays of human rights descend, then there is no reason why these dark and awful cataclysms should not happen. Given no Providence, why should life not be a mockery, and pessimism our lot? The existence of evil is therefore no mystery to the unbeliever; it is a "natural."

It is not easy for us to explain why God permits evil, but it is impossible for the unbeliever to explain the existence of good, and why a material, soulless, God-less, cross-less universe should be the center of self-sacrifice, purity, love, faith, a cross, martyrdom, and a willingness to die rather than offend God.

To all who ask, "Where is your God now?" we ask, "Where are your gods now? Where is your god, Progress, in the face twenty-one years? Where is your god, Science, now that it consecrated its energies to destruction? "Where are their gods, in whom they trusted.... let them arise and help you." Deut. 32:37-39.

#### On What Does Evil Feed?

On what does evil feed? It feeds only on the good. Evil has no capital of its own, that is why the agnostic is in great difficulty. How could militant atheism exist if there were no God? How could the swastika exist if there were no cross? How could scepticism exist if there were no faith? How could

Communism exist if there were no capitalism to attack? How could Fascism exist if there were no human rights to deny? On what does persecution thrive except on FAITH?

You can explain evil only as the absence of good, as you can explain darkness only as the absence of light. That is why the unbeliever in the time of crisis and war slogans busies himself about many things, but never settles down to one supreme business of war, to overcome evil by good and to drive out evil by the finger of God.

Yes, my brother in the faith, we will with His help "mind the things of God" to carry on, to pull together, and we shall pull Old Glory, and all that she stands for along with us, until she is planted on the hill of the heathen gods where their smoke is on the waters, and the praise of God's children is shouting the good Old Pentecostal Allelujah's, Praise the Lord, and pass the Word of God.

### Prayer Is A Fight —Contd.

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Prayer is a fight and sometimes a long, hard, dreary, dark, weary one. The answer may tarry but it will come. Many a battle has been lost at the very last hour, because we gave up. Don't let down; keep at 11. Persistent, intelligent prayer will be answered. Make a business of it. Get the Book and study the condition of prayer, then meditate over the situation. Study the enemy that hinders. Recollect where you formerly failed. Then remember that you are a son of God and that He actually is your Father and this is a fight with the hosts of Satan. So don't give, up, but keep on praying. Get down before the Mighty One and fight your way through to victory. In the Mighty Name of Jesus, pray through to victory. Fight it out in prayer. Pray when it looks dark. Pray in the face of defeat. Pray until defeat is victory.

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# WOMEN'S PAGE

#### HAUNTED BY PRAYERS

Why is it easier for a woman to be a Christian than a man? Why? Well, you say she is weaker. No; her heart is more responsive to the call of divine love. She is vastly in the majority in most churches. The fact that she can more easily become a Christian proves that, in many cases, more members of the church are women.

The greatest sermons are not preached on celebrated platforms; they are preached to an audience of two or three, usually in private home life. Home influences, consecrated home influences are the mightiest of all influences upon the soul.

There are men today who have maintained their integrity—not because they were any better naturally than some other people, but because of prayer at home for them all the time. Our boys may track the snows in Russia; they may plunge into African jungles; they may fly to the earth's end, but they can not go too far, or so fast but that mother's prayers can and will keep up with them. I stand before women day after day who have the eternal salvation of their entire families in their right hands. They are burdened for their unsaved husbands, unruly daughters and their sons at war. There are prayers for all saved mothers to offer; there are exhortations for you to give and to be sure, there are examples for you to set. This is what I call a true, faithful laborer in the field. You may not have the applause of men, but the honor of God is worth more. Paul said, speaking to the Corinthians, "Woman, what knowest thou, but thou canst save thy husband?" So, my sister, don't give up praying; don't get weary. I know you have aching heads and plenty of broken hearts, but be faithful to the charge that is left to sus. We have a great work—the greatest work with the least appreciation. But that is all right as we are not laboring for this life, but one where there will be no more sitting up at night to see if they all come home and are tucked into bed, a place where

By Mrs. G. B. Rowe

there will be no more cursing, and where they will agree with your old fogy ideas (they call them because you don't look and act like the world).

I hear some say, "Why don't you relax and rest?" That is the trouble with people. They have forgotten God; no one is on duty. They have folded their hands and are at ease in Zion. But the Word of God says, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." Others say, "I have prayed for a long time and he or she isn't saved yet." "There is no use anyhow—the Lord delayeth His coming." But, my sister, this is the time to stand—stand I say, if there be just one strand holding you from floating duty out on that dark sea. I hope I have sounded sufficient courage for you to take hold of that strand and pull you to shore; to stand and pray as you have never prayed before! Those that are without need your prayers. Your prayers will follow them and make them think of eternal things, and may be the means of them getting saved.

Can you afford to do anything else but p ay?

Sister Rowe

#### "Until Death Us Do Part"

Can a bird fall into a snare upon the earth? Amos 3:5.

I am writing to young Spiritfilled women who want their lives wholly dedicated to the Lord's service,

Satan has snares—traps—laid for you. If he cannot cause you to backslide, he will try to put you in such a position that your life will be of as little service to God as possible. I have seen so many taken captive by Satan's snare, and I want to cry out a warning. The arch enemy of your soul is clever. He knows just the methods to use to trap you and will succeed unless you walk close to the Lord, making sure every step that you take is guided by His Will.

Let us read the story of Anne: Anne was baptized in Jesus'

Name and filled with the Holy Ghost when she was about sixteen. She felt from the beginning that God wanted her for His service. Her whole heart's desire was to be in active service for God, and she determined to let nothing hinder her.

Three years later she met Robert who was unsaved. He was attracted to her and very persistent. She liked him, but would not consider him because she felt her life was dedicated to God's service. She told the young man of her conviction. He was not discouraged. Instead, he began to pattern his life after her life, desiring to know about God. He changed his habits and was sincere. She helped him, and eventually he was baptized. Meanwhile, she had fallen deeply in love with him, and the vision of service retreated somewhat before this new happiness.

After he was baptized she thought vaguely that surely everything would work out and that they together would go on in her vision of service. They married, but everything did not come about as she had hoped. The difference in their backgrounds, the adjustments of marriage, the combination of circumstances pulled the young man back, even though he had been sincere at the beginning.

Several years later. Anne found herself efficiently trapped by Satan. There were children, and though she was determined to rear them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, she had to do it alone. She was allowed very little church attendance and obtained that only through friction. Robert was very bitter—actually jealous of her interest in God. He refused to make another start for the Lord.

What happened to Anne's vision? It became her punishment for failing to MAKE SURE that marrying Robert was God's way for her. "The gifts and callings of God are without repentance." The vision and desire for service burned yet within her. The knowledge that she,





Memory Verse: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17.

Once upon a time a strange preacher, whose name was John, stood by a river side. His clothes were very queer. His garment, or cloak, was made of camel's hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. Not only were his clothes different, but his food also. He lived on wild locusts and honey. He had not lived in the villages like the other people. His home had been in the wilderness until this time. He came crying and preaching to all of the people to repent.

Many people stopped to look at John. They were curious, for he was so different from the priest they listened to each Sabbath day. As John preached for them to repent and be baptized, many became sorry for their sins and obeyed. One by one he led them out to the river, gently laid them for a moment under the water, and lifted them up again. Just for one short instant they were "buried" in the water. This was a sign that all their wicked ways, all their sins, had been put away forever as if they were buried out of sight. When John raised them out of the water, they were to forever more live for God. The crowd of people who looked on knew that the men, women, boys and girls whom John baptized were going to try to do their best to serve God. No doubt John was very happy when the people kept coming day after day, for he knew that God is happy when even the smallest child tries to please Him.

Once when he was preaching to the crowd, he saw Jesus come walking right out to meet him. John felt very small and humble before this man. Jesus said, "Baptize me, John", but John said, "I have need to be baptized of thee". Jesus answered, "Let it be so now, for it is well for

### By Cathryn Ruh

me to do all things right". So John and Jesus walked down into the water and there John buried Jesus in the river Jordan.

Then a most wonderful thing happened! As Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens opened and the Spirit of God came down like a dove and rested upon Him. And a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased". And that is what happens when we are baptized. God's Spirit comes down and fills us with the Holy Ghost and then His voice speaks through us in another language.

After the baptism Jesus never went back to the carpenter shop. He began a new life. He began teaching and preaching, traveling from place to place, healing the sick, and lame and blind, telling all men everywhere about His Heavenly Father. It has been nearly two thousand years since Jesus was baptized, and yet today we know the only way we can go to heaven is to be baptized in Jesus' Name and get the Holy Ghost.

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### GRANDMOTHER DONG'S OBEDIENCE

Grandmother Dong lived in a house full of people. There were three whole families of father, mother and children, for in that part of China all the relatives live together. One day a foreign white lady came to call. She talked to Grandmother Dong and read to her from a book. Can you guess the name of the book? The foreign lady must not come again," said the oldest son, "She will teach you the foreigners' religion, and then the gods will be angry with us." But the foreign lady did come again and again. And not only did she come to the house, but Grandmother Dong went with her to the mission, for this old lady loved to hear about Jesus. She loved to sing about Him, too. She thought the story of Jesus was the most wonderful she had ever heard. To think that He loved an old Chinese lady! He loved her so much that He died on the cross for her. Why, her idols had never done anything for her, she thought. So it wasn't long before she quit praying to them, and began to talk to Jesus.

Yet, Grandmother Dong was not altogether happy. (Can you tell me why?) She came every day to the mission to listen and to sing. But she still was unhappy. Grandmother Dong knew that Jesus had been baptized, setting an example for us, and she never had followed Him in baptism. Grandmother Dong was afraid to be baptized. She could not bear the thought of going down to the river before all her friends and neighbors. They would laugh at her! So, for a year she put it off, and she was miserable. Finally she went to the pastor and asked him to baptize her.

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that it is not near, but rather, that it has not as yet happened). For nation shall rise against nation; and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginning of sorrows." Mark 13:5-8. Surely a careful perusal of these signs should make us to know that His coming draweth nigh.

#### The Method of His Coming

It is necessary to consider this phase of the subject briefly, as so many are taught that His coming means conversion, death or the general resurrection; i.e., the last resurrection when the dead, both great and small, will stand before Him to be judged.

Paul says, "THE LORD HIM-SELF shall descend from heaven;" and again, "Behold I show you a mystery, We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye....and we shall be caught up TOGETHER to meet the Lord in the AIR." And again, quoting the words of the two angels that spoke to the disciples at the time of His ascension, "This same Jesus....shall come IN LIKE MANNER AS YE HAVE SEEN HIM GO INTO HEAVEN." These Scriptures present an unanswerable argument against those who contend against His personal coming.

#### The Purpose of His Coming

Nothing has done so much damage to the Christian church or its doctrine as the belief that this world is to be gradually converted to Christianity and then the Lord is going to appear to a world, free from sin, and reign therein. Those who hold such doctrines have the Scriptures concerning the dispensations confused, as they see God's supposed plan seemingly failing, and the church losing ground, they lose faith and we have the condition that exists today. No one wants to be on the losing end of any enterprise. But I want you to know that God has provided salvation for all, but it is a matter of acceptance and obedience on the part of the individual, and Jesus settled the matter when they asked Him if "there are few to be saved." He said, "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to Life Everlasting and few there be that find it: and wide is the way and broad is the gate that leads to destruction any many there be that go in thereat.' He also said that when He came back it would be just like it was in the days of Noah. Men would be eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. He gave many other Scriptures to show that the world would be anything but converted when the end comes. If you resent this, just think how many chances YOU may have had to get right with God. Do you think you can play with His mercy forever? Do you think you can brush aside His pleas with impunity and turn to Him in death when you have had your fling and have some one prepare you to meet Him? Do you think a nice funeral service will straighten out your record, or that embalming fluid will cleanse you from sin? No. Except a man is born again, he will not enter the kingdom of God.

No, the purpose of the Gospel, in this dispensation, is to "gather out a people for his name's sake." It is not a matter of selection or predestination, but a matter of taking out those who have accepted the general inviation. The invitation is for all who WILL. The gathering out is for all who HAVE. You can be among that number if you will.

And now we come to consider the last phase of this important subject: "THE RESULTS OF HIS COMING." The immediate results of His coming will be to remove from the earth His church, which he calls Bride; then to inaugurate an entirely new dispensation called throughout the whole Bible "The day of the Lord." Listen to the Apostle Paul in his second letter to the Thessalonians. "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the Son of perdition: Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is

Remember ye not, that. when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now leteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming." 2 Thess. 2:3-8. Here we see there is a hindering cause in the earth that keeps sin from having full sway, and keeps men from entirely usurping the place and authority of God. That hindering cause is the Gospel and God's people. When they are removed at His coming, the earth will be given over to the judgments of God and the sway of that spirit, which is prevalent in the land today, a denial of the true God, and men putting themselves up as God. Is that not plain today? The coming of the Lord will close the day of grace, wherein man has had his way, and open the day of the Lord wherein He will have His way. This will explain some Scriptures which, I am sure, have been coming to your minds and which may seem to be contradictory to a secret "rapture", or the translation of the church, secretly.

#### False Christ To Be Destroyed

I hear you say that the Lord shall destroy the false Christ with the brightness of His coming, and that every eye shall see Him and those that pierced Him and all the nations shall mourn because of Him. Yes, these are things that will happen within His day, which is not a day of twenty-four hours, but a dispensation, a period of years wherein He shall mete out terrible judgment on the world. This is called the great tribulation, which will be a time, the like of which has never been known; a time when brimstone will rain from heaven. The waters shall turn to blood, earthquakes shall move every hill and mountain on earth out of its place; a day when men shall seek death and not be able to find it; a day when men shall throw their riches to the winds and cry for the rocks and hills to fall on them "hide them from

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the face of Him that sitteth on the throne." This, then, is all included in the "day of the Lord." The day of God's grace offers you a chance to escape that day if you will. A dispensation is a period of time when God deals with humanity on the pas.s of a covenant which He never preaks, but which man has always broken. The present dispensation of grace, called "man's day," is a time when man is allowed to have his way and run his course while God gives him a chance to avail himself of the salvation worked out for him on the cross. People ask, "Why doesn't God stop this war, and why does God allow this and that to happen?" God is consistent and if He dealt with one sin He would have to deal with all. If He stopped the war, He would have to deal with your sin also; but this is not the day of judgment. The day of grace will end with the coming of the Lord. Then God will move swiftly to "take vengeance on all those who know not God and obey not the Gospel of His Son."

Remember, you have no approach to God except through the salvation offered you in the Gospel. "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me," says Jesus. "I am the door, by me if any man enter in, He shall be saved; but if he try to climb up some other way, he is a thief and a robber." No one can meet God as his Father, except through Jesus. When He withdraws that privilege, you must meet Him as your Judge. You can meet Him as you will. Which do you choose?

### I Will Lift Mine Eyes Unto The Hills—Contd.

he saw, but to others which are, if anything, more wonderful.

Beloved child of God, as we journey together toward that City of God and are encompassed about with many difficulties, even doubts, fears, afflictions, being pressed out of measure, and it would seem, many times, hardly knowing which way to turn, is not it wonderful encouragement to our faith to look back to the sublime hour in which the Son of Man stood on the Mount of Transfiguration? There, as He prayed, His countenance was altered and

His garments became shining white as no fuller on earth could whiten them. His face began to shine out in the wonderful blaze of deity and glory which was His before the world was. The apostles were overpowered by His glory. They heard the voice from heaven speak to them, "This is my beloved Son, hear Him." Yes, I write again, this is one hilltop experience that lifts my soul within me as I gaze with rapture upon it for I know that it is a type or prefiguration of the time when I, too, by the grace of God shall be changed, transfigured, made like unto Him, by putting off this old body of disease, sickness and pain and by being clothed upon with His glory and immortality forevermore. IT SOURCE IS  $ext{THE}$ FROM WHENCE COMETH MY HELP. Others, too, who are ill and pressed in mind and spirit can look to these blessed hills of help and encouragement knowing that the same covenantkeeping God who met with the characters of the hilltop experiences we have referred to will also meet with and help them. When I look to Mount Calvary and see the Saviour of the world as He hung there dying for the sins of the world, dying for me and all mankind, suffering, that you and I might go free, dying that we might live, yea, have life evernal--my brother and sister, IT STANDS OUT ABOVE ALL! It towers above all mountaintop experiences and is the divine consummation of all that Jesus Christ came to do. It atones for the world's sins.

Can you, too, look with me to this and other hills we have written of in this article and get help to continue to fight on for God in these trying times? Can you, too, look beyond the Judean hills that David could see and see that your real help comes in the knowledge of God's wonderful promises to you - in the knowledge of His promises fulfilled to others of Bible times, and even in this, your own times - that this knowledge will become a strong and fortified hill of help and of marvellous strength to you? To me, these were the real hills to which the Psalmist looked, and they are the ones I look to, the wonderful hilltop or mountaintop experiences of the Bible.

#### Women's Page—Contd.

by her own failure to follow closely in His Will, fortified the right and privilege to serve, is her better punishment.

Anne's one great hope and prayer now is that somehow Robert will find God again and become established, so that their home and children may be united on the foundation of Christ Jesus. How different from what she expected of life!

Young women with a vision for God—walk closely to Him. When you choose your life partner, don't fail to meditate long on the will of God for you. Pray much about it. Don't go ahead until you're SURE. Above all, don't marry a newly-saved man until he has become established and you can see that he will stand.

Read the Lord's parable of the sower in Matthew 13. If you are a young woman who has "received seed into good ground - - and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit," don't put your life into the hands of a man who may prove to be, "he that received the word in stony places - - with joy received it - - yet hath he not root in himself, but endureth for awhile." There is no way to find out but to wait until he becomes established. You may think a year or so is a long time to wait, but it is very short compared to a lifetime spent with a backslidden husband.

You will find that no matter how deeply you love your husband and your children nothing can fill that empty place in your heart caused by being out of the place God planned for you.

You will be like Anne, behind prison bars forged by yourself, in Satan's snare.

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#### Children's Page—Contd.

"Honorable Grandmother," asked the pastor, "why is it you want to be baptized now?" "Teacher," she replied, "I am old and heaven is near. I want to please God, even though I am laughed at." So dear old Grandmother Dong was baptized.

Did her friends and neighbors laugh? Yes, but she was too happy to care. And it wasn't very long until Grandmother Dong's whole household was saved. For they saw how happy she was and they wanted to be happy, too.