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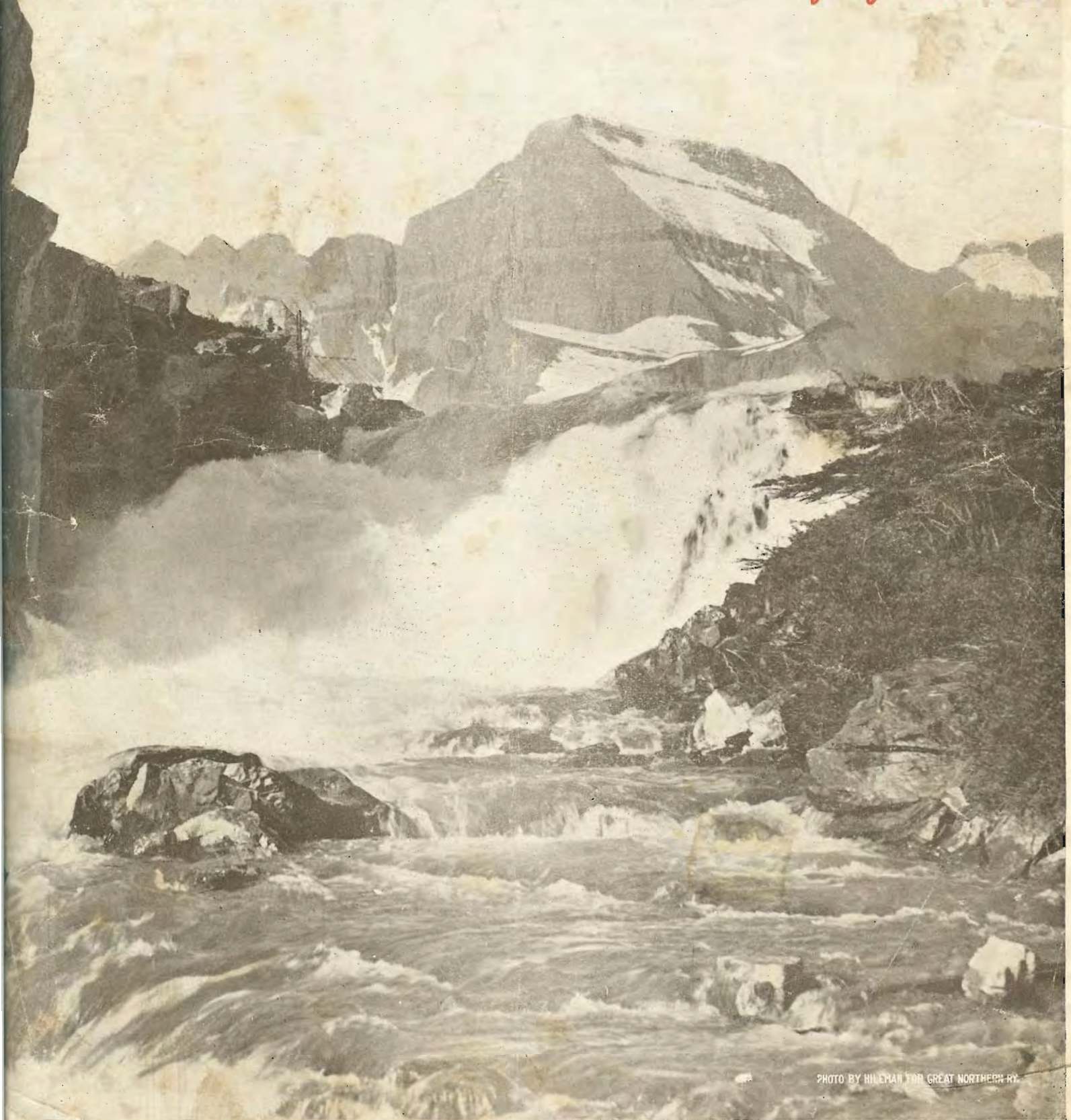


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THE LATTER RAIN

By Raymond G. Hoekstra

In the Bible there are many Scriptures which apply very definitely to certain people in a certain age. The threat of Jerusalem's destruction hung as a sword over the hoary heads of the generation that rejected and crucified Christ.

I have found in the Bible a prophecy which applies to our generation just as surely as the prophecy of Jerusalem's destruction was directed at the generation of Christ's day.

God's message to our generation is found in the fifth chapter of James, verses 1-8. The first six verses are filled with woe because of this world's sins. The last two verses flash upon us a ray of hope from heaven.

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted and your garments are moth eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and have been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in the day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you."

That is the dark, but true, picture of the trouble filled age in which we are living; but the next two verses are directed to those who trust in God and in them is a promise and a prophecy which shines as a star of the first magnitude in the sky of this darkened world.

"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain."

To those who ask: "What is God doing now?" this is the answer. He is waiting for the precious fruit of the earth, until it receives the early and the latter rain. Jesus said, "The harvest is the end of the world," or the end of the age.

In the parable of the sower, Jesus said, "The sower is the son of man. The seed is the Word of God. The field is the world." What then, is the harvest? The harvest is the resurrection, and the gathering into heaven of the fruits of that sowing.

The Apostle Paul prophesied of that harvest, saying,

1 Cor. 15:51, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

It is for this that the Apostle James encourages the Christians to wait. God is waiting for this moment. We, too, should wait for the coming of His Son from heaven, and for our gathering unto Him.

But before the Lord shall come to gather the harvest of righteous souls, He is waiting, waiting, until the world receives the early and the latter rain.

In the excellent commentary on the whole Bible, produced by Jamieson, Fausset and Brown, we read this comment on James 5:7, "The receiving of the early and latter rains is not to be understood as the object of His hope, but the harvest for which these rains are necessary preliminary. The early rain fell at sowing time, about November or December; the latter rain about March or April, to mature the grain for the harvest. The latter rain that shall precede the coming spiritual harvest will probably be another Pentecost-like effusion of the Holy Ghost."

This commentary was a true forecast and in it they have given the exact meaning of this prophecy. The early rain fell in the days of the Apostles. The latter rain was a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit whereby many thousands of souls were baptized with the Holy Ghost.

These great Bible expositors knew that the latter rain must be of the same element, and must fall in the same manner as the early rain.

Well do I remember when I was a child of only seven years, in the Sabbatarian Church of which my family were members, I heard our minister state that just before the coming of Jesus Christ for His church there would be another outpouring of the Holy Ghost accompanied by the many miracles of healing that attended the early rain of the Apostolic days. The Latter Rain did come, but instead of coming upon our church it began to fall among the Holiness people, and among people of all denominations who, like the disciples of old, had given themselves to prayer and praise, waiting for the promise of the Father.

Just as rain may, and does fall at any season of the year, the Holy Spirit has been given at all seasons since Pentecost; but just as there are, at seed time and at harvest time, seasons of heavy rainfall, even so in God's great field of the world there is now a latter rain of blessing falling upon those who receive the Word of God and believe Him for its promises.

History bears record of many spiritual showers, but today we are living in the midst of a worldwide outpouring, that is indeed The Latter Rain.

Several hundred years ago there was a shower of heavenly rain that fell upon the Jansenites in Holland, and many of them spoke in other tongues as the Apostles and disciples did at Pentecost.

In the outpourings of the Holy Spirit, as in the falling of rain from heaven, we hear the patter as it falls upon the earth.

When the multitude at Pentecost questioned the Apostles about the "Speaking in other tongues," Peter said, "This is that which was

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ENTANGLEMENTS THAT AFFECT THE HOME

By JAMES CUTHBERTSON
Reprint from "The King's Business"

"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; . . . the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed" (Luke 17:28-30).

Sodom is God's picture of an utterly godless world, a society which has neither time nor place for Him.

The detailed story behind our text is in Genesis 19. Lot is held up to us as the example of a man of God (cf. 2 Pet. 2:7,8) entangled in a wicked world, and unready for the call of God's mercy. He is set forth as a "righteous" man, a man justified by faith, but is trying to make the best of both worlds.

The Word clearly foretells the coming dissolution of the world, a time which will also be one of disillusion. The Lord says that many will find themselves unready for the day of His coming. We need to readjust our outlook and examine ourselves in the light of this coming greatest of all crises.

IT IS A PASSING WORLD

1. How insignificant it is.

Unreadiness to meet the Lord Jesus Christ is, first of all, a result of wrong views of this world. If only we were high enough up, we could see things in their right perspective. I looked down on the streets of New York from the top of the Woolworth Building. I was impressed with the smallness of things. On another occasion I visited Victoria Falls, Northern Rhodesia, South Africa. These are vaster than Niagara. We saw the Falls from beneath, from the sides, from the front, and were left speechless with their magnificence. Then we climbed aloft in a plane, and from thousands of feet in the air we looked down on what had held us in awe. But from that height, the immense cataract looked like a teacup of water flowing over a crack in the earth. It is good to see things from God's point of view. What the world considers so magnificent, its positions, politics, power, and prizes, must seem trifling when seen as God sees them.

These trifles have become so important to many who call themselves Christians, that their absorption in them renders them unready for that great Day and the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. How unreal it all is.

The world does seem solid. Think of the prestige of its educational institutions; the surprises of its inventions; the honor of its positions; the whirl of its excitements; the comfort of its

wealth; the tragedy of its griefs; the shame of its crimes, and the acuteness of its poverty. We live so near these things. They fill our horizons and seem so real. We concentrate our thoughts upon them, and live our lives in their pursuit.

But how do they look to God? He is the all-wise One and sees all these things from the standpoint of His understanding. His thoughts are not our thoughts.

I visited an insane asylum in Tokyo on one occasion. A girl sat in a patch of sunlight, singing away without a care in the world. Sorrow did not exist for her; she was perfectly happy. One man complained to me of the jealousy of the royal family. He said they had placed him in that institution (he realized where he was) because of the marvelous discoveries he had made. He spoke perfect English and had climbed to education's highest heights. I met one who said he was a famous general, and who was proud of his military exploits although he actually had had no experience as a soldier. Another wept incessantly; life was one long and unbroken sorrow to him. I looked on them all pityingly, realizing that their various emotional reactions could be traced to a delusion.

The delusion viewed here is not the only form of misconception seen in the world today. When Christians display a lack of balance concerning the things of this passing world, this also is the product of a delusion. "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." (1 Cor. 3:19) "And the world passeth away and the lust thereof" (1 John 2:17); its joys, sorrows, education, exploits, and possessions are all doomed as the Sodom of old. Yet Christians cling to, concentrate on, and seek after these things as though they are the only realities in life.

3. How impermanent it is.

This world is all passing away; it will not last. Men clutch a bubble, and find it as impermanent as the picture on the movie screen. The story flickers for a few brief moments and then is gone. And thus go the affairs of this impermanent world, its history, the rise and fall of empires. Some strong man grasps power for a brief decade, dictators come and go, the peoples are oppressed and men live and die. Wars, earthquakes, and famines interrupt for a time; movements—educational, political, commercial, religious—all enliven its tedium; then the curtain falls and all is over for that generation. The universe is spiraling its way at incredible speed into the unmeasured voids of eternity, but only man is unready for the finale!

And Christians? Many, just as unready as Lot, are clinging to these passing and rapidly dissolving elements of the world as though they were eternal. What fools men are!

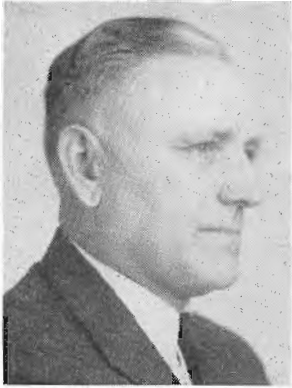
IS LOT'S HOME TYPICAL?

God would have us look into that home. We may see much to remind us of our own. If so, it presents a call to repentance, a real house-cleaning and preparation for that great Day.

1. It was a religious home.

Peter tells us that Lot was "vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked" (2 Pet. 2:7) among whom he dwelt. Then why did he live (Page 7, Please)

THE GRACE OF GOD



By
Elder G. B. Rowe

Titus 2:11. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men."

Grace means favor, and favor means to oblige, accommodate, lend, give help, bear, and such as is necessary to bless and do good to another and to extend.

Upon one occasion the Lord Jesus said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee." In other words, the Holy Ghost would help and sustain Paul in his trials.

The Bible speaks of great grace (which means great favor, help and blessing) rested upon the early church even more than ordinarily.

To my mind there is included in grace (or the grace of God) every good and every precious element that goes to make God all that He is to us in Jesus Christ.

Salvation is an element of grace, just as grace is an element of love; for we know that out of love grace was and is born. Love in operation is God's grace.

Then again, we should imitate our Father in heaven by practising grace in all its different shades and meanings to our fellowmen and to the Household of Faith.

Grace, mercy and peace are all elements of love. Grace, in this instance, could be to mean God's continual forbearance or mercy, born out of love. The love of God is diffused to us through grace, and is composed of such elements as to lend, extend mercy, forbear, wait patiently, bear, accommodate, etc., as well as many other avenues of blessings which become the result of God's grace.

A SONG OF THE APOCALYPSE

In fancy I've joined the Apostle—
That servant who stayed 'til the last;
Tho' banished to an Isle called Patmos,
Viewing scenes obscured in the past.
St. John, that loving disciple,
Enrapt with vision and view,
Was commanded to write the program
And send it to God's chosen few.

Seven churches were found in Asia,
Who needed God's message to hear;
Deficient in godly attainments,
And they needed to tremble and fear.
Now a message was sent to the seven—
A message of warning and love
Written by John the Apostle,
Dictated by Jehovah above.

In the Spirit, St. John, the Apostle,
Now lost to all earth and its ties,
Quickly sensed his new surroundings—
Was housed in his new paradise.
He was the I AM: 'twas His Master,
His head and His hair like wool,
His pap girt around with girdle,
Whose name is yet WONDERFUL.

Revelations flash before him;
With prophetic pen in hand
He wrote the panorama vision
For saints throughout the land.
Calling all their strength—"Renew,
And closer to Him get,
And if you have an ear to hear
You'll not be too late yet."

Yes, the day of Grace is waning,
Sin's cup is almost full;
The dispensation's ailing
And knows not what to do.
'Tis time to seek the ablest means
That earns the noblest ends,
And that can only be God's way,
So, please tell all your friends.

By Elder G. B. Rowe

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Arkansas State Camp Meeting
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South Central Council Convention

The South Central Council Convention, will be held at Clarksville, Arkansas, with Elder W. R. Owens and assembly, who are entertaining the Arkansas State Camp Meeting Aug. 1 through 10. The South Central Council Convention will convene the 3rd and run through the 5th.

We are expecting a great time in this great meeting and each minister in the South Central

Council is urged to be present. Let's make this the greatest Camp Meeting and Convention ever held in the South Central Council.

For further information write: Eld. W. H. Eaton, Reed Springs, Mo., Chairman for Arkansas District. Eld. S. L. Wise, Hodge, La., Chairman South Central Council. Eld. W. R. Owens, Pastor, 309 S. Montgomery St., Clarksville, Arkansas.

Mississippi State Camp Meeting

The Mississippi State Camp Meeting of P.A. of J.C. will be held at Mount Pisgah Holiness Church 5 miles southeast of Leaksville, Miss., on hwy. 63.

July 12-18, inclusive

Eld. S. L. Wise, Bible Teacher

Ministers! Saints! Come and represent your assembly. Musicians! Singers! Come, this is your opportunity to use your talents for God. Consecration and old time prayer are the answer to our nation's crying need.

For further information write: Eld. Jimmie Miller, P. O. Box 305, Kosciusko, Miss.; Eld. Stafford E. Brooks, Star Route, Leaksville, Miss.; Eld. Paul Way, Route 8, Philadelphia, Miss.

PRAYER REQUEST

I wish to thank you for your kind attention given my letter requesting prayer for my son who had been missing in service for almost a year. I thank the Lord that He still answers prayer for we found that he is a war prisoner in the hands of the Japanese. Our God is able to deliver him over to us. Please pray for him.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Workman, Plymouth, Ind.

Louisiana State Camp Meeting

The Big Annual Louisiana State Camp Meeting of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ is to be held at Noble La., with Eld. T. P. Baggett and assembly, July 11th.

We are expecting a wonderful gathering and a special program each day. Eld. S. L. Wise will be in charge of the day teaching. Eld. Wise is a Presbyterian of the P. A. of J. C., and also Chairman of the South Central Council. He has about thirty years' experience in the ministry and is widely known as a great Bible teacher.

Other attractions will be a Special Ladies' Day, Friday July 21.; Young People's Day, Saturday 22.; Sunday School Day, Sunday 23.

Everyone is invited to attend these seven big days, especially ministers and workers outside of the State. Don't forget your ration books, you may need them. Bring your toilet articles. Beds will be furnished as far as possible. Meals will be served on the free will offering plan.

For further information write:

T. P. Baggett, Pastor

Noble, La.

W. C. Haymon, Chairman

Provencal, La.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

By Catheryn Ruh

Here are ten Bible verses. They are all scrambled together. See if you can find out what they are:

1. Ni odg veba I upt ym rtsut.
2. O vieg htnask ntuo hte dolr, ofr eh si dogo.
3. Eh velod su dna ents ish nso.
4. Gterfo otn ot whos vole ntou gresrnats.
5. Aceht em hty ywa, O rdol.
6. Uoht tashl voel het dorl yht odg ithw lal yht tareh.
7. Vene a dlchi kamthe mhilesf noknw yb sih gonids.
8. Odg vethol a flureche iervg.
9. Tahw emti I ma fidara I lliw tsrut ni ethe.
10. Ronoh yht hfatre dan hty heromt.

A LONELY HIDING PLACE

Would you like to hear the story of how the heavenly Father took care of a man long ago? The man's name was Elijah. He was a strange looking man. He wore a coat of camel's hair and a leather belt about his waist. But if you could have heard his voice, you would have known how brave and strong he was. God loved Elijah very much. Do you know why? It was because he listened to God and was obedient. Even though God gave him hard things to do, he always obeyed. Wouldn't it be nice if that could be said about us?

One day Elijah heard something that made him both angry and sad. He heard that King Ahab was building temples, not to our God, but to images and to the sun and moon. Now Elijah knew that idols could not help the people. Only the heavenly Father could do that. He even heard that this king would kill anyone who wouldn't worship them. So Elijah went alone to talk with God. God spoke to Elijah, "Go to King Ahab and tell him that there shall not be dew nor rain upon the earth for years until I tell thee to speak the word." Now Elijah knew that this was a hard errand to do, and maybe put him to death. But Elijah was brave. He loved God and so he obeyed.

Elijah went at once to the palace of the king. Over the rocks, across the rivers, and down the path through the hills, he went. Everybody looked at the strangely dressed man. His face attracted their attention because it was so stern and sad. At last Elijah reached the palace of Ahab. Elijah went right into the palace. He pushed past the servants, and right into the room where the king sat with his friends around him. His voice boomed and it made Ahab and his friends think of thunder as it rolls in the sky, or the wind as it sweeps through the trees. "As Jehovah the God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word!" And he turned and was gone. When the king turned to his servants and said "Find the man," no one knew

where Elijah was, no one but the heavenly Father. God spoke to Elijah saying, "Go hide thyself by the brook Cherith, and it shall be that thou shalt drink of the brook, and I have commanded the birds to feed thee."

Through the long, long days when the grass turned brown and the leaves dried up and fell off the trees, and the streams dried up, and there was hardly any water anywhere. God cared for Elijah. Elijah had a special hiding place. The ravens brought him food, and he drank water from the brook Cherith. Today when there is so much trouble everywhere, boys and girls can have a special hiding place, too, - hid in Jesus.

When the water in the brook Cherith dried up, God told him of another hiding place, so all through this terrible dry spell God provided for Elijah. King Ahab became desperate, for there was hardly any water or food. He knew that he and his people would soon die if they did not find Elijah, so he sent his servants out to search for him. They looked in all the cities, in the country, in the woods, among the rocks and in the caves, but nowhere could they find him. Then King Ahab himself went out to search, but God's hiding place was too safe for anyone to discover. So Elijah remained hid away until the king and people again turned away from the idols unto God. Then the heavenly Father sent the rain.

I don't believe Elijah was ever afraid, as he waited there with God, do you? If Elijah had been afraid, I think he would have remembered this Bible verse, "What time I am afraid, I will put my trust in thee." Can you say, "I will not be afraid. What can hurt me? God is with me."

GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD DAY

Every night when we go to bed,
And all our different prayers are said,
And mother has read a story or so,
And we've told her the things she ought to know,
And she's tucked us in and kissed us, too,
And kind of loved us as mothers do,
Then, just as she turns out the light,
We say together with much delight:

"Good night,
Sleep tight,
Wake in the morning bright;
God bless you,
And keep you true
And show you the things you ought to do."

Every morning when we arise,
(It's really queer how sleeptime flies)
And when we've scrambled out of bed,
And all our Bible verses read,
And dressed and hurried down the stair
(For breakfast smells are in the air),
Then when we're washed and combed and
brushed,

We say together, sort of hushed:
"Good day,
Glad day,
May it be a happy day;
God bless you,
And keep you true,
And show you the things you ought to do."

—Myrtle Barber Carpenter

ENTANGLEMENTS THAT AFFECT THE HOME—CONTD.

there? No one was to blame but himself. Lot had a good upbringing. He had traveled for some years with his uncle Abram and had been taught in the things of God. But a prosperous world appealed to his carnal soul, and he turned aside and settled down in Sodom. He became one of its elders and judges, a politician in fact. He concentrated his attention on its prizes and positions. He was the Old Testament equivalent for modern-day Christians.

Then when the crisis came, he found that his life had undermined his testimony. Warned by the angelic messengers of the approaching doom of Sodom, he hurried to the young men who were to marry his daughters, to urge them also to flee from this city of destruction. But they laughed. And rightly too. Lot talked to them of a day in which "the world will be destroyed." Some of us talk just as piously of the coming of the Lord Jesus. Lot talked in this way, as we do in ours, and with as little effect. They laughed.

Did it look as though Lot believed his own words? If he did, why busy himself accumulating its treasures, seeking its position, picking its rich eligibles as husbands for his daughters? Obviously he talked one way and acted another.

Do you believe the Lord Jesus Christ is coming soon? Do you act like it, or are you concentrating your interest in a world which you say is to be destroyed? Is this not inconsistent? Do you live as though you believe He is coming soon? The testimony to His near return is to be one of action, not merely words.

2. It was a worldly home.

I suspect Lot's wife was unsaved, perhaps a woman of Sodom. Her heart was in the world she loved, and her later fate of being turned into stone was the symbolic demonstration of the true condition of her heart. Lot's daughters were to marry Sodomites, who were, no doubt, men of good position in the city. Position meant more than piety to Lot and his wife, and this same motive sways many Christian parents today. They look for men of property, of good earthly prospects, rather than men of probity, and professing godliness. Many Christian parents fling their girls into the arms of ungodly men for the price of a good position. So planned Lot.

This home of his was uncongenial to the heavenly messengers. Though invited to enter, they declined, and finally only with great reluctance did they agree. Is your home one into which the Lord Jesus can enter with contentment? Would He feel at home as He looked at the books on its shelves, the magazines on its table, the pictures on the walls? Would He enjoy listening with you to your radio programs, and sitting in the group when your visitors make a social call? Even though you are a church member, is yours a worldly home where no prominence is given to Him?

3. It was a dangerous home.

On the night Lot entertained the two heavenly visitors, his home was besieged. Men of Sodom

attacked it, demanding that the visitors be thrown out to them. Lot, shocked at this suggested betrayal of Eastern hospitality, volunteered to sacrifice his daughters to the lusts of Sodom. It was a new thing to find Lot's door locked against Sodom. Hitherto any Sodomite had been welcome. Lot's motto was "peace at any price."

Today as the light of the glory of His coming begins to break through the clouds, we can see a remarkable similarity in Christian homes. They too, are besieged by men and women of the world who pound at the door yelling, "Bring them out." The calls of the world come over the radio, the telephone, through the mail, in its music and in its literature. The modern Sodom wants to drag out and prostitute the heavenly messengers to our own souls. It wants to put an end to the daily prayer, the Word, the worship of God, our hope of heaven, and the salvation of our children. The children add their pleas, wanting to drink of this strange excitement which Sodom produces.

For the sake of the peace in the home, we fling out our girls, our boys, to the ungodly mob that besieges our home. Let them go into the arms of the Sodomites in fairly good positions! So long as our own religious life is not disturbed, we stupefy our consciences and try to forget the Day is at hand, and our children are adrift in the company of the men and women of Sodom.

A young girl of sixteen came into one of our meetings in Johannesburg, South Africa. She came with fear, for she had been forbidden to go to a religious service. The previous night she had come home too drunk to find the electric light switch. Her parents did not mind that, but they did object to the disturbing element, religion. They, of course, were of the world, but many a Christian home today is a home of sorrow, or ought to be, because the children are finding all the excitement they want in the arms of Sodom. They learned its ways in the home, read its literature there, were introduced to its ideas, tasted of its wines there, and so went to Sodom with all the eagerness they had, when father and mother let them go.

THE ESCAPE FOR LIFE

1. The certainty of destruction.

Death is inevitable and destruction foretold. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). Paul, Peter, John, all combine in one similar note of warning. Sin's doom is unavoidable. God is not God, if there is no hell, for otherwise how can His holiness be demonstrated? Sin is sin, whether committed by a Christian or non-Christian. Salvation does not sanctify sin, nor does church membership sanctify a worldly home.

2. The call to abandon something.

God calls us to let go the prizes of this world. What if this leaves us a little poorer? Of what value will these things be when He comes? He calls us to abandon the heart which loves the things of Sodom.

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SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

We are very happy to report the victory we have had in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We had tried for almost ten years in other faiths to build a church in this community, and we failed at every start. One day the Lord sent a brother from the Greater Midway Tabernacle, Mishawaka, Ind., to the house where we had been holding meetings. The Lord blessed his ministry and although only a few had ever heard of the Apostolic doctrine, they all received the Word gladly. About forty persons were baptized in the Name of Jesus, and nineteen were filled with the Holy Spirit. There were many doubts at the time that this would last through the first year, but by the grace of God it has been eighteen months since this message was first given here. We have started a church building and we know that if we keep our faith in the Lord we shall go to greater depths and higher heights in Him. Please pray for us that the Lord will continue to be with us here. We need the prayers of all the saints.

Pastor Lloyd Eby
Reporter, Mrs. G. Wilman

GOOD NEWS

Praise the Lord, for He has smiled on us and has given us a revival in this little town of QUINTON, OKLA. Elder Mark Baughman was the evangelist and the church was very much benefitted by the Holy Spirit-anointed messages. There were also two Apostolic Bible Training School students with us, Lois Greer and Anne Ruth Patterson. The campaign lasted three weeks. Seven received the Holy Ghost, four backsliders were reclaimed, and eleven were baptized in Jesus' Name for which we are exceedingly glad. Please pray for us that God will continue to bless.

Pastor Arthur C. Lutz

REVIVAL MEETING

We have just closed a four weeks' meeting at NEOGA, ILLINOIS, with Eld. Claude Harris of Naylor, Mo., and Eld. E. H. Price of Texas. Eld. Harris was with us the first two weeks and preached in a fine manner. Two were baptized in Jesus' Name. Elder Price preached the last two weeks. Four more were baptized in Jesus' Name and seven received the Holy Ghost. We praise the Lord for these two men and highly recommend them. Pray for us.

Pastor D. E. Owens
Reporter, Marjorie Owens

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

My boy is in service somewhere and I cannot hear from him. I ask all praying people to pray for my boy, Seaman Derveil Young.

Mrs. Katie B. Young, Oakdale, La.

SEND THE OUTLOOK

I received a letter from a brother in England telling how glad he was to get the OUTLOOK - something to read about the Gospel. After service in our church I told the folks about it and suggested that each one send his OUTLOOK to someone in the service.

Chester Wilson, Columbus, Ind.

WEST MONROE, LA.

We are glad that we still can report victory in the Name of Jesus. We praise the Lord for our dear pastor and his wife who have worked so faithfully in the church. Our pastor recently preached during a revival service here. We are anxious that lost souls come to God. We covet the prayers of all God's children that we may have a great revival.

Pastor D. T. Biddle
Reporter, Alpha Spillers

MELBOURNE, FLORIDA

We are glad to report victory in the Name of Jesus. We just closed a revival with Pastor H. W. Newell of Montgomery, Alabama, as the evangelist. Five were baptized in the Name of Jesus, one received the Holy Ghost and three backsliders were reclaimed. We thank God that the latter rain is being poured out in this day to those who ask for it.

Pastor Marlin F. Odom

ALTUS, OKLAHOMA

We were more than glad to have had our dear Eld. L.H. Michael of Paoli, Okla., in a revival here two weeks from April 10 to 25.

He proved a blessing to the church. I feel like most of the saints have drawn closer to the Lord and have a greater determination to fight the battle to the end. I believe Eld. L. H. Michael will prove a blessing to your church if you need a God-called minister.

Pastor Carl Blackburn

FRANKLINTON, LA.

We are praising the Lord for His goodness and mercy to us. The Lord has truly been blessing us for which we are thankful. We are praying, fasting, and planning a revival in the near future and we know that God will answer the prayers of his faithful children. The Lord is blessing greatly our Sunday School and Young People's band. We covet the prayers of each OUTLOOK reader.

Pastor Dexter Rushing
Reporter, Mae Rushing

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

Easter meant more this year than ever before to the saints of the Pentecostal Church here. A patriotic program was given in honor of our boys in the service. This program was presented by our young people. The Lord's blessing rained down upon each and every person present. Following the program, a touching message was given by Elder John Kinsfather of New Braunfels. A large crowd attended.

Pastor H. Campbell
Reporter, Maurine Baublitt

APOSTOLIC BIBLE INSTITUTE St. Paul, Minn. Thanks and God Bless You

We appealed to our friends recently for assistance in purchasing a Boys' Dormitory. The building was bought and a substantial payment made. Your help and prayers are deeply appreciated by the young men and all the school.

A. B. I. is now incorporated. Send for catalog.
Eld. S. G. Norris, Dean

BOGALUSA, LA.

The Lord has blessed us in so many wonderful ways since our last report that we are very grateful. Our dear brother, Elder S. L. Wise, Hodge, La., was with us again during Bible School. This school was a wonderful success and oh, how the blessings did flow! There was such a sweet spirit of love and unity prevailing that sometimes we would stop in the midst of one of those wonderful lessons and lift up our hands and praise the Lord for His presence was so real. Easter Sunday we had an all day service with an old-fashioned dinner and feet washing, preaching and singing. Through the Lord's help we have just completed a six-room parsonage. Pray for us that we keep the banner lifted high.

Reporter Azzie Munn

CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Romine Evangelistic Party from Indianapolis, Ind., closed a revival at our church April 12. They were here four and one-half weeks. One was baptized and four received the Holy Ghost. The Romine family is certainly a help to any church.

Pastor Ray Cornell

LUCEDALE, MISS.

We are happy to report that God is blessing in a wonderful way in Fairhope, Miss. During the month of April, two were filled with the Holy Ghost in our prayer meetings.

We want the prayers of the people that God will send a revival and save many souls.

Pastor G. R. Laytham

CAMDEN, ARKANSAS

The Lord is continuing to bless. We just closed a two weeks' meeting with my wife bringing the Gospel messages. The Lord filled four with the Holy Ghost during that time and we baptized three in Jesus' Name. Two others will be baptized in a few days. The Lord poured out His blessings in the old time way.

Pastor Charles S. Adams

HAZELTON, PA.

On April 1, 1943, we moved to Hazelton, Pa., to assume the pastorate of the Apostolic Faith Church. With the continued co-operation of Eld. Harry Curtis, the former pastor of the church, God has richly blessed our efforts so far and we are thanking Him for it.

We were privileged to have Elder W. T. Witherspoon come to Hazelton on April 17 when we were ordained and formally installed as pastor of the church. Elder Witherspoon was with us through April 20, and his ministry to the saints proved to be a tremendous blessing.

Then on May 8 we began special evangelistic services with Elder Nathan Urshan and his wife, Jean. They were with us until May 16. During these meetings we baptized one in water, another received the Holy Ghost baptism while sitting in her seat during our song service, another was reclaimed, and there are others who are about to be filled with the Holy Ghost. Also, there was a general spirit of revival among the saints and much good seed was sown among the many strangers who attended the meetings, for which we praise God. Truly the ministry of Brother and Sister Urshan was richly blessed and we are already looking forward to their return to our church in Hazelton.

We are also broadcasting every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10 over the local station, WAZL. We covet your prayers in this endeavor.

Pastor S. W. Chambers

PROSPECT, VA.

We praise the Lord for all things. We are thanking Him for peace in these days of trouble. Please pray for our boys overseas somewhere and pray for us that we may be ready when He comes.

Pastor David Bailey

Reporter, Mattie Brown

NOTICE: Any minister or evangelist who would like to "come over and help us" in the labor of the Lord please get in touch with Eld. R. L. Blankenship, Box 1131, Bay City, Texas.

Mrs. J. B. Varnell, Farmington, New Mex.

AN APPEAL

My work for twenty-four years has been evangelistic. In prayer recently God spoke definitely to me to go to Ardmore, Oklahoma. This city has never had a revival of our faith. I feel that it would be good to put my new tent up there July 1, to run all summer, then build a nice new church. I appeal to our many friends to help us to get a start in this new field. Pioneering is surely a task but not nearly so hard if others would help. If you will raise a free will offering in your churches, this will put a new church in this field.

Your brother for souls,
Evang. C. P. Kilgore,
700-1st Street,
Morris, Oklahoma,

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

We have been having revival services here with Elder Jess Clayton as the evangelist. Several received the Holy Ghost and there has been a wonderful spirit in the meetings which are still going on. A fellowship meeting was held here on April 3. God's presence was with us and the old time power was sent down.

Pastor Mike Sullivan

NORTHWEST ONENESS YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

Sat. July 24, 1943.

River Falls, Wis.

M. S. Wasco, Pastor
COME!

Michael Sitko, President
Adeline Erickson, Secretary

MISSIONARY NOTICE

Dear Outlook Reader:

Eld. A. J. Holmes who was for many years a faithful missionary in North Africa, is expecting to return to his field of labor as soon as transportation can be arranged. The prospects now are that this will be very shortly. Sister Holmes will not be returning until later.

Eld. Holmes was on our list for missionaries for support, but has been out of touch with our people since he has been at home in New York.

We believe Bro. Holmes to be a worthy and capable missionary. We will gladly receive any money designated for his fare and support.

W. T. Witherspoon

ENTANGLEMENTS THAT AFFECT THE HOME—CONTD.

The Lord wants us to leave the friends in Sodom who would drag us back. He calls us to search our homes, and to destroy the things of our Sodom, the unclean, debasing, deadening things of the holier instincts of the soul. Cleanse your home, just as truly as you cleanse your soul.

3. Grace that saves from the coming wrath.

The voice of God is resounding today as never before, "Escape for thy life." Its equivalent in the New Testament for Christians today is, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him" Matt. 25:6). We must be in the way when He comes.

We had a terrible fire in Tokyo once. Some four thousand houses were completely destroyed. Our little world of that time went, and all our possessions. The first warning awakened me, but sleepily, thinking the fire was a mile away, I went back to bed. But the insistent clamor of the fire alarm finally stirred us and we escaped with our lives. So many today go back to sleep.

Our gracious Lord puts out His helping hand. He brings trouble, disturbance, sickness, poverty, disappointment into the home. These are His "hands," seeking to shake us into consciousness in readiness for the meeting with Him. Let us respond to His loving purposes and prepare for Him. He wants our children with us "when He cometh." Are your boys and girls on the way to heaven, or are they out in Sodom?

When I was a small boy of eleven years, I took four friends of the same age for a picnic. I knew the spot; I was the guide. We walked for miles. It was a place with a deep, swift river on the one hand, a high bank with a canal above it on the other—a grand place for boys. We ate our lunches and played for hours.

The time to return came. One boy, washing the mud off his feet, dropped his shoe in a pool on the edge of the river. In reaching for it, he fell in and was immediately swept into the center of the stream. A second boy grabbed for him, missed, became over-balanced, and was also carried out. I saw my last conscious sight of them, two little arms upstretched from the water. I remember nothing more until I found myself, a little boy of eleven, striped naked, crying on the river bank. What I had intended to do, or tried to do, I have no knowledge.

Three of us trudged home those weary miles not knowing what to say. A little time after our return, a young mother came in. "Where's my Jack? Where's my Jack?"

And I stood there with hanging head and said, "He's drowned."

I was taken back to the spot to identify two little corpses. I will never forget that mother's wail, "Where's my Jack?"

Is it possible that some who have trusted the grace of God for salvation may find themselves through that grace securely and eternally saved when He comes, and yet miss the boys and the girls? Will they wail, "Where's my boy? Where's

Obituaries

Elder W. F. Spickard was born Dec. 25, 1859, at Springfield, Mo., and passed from this life April 7, 1943, at the age of eighty-three years.

He was a Holiness preacher from his early twenties until 1916, when he came in contact with Pentecost at Eureka Springs, Ark., and received the Holy Spirit and was buried in Jesus' Name under the ministry of Elder D. C. Oppermire. He was ordained in 1923, and has faithfully stood for the message of Jesus' Name. He never missed an opportunity to witness for the Gospel. Our hearts were sad at his passing for he was indeed a bulwark against evil and a comfort to the sick and needy. Our mother preceded him in death by five years. She also ministered with him.

His four children and ten grandchildren survive. Elder Daniel Lynn of Greenforest, Ark., officiated at his funeral.

Herbert W. Spickard

In Memory of infant Martha Ann Kirkland

The Lord giveth,
The Lord taketh,
And blessed be His name;
Taken are given
To draw us to heaven,
Where treasures are ever the same.

Our darling, our lamb,
Our little Martha Ann,
As pure and as white as the snow;
I am sure Jesus knew
That we wanted her, too
Yet His will is best, this we know.

Dear Jesus, my King,
Thou King of all Kings,
I know she is safe in your care;
And 'twill sweeten death's brink
When I stoop to drink
To know that my baby waits for me there.

Mrs. Lillie Kirkland

A NEW BOOK

The new book of My Experience is now offered to every child of God, who wishes to go deeper in Him. It treats of my conversion, my visions of Jesus, my healings, my baptism in water into the wonderful Name of Jesus, my baptism with the Holy Ghost. The author has been thirty-five years seeking out these gracious experiences.

Price, 30 Cents

Elder W. F. Herbig, 2735 Aberdeen Ave.,
Hoquiam, Washington.

my girl?" Now is the time to cleanse the home from everything that would ensnare young feet, and to dedicate all to the Lord Jesus Christ that He may find no trace of Sodom either in our souls or our homes "when the Son of man cometh."

THE WOMEN'S PAGE

By Mrs. G. B. Rowe

There are many things to think about right now with conditions of the world as they are, and we that have already launched out into the sea of life may be sure that things will not go right unless we have a Captain to give the orders. The voyage upon the sea of life will be a failure if we fail to have sufficient supplies.

These are days and times that are serious especially for people that are out in mid-ocean and are running out of supplies. They did not prepare. They failed to store up sufficient of the Word of God. They did not obey orders when the great Captain gave instructions to study to show themselves approved of God, "workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

Again we hear the Captain say: "Go to the ant thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise." Yes, it is a long journey, and there are people (sluggards) that attempt to put out at sea empty, but we that want to be sure of ourselves will play the part of the ant. Gather in the summer that we will not come to want in the winter.

Dear people, trouble is in the land and the night is on and we are out at sea. Do you have sufficient strength to take you through? Men that you thought were able are fainting by the way; they are giving up, letting down, and resorting to things of the world that cannot give life. Some one better get serious and pray. Are you prepared to cross life's sea?

Sister Rowe

GROWTH--GROWING INTO PERFECTION

If we have started in the Christian life, it is good—but that isn't enough. We must get into the state of perfection. Perfection is a condition into which all must grow; it cannot be entered into by any other way but growth. If we see a child who is not growing, but remains the same in stature and mental capacity, we know that there is something seriously wrong with him. It is the same with the spiritual child.

We start out in this Christian life just as a child starts out in natural life. We know very little about the ways of the Lord just as a child knows nothing about the life that is before him. A child has perfect confidence in his mother, trusting her in all matters and expecting her to fulfill every need. So it is necessary that we be trusting, and have faith in God. We cannot just sit down and cease to grow; we must eat and exercise every day.

When a natural child fails to grow, it may be one of several reasons. Perhaps he isn't eating the proper food; maybe his food isn't being digested properly, or he may not be exercising enough and in the right way. All these conditions may exist in the spiritual life of a child of God. Perhaps he is studying or reading other books than the Bible for his daily food; perhaps if he

does read the Bible he is so biased by opinions that he does not understand it aright, and it may be that he is shrinking from doing those things that proclaim him a Christian before the world.

We grow through the Word. Jesus said, "I am that bread of life." So it is necessary that we eat of the Word that we might be fat and flourishing. We must, also, open our minds to the Spirit, that we may know and understand the truth, and as we must grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we must proclaim before all that we are His followers.

It is time that we are examining ourselves to see if we are growing, or if we are just the same size spiritually as we were a few months ago. Every day should find us a little stronger than we were the day before. So it is high time we were growing and becoming men and women instead of mere children in the sight of our Father. Let us grow into the blessed state of perfection!

Marie Maurer

ARE YOU BUSY?

It is alarming that the much-talked-of delinquency has not only crept into the churches, but walks boldly in and out of our assemblies everywhere. Teen-aged girls who professed salvation since childhood are being swallowed up by this overwhelming force. It is Satan's greatest threat to our saved youth. And it is taking effect! Downward they go, helpless, and most of them without warning—unconscious of their trap.

Saints of God, if you ever took your stand, if you ever were stirred and wanted to work feverishly for the Lord, do it now! This condition exists all around you, and all you need do is get busy. Some way these girls and boys must be helped. You may have to figure out your own way of doing it, but by faith and explicit trust in God, I'm sure you can.

If you are a good Sunday School teacher many of you will be able to reach these girls or boys through the Sunday School class because here you are more intimately connected with them. If you don't have a class perhaps you are active in some other capacity that will bring you in direct contact with these young folk. Whatever it may be, we must become concerned with their personal lives. What are you doing about this in your place of worship?

Enid Rowe Martz

A WORD ABOUT MIDWAY GIRLS

Our Mother and Daughter Banquet was most wonderful. The girls and their mothers totaled eighty in number--the largest banquet yet for Midway girls. How these Philatheat girls have grown in eight years!

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They are faithfully serving Our Country Let's back them with fervent PRAYER

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A BELATED MOTHER'S DAY POEM FROM NORTH AFRICA

This Mother's Day we're far
apart,
But, Mom, you know I'm there
in heart,
Because no matter where I
roam,
My heart and thoughts remain
at home.

It's just a dream, those miles
of blue.
And, honest, Mon, I'm there
with you,
And, oh, my heart will be so gay,
To send its gift on Mother's
Day.
For with the grace of God
above,
I'm very thankful I can send
my love.

It isn't what we would have
planned,
But I know you will understand.
Dear God, I pray the sun will
shine,
On a mother I am proud is mine,
And brush each little care away,
To cheer her on this special day.
And may-be whisper, if you
please,
It's from her son who's over-
seas.

—From Todd Andreasen, North
Africa to his mother, Mrs. Paul
Andreasen, St. Paul, Minn.



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Washington Honors P. A. of J. C. Thanks to Chairman's Office!

Dear Editor:

Ever since the enactment of the Selective Service Act, this office has worked in close co-operation with the National Service Board for Religious Objectors in Washington, D. C. They have represented us before the various government departments in numerous cases, and we have profited much by their assistance to us.

Since the need for co-operation with this group is increasing, we thought it wise to formally affiliate with this group as member of their Consultative Council. We wrote them of our desire some time ago, and we are happy to quote below the let-

ter received from their Executive Secretary under date of May 11, "the Board of Directors of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors voted to include Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ in the membership of the Consultative Council. We are happy to have your church affiliated with the Board in this fashion, and will welcome your questions and suggestions at any time."

(Signed) Paul Comly French

I believe our members will be pleased to learn that we are doing everything within our power to secure proper representation with the government departments at Washington.

W. T. Witherspoon

Outlines For Young People's Meetings

By Mrs. Mary Williams

LESSON 1. LESSON ON IDOLATRY

Class Reading: A Psalm of Praise.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:2.

1. Define:
2. Bring two references forbidding.
3. Bring thought from each of following: Ex. 20:5; Deut. 5:19; Isa. 44:17; Dan. 3:5; 10:15; Deut. 30:17; Psa. 81:9; Psa. 106:38; Acts 7:41.
4. Why wouldn't God want His people to walk after other gods? Deut. 8:19, to speak in the name of other gods. Deut. 18:20, to look to other gods. Hos. 3:1, to serve other gods. Deut. 7:4; Jer. 5:19.
5. Was there danger of the Israelites fearing other gods?
6. Was worshipping God by an image idolatry?
7. What does the Bible say about worshipping angels, the host of heaven, devils, dead men, live men?
8. According to Ezek. 14:3,4, where are some idols set up?
9. Why and where is covetousness called idolatry?
10. What is the thought in Rom. 1:23 and Acts 17:29?
11. Connect Rom. 1:25 with Isa. 44:20.
12. Why is idolatry so incompatible with divine worship?
13. What verse proves idolatry to be the work of the flesh?
14. What connection does 1 Cor. 8:5 have with the subject of idolatry?
15. Who exemplified idolatry in the following references? Ex. 32:1; 2 Kings 17:12; Judges 16:23?
16. Who did king Asa show his zeal against?
17. Find where the following are mentioned: Adrammelech, Annamelech, Ashima, Ashtoreth, Baal, Baal-berith, Baal-peor.

LESSON 2. IDOLATRY

Class Reading: A Psalm of Worship.

Memory Verse: 1 Cor. 10:14.

1. What does the Bible and history say about each of the following gods? Baal-zebub, Baal-Zephon, Bel, Chemosh, Chiun, Dagon, Diana.
2. What connection was made in the life of Jeroboam with idols?
3. Who was Maachab and what did he have to do with idols?
4. What description is found of idolatry in the following verses; Deut. 7:25; Deut. 16:22; Jer. 44:4; Psa. 115:4-18; Isa. 44:19; Jer. 10:3; Ez. 23:39; 1 Pet. 4:3; Judges 10:14; Isa. 46:7.
5. Is idolatry defiling?

6. Prove that it causes those who practice it to forget God.
 - a. To go astray from God.
 - b. Polute the name of God.
 - c. Hate God.
 - d. Defile His sanctuary.
7. Does idolatry provoke God?
8. What does Rom. 1:21,22 say about idolatry?
9. Define idolatry as seen in Jer. 8:5; 1 Cor. 12:2; Ezek. 20:16; Jer. 50:38; Psa. 97:7.
10. With whom does idolatry grant fellowship?
11. Were Abraham's ancestors idolators?
12. Is ignorance of God connected with idolatry?

LESSON 3. IDOLATRY

Class Reading: A Psalm of Adoration.

Memory Verse: John 4:24.

1. Discuss the following:
Strange gods. Gen. 35:2,4; Josh. 24:20.
Other gods. Judges 2:12; 1 Kings 14:9.
New gods. Deut. 32:17; Judges 5:8.
Gods that cannot save. Isa. 45:20.
Gods that have not made the heavens Jer. 10:11.
No gods. Jer. 5:7; Gal. 4:8.
Molten gods. Exodus 34:17.
Molten images. Hab. 2:18.
Graven images. Hos. 11:2.
Senseless idols. Deut. 4:28; Psa. 115:5,6.
Dumb idols. Hab. 2:18.
Dumb stones. Hab. 2:19.
2. How do the following verses apply to idols? Jer. 3:9; Jer. 32:34; Ezek. 7:20; Ezek. 16:36; Ezek. 14:3; Isa. 41:29; Isa. 41:24; 1 Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:5; Jer. 18:15.
3. Prove that the following were idolators: Jezebel, Sennacherib, Mannasseh, Ammon, Ahaz.
4. Bring an example of each of the following methods used in worshipping idols-
Prayer, singing and dancing, bowing down, kissing, cutting flesh, burning children.
5. Find where the following are mentioned: Hazzab, Jupiter, Mercury, Molech or Milcom, Merodach, Nergol, Nebo.

LESSON 4. IDOLATRY

Class Reading: A Psalm of Prayer.

Memory verse: 1 John 5:20,21.

1. List the "do-es" and "don'ts" for the saints respecting idolatry in the following verses: Josh. 23:7; 1 John 5:21; 1 Cor. 10:14; Deut. 7:26; 1 Cor. 10:19,20; 1 Cor. 5:11; Ex. 34:12, 15; Deut. 7:2; Ex. 34:16; Deut. 7:3; Acts 14:15; Acts 19:26; Acts 14:11,15.
2. Match the following verses to the proper form of punishment mentioned. Deut. 17:2,5; Jer. 8:2; Jer. 8:3; Jer. 16:11; Hos. 8:5; 1 Cor. 6:

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Bucaramanga, S. A.

Dear Saints and Friends:

Greetings in the Name of the Lord from Bucaramanga, Colombia! We are very happy to send greetings from this land of spiritual darkness, where many perish not having ever heard of the way of life.

First we wish to thank you very much for your deep interest in the work here, for your spiritual and material support. We pray the Lord's richest blessings upon you all.

Since our last letter to you we have enjoyed the blessings of the Lord. The enemy of our souls also has been at work, trying to destroy that which the Lord has built up. We recently had the privilege of baptizing two more in the precious Name of the Lord. One of these has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. She is very happy in the service of the Lord and has a great determination to go all the way, although it will mean much persecution for her. This sister is the sole support of three children and has a very hard time to make a living. Since she left the darkness of Romanism she has received many persecutions from her relatives. They have tried to cut off all her means of support, thinking by doing so she would turn back to the Roman Church.

Again this Easter season we witnessed the processions of the idols from the churches, carried through the streets by men dressed in their long black robes, with hoods over their faces. Also we saw the midnight procession of men carrying heavy crosses through the streets. They were accompanied by the priest, saying prayers and asking the virgin to save them. These poor souls think by doing this they are repenting and will be able to find favor in the eyes of God and enter into eternal life. We were told that these men, before starting in the procession, enter into the church and beat one another with sticks, making the carrying of the cross more painful. Also some of the men had weights tied on their crosses to increase their sufferings. Martin Luther surely knew the truth when he said man could not be saved by dead works. To see these processions one would think they were in a land that taught nothing about Christ. It is easy to understand the darkness of Romanism, when one tries to sell Bibles to these people. (They say it is evil to read the Bibles and that it is only for the priest.)

Three days before Easter none of the church bells were allowed to ring, because they say all the world was in sorrow while Jesus was in the tomb. What a blessing it would be if people here would seek to worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth, with as much zeal as they seek to worship Him by the keeping of the church holidays. During this season we were molested more than usual by people urged on by the priest. In one part of the town we were compelled to close the meetings because of the commotion caused by young boys sent to disturb and prevent the Word from going forth. The owner of the house in which we had the meetings has forbidden us to have more there

WOMEN'S PAGE—CONTD.

If you do not understand, it is just this: Eight years ago a society of young single and saved girls was organized to lift high the standard of Christian girls, and the result has been most beneficial both to the girls and to the church. Each year at Mother's Day they prepare a banquet for themselves and their mothers. The first one was something new and different; about thirty were present. Each one that followed was good and interesting, increasing in number. But this year was glorious! The intimacy of it all was sweet and blessed. It seemed the girls felt divinely connected with their mothers. The songs were so inspiring, the talks and exhortations so timely hold how good and how pleasant it is for sisters to dwell together in unity.

A number of new girls have been recently added to Philathea, some of them needing spiritual help and prayer. I want, oh, so much, to help them. While speaking the other night at their banquet I vowed to do my utmost, the Lord being my Helper. Having been their first leader, I feel responsible when they are not at their best for God, and I know that the day in which we are living has every drawback for them. These days are wicked and evil for the youth of our country, and Satan is seeking whom He may devour.

The Banquet dinner was delicious, cooked and prepared by three girls—Ida Wurtsbaugh, Jane Martz, and Mary Rowe. These girls surely are to be commended for their diligent and willing work. All of the girls worked and sacrificed in different ways to make this a success. Gifts were presented to the oldest mother and the youngest mother at the banquet. They were Mrs. Claude Nettrour, 69, and Mrs. Verna Wiseman, 33. Most of the girls were active on the program, and some of the mothers were asked to talk. The meeting was closed with earnest prayer.

Enid Rowe Martz

YOUNG PEOPLE'S OUTLINES—CONTD.

- 8,10; Eph. 5:5; Rev. 22:15; Rev. 14:9,11; Rev. 21:8. Judicial death banishment. Exclusion from heaven, eternal torment.
3. Describe the idolatry of Nebuchadnezzar, Beltshazzar, People of Lystra, of Athens, of Ephesus.
 4. Locate references to the following: Niblaz and Tartak, Nisroch, Queen of heaven, Rempham, Rimmon, Succoth-benoth, Tamuz.
 5. What king made temples for idols?
 6. Who raised up altars for idols?
 7. Explain how idolatry caused Israel to be carried away into captivity.
 8. Trace the ascent of idol worship in Judah before her captivity.
 9. Discuss the zeal of the following against: Jehoshaphat. Mannasseh.
 10. Explain why any worship of or reference to more than one God is idolatry.

as the people threatened to do him bodily harm if he allowed us to use his house for services. We now have that service in our regular hall, but expect to go back again just as soon as the Lord will permit.

Bro. and Sister Ball (South America)

THE LATTER RAIN—CONTD.

spoken of by the prophet Joel, it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, that I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy."

From the writings of Stanley H. Frodsham, in his book, "With Signs Following," comes this most interesting record of showers of blessing.

Some years ago, V. P. Simmons of Frostproof, Florida, wrote a tract in which he told of many gracious manifestations of the Spirit that he had seen in New England. He stated, "In 1854, Elder S. G. Matthewson spoke in tongues and Elder Edwin Burnham interpreted the same. The writer knew both of these men of God well, and had often sat under their preaching. They were large men, physically, mentally, and spiritually." He witnessed a revival in New England in 1873, and stated, "The talking in tongues, accompanied largely with the gift of healing, was manifested."

In the year 1873, Dwight L. Moody and Ira Sankey went to England. The story of their visit is recorded in a book entitled, "Moody and Sankey in Great Britain," by Robert Boyd, published in 1875.

The two workers from America did not receive a very good reception in the beginning. They were invited to Sunderland, but their presence there aroused a good deal of opposition from unsympathetic ministers. A delegation of young men waited on Mr. Moody and asked him to speak at the Y. M. C. A. He consented. The Lord began to send a gracious awakening. Mr. Boyd described what he himself witnessed at one meeting. "When I got to the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. I found the meeting on fire. The young men were speaking in tongues, and prophesying. What did it all mean? Only that Moody had been addressing them that afternoon. Many of the clergy were so opposed to the movement that they turned their backs upon the innocent Y. M. C. A. But afterwards, when the floodgates of divine grace were opened, Sunderland was taken by storm. . . . The people of Sunderland warmly supported the movement, in spite of their spiritual advisors. There was a tremendous work of grace." This same story was published in "Moody and His Work" by W. H. Daniels.

Thirty-four years later there was a similar visitation in Sunderland, not this time in the Y. M. C. A. but in an Episcopal Church. On this latter occasion Christian leaders made their way to Sunderland from all parts of England. They were filled with the Spirit as on the day of Pentecost with the similar evidence of speaking in tongues. As they returned to their own assemblies the fire spread, and many received a like experience.

In the Encyclopedia Britannica, the 11th Edition, Volume 27, on pages 9 and 10, we read, concerning the Glossarial, that is, speaking in other tongues recurs in Christian revivals of every age, and it lists some of these: Among the mendicant friars of the thirteenth century, among the Jesuites and early Quakers, among the converts of Wesley and Whitfield, among the persecuted Protestants of Cevennes, and among the Irvinites.

Writing of the revivals among the Huguenots, Pastor A. A. Boddy states: "When Louis XIV of France, in 1685 revoked the edict of Nantes which had given religious liberty, he strove by dragonades to drive Protestants into the Roman Catholic church. The Huguenots were led by John Cavalier, a farmer, into inaccessible mountains. Among these persecuted people were those who spoke in tongues. There are records both by enemies and by friends as to their prophetic gifts."

It was stated by Elbert Hubbard, in *Little Journeys to the Homes of the Great*, "That only in inception and persecution is any religion pure."

At the time when Huguenots were suffering great persecutions in France, many of them were filled with the Spirit, and the gifts of the Spirit were in manifestation including the speaking in other tongues.

A book was issued in 1749 by the learned Dr. Middleton who discredited the miraculous powers, especially the speaking in other tongues. He said, "After the Apostolic times, there is not, in all history, one instance, either well attested, or even so much as mentioned, of any particular person who had ever exercised the gift of tongues, or pretended to exercise it in any age or country whatever."

It was left to John Wesley to make a protest against this statement. He wrote to Dr. Middleton, "Sir, your memory fails you again. . . . It has been heard of more than once, no further off than the valleys of Dauphiny."

In the Diary of Thomas Walsh, one of Wesley's foremost preachers, on March 8, 1750, he entered this record, "This morning the Lord gave me language that I knew not of, raising my soul to Him in a wonderful manner."

What does all this mean? It is simply that God is doing that which He promised.

Isa. 28:11, "For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear."

The Apostle Paul quoted this Scripture in explaining the speaking in other tongues that was manifest in the New Testament church. I Cor. 14:21,22, "In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that they will not hear me, saith the Lord. Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not."

When the Holy Spirit fell upon the disciples at Pentecost, and they all began to speak with other tongues Peter explained this manifestation of the Spirit by saying, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh." Acts 2:16-17.

The latter rain of the Holy Spirit is now falling.

Jesus Christ from heaven is soon coming.
His church shall rise to meet him in the air.
Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit?
Look up, and open your heart to the Lord.
Let this Latter Rain Blessing fall on you.

JESUS IS THE ONE

As through this life we go,
Journeying to and fro;
We find that our Lord Jesus,
Is the One to know.

When we get in trouble,
As often times we do;
We should get in touch with
Jesus,
And He will see us through.

When you are forsaken,
By this whole wide world;
You then call on Christ Jesus,
He'll come, His banner unfurled.

When you feel discouraged,
As the billows roll so high;
Just look up to Jesus,
And to His bosom fly.

In this day of turmoil,
As those round about you fall;
Keep your eyes on Jesus,
He's our all in all.

Yes, Jesus is the One,
In every time of need;
Christ, God's own son,
Will His dear children heed.

Tracy O. Hammand

SEEING IS BELIEVING

I'd rather see a sermon than
Hear one any day,
I'd rather one would walk with
me,

Than merely show the way.
The eye's a better pupil and
More willing than the ear.
Fine counsel is confusing, but
example's always clear.

And the best of all the preachers
Are the men who live their
creeds.

For to see the good in action
Is what everyone needs.
I can soon learn how to do it
If you'll let me see it done.

I can watch your hands in
action,
But your tongue too fast may
run.

And the lectures you deliver,
May be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson
By observing what you do.
For I may misunderstand you,
And the good advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding
how you act and how you
live.

Velma Martin

BEWARE OF THE CRITICAL SPIRIT

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." Heb. 10:24.

In the days of trouble when the enemy is pressing God's people on every hand, I believe we ought to strive to consider one another and to encourage one another as much as possible.

The enemy of our souls is sending out every evil spirit he possesses to cause us to go astray. One of his evil spirits is the spirit of criticism. It seems that he is forever trying to get God's people to find fault with one another. I've often heard it said if you look for a fault you will surely find it. This is true for none of us is perfect. I have begun to recognize this spirit, not only in others but in myself. The first thing I knew I would be seeing a fault and then the devil would magnify it and fire the imagination. If I yielded to it, the consequences were evil. I began calling upon God and fighting against it and the Lord so wondrously came to my rescue.

Now if you only have these things in your mind and not in the heart it is not so bad, yet if it's going around in the minds of a number of saints, it can surely hinder services. The reason this spirit is so dangerous is because it is counted as a small thing, but it is not a small thing if it hinders the work of God. Sometimes, if cultivated, it creeps deep into the heart, and this is where the great hindrance is. Let's not criticize and talk about one another. Let us try hard to hold our tongues. The only way to talk is for two or more to agree to earnestly pray for an erring brother or sister. God will work out everything all right. Just try Him and see what wonders He can do.

This spirit has caused great strife among God's people. It can hinder services until there is no inspiration there, and more than that, it has caused whole churches to be torn apart,—all because somebody let the devil use him to spread strife instead of getting down on his knees and asking God to remove the trouble.

LEST WE FORGET

A Canadian newspaper quoted a preacher in Bournemouth, England, as follows:

We have been a pleasure loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking and bathing:

Now the seashores are barred;
no bathing, no picnics.

We have preferred motor travel to church going:

Now there is a shortage of motor fuel.

We have ignored the ringing of the church bell calling us to worship:

Now the bells cannot ring,
except to warn of invasion.

We have left the churches half empty when they should have been filled with worshippers:

Now they are in ruins.

We would not listen to the way of peace,

Now we are forced to listen to the way of WAR.

The money we would not give to the Lord's work,

Now is taken from us in taxes and higher prices.

The food for which we forgot to say, "Thanks"

Now is unobtainable.

The service we refused to give to God,

Now is conscripted for the country.

Remember it is little foxes that spoil the vine. This may seem but a small thing but, oh, the damage it can cause if allowed to exist in our assemblies. Let us arise and fight against this spirit with all the resistance God gives us. "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."

God give us grace to stand against the wiles of the enemy.

Mrs. Thomas J. Dykes