

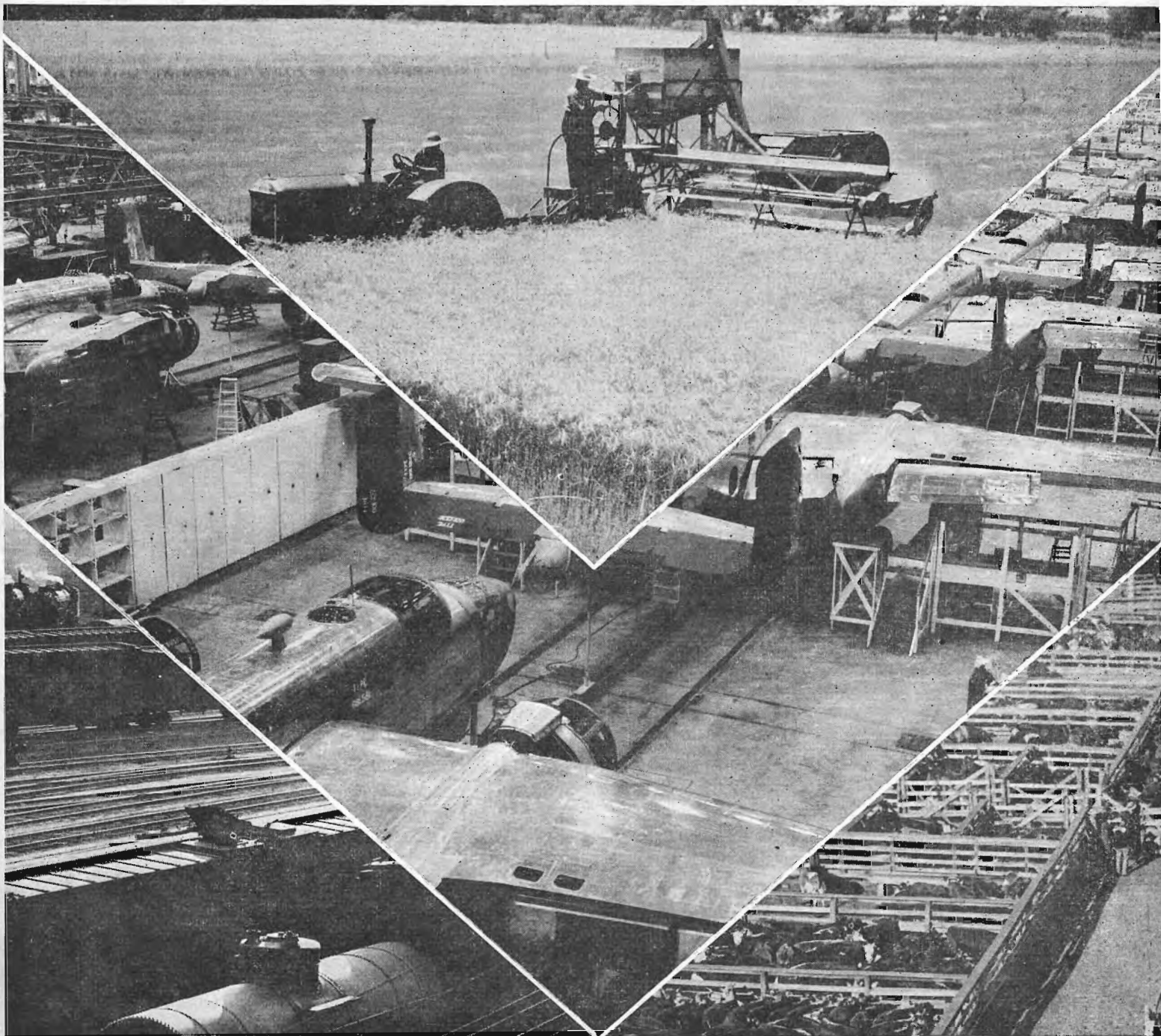
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A Great Honor - Water Baptism!

Radio sermon given by Elder S. G. Norris over station WMIN, Sunday, Aug. 27, 1944

Good evening friends. This is another series in the study of UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE. Last Sunday we found that the Lord gave three things to the children of Israel at the foot of Mt. Sinai in the Arabian desert, just fifty days after they were delivered from the bondage of Egypt. Those three great milestones in Israel's life were, The Law, The Tabernacle Plan and the Priesthood. We made an imaginary trip up to that Tabernacle last Sunday and found that just inside the outer enclosure, or what today we might call a fence, was located the altar of burnt offering or the brazen altar. We went into a rather lengthy explanation of that Brazen Altar and discovered that it was used by Israel to offer sacrifices upon, or in other words it was the place of slaughter. Death had to take place at that altar and the blood sprinkled before any other part of the Tabernacle could be used. It was a very clear and definite type of the plan in which we must come to God today. First of all...the very first step...our initial move towards the Lord must be on a basis of sincere REPENTANCE! In other words a willingness to die to self must take place before we can ever expect to receive eternal life from God. There has never been but one message to the sinner or backslider, from Sinai until now and that simple but firm message is, REPENT!

As we journey on through the Tabernacle Plan we notice the next piece of furniture was the Laver of water. Yes, that brass laver of water stood between the Brazen Altar of sacrifice and the Tabernacle itself. Now why do you suppose the Lord made Moses locate that brazen laver of water right in front of the door of the Tabernacle? He not only had the laver of water located there, but warned the Priests to "wash lest they die not!" The command was clear and distinct, "Wash lest ye die not" No priest dared to enter the Tabernacle before washing. If he had...death would have been the penalty! If a priest had participated at the brazen altar of sacrifice, and had obeyed all the commands of God with reference to the shedding of blood, and even though he had performed that part of his ministry, if he had dared to step inside the door of the Tabernacle without washing at the Laver of Water, he would have dropped dead! Yes, the laver of water was placed right in front of the door into the Tabernacle...not to the side...not in the rear of the Tabernacle, nor was it used one day and discarded the next...it stood there day after day month after month and Paul tells us in the Book of Galatians that the Law was a SCHOOLMASTER to bring us to Christ.

That laver of water stood for Water baptism today. May I repeat that statement. The laver of water that stood right in front of the door of the Tabernacle represented Water baptism today. Most every Bible Scholar agrees that the first article of furniture in the Tabernacle Plan, namely, the Brazen Altar was a type of death to sin,

or repentance! Then my friends, the very next step approaching God was washing at the laver of water, or for today that means to us WATER BAPTISM IN THAT WONDERFUL NAME OF OUR HIGH PRIEST...JESUS CHRIST.

Only the Priests and Levites had the great honor to wash at this laver of water, and only the Priests dared to enter the Tabernacle. All of Israel had access to the Outer Court, or in other words the yard between the Outer enclosure and the building of the Tabernacle proper, but only the Priests dared to wash at the Laver and enter the Tabernacle. An Israelite had to be from the tribe of Levi...which means "Joined together" in order to participate at the laver of washing. All the other eleven tribes were stopped at the Brazen Altar. So you can easily see that it was a great honor to wash at the laver of water and enter the Tabernacle. All of Israel understood this law. Only one tribe out of twelve could wash at the laver of cleansing! That is one of the reasons why the Pharisees and backslidden priests were so furious at John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus Christ, when he came baptizing in the river Jordan. They did not mind his baptizing so much as they despised WHOM he baptized. John ushered in a dispensation that was more progressive than the Law of Moses. He was the herald of the Messiah. He was the voice that introduced Jesus Christ. John was a mighty preacher of repentance and water baptism, but John did not stop to ask his converts from which tribe they came...he asked for true repentance and fruits thereof...and when they truly repented John baptized them regardless whether they were from the Tribe of Levi...Judah, Simeon or any of the Twelve! That's why the Jews hated John the Baptist so, not because he preached cleansing by baptism, but because he baptized "WHOSOEVER" came. Those Pharisees knew the Law of Moses only permitted the Tribe of Levi to wash at the laver of water, but here came the greatest prophet of all...and without a doubt the mighty power of God was upon him until he was like a reed shaken by the wind...and this mighty herald, baptizing ALL COMERS that would honestly repent. The Jews knew that something NEW was taking place but hardly understood how to get rid of such a fire brand in God's hand. They sighed with relief when he was beheaded by Herod, but their relief was short-lived, because by that time Jesus was preaching an even stronger message and also baptizing, not only Jews from the tribe of Levi, but all who would follow Him.

The Jews knew according to Moses' law that whosoever could merit the place of water baptism or washing at the laver was an honored member of the camp. It did not take them long to understand that the plan of salvation that Christ and His Apostles offered was far greater than

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NORTHWEST ONENESS CONVENTION

The 28th semi-annual convention of the Northwest Oneness Council convened at Spencer, Iowa, in the Pentecostal Church, Sept. 1 through 4. Elder Hodges is the pastor of this assembly.

On Friday the services opened at 8 A.M. with prayer service until 9 when breakfast was served. While the ministers were gathering, we had a short service in which Field Evangelist Howard Harrington gave us a talk on unity and holiness.

At 2:30 Pastor Robert Norris of Kettle River, Minn., lead the song service which was followed by a timely message by Elder Carl Swanson of Milwaukee, Wis. His text was 2 Peter 1, "God's Righteousness."

In the evening service at 7:30 God's presence was felt in the song service and two fine messages from Elder Colby Churchill, of Stanley, Wis., on "Being True to God in Sacrifice," and Evangelist C. T. Harris of Akron, Ohio, on "God's people should be one as in the 17th. Chapter of St. John."

Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock was business session, the different committees were appointed. Those serving on the program committee were, Elder Geo. Dainty, M. S. Wasco, L. E. Hodges, and Evang. H. Harrington. On the ordination committee were Elders C. Swanson, C. Churchill, F. J. Ellis, and J. T. Brooks.

The Young People's Rally at 2:30 P.M. was very successful and the Spirit of God was mightily present. Evang. W. V. Barnett, the P.Y.P.A. President took charge of the service. Pastor R. Walters of Knoxville, Iowa, brought the message on Eccles. 11:3 and Jer. 2.

Saturday evening at 5:30 was another business session; many minor problems were discussed. Elder S. G. Norris, requested a season of prayer, in which God wonderfully met and melted our hearts. God dwells in the humble and contrite heart. Revivals must first of all

begin with God's ministers. Officers for the coming year were voted on. Chairman S. G. Norris was retained. Vice-Chairman, M. S. Wasco, of River Falls, Wis. Sec'y-Treas., J. T. Brooks, and Ass't Sec'y-Treas. Colby Churchill.

The Saturday evening service was charged with the Spirit and power of God. The song service was lead by Elder M. S. Wasco, of River Falls, Wis., followed by Young People's reports from the different pastors. These were encouraging. Elder F. J. Ellis, brought the message on Eccl. 11:15. The altar call was given by Elder J. T. Brooks, there were 4 or 5 seeking the Holy Spirit.

Sunday's services began with a good prayer service led by Bro. Harrington and Bro. Barron of Marshfield, Wis. The Lord really added His blessing.

Bro. Tate lead the song service at 11 o'clock, with Eld. Carl Swanson teaching the adult class, the Bible lesson being very beneficial to all of us.

In the morning worship service Pastor L. E. Hodges lead the song service, followed by a great message from Bro. Wasco on "Church Government and Divisions in the Church."

At 2:30 Bro. Martin started the meeting with a rousing song service, followed by a message from Bro. J. T. Brooks of So. Beloit, Ill. The text was "Going Through with God Regardless of Opposition."

The Sunday evening service was marked by the mortgage burning ceremony for the Spencer, Iowa, Church. The meeting started with prayer and a song service led by Elder Willard Barnett. Special singing was provided by Esther Wiebrod and Sakie Oka. Then followed the burning of the mortgage, with the present Pastor L. E. Hodges officiating. The message of the evening was brought by the former pastor Elder Geo. Dainty. The young people of the Spencer Church sang a special song closing this ceremony. Then

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Women's Page

By Mrs. G. B. Rowe

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH IN INDUSTRY

II - Lydia.

"... And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, if ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us." Acts 16:14,15.

Last month we considered Priscilla, who worked with her husband as a tentmaker. Now we turn our attention to Lydia, another "career" woman of the Apostolic age. She was devout worshipper of God even before she met Paul, but the Lord opened her heart as greater truth was presented, and she listened to the Word of God as given by Paul. She obeyed and was baptized with her household. Then, like a true saint, she opened her home to the messengers. She took Paul, Luke and their evangelistic party into her home and it became their headquarters while in Thyatira. Then came the incident of the divining damsel, the arrest of Paul and Silas and their miraculous release. After they left the prison, they went to the home of Lydia again to comfort the brethren before they left the city.

Lydia was a seller of purple, a business woman who had to know how to deal with people. She must have been honorable and upright in all her dealings, because Paul never in any of his epistles gives undeserved praise to anyone. She must have been mindful at all times that her relations with others were her testimony. We must learn this fact, too. It is not the few words we say in a praise service which proves that our lives conform. It is our day-to-day contact with our fellow-workers and associates which manifests Christ to them.

Paul instructed in Hebrews 12:14, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." What responsibility rests on us as working women in these few words! It is no small thing to follow peace with all men under all conditions, and yet those are the instructions. This means that every little difference with others must be adjusted to the best of our ability along the lines of truth. Many times we may be forced to work with personalities to which hit seems impossible to reconcile ourselves. Things will come up and situations arise which will need all the faith and prayer which we can muster, yet the commandment stands, "Follow peace with all men." If we keep this in mind at all times, it will help to keep us from getting involved in small, petty differences which exist among groups of working women.

Our speech has much to do with keeping ourselves at peace. Our mode of speech betrays our spiritual condition, whether or not we are con-

scious of it. "Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Col. 4:6. Grace is the key. If enough of His grace is manifest in our lives, our speech will be seasoned with salt and we will know how to answer all questions. This is so important in dealing with fellow workers. We must know how much to say, and yet not say too much. Grace, if we yield to His Spirit, will develop within us an instinct in talking to others. We will know from within the right things to say at any particular time. Paul told Titus, and it is good advice for all of us, that we should be a pattern of good works with "Sound speech that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." Titus 2:8.

What about our attitude toward the work itself? We must be very conscientious. Paul instructed Timothy to be a "workman which needeth not to be ashamed." This would apply no matter what type of work we are doing. If we are washing dishes, it means getting them clean and shining. If we are doing office work, it means our best efficiency. If we are making products for war manufacture, it means the most thorough work possible, with no makeshifts or "getting by." From the most humble labor to the highest position, we must inspire confidence in our work. We must be cooperative and reliable. It is part of our testimony.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16. Our conduct must be above reproach. Every action must be a reflection of that light which glorifies God. We are His light, the salt of His earth, the city on the hill. We cannot be hid, so we must shine forth even as Priscilla and Lydia did in their day. We are part of His Bride, that living organism which exists only to bring others to Christ. If our life fails to fulfill that mission, then we have failed God. Let us as working women examine ourselves, fitting ourselves to His pattern. Some day, if we're faithful in these things, we will meet and get acquainted with Lydia and Priscilla. We'll be able to compare our experiences with theirs, and what a thrill we'll get from the fellowship of others who have been faithful in the "few things." Truly the reward will be great and worth while. Let us press on!

Mrs. R. B. Tuttle

THOUGHTS

You never can tell what your thoughts will do,
In bringing you hate or love,
For thoughts are things, and their airy wings
Are swifter than carrier doves.
They travel along the universe,
Each thing must produce its kind
They speed o'er the track to bring you back,
Whatever went out from your mind.

Convention Reports

CONVENTION REPORT

The Illinois State Convention of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ convened at Bethel Temple, 807 Scheel St, Belleville Ill., with Elder J. O. Underwood, July 25th to 28th inclusive.

The first day was devoted to the Sunday School work, and a very profitable day was spent discussing Sunday School work and its problems. Elder B. W. Robinson was elected Chairman of the Sunday School Dept. Florence Swinford was elected Sec'y-Treasurer. The evening service was given over to the young people who had a very fine program.

Wednesday morning was Young People's business session. Elder Kirby Tiller was elected President of the Young People's Dept. for the coming year. Vivian Poland was elected Sec'y-Treasurer.

Thursday morning began the regular business session with the election of the officers of the State work. Elder H. E. White of Decatur, Ill. was elected Chairman. Sister Nora Baker was elected Sec'y-Treasurer.

Every service was good. There was wonderful preaching and teaching with the old time power of the Holy Ghost. All present said it was one of the best conventions they have attended.

We surely thank God for the wonderful spirit of love and fellowship in the meetings. We trust that the Lord will give us such spiritual services until He calls His people home.

We will not soon forget the wonderful way we were entertained by our former Chairman and his precious wife and good saints. May God bless them.

Our next State convention will be at Bethel Temple, 1275 East Division St., Decatur, Ill., Oct. 24th to 27th inclusive, 1944.

For further information write Eld. H. E. White, Decatur, Ill. Route 4.

Sister Nora Baker, Sec'y-Treas.

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FELLOWSHIP MEETING AT EASTON, MAINE

It was a great joy indeed to meet some of our old friends at the recent fellowship meeting and also to make some new acquaintances in the Lord. We met for the first time, Elder Anton Huba, Michael Sitko, Stanley Chambers, and Harry Curtis. This was a meeting long to be remembered because of the presence of God and the sweet spirit of worship and unity that prevailed throughout. Eld. R. G. Cook was chairman and he presided in a splendid manner.

Pastor W. J. Rolston

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KOSCIUSKO, MISSISSIPPI

The Mississippi State Convention, of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ will convene at Mize, Miss., with Elder Lee Broadhead and Assembly, Oct. 23-26, inclusive.

BEAUMONT SECTIONAL CONVENTION

The Beaumont Sectional Convention convened at the First Pentecostal Church in Beaumont, Texas, August 17 and 18, under the auspices of the Sectional Elder, G. D. Harvey.

The convention was truly a marvelous success and the presence of the Lord was greatly manifested in the day and night services.

Elders O. F. Fauss, a national presbyter; S. L. Wise, a national presbyter and Chairman of the South Central Council; L.J. Hosch, Texas State Chairman; and R. D. Gibson, were the ones who served the convention through the ministry of teaching which shall never be forgotten. Ministers as well as saints were drawn closer to God and a glorious spirit of close fellowship was felt by all present. We certainly appreciated the honorable presence of our visiting brethren, especially those from without our section and even the State.

God sweetly manifested Himself in the Sectional Business Meetings held daily, and there was no dissension whatsoever, but everything was done in full harmony.

Elder G. D. Harvey was appointed by our State Chairman to serve on as our Sectional Elder in this section and this met the approval of all the brethren. Elder Forrest H. Ford was elected to assist Elder Harvey as the Sectional Sec'y-Treasurer. The Fellowship meetings, Young People's Rallies, and Sunday School Rallies were discussed and revived to the extent of some changes in the offices of such. Elder Harvey will continue to serve as the Fellowship Chairman and Elder Forrest Ford was elected the Sec'y-Treas. Elder Willie Ashworth was elected Young People's Rally Chairman with the authority to appoint his own Sec'y-Treasurer. Our Texas State P.Y.P.A. President domiciles in this section thus proving an asset to our Young People. Too, our Texas State Sunday School Superintendent, Elder S. F. Self, domiciles in this section, and that causes our Sunday School Rallies to be taken care of.

We truly feel that God has graciously smiled on us and that we are going to move forward in God like as never before.

The crowning and conclusive service came the last night of the Convention. The Texas State Chairman, L. J. Hosch, delivered the evening message using for his thought, "A Finished Life" which caused the Spirit of God to be manifested in an old fashioned way. Thus the convention came to a close, but the spirit of it shall live on.

Forrest H. Ford, Sectional Sec'y-Treas.

All of our ministers in the State are urged to be there, also everybody in and out of the State is cordially invited to attend.

For further information, write Eld. Lee Broadhead, Mize, Miss., or Elder Jimmie Miller, Kosciusko, Miss.

Windows In Heaven

By Allie Joy Broadway

"Then Elisha said, 'Hear ye the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord, "Tomorrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria."

"Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, might this thing be. And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof." 2 Kings 7:1,2.

Windows in heaven! The man spake in sarcasm. He did not believe that it was possible. Let us examine the situation. The city of Samaria was being besieged by the king of Syria. The siege was long, food became scarce, so scarce that one day as the king of Israel was passing by, upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, "Help my lord, oh king." And when he asked her what her trouble was, she replied, "This woman said unto me, Give thy son that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow. So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him,; and she hath hid her son."

Such was the situation. The people had become so hungry that they were eating their own children.

That brought on the sarcastic remark from "a lord on whose hand the king leaned" (I suppose the king had to get someone else to lean on after the next day) "Behold, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, might this thing be?"

But what he didn't know was this: There are windows in heaven. They open downward. We are invited to "prove me now herewith...if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10.

Sometimes we grow homesick for heaven. Everything is perfect there. There is beauty and love and blessings galore. There is peace and rest and quiet. There is life; there the healing waters flow. Won't that be a wonderful place to dwell in? But must we resign ourselves to the trouble, confusion, sickness, and unrest of this present world? Ah! No! No! indeed! For there are windows in heaven, and they open downward. These windows are locked until someone turns the key; or perhaps they have combination locks, for there are several requirements we must pass in order to open them.

In the first place we must be on speaking terms with Jesus. He does not allow strangers to unlock the windows of heaven. Only those He can trust are allowed to use that combination. It just won't work for others.

Understand, I'm not speaking of how to enter into the kingdom of heaven, for you must go in at the door. But I'm speaking of the spiritual

blessings we can receive after we are saved. If you are an unregenerated sinner and want Jesus to open the windows of heaven for you, your first step is to be born again—of water, baptism in water by immersion in Jesus' Name, and of the Spirit, baptism with the Holy Ghost with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues, John 3:5, Acts 2:4, 38. Then you are on speaking terms with Jesus. To stay on speaking terms with Him, you must live a holy life in this present world.

Now you are ready to take advantage of the windows in heaven.

Do you have material needs? There are windows in heaven. Think of the children of Israel, how God rained down manna from heaven for them, water from the rock, quail in great numbers; their shoes did not wear out for forty years; and their clothes did not wax old.

Think of Jesus, who fed five thousand people with five small loaves and two small fishes. Think of Jesus, who said, "Ask and ye shall receive," and again, "Take no thought for the morrow, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, or wherewithal ye shall be clothed." Then think of Paul, the Apostle, who said, "But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

But our greatest needs are spiritual. How desperately we need the spiritual blessings. Peace in a world at war. Rest in the midst of unrest. Quietness in the midst of confusion. Love in a world torn by hate. Life when surrounded by death. Light though covered by darkness. It seems incredible, doesn't it? It would be, but for one thing: There are windows in heaven, and they open downward.

Look up! Look up! See? The windows are opening. From them Jesus is pouring floods of light and love, and life; peace, and rest, and joy. Take down your umbrella. There are windows in heaven. We have nothing to fear. There are windows in heaven, and Jesus is there, and He is able to do "exceeding abundantly more than we can ask or think."

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Bring a tenth of the increase
Into the storehouse
For Jesus commandeth it to be.
He said "do it and prove it—
I will pour out a blessing
That you have not room to receive."

Chorus

There are windows in heaven,
Windows in heaven,
Windows in heaven I can see;
There are windows in heaven,
Windows in heaven,
And they pour out a blessing unto me.

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P. Y. P. A. DEPARTMENT

WINNERS AND P.Y.P.A. CONTEST

The winners in the P.Y.P.A. contest are as follows:

First place—Saint Louis, Mo.

Second place—Harrisville, W. Va.

Third place—Gladewater, Tex.

The prizes will be mailed in a few days. We thank you for your cooperation in this contest.

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PRAYER

The definition of the six-lettered word as given in Webster's dictionary is, "talking to a Supreme Being." What a wonderful thought that we can talk to the Lord! But prayer means more than just that. It means confiding, pleading, interceding, and many times travailing before the Lord. Prayer is actually the liberty and the action whereby we voice our love and appreciation to the One who made us and filled us with His divine Spirit.

The man that God created in His own image lives two separate lives in reality. Yet these two lives may blend together beautifully. Prayer is the key to man's spiritual unity with God. Just as man and wife may live together in unity so may God and man dwell in unity—spiritual unity. Prayer is definitely man's method of approaching God. But there are some very important things to remember in praying. One is to always pray in the will of God. There is a permissive will of God and the divine will of God. There are three steps in praying. They are supplicating, interceding, and travailing. Christ interceded and travailed for us in the Garden of Gethsemane in so much that great drops as of blood fell from His forehead. Such great love for the world was portrayed in that touching prayer that the Lord gave in His most trying hour.

Many people today ridicule those people who condescend to pray. But their mistake is in not obeying that impulse or instinct that God has instilled into all men to call upon Him. It is natural to call upon the Lord. People who stifle that desire to pray that was created in man lives a miserable life. But sometime sooner or later every man shall fall upon his knees and cry out to God in prayer—but it is not always going to be soon enough. God is not going to strive and speak to the heart of man always.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. We know that it is true by reading the Biblical facts of the miraculous perservation of the lives of righteous men such as Daniel, the three Hebrew children, Paul and Silas, Hezekiah, and many, many others. The little statement "prayer changes things" is very true. What a privilege it is to talk to that Supreme Being who was and is the Almighty. Yet we take very little advantage of it. We have so many things in our own lives for the Lord to remove, but we

go on with them day by day, because we're ashamed to ask God to perform His wonders in our lives because we haven't holy, acceptable bodies to offer to the Lord. We can't expect to talk to God over a mountain constructed by our own misdeeds. Let us rather remove all the obstacles that confront us and find that higher height and deeper depth in God by talking to Him in a daily Hour of Sweet Prayer.

Modene Francis

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THE JOY OF LIVING

When we who are filled with the Holy Ghost came to Christ, we came with the desire in our hearts to yield our lives wholly to Him. We cried unto God in our lost condition, "Lord, I'll do anything, just save me", and He has taken us at our word and has given to us His most Precious Gift.

I would like to be personal for a moment. Now that you have walked with God for awhile has this Holy Ghost Salvation been what you expected it to be? Has it been as Peter called it, "Joy unspeakable and full of glory."? Not just now and then, but daily, having that joy within and your heart filled with that peace that passeth all understanding? You believed it was possible when you first came to Christ. Is it any more less so today?

Unfortunately, many of us are prone to forget the ideals we had when Christ first saved us. The zeal and determination with which we first faced the world and have allowed ourselves to slip into a lethargy that is fast sapping our spiritual strength.

May we for a moment think of this life as a race. A race that is not over in a moment or a day, but starts at our receiving the Holy Ghost and ends at death or when Jesus comes. We are exhorted in the first verse of the twelfth chapter of Hebrews, "Let us lay aside every weight." To lay aside EVERY weight; to clean out our lives, to strip ourselves from every hindering and encumbering thing that might impede us and keep us from reaching our Savior.

No matter how legal it may be, no matter how moral it may be, if it will hinder us from reaching a higher place in Christ, it must be ruthlessly stripped from our lives and cast aside. The weights that we bear sometimes make them more perilous than sins. We can recognize sin, but we can unconsciously be loaded down with weights of which we have no knowledge.

Our friends will not tell us and we in our blindness continue in our fettered and shackled condition allowing our blindness to shut out our vision of the goal at the end of the way—but we must continue to press onward no matter how hard the fight. You may remember how it is expressed by Frederick Myers, that you cannot do it in a minute, in the twinkling of an eye; that though you begin it in the morning it will

P. Y. P. A. DEPARTMENT

WHICH WAY OUT?

Philosophy says: Think your way out.
Repeal says: Drink your way out.
The New Deal says: Spend your way out.
Politics say: Legislate your way out.
Science says: Invent your way out.
Industry says: Work your way out.
Communism says: Strike your way out.
Townsendism says: Pension your way out.
Fascism says: Bluff your way out.
Militarism says: Fight your way out.
Jesus says: "I am the Way out!"

Andrew Johnson

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IF I HAD KNOWN

If I had known

What troubles you were bearing.
What griefs were in the silence of your face.
I would have been more gentle and more caring,
And tried to give you gladness for a space;
I would have brought more warmth into the place
If I had known.

If I had known

What thoughts despairing drew you
Why do we never understand?
I would have lent a little friendship to you,
And slipped my hand within your lonely hand,
And made your stay more pleasant in the land
If I had known.

last until evening; and many a time the noonday and the evening of your life will be stained with tears and remorse at the shirkings, the surrenders and the cowardly retreats. Through all of this we shall doubtless have to pass, but we shall pass through it if our eyes are on Him who stands behind the goal.

Laying aside every weight and offering ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable unto God which is our reasonable service, we shall find the power of God filling and thrilling our souls anew and giving us a greater desire to daily walk with Him.

There may be some great deed that Christ desires that we should do for Him. Because we are selfishly holding on to these pet encumbrances, He is unable to use us like He desires. Let us fall upon our faces before Him and cry out until He shows us that richer, fuller life through Him.

"Seeing that we also are compassed about by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us and let us run." Run—never resting, never satisfied, but ever with our eyes on the Goal—Jesus.

Lavon Stevens

WE NEED P.Y.P.A. MATERIAL

We are in need of articles, poems, testimonies, and etc., for this department. Young people, please cooperate. Be sure all material is in before the fifteenth of the month. Send all material to P.Y.P.A. Outlook Department, Box 1187, Glade-water, Texas.

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GOD'S BEAUTY PARLOR

Ps. 149:4 "For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people: He will beautify the meek with salvation." Much has been said about the devil's beauty parlor, and the natural beauty parlors of today. We know how Absalom lost his life because his heart was lifted up because of his extreme beauty. We know how Queen Jezebel lost her life because she painted her face, and played the harlot. Note: Jezebel was the first character to institute ungodly fashions in dress, makeup, etc. The judgment she received was just. She lost her life, and was eaten by the dogs because of her worldliness and sin. Many individuals of today are going to lose their heavenly home for the same reason. But, now, we wish to deal with "God's Beauty Parlor."

Remember, the ancient proverb, "Beauty is only skin deep." Again hear the great wisdom of God spoken to the prophet Samuel, "God seeth not as man seeth, but God looketh upon the heart." God is not, and has never been interested in the beauty of the outward man. You may be able to win the Atlantic City beauty contest, or be crowned with the coveted title of "Miss America", and in the sight of God, be unclean and unholy. It is not your face that God is interested in: it is your heart.

I have seen individuals who, as far as natural beauty was concerned, had none. They had not been shaped and created as beautifully as the majority, but from their heart flowed a beauty and a virtue, that was so radiant until you could not tell that they were not actually beautiful. But this virtue, purity of heart, is the thing that God is interested in. If, in the sight of God, your heart is beautiful, clean and pure, then you are indeed beautiful, and have had a beauty treatment in "God's Beauty Parlor."

How is a person made beautiful by the great beauty parlor operator, Our great Creator? First a person must be meek. They must possess the rare virtue which Jesus spoke about. "Blessed are the meek." If an individual is meek and humble, and is willing to walk with God, then God is ready to give to that individual the "beauty treatment." What is that treatment? No, you won't have to sit in a beauty parlor chair, and have your head baked, and your hair scorched. But it is a treatment that has been paid for. Praise the Lord. It was purchased with the blood of Calvary! Love is its theme. It is very simple! Yet so high and holy! It is SALVA-

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SAN JOSE, CALIF

A REMINDER

We are glad to report victory through our Lord Jesus Christ or the P.Y.P.A. in San Jose, Calif. We only have a few young people here, yet each one is more than willing to do his or her part in each of the services. God is wonderfully blessing us here. Our prayers are that there will be more young people saved and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost here and everywhere.

Opal Troutt, P.Y.P.A. Leader

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TION FROM SIN. The promise is, "He will beautify the meek with Salvation." When Salvation comes into your life, it produces results.

In God's beauty parlor you receive: A new heart. Ezekiel 36: 26. Notice God does not promise a new face, a new form or anything of the kind, but He promises a new heart. The heart is the seat of human affection, and is responsible of the actions of the whole body, therefore God must first give you a new heart. This is the first step in His beautification program. The Apostle Paul further states: "If any man be in Christ, He is a New Creature."

2. New ears. Many people listen to things which are ungodly, and displeasing to God. When God gives an individual a new heart, He also gives him new ears. New ears, cleaned and given by God will not listen to blasphemy, profanity, jesting, foolish talking, ungodly radio broadcasts, gossiping and lying. We need more new ears!

3. New eyes. The lust of the eyes is listed by the Apostle Paul as one of the besetting sins of the day. Remember, Eve saw the forbidden fruit, before she committed the sin. God gives us new eyes, and warns us not to see "too much." God expects those new eyes not to read ungodly and questionable literature, or see the faults of others. God wants us to keep those eyes clean and pure.

4. A clean tongue. James 3:5,6. "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity, so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature, and it is set on fire of hell." By this we see the necessity of God giving us a new tongue. A clean tongue talks to God more than it talks about its neighbor. "Charity speaketh no evil."

5. A heavenly language. Here many nominal people stop, but after receiving God's beauty treatment, God gives you a new language, a heavenly language. (Isa. 28:12,13) Let us remember the parable of the Marriage Feast. We must have the heavenly language (other tongues) in order to receive full results from God's beauty treatment.

God's people are a pure people, and beautiful in His sight. May we ever be thankful, that God does, "beautify the meek with salvation."

Eldredge Lewis

If you do not command the morning, the morning will command you. If you seek no divine energy at the beginning of the day, attempting to go through on your own strength, you are likely to stall before sundown. Dominate the morning; do not let the morning dominate you. Have your way with it. Baptize it with prayer; stamp it with gratitude; dedicate it to honest work, unselfish service, quiet courtesy.—Dr. Daniel Russell, New York, N. Y.

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TORCH BEARERS

As Christians ours is a sacred duty to carry forth the light. God's Word giveth light, and the Gospel must be preached in its fulness. We must tell the lost and dying world that Jesus is the Saviour, the Great Physician, and soon coming King.

The Apostles were torch bearers for Jesus. They were martyred for the name of Jesus, but died with the torch high in their hands.

So in each age the torch has been handed down to succeeding ones, as steps slackened, as weariness overcame, the torch was passed on.

The torch is passed on to us today. Jesus said, "ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Matt. 5:14. In Matt. 5:16 He also said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

If our lights are dimmed by the cares of life, material gain, indifference and neglect, how can they shine? How can we help people that are in darkness?

What use is a beautiful gold and platinum lamp, unless it is connected with the electricity? The lantern must have "oil" within to produce lumination or it is no benefit to man. Without Jesus in our lives we are empty vessels.

We need the power from on high. Friend, how long has it been since you stood up to testify? How long has it been since you fasted and prayed for lost souls?

Christians awake! Let us seek God as never before. Let's get connected with the power house from on high, get more power in our lives that we might be shining lights to this dark and perverse world. We have the light and the world needs the light.

Friend, get your light out from under the bushel and let it shine, for God has commissioned us to shine. In Isa. 60:1 He said, "Arise, shine for the light has come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

Ola Welch

Grains from the Harvest Field

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

We are glad to report victory in Jesus' name at Lamont, Calif., near Bakersfield. We have just finished a revival with Evangelist Jimmy Davis, A.B.T.S. graduate of Tulsa, Okla., and wife and family. God greatly blessed us with a mighty outpouring of the Spirit. Twenty-five received the Holy Ghost and many were reclaimed. Twenty were baptized in Jesus' name, several of them previously belonging to Trinity Pentecost.

There are a precious band of young people here on fire for the Lord.

The saints have been greatly revived and the altar was filled each night with seekers, thirty being at the altar one night.

Elder Davis is a worthy evangelist and is a blessing to an assembly. He is beginning a revival for us here at Bakersfield about Sept. 25.

Pastor I. H. Terry

FULLERTON, LA.

We are happy to report that our recent two weeks' revival was a great success. It was conducted by Elder James North and his wife, both able ministers of the Gospel. We had good attendance and great altar services in which seven received the Holy Ghost, eleven were reclaimed, and eighteen were baptized in Jesus' Name.

We wish to express our appreciation to Elder and Mrs. North for their kindness and for their interest in our community. But above all we praise our great God and Saviour for His presence in each service, the way He blessed us and for each soul that was saved.

We desire the prayers of praying people everywhere that our mission will continue to grow.

Mrs. F. Calhoun

EROS, LA.

We are glad to say that we are still in the battle for our King. Elder Staggs who has been pastor of our church for about seven years has resigned. He was a wonderful man of God. We all loved him for he was a blessing to our church. At the present Bro. Marvin C. Guin is our pastor. The Lord is blessing his effort to carry on the work. We ask the prayers of God's people to pray for us.

Pastor Marvin C. Guin
Reporter Ruby Copeland

ALEXANDRIA, LA.

We are pastoring at Tioga Pentecostal Church at present. God has blessed us in our recent revival, and many seekers were at the altar. Let our many friends and saints know we are here.

Dewitt C. Humphries

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Greetings in Jesus' Name to all Outlook readers.

We are happy to report that we are moving on for the Lord. Our services are good and our Sunday School is progressing under the leadership of Superintendent Jerome McEwen. We have a fine group of young people, good workers and singers. We covet the prayers of all God's people that we may grow and continue to give Glory to His Wonderful Name.

Our church building, which is 40 by 70 C.B.S. (including lights and plumbing) is all complete, and paid for in full. We truly thank God, and give Him all the glory for this, for without Him we can do nothing. Pray for us that we may be overcomers for Jesus.

Pastor Geo. D. Duplissey
Reporter Virgie Atkinson

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Our Young People's Rally was held August 20. A goodly crowd of about 200 were present. We rented the church were the N. W. Oneness Council had held their convention. We praise the Lord for all things. I do believe that we have made a stir among the young people in this section. We hope and pray that the young people will make a new start here which will be a blessing to both young and old.

Pastor Carl Swanson

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followed the evangelistic sermon by Elder S. G. Norris of St. Paul, Minn. Many were at the altar seeking God.

Monday services began at 8 o'clock with prayer. Bro. Walters of Knoxville, Iowa, lead the song service, messages were brought by Elders Newton Tiller and Carl Swanson. Afternoon services started with song service and testimony meeting led by Elder L. E. Hodges. Special songs were by Lois Tiller and Bro. and Sis. Barnett. The message was brought by Elder Robert Norris and Garland Hoffman.

At the closing service on Monday evening Eld. Willard Barnett led song service, followed by prayer led by Bro. Hodges. Special singing was by Velma and Hazel Brott. Elder Willard Barnett and Geo. Dainty delivered the final messages of the convention, many were seeking God at the close of the service.

We believe this was one of the best conventions that the Northwest Council has seen for quite a while. All were blessed of the Lord. We wish to extend a hearty thanks to Bro. Hodges and the saints of Spencer, Iowa, for their splendid work in entertaining this convention.

Chairman S. G. Norris
Sec'y-Treas. J. T. Brooks.

SORROWFUL YET REJOICING

By Edith Thompson

'Twas six years ago today that I was found hearing the voice of God through preaching of the Gospel, death, burial, and resurrection. I had a Godly sorrow for my sins, repented and was baptized in that glorious name of the Lord Jesus. Three months later I received the precious gift of the Holy Ghost.

On this upward walk with God I find peace, joy, and happiness in Him, but also found there are thorns and sharp stones on this narrow path that leads home. Sorrow, ah, yes, but He binds and heals the wounds so that they hardly leave a scar. God does not cause the sorrow or heartaches, but He allows it to happen to us, as He did to Job of old. Job 2:3, "And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him to destroy him without cause." God wants us to hold fast our integrity, or that state of being unbroken, undivided, unmarred in our struggle in this Christian race.

Job 13:15, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him; but I will maintain mine own ways before Him." Job's ways pleased God. He promised never to forsake us or leave us alone if our ways please Him. If we did not have the valleys and shadows to go through, God would not get glory or beauty from our lives. It is when we trust Him that He gets something back for the manna He has given us. He has fed us with the finest of wheat, and wheat must be crushed to make bread. He gives us beauty for ashes. We in return give obedience, faith, and trust. These elements glorify God; they are as a sweet smelling savor to Him. It takes a field of blossoms crushed to make one small bottle of perfume, so it takes trials and tests to make us grow; as we learn more of Him, we pray more, and the prayers of the saints are a sweet smelling savor to Him.

Today finds me still serving this wonderful God—loving Him more than ever before. You may say, "But you are burdened, and your countenance is as one of sorrow." Isa. 53:3, "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not." Remember Jesus was a man of sorrow, acquainted with grief. He too was touched by our infirmities, and had compassion on us. Mark 6:34, "And Jesus, when He came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things." No, I don't believe Jesus' face was always smiling. We are sorrowful yet rejoicing because of the hope within and Luke 10:21, "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and

said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so Father; for it seemed good in thy sight." We are rejoicing because He reveals the hidden mysteries to us, by His Spirit. Because of the sorrow of His countenance, it did not make Him any less than He was, "The Very God," filled with virtue, and no guile was found in Him.

I've been burdened and deeply touched by the sorrow and disaster of this present condition of the war. "A lad, his ship blown up, being rescued, now in the hospital, a nurse writing to the loved ones at home for him"—This information moved me deeply as the lad was in darkness, without God. As a mother, I, too, suffered as only mothers could. The Scripture says, "The husbandman must first be partakers of the fruit." You must first be a mother to understand what real suffering means.

I thought of my own son somewhere in the Pacific. I have not heard from him for so long, yet fully trust and know he is safe. I have God to assure me—but what about the lads like the one above, who know not God, and mothers! who can comfort them? Jesus suffered, bled, and died for such young lads, and mankind. Remember Golgotha? 'Twas there He paid the price, once and for all.

Some may think it is an unnecessary burden for us to carry, but had not Jesus suffered or carried the cross, where would we be today? Ah, yes! He wept over Jerusalem, He loved her so. He was willing that none should perish, but have everlasting life. Yes, we, too, weep o'er our sons and yours, but still uplift the name of Jesus.

I am thanking God for the valley and mountain-top experiences, the sorrow that He allows to come that He may receive beauty from my life. In the valleys we grow fruit, or put on Christ, thereby learning to trust the "Invisible God."

Oh! I love Him, adore Him, love His presence divine, this wonderful Saviour of mine. He heals every heartache, binds every wound. He said, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." The closer we are to the Master the more we can follow in His steps, and as the yoke divides the burden, it becomes light.

Mothers, won't you hear the Master's voice calling today, "Make me your choice?" Repent and be baptized in the glorious Name of Jesus, receive the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:38 and you a life crown shall win, and also be able to teach your sons and daughters how to live above sin. In the natural you give them the best gifts; spiritually, there is a gift that is priceless, the gift of God, the Holy Ghost, hope beyond the tomb, and the promise of eternal life.

EDITOR'S NOTE: WATCH FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE FOR DETAILS OF OUR P.A. OF J.C. NATIONAL CONVENTION AT SAINT LOUIS, MO.

WHERE ARE YOUR TREASURES?

There are many earthly treasures
That the hearts of men desire,—
Wealth and fame and worldly pleasure,
For these they spend their every hire;
Yes, they spend their time and labour
For the things that pass away,
For the things our blessed Saviour
Said so soon would all decay.
Are you laying up your treasures
With the foolish—here below?
If you are, you'll sure regret it
When your summons comes to go.

There are also heavenly treasures,
Matchless beauty and wealth untold,
These belong to a few wise claimants
Who have earth's possessions sold;
In a home no thieves can enter
And where treasures faileth not,
They've invested all their portion
And their title no man can blot.
Are you laying up your treasures
With the wise ones,—up above?
Will you share in untold measures
Eternal peace and joy and love?
—Mrs. Lillie Kirkland

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A GREAT HONOR - WATER BAPTISM! —CONTD.

that of Moses, because ALL of Christ's disciples were being baptized. That meant only one thing to a Jew that understood the first five books of the Old Testament, and that was that whatever this new plan was, it made them candidates for the PRIESTHOOD, the highest honor in the Camp.

Water baptism today is one of the greatest honors that God could bestow upon man. But men who do not understand, fight it, do away with it, snub it, ignore it, ridicule it when they should be embracing it and loving it and preaching it with all their hearts and strength.

The Old Testament makes it very clear that water baptism or washing at the laver of water, before entering the Tabernacle was a great honor and only comparatively few had such an experience. If the Tabernacle Plan was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, why should water baptism in His name today be so despised and rejected? Well, friends, some day we will find out that God is still commanding. . . . "Wash, lest ye die not." If you ever have the privilege of being washed in water, in the wonderful Name of Jesus Christ, you, too, will understand the honor that God places upon His New Testament Plan of salvation.

It certainly was not very difficult for the Jews on the Day of Pentecost to understand about water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ. When they asked Peter, the Apostle, the one that had the keys to the Kingdom, what they should do, he answered. . . . Repent, and be baptized. . . . that was perfectly clear to them because it made sense with the Tabernacle Plan of Moses. Did they fuss around about it? Did they argue that it was not essential? Did they try to dodge, avoid, and ignore it? No! Thanks be to God they were

baptized. . . . How many of them? The second chapter of the Book of Acts tells us that three thousand were washed that very same Day of Pentecost!

Many of our modern theorists claim that Peter's message on the Day of Pentecost was only for the Jews and that God had some other plan for the Gentiles. How unfair that information is, to pass along to some honest heart that is enquiring about water baptism. Unfair, yes. . . . well, you say, why? It is unfair to say that water baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ was only for the Jews on the Day of Pentecost because Jesus gave Peter the keys to the Kingdom and it was he that opened the door of salvation for both Jews and Gentiles. You say he opened the door for the Jews in the second chapter of Acts but when did he open the door for the Gentiles? Did he preach the very same kind of an experience for the Gentiles as he did the Jews? The answer is YES!

Let's take a look at the tenth chapter of Acts. Here's the record. Acts 10. "There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius a centurion of the band called the Italian band. A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house which gave much alms to the people and prayed to God alway. You might say a man with a record like that certainly did not need Peter or anyone else to preach to him, Well, maybe so, if we use present day religion as the standard, but not so in God's sight. This man was definitely a Gentile. An Italian! Every Italian listening in should be proud of this record in Acts ten. Let's see what happened. Peter was told to go to Cornelius' house and preach salvation. While he was speaking, the household of Cornelius received the Holy Ghost (you will find that record in Acts 10, verses 44 to 48) and then after they received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. . . . what did Peter do? Did he say, well, God has highly honored you folks and given you the infilling of his Spirit, so we will leave well enough alone? Did he say that? No. What did Peter do? The record is clear. "He commanded Cornelius and his household to be baptized in the name of the Lord! So it is perfectly clear, if you wish to understand the Bible, that Peter preached the very same message to the Gentiles that he did to the Jews. There is only One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism. There isn't one set of New Testament rules for the Jews and another for the Gentiles. There is only ONE door into the Kingdom of God. "Except a man is born of WATER and the Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God!"

The fundamental principle of washing or cleansing by water is still the same. Under the Law, God warned the Priests. . . . to wash, lest they die not before entering the Tabernacle. Today the same rule holds true. . . . repent and be baptized. . . . before you can enter the Kingdom of God. Even though Jesus said ye must be born of water. . . . and Peter commanded it to be practiced, yet we are told today that it is non-essential and out of date. One final thought regarding this great question,—many honest, yet bewildered people have been confused, when they realize that they

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SHERMAN, TEXAS

We want the Outlook readers to know about the revival at McKinney, Texas. Open air meetings are bringing out crowds and we are expecting souls to be saved. Pray for us.

Elders Leonard J. Brown and T. L. Norman

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HAMILTON'S RADIO PROGRAM

The Apostolic Sunrise Worship, of 320 Heaton St. in Hamilton, Ohio, can be heard over the air every Sunday morning at 7:45 E.S.T. If you hear us and care to write we would be glad to hear from you. We will be coming over station WMOH, which is 1450 on the dial. Thanking you in advance.

Pastor P. T. Pennington
Sec'y Locie Webb

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MORAN, TEXAS

We are happy to report victory in Jesus' name! We have just closed a revival here of nine days. Bro. and Sis. R. O. Varnom from Florida were our Evangelists. God blessed and we baptized nine in the precious Name of Jesus. Many others received a blessing. We recommend Eld. and Mrs. R. O. Varnom to any one who needs a revival, as people of God, who preach the old-time Gospel.

Sister Moore

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PARKERSBURG, W. VA.

Since taking charge of the work in Parkersburg last January the Lord has enabled us to build a nice new cement block tabernacle.

Elder Stanley R. Hanby preached the dedicatory message on July 15th. Many of our good brethren of this district attended the service.

Our Tabernacle is located on the main street of South Side Parkersburg. The car stops in front of the church, 3015 Camden Ave.

Since taking the pastorate of the work here a number have been baptized in Jesus' Name and filled with the Holy Ghost.

We are also glad to report that God is still blessing in our work at Harrisville. Our Sunday School is steadily increasing and also the attendance in our regular service.

Pastor Jewel C. Cole

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MIZE, MISS.

We are most happy to report of God's blessing toward us here in our new church. The dedication service was June 4. God has blessed us here with a nice group of young people, and a large number of good saints.

Our Sunday School is growing. Souls are being filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 and are being baptized in Jesus Name.

We desire the prayers of all God's people for the work here.

Pastor Lee Broadhead
Reporter Mrs. Clara Broadhead

A GREAT HONOR - WATER BAPTISM! —CONTD.

should get baptized, but someone who points them to Ephesians 5:26, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the WORD" . . . This they explain, means that God has done away with water baptism, or at least has minimized it and relegated it to a place of a "nonessential" and that we are washed by the Word of God and water does not mean water any more, it means the Word. . . Well that's sad, but thousands gulp it down as truth.

Now, listen, friends, you can understand this . . . The Book of Ephesians is an Epistle. . . it is a letter. . . written not as an evangelistic message to the lost, or an explanation for sinners. This Book is written as an instruction to saints or to the church after they had already been born again and saved. The very first few verses of the Epistle to the Ephesians will make it clear and prove that I am telling you the truth.

Now, where do we find about Paul preaching water baptism to the Ephesians? That answer is very simple and very easy to find. Please open your Bibles after this broadcast to the 19th chapter of Acts and read the first six verses. You will be surprised probably, that Paul baptized these Ephesians in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

Would he then change his doctrine so quickly and tell them that water meant the Word at a later date. Certainly not! But. . . after they were saved. . . after they had been baptized in that wonderful name of Jesus Christ. . . after they had received the Holy Spirit. . . then. . . and then only would they be cleansed and refined as they came to church at Ephesus from time to time and heard the Word of God by the minister. That's the way we are washed AFTER, may I repeat AFTER we are born again. . . That is certainly NOT the way to enter the Kingdom of God.

My time is up, but my heart is full and I want you to remember that water baptism is a glorious and honorable act which God still demands of us today "Wash my friends, lest ye die not!"

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WINDOWS IN HEAVEN—CONTD.

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Are you seeking Salvation?
Re—gen—er—a—tion?
And you're tired of the shackles of sin?
There are windows in heaven,
He will give you His blessing,
And allow you to enter in.

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Are you one of the needy,
The poor and the needy,
And you have very little worldly goods?
And it scarce is enough,
To supply for your body,
Its needs of clothing and food?

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Are you homesick for heaven,
That blessed estate,
Where there's peace, and rest, and love,
And you're tired of this world,
Full of sin and of hate,
And you long for the mansions above?

Grains from the Harvest Field

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Once more we are happy to report victory in Jesus in Fort Worth, Texas. For the past two weeks we have been in a revival with Bro. Oliver Vermillion of McAlester, Okla. as the evangelist.

Several were at the altar seeking God. Four received the baptism of the Holy Ghost; others raised their hands for prayer. All of the saints seemed to have been revived. All that opened their hearts to the Lord received a great blessing. Every night people shouted and danced in the Spirit.

Bro. Pack and Bro. Porter cooperated with us in a fine manner. Bro. Pack closed the services at his church so that the saints could attend the meeting at Faith Tabernacle. Our church is located at 1216 So. Main St.

Pastor W. J. Jones
Reporter Edna Phea

GREENVILLE, OHIO

We are building a church house in Greenville, Ohio, for a Pentecostal assembly. The Pastor, Earl M. Sparks, is a member of good standing in the P.A. of J.C. Will you help us?

I, as secretary of the church, have been authorized by the church and Pastor to solicit what aid I can in securing finances for the building of this church. I feel that the Lord would have me turn to His people in our time of need, so I am calling on you as saints of God to help us in this great undertaking for the Lord's work. We have a small assembly that is poor in money but rich in the spirit. Thank God! Therefore we would humbly give thanks unto the Lord for any contribution which your church might see fit to send us. We know the Lord will richly bless you for it. We are stepping out upon the promises of God and trusting in Jesus, the mighty God for all things.

Send your contribution to Mrs. Fern Sparks, 825 East Water St., Greenville, Ohio.

Fern Sparks, Church Secretary

SOUTH BEND, IND.

We recently were engaged in a tent campaign at South Bend, Ind. The Lord sent upon us His blessing. Five were baptized in Jesus' Name and five more have been baptized since the tent service has closed. The Lord blessed us in many ways. Twenty-six ministers from Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan attended the services and helped make the meetings a blessing to both saint and sinner. Elder Fred McKinzie was our evangelist. The messages and music from him and his wife were a great blessing.

Morningside True Gospel Mission
Pastor Lloyd G. Eby

BATON ROUGE, LA.

I want to praise my Lord through this publication for His wonderful healing power. Eight years ago, I was healed of bronchial asthma. He is the same, yesterday, today and forever, and can heal as when He walked the shores of Galilee, praise His name! I desire the prayers of God's people that I will be somewhere about my Father's business when He comes, or calls.

Mrs. J. G. Munn

MILAN, ILL.

Since sending in our last report we have been holding street meetings three nights each week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Services last as long as the Lord permits.

Services held at the church have been changed on these nights in order to have these street meetings. They begin at 7 p.m. and are dismissed at 7:55. Sunday services are held as before.

Any evangelist wishing to aid the saints of God will be warmly welcomed. If interested, write to Elder Geo. Agy, Box 1595, Milan, Ill.

KENNETT, MO.

Evangelist Claude Johnson and wife of Moark, Mo., conducted a two weeks' revival meeting in Kennett, Mo. for Elder Seagraves. The Lord wonderfully blessed in each service. There were two backsliders reclaimed and two were baptized. One elderly lady received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The last night of the meeting was closed with the sacrament and feet washing service. There were about forty who took part in this sacred service.

Mrs. J. W. Kaiser

PROVENCAL, LA.

A time of refreshing has again come to Provencal. We have just closed a four weeks' revival. Sister Dorothy Miller of Hayesville was the evangelist.

Seven were baptized in Jesus' Name, and seven were wonderfully filled with the Holy Ghost. The saints were greatly revived through the soul-stirring messages and prayerful attitude of the evangelist. We are more inspired than ever to occupy until He comes.

Sister Miller is a wonderful evangelist, especially in sympathy with young people of today. She will be a blessing to any assembly. We thank God for her, and will be waiting with a hearty welcome should God permit her again to pass this way.

Pastor W. C. Haymon
Reporter Mary Haymon

Children's Page

A MAN WHO WOULD NOT QUARREL

"Do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord." Deut. 6:18.

A long time ago there lived a man named Isaac. He was having a terrible time, for he did not have enough food to feed his family or for the herdsmen who took care of his sheep and cattle. He was very unhappy. He knew that they would have to move on or they would all starve. So Isaac decided to go to the King of Gerar with a plan he had. "Oh, king," said Isaac, "my people will soon starve if we do not get food. Will you help us out? Here is what I would like to do. Allow my family and me to live on your land and to grow food. Will you consent to this?"

The king was quite willing for Isaac to move into his country. So Isaac folded up his tents, took his family and animals and moved into Gerar. As soon as they were settled they began to plant seeds for food. Everyone worked. I believe even the children must have helped with the planting. Soon the seeds began to grow. Then they began to give Isaac and his family good things to eat. Before long Isaac had plenty. The sheep and cattle began to grow larger and larger. But this made the king and his people angry. "Why, they have more to eat than we do," murmured the people. "Look at their cattle. They are fatter and more healthy than ours and will bring a better price when they are sold. This cannot be. King, you must do something."

So the king called Isaac to him and said, "You are becoming greater and stronger than my people, so you must go away." Isaac did not quarrel with the king. The king had been kind to Isaac so he was willing to move on. So again Isaac had to fold up his tents, gather up his belongings and move. This time he moved into a valley. Down here in the valley it was barren and deserted. There was no water either, for the wells were all filled up with dirt. At one time these wells had been filled with wonderful water, but now no water came. Isaac quickly called his servants, saying, "Go now and dig out the wells, clean them out so again good sweet water will flow. We need water for ourselves and our animals." But no sooner had the wells been cleaned out than the herdsmen of Gerar came upon them and said, "Get out of here! This water is ours." Poor Isaac! He did not want to quarrel or fight. For quarreling only brings unhappiness. So instead of fighting, Isaac spoke quietly to his men, "Let us again fold up our tents and move on." So again they found a place. But no sooner had they cleaned out the well than the men of Gerar came riding upon them and said, "Get out of here! This water is ours."

This must have made Isaac's herdsmen angry, but Isaac was sure that fighting would do no good, but would only bring pain and suffering. So, instead of growing angry, he told them to move on. This time they did as before. They moved on and cleaned a well. I suppose every moment they expected to see the herdsman of

By Cathryn Ruh



Gerar coming to make them move on. But this time it did not happen. Perhaps the people of Gerar were ashamed of the way they had acted. For Isaac would never quarrel with them. Anyway, Isaac lived peacefully with his wife, servants and flocks in the Valley of Gerar. No one had been hurt by quarreling and fighting and everyone was happy.

Being A Friend At School

Since school has started, many of you boys and girls will be making new friends. I hope none of you will act like Mary did. The bell rang for recess. All of the children ran out to have some fun playing. Jean and her friends went over into the corner of the school yard to jump rope. They were having a happy time jumping rope and taking turns. All at once Mary and her friends came running over to where Jean was. "Get out of that corner - that's our corner - you go some place else and play. Hurry up, too!"

Well, what do you think of Mary? Do you think Mary acted friendly? Would you have run over and demanded the corner as she did? Doesn't she remind you of the herdsmen that were always forcing Isaac to move on? Supposing now that Jean and her friends refused to move. For they have just as much right there as Mary and her friends. What will happen? That's right - a quarrel will follow. Now I'll let you finish the story any way you like. You can either have the girls quarrel or become friendly. Which shall it be?

Let me tell you some more short stories. Two little girls were sitting in school. The teacher told them they might read if they liked. Jane got out her book and began to read. Martha, the girl in back of her, didn't like to read. So she began to pull Jane's hair and bump her book.

Soon there was a quarrel. Could this quarrel have been avoided?

Jack was on his way to school. He saw another child wearing a coat much too big for him. It really did look funny and queer, especially since Jack's mother had bought him all new clothes for school. Jack laughed out loud and cried, "Oh, what a funny coat - what a funny coat!" The little boy with the funny coat turned around angrily, with tears in his eyes, said, "I can't help it if my father is out of work and cannot buy me a coat." Soon the boys were quarreling. How should Jack have acted?

Do many of these boys and girls sound like you? If so, avoid quarreling and be friendly. The Bible says "A friend loveth at all times."

