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BACK TO HOLINESS

By S. G. Norris

The Word of God states in Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." When a man or woman breaks the laws of God, that constitutes *sin* in the eyes of the Lord. We hear a rather startling quotation these days as regards the outcome of this second world war. It is this, "It is possible to win the war but we may lose the peace." The thought, of course, is that the peace settlements and conditions may embroil us in so many political and international tangles that even though the bullets have stopped yet there will be no real peace, but simply an armistice until the conflict starts again.

I would like to add another thought about losing the peace. I wonder how much peace there really lies in the hearts of us here in America when the floods of sin are running over our people like an invading army? God has stated a fact, "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." The invention of the atomic bomb has evidently saved us thousands of additional casualties and much sorrow in American homes, but there are not only the Germans and Japs to reckon with, but also a God in heaven. We might conquer every nation on earth but lose in the end, because Psalms 9:10 tells us that the "wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God."

Ministers Responsible

God has sent ministers to this generation to preach holiness. Most of our national sins, therefore, lie at the feet of ministers who represent God's holy Word but permit members in their churches to partake in the services of the Lord while living unholy lives. I do not pretend to be a prophet, but anyone who will read God's Word can tell that we, here in America, are headed for a lot of trouble, atomic bomb or no atomic bomb! The old-time power of God is laughed at. Holiness is almost a dead issue and one of the flagrant signs of a decadent nation that is drifting farther and farther away from God is the dress and actions of our women. I'll grant you that longing eyes of men encourage women to leave the ways of modesty but that will be no excuse for them at that day when they stand before God. This statement may sound rather strange to you but one of the greatest evils that have swept our women out into the broad highways is cutting off their hair. God has given woman long hair for a covering! I am not taking some crack-pot stand on this matter of women cutting their hair, but I would like to have you turn with me to the first book of Corinthians, chapter 11, and verse 15. Here we plainly read that a woman's hair is given her for a covering. Why has God given women long hair? Do you know that the cigaret craze that has gotten hold of women never made such strides until after women began cutting their hair? Do you know that drinking, even though it is nothing new among both men and women (but especially women are chained by the thousands this evening by drink), was *never* on such a wholesale basis until after women began cutting their hair? Some women have touched depths of sin in *all* ages but never the lower rungs of the ladder as we witness today, and it all seems to go hand in hand with removing the

covering or their long hair that God has ordained for women. This cutting and bobbing of hair is not just a "fad" that will soon pass away. This is a real stroke of old Satan on the womanhood of our nation to rob us of the best opportunity we ever had, that of a *righteous* womanhood . . . God-fearing, mothers, wives and young women who fear God and know how to hold the balance wheel of righteousness in the nation, when men forget God. This time we have men forgetting God all right, but our sad plight is that we do not have enough *women* in America who have power with God to turn the tide of sin. So I say again, unless the women of America awaken and find their way back to Calvary's cross, we are headed for great troubles in this land.

Should Women Cut Their Hair?

Here is why a woman should allow her hair to grow. Paul told the Corinthians that the head of every man is Christ and the head of the woman is the man and the head of Christ is God. If a man prays with long hair like a woman should have, he dishonoureth his head, but if a woman prays with her head uncovered, and the 15th verse tells us that this covering is her long hair, then she dishonoureth her head for that is even all one as if she were shaven. The covering for the woman's head when it comes to church worship or the time she should spend in prayer, is NOT a handkerchief or a hat; the Word of God tells us plainly that her covering is her hair. Then Paul tells why a woman either can gain power with God by having her hair to grow long as a covering or why she loses power with God if she cuts it or bobs it! (Verse 7 of this same chapter of I Corinth. 11.) "For man indeed ought not to cover his head forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God, but the woman is the glory of the man."

I wonder what men will say at the judgment bar of God when they face a Holy Christ after living lives of sin when they are made to know they were made in the *very image* of God and were responsible to so conduct their lives that it would be pleasing to the God that made them and loaned them life to walk on this earth? Yes, man is made in the image of God, but the woman was made after Adam, so she is NOT made in the image of God, but in the image of the *man*. Therefore God has given her a covering or a veil to show that she was created for the man. In other words, she must take second place in the process of creation and in the eyes of God. Paul was not trying to prove that a woman was to take second place intellectually or in ability but for her to remember that she was created after Adam and that her hair is a simple acknowledgment before God Almighty that she has not usurped the place of man by cutting her hair and fixing it like a man's. If a woman knows anything about God at all, that is, if she has ever had an experience with God, she certainly must have to think several times before she cuts her hair. There is nothing this nation needs so badly as God-fearing women, who are tender before God and know how to win souls for Christ. Our women are drifting rapidly the *other* way. They have cut their hair and that makes any

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BE YE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

By J. Z. Spears

Let us note that the apostle wrote to the Ephesian church, a people who had been filled with the Holy Spirit at Ephesus, Acts 19:1-6, "Be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of God is and be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." A Spirit-filled life is the only life that pays, not past experiences, but a present experience, a continual flow of the Spirit in our lives.

Jesus, speaking of the Spirit, said, "The water that I shall give will be in you a well of water springing up unto everlasting life." John 4:14. There must never be a time that we are shorn of this great Spirit in our lives if we are to be at our best and accomplish things for God.

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." It can be easily seen by this Scripture that it is no power or might of ours which shall accomplish anything in the Kingdom of God, but it is the eternal Spirit of God which works through us, when we can and will submit, or bring ourselves under subjection to the Spirit.

Let us take notice of the first Christian martyr, Stephen. "And Stephen full of faith and power did great wonders and miracles among the people . . . and they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke." Acts 6:8-10.

Again, we notice Peter and John before their persecutors, Acts 4:13. We read, "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." The secret of the story was that they had not only been with Jesus but he was with them at this very moment enthroned in their hearts. For we read in Acts 4:8-10, "Then Peter filled with the Holy Ghost"—again we are assured that it is the great *Spirit of God* that brings things to pass.

If all of God's ministers and workers would resign to the will of God and rely upon the Spirit of God for guidance and power, there would be many more Pentecostal results. We are continually confronted with the cry of the bygone days and of the old-time revivals we use to have. At times we are made to wonder why there are no soul-saving revivals, or scarcely none, then when we begin to look around for a reason, we find it is not the lack of the right doctrine, for we believe and preach the apostolic doctrine without any doubt. The lack of consecration comes into view and where there is a lack of consecration there is a lack of spirituality. Here we have our trouble, little consecration, little spirituality and practically no apostolic results. Some will say, oh! we are making great progress. Look at our nice churches and parsonages being constructed over the country. Yes, I agree we are making great progress in a material way, for which I think we all should be grateful, but please do not overlook the weightier matter. That is, "Be filled with the Spirit."

Jesus said he would not leave us comfortless, but that he would come unto us. John 14:18. In verse 17 he said, "For he dwelleth with you now but he shall be in you." He was speaking of Himself dwelling in His people in the power of the Spirit. Again Jesus said, "Without me you can do nothing." John 15:5.

With all of our study (and we are commanded to study to shew ourselves approved, 2 Tim. 2:15) let us not forget our heart's condition. We may have a very large collection of books in our library, which I think is very nice. We may be able to quote many passages of Scripture from memory—but in all our learning there is one thing, we must not forget and that is to keep filled with the Spirit of Christ which is the only source of eternal life. Rom. 8:9.

God wants men and women filled with His Spirit in this day of organization and education though they both have their proper place in this day of human propaganda. Obedience to the Spirit and being filled will keep us properly organized and make us obey those who have the rule over us.

The simple cry of the church is for men and women who will be channels for the Holy Spirit. When men will surrender themselves to the Spirit of God they will learn more concerning the working of God, the atonement and immortality in a day, than in a lifetime apart from the Spirit. In fact the only way to learn the ways and workings of God is through the Spirit or through a Spirit-filled life. I Cor. 2:14.

In the beginning when all was chaos, death and darkness on every hand, at God's command the Holy Spirit brought order, life and light. Dear reader, this is just what the Holy Spirit does for you at conversion. When you are loaded down with sin and you duly repent and are baptized in Jesus' Name, Acts 2:38, then the Holy spirit banishes your gloom and despair. You are a new creation. Old things are passed away and behold all things become new. May we say it reaches farther than this. If after we have been saved through neglect of prayer and consecration our lives become clouded and we are discouraged, our connection becomes broken between God and us. Then when we come to ourselves and make the proper restitution and confession, again the blessed Spirit of God will move upon our souls and bring order once more in our lives, and joy and gladness to our souls.

Paul says he preached not the Gospel with enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. I Cor. 2:4. I hope that we have more Spirit and power preaching in the future. As an automobile is powerless with an empty gas tank and will not move, so it is with us trying to move things for God without being Spirit-filled. Jesus said, "Without me you can do nothing." God help us to hold on to the horns of the altar until we are saturated with the Holy Ghost and fire! An infidel after helping save a church from burning down was asked by the pastor why he hadn't been to his church before. The infidel answered, "This was the first fire I had seen here." Reader, Holy Ghost fire is attractive. Church members are powerless without being filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus said it shall be in you. John 7:37-39. Also, "You shall have power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8.

I well remember the first time I came in contact with Spirit-filled people. Just hearing them sing and testify, I could not keep from bursting into tears, even though I tried not to. It was not so much the words they said in song and testimony or preaching that pierced me

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RECIPE FOR A GOOD CHRISTIAN

During the months of June and July, the P.Y.P.A. of Peace Tabernacle, Goose Creek, Texas, held a contest to find out who could write the best recipe on "How to Make a Good Christian." After the fourth week, judges were appointed and they chose the enclosed recipes to be the best.

Daris Creel, Young People's Leader
Pastor V. A. Guidroz

Recipe for a Good Christian

- 1 cold and hard heart finely crushed by the great stone and softened in the blood of Jesus Christ
- 1 old-fashioned altar repentance
- 1 experience of the gift of the Holy Ghost
- 1 experience of baptism in Jesus' Name
- 1 cup overflowing with joy
- 1 cup of peace
- 2 cups or more of "all-out" love for God and His church and His people
- 1 level teaspoon of temperance
- 1 dash of hard trials
- 1 cup of longsuffering
- 1 cup of gentleness
- 1 cup of goodness
- 1 cup of meekness
- Faith as of a grain of mustard seed

Directions

Mix well the crushed and softened heart with the good altar repentance. Quickly add an experience of the Holy Ghost and a baptism in Jesus' Name. To this mixture add the overflowing cup of joy and let the mixture bubble in the joy for a while. Add the peace and "all-out" love for God, His church and His people. You may need more of the "all-out" love. If so, continue to add love to make the creamy smooth mixture just the right consistency. Add the level teaspoon of temperance. Mix the dash of hard trials with the cup of longsuffering. (This provides the right amount of humility.) Add the cup of goodness, the faith and the cup of meekness and stir well until all ingredients are well blended.

For a more colorful life, a flow of tears may be added at intervals. Also, if desired, dashes of good deeds and kind words to others may be added.

Let the mixture simmer for hours under directions of the pastor and exhortations received at Bible studies. When well done, top with a heart full of ambition, daily Bible readings and a willingness to do anything for God. Serve in a sincere and cautious way to lost humanity.

This recipe makes one good, full Christian life, and, if followed closely, will bring lost souls to God.

—By Mrs. Jim Myrtle Rogers

Recipe for a Good Christian

A bright cheery smile	Faith
A kind word	Fellowship
A respectful ear for the Gospel and the Bible	Fear of God
A helping hand	Forgiveness
A Godly standard	Goodness
A mind on Jesus	Godliness
A Bible study once a week	Gentleness
A hate for the world and the devil	Humbleness
A Holy conversation	Interest in the Bible
A thought before every word	Joy
A sweet nature	Knowledge of good and evil
A chapter or two in the Bible every day	Love
A burden for the lost	Longsuffering
A sweet look	Meekness
A strong conscience	Modesty
A likeable disposition	Obedience
A regular fast day	Peace
A clean heart	Patience
A name written in the Lamb's Book of Life	Perfection as a goal
An humble peaceful church	Respect
An open mind to God's Word	Righteousness
Baptism in Jesus' Name	Reverence for the church
Confidence in your leaders and Christians	Sacrifice
Consideration	Sound doctrine
Contentment	Temperance
Consecration	Thoughtfulness
Desire	Trust in God
Determination	Two prayers a day
	The whole armor of God
	The breastplate of righteousness
	The Sword of the Spirit
	The Holy Ghost and fire
	Willingness
	Zeal

Directions

Put God first into your life. Then add all ingredients except the fruits of the Spirit and of the church. Mix this well until you feel better than you ever did before. Next put this mixture into the church on the altar. Top with the fruits of the Spirit. Leave until you die and you will gain a home in heaven. If you follow these directions, you will truly be happy. God will bless you. You will be a light to sinners and will lead others to God.

<i>Tips—</i>	Let trials bring you higher
Be a mountain-top Christian	<i>Beware—</i>
Obedience is better than sacrifice	Gossipers
Try to see the good in everyone	Evil communications
Strive toward perfection	Compromise
Be an overcomer	Too many social connections
Encourage instead of discourage	Backbiting
Fools hate knowledge	Lies
It is better to give than to receive	Sinner companions
Be in the perfect will of God	Vanity
	Lovers of the world more than lovers of God
	Too familiar with the world

BACKSLIDING

By James E. Petty

Backsliding is one of the greatest handicaps to the progress of the church. The excuse that, "Nothing can hinder a man from coming to God if he wants to come," is weak, for Jesus said to some, "Ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in, *ye hindered.*" Paul said, to the Galatians, "Ye did run well, *who did hinder you* that ye obeyed not the Gospel?"

Sinners are looking for the Gospel in people, not the Bible. Sinners read the people that call themselves Christians. If a man is lost and we are holding a light for him to find the way and he is following that light, if we fail and hide that light, we have hid it to the lost. That is why Paul said, "If this Gospel is hid, it is hid to those that are lost."

A backsliding man or woman is not only taking a long chance on his own soul, but he is also causing other souls to be damned. That kind of person has the hardest life ahead of him of any one. Not only is he murdering his brother's soul, but he is crucifying Christ afresh, and putting Him to an open shame. Such a one will live a fugitive and vagabond and die a crucifier of Christ and a murderer of his brother unless he repents and makes restitution.

There are two reasons for many backsliding that I believe the ministry is responsible for. First, I believe backsliding has been misrepresented by many. I believe that many have been told that they were backslidden or that they had fallen, when they were *backsliding* instead of backslidden, and *falling*, instead of fallen. He was counted out before he was down, when if someone had braced him a little and pointed out the danger ahead, he probably could have been saved. The time to help a man is when he is falling, not when he is down.

Another reason is that the way back for a backslider has been made too easy by many. Many think they can get out into the world and turn their backs on God and the church, transgress the laws of God, rob the church, hinder souls from being saved, then when they get ready and get enough of the world and the devil goes to pressing them, that they can come to church and cry a little and start right in with the rest of the church members and all's well. Friend, I tell you that is not the truth.

If people knew the truth, the answers to the two above reasons—that they had only *grieved God's Spirit* and had not fallen, they would turn back to God instead of going down. Too, there are many who, if they knew that in every place they had failed God that they would have to make that right when they came back to God, and knew also what it cost to get back, so many would not take the chance.

The Ephesian church was backsliding, falling, and was in danger of God withdrawing His Spirit. They had not fallen, but they were falling. God still dealt with them. They had grieved God, but He had not cut them off. They had fallen from their first fervent love for God and the church. This is a great danger signal. When Christians can fish, picnic, go to pleasure resorts, stay at home for no good reason, when the door of worship is open at the church, and others of God's people are gathered there listening to the Word of

God going forth, they are in a dangerous position. They are falling and losing their love of God. It is wasting words for one to say that he loves the Lord, and then not assemble with others for worship. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Some will stay away from meetings and then say that they can still feel the Lord dealing with them. The Ephesians felt God dealing with them, too. God was saying, "Repent," and if you listen carefully to God you will hear the same message. God is long-suffering and not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, but how long will he suffer for you? As long as a man can hear God and feel sorry for his sins, God will forgive him, but how can he know when the last call is given? When the last call has been rejected, it is too late.

Jesus said in Matt. 12:31, "All manner of sins shall be forgiven unto men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men." When one has refused to be reproved of the Holy Ghost until it does not awaken him that man is doomed forever. In Numbers 14:18, we read, "The Lord is long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgressions, and *by no means clearing the guilty.*" Here is something that should be considered: God is not only merciful, but he is just. The mercy of God forgives, but the justice of God demands that guilt be punished. God forgives transgressions against Him, but man must clear his guilt with man.

This brings us to the way back for backsliding people. Some say, "Is backsliding in the New Testament?" The answer is no, but falling away is, and they are the same thing. When a backsliding person decides to come back to God, the first thing is to remember from whence he fell, and of course, the first step is repentance. The next step is works, for if a man repents, he will do something about it. If a man is sorry and repents for robbery he will take the thing back that he stole. If a man backslides, robs the church, or lies about a man, and he decides to come back to God, he must remember where he started to fall, repent and bring forth the fruits of repentance, and restore all that he has transgressed against man.

Leviticus 6:2-4, "If a soul sins and commits a trespass against the Lord, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour; Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein: Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found." Then the Word goes on to say he shall bring a trespass offering. We see in this instance that is not enough for a man to come to the altar and present himself to the church—he had to restore all that he had stolen.

In Ezekiel 33:15, we read, "If the wicked restore the pledge (give again that which he hath robbed), walk

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Mrs. G. B. Rowe

POVERTY TOWARDS GOD

Psa. 102:17. "He will regard the prayer of the destitute and not despise their prayer."

The greatest calamity in this life is to be destitute of the Spirit of God. It is a sad sight indeed to observe lost humanity in every walk of life endeavoring in a miserable way to search for peace and happiness in these dark, troublesome times where conflicts seem increasing on every hand. The unregenerated souls are aimlessly drifting upon the sea of life knowing not whither they go. In St. John 10:10, Jesus says, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." After hearing the glorious Gospel of Salvation, if only such needy souls could grasp the true significance of holy living, theirs would be a life filled with peace, joy and assurance within.

To be filled with the Spirit of God in these last days is truly man's greatest, most valuable asset, so it is of the utmost importance that we, the saints of God, maintain this precious gift that God has so graciously given us, eternal Life.

There must be a heartfelt desire on our part for a closer walk with Him. A continuance in the things of God, with a sincerity of heart, will enable the believer to attain that growth in God. This increase in God gives a greater faith, a broader vision and a fuller life. It places the believer upon a higher spiritual realm.

Rom. 8:9. "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you.



Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His." This Scripture implies that the soul is barren if void of His Spirit. We have no part with Him if we do not possess His blessed Spirit, therefore we must be ever on guard lest there be found insufficiency in our lives. Heb. 4:1. "Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest any of you seem to come short of it."

To be bereft of the Spirit of God is to walk in darkness and lead a miserable, empty, shallow life. St. John 1:4, says, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." Living apart from Christ is not true contentment. It is merely an imitation. The unregenerated man may ask, "Where is life to be found?" Life is to be found by taking heed to the great command. Acts 2:38. "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." John 14:6.

Prov. 12:28. "In the way of righteousness is life, and in the pathway thereof, there is no death." Therefore, the secret of true, contented living is found in God (the Giver of life), with obedience to the Holy Writ. Let us that possess His Spirit earnestly endeavor by His grace to ascend higher the mount of holiness until we reach with all the good and faithful, the Summit of Perfection.

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We are sure you will all rejoice over a "Speedletter" just received from the Department of State, Washington, D. C., which reads as follows:

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FOR YOU FROM WEIHSIEN VIA
AMERICAN EMBASSY, CHUNGKING:**

American soldiers taking over. Am well. Remaining in China.

(Signed) Mrs. Mae Iry.

This is marvelous that this faithful handmaiden of God has been preserved and will no doubt soon be serving in her field of action. This should make us all pray and increase our missionary offerings.

Your brother in Christ,

W. T. Witherspoon,
National Chairman

GRAINS FROM THE HARVEST FIELD

Lynchburg, Va.

We have just closed a two weeks' revival which was conducted by Elder William Kendrick. Five were added to our number for which we thank the Lord. We earnestly covet your prayers.

Pastor E. P. Williams
Reporter Roberta J. Scott

Athens, Ohio

We can report victory in Jesus' Name! An old-fashioned tent meeting conducted by Elder Ralph Jacks of Newark, Ohio, was just closed. Four were buried in Jesus' Name and six received the Holy Ghost. The people have been stirred to reading their Bibles and many are under conviction. These services will continue after the Millersport, Ohio, conference.

Pastor John L. Carr

Lucaledale, Mississippi

We recently closed a revival conducted by Elder Howard Hutto and Elder Robert McKeithen. Several were baptized and eight received the Holy Ghost. The saints were also revived. We praise the Lord for this revival.

Pastor W. R. Crocker

Blytheville, Ark.

A very successful revival campaign has just been closed in Blytheville. Elder O. F. Chatman from Terre Haute, Ind., preached the first week followed by Elder Claude Smith of Blytheville, who preached three weeks. Seventeen were baptized in Jesus' Name and seventeen received the Holy Ghost. Some of the soldiers stationed at B.A.A.F. attended these services.

We are now building a new church. Any contributions toward this work will be appreciated.

Pastor L. G. Borah
Reporter Mrs. Charles Lewis

BOLING, TEXAS

We are happy to report the blessings of the Lord. Elder J. T. Pugh was with us for two weeks, during which time ten were filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost and three were baptized in Jesus' Name. Praise the Lord for these souls!

We desire your prayers that the Lord will continue to bless in Boling.

Pastor Titus McDonald

COUSHATTA, LA.

A three weeks' revival was conducted here and the blessings of God were truly wonderful. Those of us that knew God were brought closer to Him. Three backsliders were refilled and many hearts were stirred as they saw their need for God.

We were happy to have Mrs. Rena Dearmon and son, Billy, of Logansport, La., to help us. Elder W. C. Haymon of Shreveport came and brought us a timely message for which we thank God. Pray for the people here that a place of worship may be set up and souls born into the Kingdom.

Estelle Carter

POLLOCK, LA.

We are happy, indeed, to report a great blessing in our souls at this time. Thank God for it. Elder T. C. Bonette, an evangelist and a real worker for God and his co-workers, held services here. Three were filled with the Holy Ghost. Elder H. A. Murrell is pastor of our little church.

The last report I made to the OUTLOOK, I did not have the wonderful gift of the Holy Ghost, but, praise His precious Name, He filled me and set me on fire for Him! Pray for us.

Lamarr Bryan

NEW CASTLE, IND.

We are glad to report that Jesus is still working here. July 8, Elder Intsminger of Charleston, W. Va., was with us in a tent meeting at which unusually large crowds were present. During this meeting nine were baptized in Jesus' Name and two received the Holy Ghost.

One week later we started a three weeks' meeting with Evangelist Willie Johnson of Charleston, W. Va., during which 14 were baptized in Jesus' name and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Our church was packed every night and at some services the people could not get in.

On August 17, at 7:30 P.M., we burned the mortgage on our church. Elder W. T. Witherspoon of Columbus, Ohio, preached the message to a packed house. Were privileged to have the mayor of our city speak a few words for us that night.

Our fellowship meeting held on August 25 was a great success. God is still healing in our midst and blessing in a mighty way. Pray for us.

Pastor Earl McElhaney
Reporter Marie McElhaney

PHILADELPHIA, MISS.

We, of the Macedonia Pentecostal Church have just closed a three and one-half weeks' meeting with Bro. and Sis. Bernie Lee as evangelists. The Lord visited us in a marvelous way: Twenty-six received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and were baptized in Jesus' Name.

God truly blessed us with large crowds throughout the entire revival. The entire country side was stirred. One lady, seventy-seven years of age, received the Holy Ghost and was baptized in Jesus' Name. Truly it is good for the old as well as the young.

We heartily recommend Bro. and Sister Lee to any of our churches who need fine evangelists. Truly they

both preach the way of the kingdom without fear or favor.

Elder J. W. Matthews, Pastor
Bonnie Dee Ferguson, Reporter

ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION

The Illinois State convention was held July 17-20, 1945, at the Pentecostal Church, 1020 S. 14th St., Herrin, Ill. Elder Arthur Harrison was the entertaining pastor.

The blessing of the Lord was manifest from the very beginning of the services and many good things were brought out concerning the Sunday School the first day. Many good reports from various churches were presented that day. The young people were well represented and had a fine program. Vera Mae Rideout, Doniphan, Missouri, was the speaker of the evening.

The Bible lessons taught by Elder Coote of San Antonio, Texas, were very inspiring.

Elder H. E. White, Decatur, Ill., was re-elected Chairman and Nora Baker was elected Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation. Every service was well attended and the Spirit of the Lord was present. We feel that all who attended went away in a better spiritual condition than when they came as it was a real consecration service. Many wept and prayed during the services and our hearts were made glad by the deep spirit of prayer and supplication that pervaded the service every day.

Our next meeting will be at 807 Scheel St., Belleville, Ill., Oct. 23-26 at which time we shall discuss the outcome of the meeting in St. Louis. May God continue to give us such spiritual unity as we have been permitted to enjoy in the past years. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the coming convention regardless of movement affiliations.

Nora Baker, Sec'y-Treas.
Elder H. E. White, Chairman
Elder J. O. Underwood, Pastor

WEDDING BELLS

Elder Doyle M. Jenkins of Lebanon, Indiana, and Betty Lou Carnine of Sullivan, Illinois, were united in marriage at the altar in Gospel Tabernacle, Terre Haute, Indiana, Sunday afternoon, August 12. We have known Brother Doyle Jenkins from boyhood and were surely glad to add Sister Betty to our acquaintance.

This fine couple are both graduates of A.B.I. in St. Paul, Minn. Our prayer is that God's richest blessings shall ever be upon them.

Officiating Minister,
Elder Lloyd A. Romine

PREACHIN' OR MEDDLIN'?

Under the heading, "Illustrative Anecdotes," the following story appeared in the *Reader's Digest*: "Aunt Becky was punctuating the preacher's sermon with 'Amen! Amen! . . . Praise de Lawd!' as he lit into every sort of sin from murder to shooting craps. The parson moved on against snuff-dipping, and Aunt Becky exclaimed to her neighbor indignantly, 'Dar

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now! He's done stopped preachin' and gone to meddlin'!"—Selected

MISSIONARY NOTICE

Our National chairman has promised us an all-day missionary meeting this year at the National convention in St. Louis. I do hope all Missionaries and candidates for the mission field that can possibly come will be there. We cannot quite hope for the evening service to be given to us on account of it being a joint meeting, unless we can arrange it with the P.C.I. We will give it a try. This is the time to press the battle to the gate.

Wynn T. Stairs,
Chairman of the Missionary Board

SOME DAY

Some days the sun is shining,
Some days the clouds hang low,
Some days the birds are singing,
Some days the cold winds blow;
But through it all the Saviour
Is watching over all,
He paints the face of the lilies,
He sees each sparrow fall.

And as we journey onward,
Through sunshine and through woe,
He knows our every burden,
As up the hill we go;
He knows our every heartache,
He knows our joy and tears,
'Tis sweet to know that Jesus knows,
And that He's always near.

Some day we'll reach the summit,
And for a moment stand
Awaiting for the summons
To a fair and better land;
Then we'll see the Heavens open
And our Jesus will descend,
Then we'll hear His dear voice calling—
"Come ye blessed, enter in."

So dear ones, do not falter
In the tasks you're called to do,
But "be thou ever faithful,"
And the Lord will take you through;
For there's a crown awaiting
In that land so bright and fair,
Dear ones, always remember,
We'll meet our Jesus there.

And should my Saviour call me,
Before your journey is through,
Remember, I'll be waiting,
Somewhere, up there, for you;
For as this song is ending,
So this life will pass away,
Keep oil in your vessel, brother,
Until that glad "Someday."

Tune—chorus of "Great Rock of Ages, hide thou me."
This song was inspired by the Holy Ghost and I wish to dedicate it to my brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Evang. Leona Johnson
1214 W. Logan, Guthrie, Okla.

CAN GOD?

Matthew 13:58—"And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

Of all the countless innumerable questions that fall from the lips of humanity today the most tragic is, "CAN GOD?" Tragic, because tragic, indeed, have been the results of those who we know disbelieved God.

There are many familiar Bible characters who doubted God, but let us consider a people who doubted God—the Israelites. From the very beginning of their time we find them disbelieving God. Many, many great promises were made to them by Jehovah, but in spite of all this they doubted God.

An impressive example of this is the time when they failed to keep the Sabbath year. God had told them to till the land for six years and he promised them that during this time he would supply their needs, but instead of believing God they followed their own selfish ways and the result was a tragic one. They were led captive into Babylon where they remained for seventy long years—and this is just one of the many instances of unbelief that occurred in their lives.

The saddest of all is when Christ came to this earth—came as the promised Messiah to bring salvation. They would not accept Him simply because they would not believe that He was the Messiah—the Son of God. From this we learn that God turned aside from them and fulfilled His promise in another people.

Today the Jews are a persecuted people, a people who have not a land to call their own, they are dispersed, trodden down among the nations, despised and suffering—all due to their disbelieving God.

Now—we as God's people have a challenge. God has made many promises unto us, precious promises, but unless we believe and accept they mean nothing to us. Many times we are more anxious to see a thing done than we are to believe that the One who promised will do it.

It behooves us in these days of turmoil and uncertainty to believe God as never before—to accept His promises, to stand firmly upon them lest to fulfill His Word He turn to another people.

Let us say then as Paul of old said in Romans 4:21, "And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

Helen M. Beaton

YOUNG PEOPLE, WE MUST STAND

We, the young people of today, more than ever before should realize the need of serving the Lord and carrying on the work which is being taken so lightly by the majority of the younger generation. There are so many worldly people and pleasures pulling at us that we must keep prayerful at all times, lest we slip. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip." Heb. 2:1. We must hold up the standards that our preachers and teachers have brought thus far.

There is a great field open for us, for instance, in Sunday School work. The Scripture says in Prov. 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and

when he is old, he will not depart from it." So many parents are failing by taking the matter of Sunday School so lightly, and I believe that is one of the duties of the young people today—to revive the Sunday School spirit.

I am so thankful that I was brought up in Sunday School. I have never regretted this as the past ten years of my life have been glorious, although it has been hard at times to stand, going to school and being approached on every side by sin, but I can truthfully say the Lord was with me all through my school days. Now I know the Lord is rewarding me for my loyalty to Him.

I feel that we young people owe our lives to the Lord. It breaks my heart to see children running the streets on Sundays, not knowing what it means to go to church. You stop and wonder from what type of home they are. It is up to us to do all we can to help some of these children get started in Sunday School. Some one helped us and had patience with us.

There are many good and fruitful things that develop through the Sunday School. No human being is ever beyond the reach of Christ, and the loving presentation of truth brought to the children through Sunday School lessons will, in most cases, have a lasting effect upon them through the remainder of their lives.

When a boy or girl accepts Christ and becomes a Christian, the parents should be interviewed to get their co-operations. If they, themselves, have not accepted Christ, the church has a great opportunity to win them to the same Savior as the child found. In many, many, cases it has been true that "a little child shall lead them." Thus the Sunday School has within itself a very fertile field for genuine evangelism, and we young people should see the need, and do all we can to carry this Gospel on, and to do this, WE MUST STAND!

Lucille S. Erickson

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, up in Heaven,
As I kneel here to pray,
In my foxhole home
At the close of the day,
I ask Thee for Faith
More sturdy than steel,
I ask Thee for Fire,
That shall burn till I feel
Again deep down in my soul,
The true meaning of love,
That comes from on high,
From our Father above.
In all this wide world
Of earthly honor and fame,
I know that all power
Lies in Jesus' sweet Name.
I ask Thee, dear Father,
From a heart sick of war,
Help me bear this cross daily
Until I've crossed the bar.

—Lt. Douglas C. Russell

Composed on Okinawa Shima, June 5, 1945, during heavy fighting at the front.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Cathryn Ruh

GOD CHOOSES A BRIDE

One bright summer day a man came down the street calling: "Free balloons! Free balloons!" All the boys and girls gathered quickly around him. How they shoved and pushed! The poor man could hardly walk.

"Give me the red one," cried a little girl. "Give me the yellow one," said another. "I want one with the lion on it," said a little boy.

There was one little girl who stood away from the crowd. The balloon man made his way over to her. "Wouldn't you like to have a balloon?" said the man. "Oh, yes, indeed," said the little girl, "anyone you wish to give me."

The balloon man was very pleased with this little girl. She didn't yell and scream for this or that one. So the balloon man picked the very prettiest for her—a pink and blue one with a kitty painted on it. The little girl thanked the kind balloon man and started home.

In the story that I have for you today you will see how Isaac, a young man, let God choose for him, just as the little girl allowed the balloon man to choose the balloon he thought was best for her.

One day Isaac went to his father and said, "Father, I should like to get married and have a wife for my own; someone to love, to talk to, and work for." Abraham was very glad that Isaac had come to him. "I shall send a servant back to our old home and perhaps there we can find a nice girl to be your wife, Isaac," said his father.

So Abraham called his trusted servant to him. "I want you to take ten camels loaded with food for the journey. Also load each camel with jewels and precious gifts for the bride and her family." In a very short time the servant started on his journey. I don't imagine the servant was very comfortable riding on a camel, do you? There were no highways or roads such as we have today, so I suppose it was a long, hot, bumpy journey.

At last the servant arrived at a well. He and the camels were very tired and thirsty. He made the camels lie down to rest. It was not very long until the maidens from the village began to come after water. They filled their pitchers and then returned home.

The servant became troubled. "How shall I know which girl is to be chosen as Isaac's bride?" said the servant to himself. Then he thought of a plan to find the right girl. He prayed, "Lord, let the one you have chosen for Isaac give me a drink from her pitcher and then say, 'I will water your camels also.'"

The Lord heard the servant's prayer, just as He hears us when we pray. For soon a young girl named Rebekah came to fill her pitcher from the well of water, and the servant asked her, "May I please have a drink? I have come a long way and I'm very tired and thirsty." "Oh, yes," Rebekah said, and she tipped her pitcher to one side and gave him all he wished. Then Rebekah saw the poor camels. They looked so hot and dusty. She knew they must be thirsty, too. She felt sorry

for them. "I will also water your camels," she told the servant.

Think how kind this girl was to offer to water all those camels. For camels drink a lot of water at one time! It must have taken a very long time for Rebekah to draw enough water for all of them, but Rebekah was glad to be helpful. God knew that Rebekah was good, sweet, and kind; that is the reason she was chosen for Isaac's wife. Jesus wants us to also be kind and helpful as Rebekah was. We shall see how Rebekah was rewarded for her kindness. So shall we also be rewarded if we are kind.

When Abraham's servant heard Rebekah offer, not only him a drink, but also all the camels, he knew God had answered his prayer. He bowed his head and thanked God for what He had done for him, and when Rebekah had finished watering the last camel the servant was very happy. He reached into his saddle bag and brought some beautiful earrings and bracelets of gold and gave them to Rebekah.

Rebekah must have been surprised at such beautiful gifts. She invited the servant to go home with her and meet her family. She ran on ahead to tell her mother all about what had happened. Her parents probably were very much interested. "Whose servant is he?" her father wanted to know. "Why, he belongs to Abraham and Isaac. I believe they are some of your relatives, father," said Rebekah.

Then the servant came into the house and told them the story of Isaac. What a fine young man he was, and how Isaac's father had sent him to look for a girl for Isaac's bride. "How did you know what girl to look for?" said the father.

"Well, I did not know," said the servant, "but I called upon God. I knew God would choose the right bride for Isaac."

Rebekah's parents were very glad when they learned how God had sent this servant to their home. They thought it would be grand for their daughter to be married to such a fine, young man as Isaac.

The servant was very glad that he had done what he was supposed to do. He bowed down and thanked God for leading him to these fine people. He gave Rebekah some more costly jewels, and her parents fine gifts of gold and silver.

How glad Isaac would be when he should see this beautiful bride that God had chosen for him. We also see that Rebekah was rewarded for her kindness.

"Not my will but thine be done."—Luke 22:42.



Back to Holiness, Cont'd

woman more *coarse* and *bold* than before. It makes them *brazen*—not all, of course, but no woman, whether she knows God or not, can cut her hair without acting the part of a man more than she ever did before, simply because she has broken a law of God. The next step would be to dress like a man. That may seem like cutting the line rather thin, but thousands follow the same pattern . . . bobbing the hair . . . pants like a man . . . smoke like a man . . . rough talk like a man . . . drink like a man . . . jobs like a man . . . leave home and the care of children until we have such an appalling delinquent problem with the children of America that the courts hardly know where to turn next. You may think this message too much along the straight and narrow, but talk to any of the judges that face these facts in real life every day. I realize that every woman that cuts off her hair that God has given her for a covering does not smoke, and that they *all* do not dress like men and drink like men, but you know just as sure as you are listening to your radio today that that is the procedure in thousands of cases. God give us praying women! women that will be willing to be a little different than the world . . . not for a preacher's sake but for *Christ's* sake! and the sake of the home and the sake of America.

Needed! More Godly Women

But, you women say, why should I leave my hair grow when most all *other* women are having theirs cut? My answer to you is a wonderful promise of God found in this same chapter we are considering today. First Corinthians, chapter 11 and verse 10. Don't forget that God never asked *any* of us to pay a price of holiness without offering some grand reward for our obedience. Listen . . . "For this cause, or because of this allowing your hair to grow and using your hair as your covering when praying or worshipping at the house of God, then for *this* cause ought the woman to have power because of the angels." Now, maybe you never just considered this verse before, but God has angels on this earth not visible to the naked eye, but present just the same, around and near those who fear the Lord . . . the angels encamp around them that fear Him. So here is a *special* blessing—a grand reward of power with God and the presence of holy angels around about a godly woman that does NOT cut her hair. Here is a promise that I wish every woman listening in today would remember. First of all Christ needs you! . . . the womanhood of any generation that knew God have always been the leaders in prayer and power with God. . . . So women, here is a promise to every godly woman, that you will have power with God because of the presence of angels, providing you use your hair for a covering and not cut it or bob it off. Paul is not talking here about wearing hats, that is quite all right but that has nothing to with this chapter on woman's hair and the blessing promised if they let it grow. . . . Not only that, but verse 15 tells us that long hair is a glory to her . . . it definitely does *not* make you old-fashioned but becomes a glory to the woman. God's Word says so and all the beauty experts in the world cannot change it. On the contrary if a man have long hair, verse 14 tells us that it is a *shame* unto him.

These statements are laws of God and cannot be broken without causing trouble. Just the same as God made the law of gravitation, and in simple words, "all

that goes up *must* come down," so also these spiritual laws being broken so commonly on every side is just one more sign of the soon coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. No one has ever gotten ahead of any of God's eternal laws. Allowing your hair to grow may seem like a simple thing to do for the Lord, but great revivals have always developed from little sacrifices which finally grew until they touched the hem of His garment.

Now for a final thought. Please look at verse 16 of I Corinthians, Chapter 11. Here is a verse that has baffled many of God's children and in some cases it has been used to completely upset the teaching of this entire chapter. It reads as follows, "But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom neither the churches of God." The wrong interpretation of this is, . . . that we have no such custom as allowing or insisting that women cause their hair to grow, so use your own judgment and if you wish to cut it, all right.

That is almost blasphemy in face of the facts that precede this verse. The Corinthian church existed in a heathen city called Corinth and many of those who did *not* know God, were cutting their hair, some even claiming that it was a religious act. But Paul states bluntly that we have no such custom as women cutting their hair, not only where Paul was, but in any of the churches of God. Now, my friends, do you think that Paul would spend time in fifteen verses, and difficult verses they are, too, in order to explain why a woman should NOT cut her hair and then turn completely about face in the 16th verse and say, all that I have told you before is nonsense and I didn't mean one word of it, and we have no such custom? NO, NO. Paul was telling the women not to mimic the heathen in Corinth . . . not to follow their custom of cutting their hair, and he gives enough good solid reasons why a woman should let their hair grow and use it for a covering . . . and by the way he said, "covering," and not hanging down their backs. Covering means put up on the head and not just long and streaming in the wind. God has given women long hair for a covering and a glory to her and because God has said so, that should be enough for you to obey it.

Bobbed Hanging Hair—A Curse

One final thought. We know that God's Spirit shall not always strive with man and some of these days there will be a reckoning. There is a peculiar curse coming upon women some of these days . . . you may think this a little far fetched, but what I have preached this evening has been from the Word of God . . . this peculiar curse will be *BALDNESS* for women. . . . Yes, a disease of baldness will break out upon women who forget that God had given them hair for their glory and covering. . . . Here it is: Isaiah 3:24 "And it shall come to pass instead of sweet smell, there shall be stink, and instead of well SET hair, *BALDNESS*!" That was not just a mistake Isaiah made, here God warns again of this plague that is coming, Amos 8:10. . . . "And I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation and will bring baldness upon every head . . . and the end thereof as a bitter day."

Sometimes these truths lie buried for years in God's Word, but we need to dig them out and act quickly, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. . . . Will you be ready when he comes?

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TO REMEMBER

Robert D. Yeazel killed in action in France, August 23, 1944.

He is not dead, this friend; not dead,
 But, in the path we mortals tread,
 Got some few trifling steps ahead,
 And nearer to the end.
 So that you, too, once past the bend,
 Shall meet again, as face to face,
 This friend you fancy dead.

—R. L. Stevenson

In loving memory of our son and brother,

Dorothea, Beverly and Norma Yeazel
 South Bend, Indiana

Be Filled, Cont'd

but the *power* that was to be felt. Jesus said, "No man cometh to me except the father that sent me draw him." John 6:44. Let us take notice that God the Father is a Spirit. John 4:24. Without a Spirit-filled life there is no drawing power. Sad it is today that this is the condition of many of God's people. As the song goes, "Prayer, faith and promise mend the broken wire, till your soul is burning with the Pentecostal fire." To live without the Spirit is to live without God, for God is a Spirit. Just one Spirit, Eph. 4:4, 5, and the Lord is that Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty, 2 Cor. 3:17.

The nations are saying much about freedom and liberty and we are hoping and praying for this to be brought to pass—but ever give us the liberty that goes with a model Christian, for it is a Spirit-filled life and liberty in Jesus. This power will stir the world, for it is real power, not a make believe nor a demonstration of some great outward show, but something real and tangible, Apostolic power. Such power will help sinners find God, then and not until then will we have Apostolic results that we long to see. Let's stand by the Pentecostal message, preach it, sing it, live it, and let God demonstrate His power through His power house (His Church). But don't forget, "without the Spirit of Christ we are none of His." Rom. 8:9.

If we have the Spirit we will act like Him. We will have soul-saving power, overcoming power, healing power, power to witness, to preach, yes, power over ourselves. Finally after all is over with us here and the day of all days shall arrive, we shall have resurrection power. "But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwelleth in you." So, dear reader, it will take nothing less than a Spirit-filled life to be ready to go in the rapture.

Backsliding, Cont'd

in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity, he shall live." When a man comes to God, He pledges his life to Him, forsaking sin. If he breaks that pledge and sins, he must restore. This means to make up or put back that which you have destroyed.

When a backslider comes back to God, he cannot forget the time when he was out of the race. He must work hard to make up for that lost time. Such a man should pray as never before and restore all that he has taken away. He must sacrifice as never before and love as never before. If Zaccheus had to restore all that he had taken falsely when he was a sinner, why should not a man that has known a better way, the reception of the Holy Ghost, have to do it?

This is real repentance. Repentance is regret. Your works are an outward manifestation of an inward work. Revelation 2:4, "Remember from whence thou hast fallen." You cannot backslide and skip a year, and then start right in with the faithful. You must pay for sins, not by sitting on the back seat but in deeds. A man proves his faithful repentance by his fruits. How does a man know that you are sorry you took his money? By seeing you bring it back, of course. There is no "skip and miss" in God's program. The sun does not shine a while, then stop, and start again a few miles away. The clouds may hide it sometime, but it shines on, and does not detour. Citizens of heaven here should work in just such order.

God may forgive a man for transgressing His word, and of robbing the house of God of tithes and offerings, but how will that man clear his guilt with the storehouse? By robbing it he has hindered the work that was to be done for God. How can he clear his guilt for the souls that have been lost through his transgression. There is only one way and that is by restoring back to the church that which he has deprived it. The farther away from God, the farther the way back.

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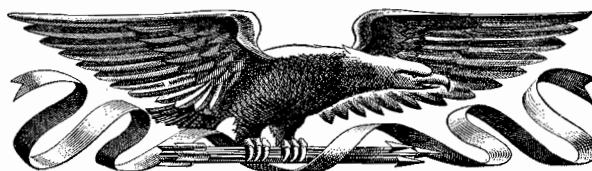
Mishawaka, Indiana

Will hold its annual conference as usual; however, it will be later than ordinary

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Watch for a more detailed announcement in later issue of this magazine.

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