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**John G. Lake Letter of Endorsement of Charles Parham
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THE CHURCH AT PORTLAND

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Beloved in Christ Jesus:

When you have read this letter pass it on to someone who should be interested in our meetings.

For ten years we have hoped, labored and prayed for opportunity to present Rev. Chas. F. Parham to the people of the Northwest. God has seen that we are soul-prepared to listen to this wonderful teacher and preacher.

God has honored Chas. F. Parham as no other man of God in modern days has been honored, by making him the instrument through whom the whole wonderful revelation of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with speaking in tongues as a conscious sign from God was given to the world.

On New Year's Eve, 1900, as the hands of the clock pointed to 12, the Holy Ghost descended on the Parham Bible School at Topeka, Kansas, and the whole Apostolic Faith, Pentecostal missions, Assemblies of God and kindred movements who recognize the Pentism of the Holy Ghost and the speaking in tongues as the bible evidence thereto, were born.

It is claimed by the people of Kansas, Missouri and Texas that twenty-five thousand people were brought into the movement in the following six years. After six years of Pentecost in which God poured out his Spirit on the then known Apostolic Faith Movement, Mr. Seymour, a colored man, attended Parham's meetings in Texas and received the truth. He went on to Los Angeles, Cal. in 1904 and in 1906 with some friends while engaged in an all-night of prayer, he said, "At four o'clock in the morning God came through the window," and the first group was then baptized in the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues in Los Angeles.

By 1908 Apostolic Faith missionaries with the message that God had come in real Pentecostal power had penetrated every country of the world, and the marvelous revival that has swept ten million people into this glorious light of full salvation and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and included even us, is its blessed history.

And now God in His goodness has sent to us the father and founder of this movement. Rev. Parham's meetings will begin on Sunday, Nov. 9th, and continue till Dec. 9th.

CALL TO PRAYER AND CONSECRATION FOR SOULS

First, for our own selves that a real spirit of conviction for the salvation of sinners may be given us from heaven, that we ourselves may feel the sin of lack of soul burden for sinful men, and that the real prayer that begets souls unto God may be born in us.

Second, that God at this time may use our Brother Parham to bring about that extension of God's work in Portland that will demonstrate God has come to Portland to save Portland.

Third, that at once, today, we may each go on our face before God to ask what will God have me to do to assist this meeting and make it a success for God.

Rev. Parham is accompanied by his son, Wilfred Parham, choir leader and soloist, and by Fred Campbell, musician and soloist. These beloved men who have devoted their time and energy to God must be cared for and their families cared for while they labor for us. This then is a special call from God for us to come up to the help of the Lord. Will we not at this time agree with God to devote to the cause of Chr'st the money we usually spend on each other at Christmas? If so God will surely be honored and a multitude of souls saved.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove Me, saith the Lord."

Rev. Parham has conducted meetings in our Spokane Church for the past month, and the church there is agreed that it has been the most successful month in their history. God has been there in power. Rev. Parham's message has been searching and powerful. Come praying that God will do even a more wonderful work in Portland.

We need \$500.00 to properly advertise and install the Parham meetings, and we are inviting the saints of God everywhere to come up to the help of the Lord and make this the best known meeting in Portland. Write to your friends at once and send the announcements. Smooth out the enclosed notice and hang it against the glass in your front window, with prayer that God will save souls through it. Mail the extra one to a friend and come and help win a mighty victory for God in Portland.

Your Brother in Christ,

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