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"...earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." -Jude 3.

The Coming of the Lord Draweth Nigh!

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Wars.

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." - St. Matthew 24:7.

War has been a matter of record for centuries. It remained for the great period of slaughter of human lives, which broke forth in 1914, known and recognized as the World War, to climax the fulfilling of the above prophecy, wherein both Nations and Kingdoms, (the only recognized forms of government among civilized peoples) were represented on the great battlefields of Europe, in the greatest known conflict of all time. And as an after-math of that great war, blood is still being shed in various parts of the world; and political turmoil is causing the overthrowing of governments among kingdoms, and nations.

The great World War is truly a sign that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh!

Earthquakes.

"And there shall be... earthquakes, in divers places." - St. Matthew 24:7.

So common and of frequent occurrence are earthquakes, in so many different parts of the world, that no doubt to many people such occurrence is only a mere news item; (especially to those afar off from the affected area) to others, such news may possibly strike fear to their hearts, or anyway cause consternation among them. But to the blood-washed child of God who is filled with the Holy Ghost, and looking for the coming of Jesus, the news of an earthquake is only Bible prophecy being fulfilled in pointing to the soon coming of Jesus.

Pestilences.

"And there shall be... pestilences, in divers places." - St. Matthew 24:7.

It is an evident fact that pestilence is stalking the world in a more powerful manner than hitherto known. Sickness; (new, and baffling diseases coming upon the people) property destruction by storms, flood-waters, etc.; crop failures through insect attacks, droughs, or over-abundance of rain fall, etc.

In one instance, concerning diseases, it was reported that during a three-month's period of the World War, that more people died with Spanish Influenza (commonly called "flu") than was killed on the battle-fields during the same time.

Pestilence in any form, is only another sign that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Famine.

"And there shall be famines, in divers places." - St. Matthew 24:7.

Only a few short months ago, so-to-speak, our nation was eating, practically three meals a day; and many, possibly, giving no more than passing notice to the accounts of the terrible famine conditions existing in some of the foreign countries, wherein sometimes the death-toll from starvation would reach into the thousands. While in our own country, a famine condition is not existing on an account of a food shortage in every instance, but the financial depression seems to be the main reason for a shortage of food supplies in thousands of homes; yet the same pangs of hunger are no doubt gnawing at many precious souls; and after all,

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SELF-DENIAL.
(By Bro. Slagle.)

Augusta, Kans.,
Box 64.
April 9, 1931.

Dear Readers:

I feel like writing a little today in regard to Self-Denial.

Sometimes we are reminded of certain facts concerning the Word, by our own condition, or by impressions we get from others; and sometimes we get the fact direct from the word of God, through reading, and meditation. And as we study, and meditate, we should apply the facts to our selves, as well as to others; and that I am trying to do, for it is much easier to see the faults of others, than our own. So I am taking from the short comings of myself in the past, and trying to measure up to the Word, and might present a thought that would help others who really long to obey the Word.

Now, in St. Matthew 16:24, Jesus told His disciples that if any one should come after Him, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Him. Some might think if they deny themselves of the pleasures of this world, such as dances, shows, and the out-breaking amusements, they are doing a good job, and that is all that is required of them; and some, perhaps, doesn’t give it a serious thought; but we, as laymen, and co-workers with the ministers of God’s word, must remember they, if true to God’s call, are spending all of their time and talent to God’s work; and there are only a few that will go through compared with the great host of professors, and that faithful few must bear the burden of the failures, putting a double burden on the few. But the load must be carried, and sometimes the cross is pretty heavy; but as the song says, “If you don’t bear the cross, you can’t wear the crown.”

I am seeing more and more, each day, that there is a burden to bear, and a cross to carry, if we keep pace with our dear Lord who bore the cross for me; and not for me only, but for every individual; bless His dear name.

One would ask, What will we deny ourselves of? We are told in 1 Timothy 2:9, for the woman not to adorn themselves with gold, or pearls, or costly array. We are not in possession of anything in this world except what God has placed us stewards over; (St. Luke 16:2) and we are very responsible for the way we spend God’s money. “Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.” (Isaiah 55:2) There are so many things we can deny ourselves of; then we have the promise of a fat soul. “For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: etc.” (St. Matthew 40:25) And He said, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.”

Beloved, if the money spent by so-called Christians for the unnecessary things, such as tobacco, coffee, chewing gum, neckties, rings, stick pins, paint, etc., was given to folks actually in need, all the ministry could be well cared for; all the hungry folks could be fed; and there could be missionaries enough sent to India, China, Japan, etc., to spread the gospel faster, and thus hasten the coming of our Lord. You know our God-sent ministers are so oppressed we can’t have the gospel preached in it’s fullness; there isn’t a full-gospel preacher in fifty miles of here, that I know of. The nearest to them are the Nazarenes, and there is not one of them for. I don’t know how far south. It’s 60 or 70 miles south, to Winfield, and none between here and there; and our preachers are bound down in their little nests, to get by the best way they can, and spend their time on those who have heard the story until they are gospel-hardened, and let it pass on as an idle tale.

May God help folks to wake up to the fact that it takes more than profession to get people saved, and be in harmony with God’s eternal truth!

I haven’t mentioned my text many times, but I hope I have stayed close enough to it, that folks will know what I mean. You will find it in St. Matthew 16:24; and St. Mark 8:34.

Your Bro.,

W. J. Slagle.

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The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. —Psalms 145:18.
An aged preacher asked his congregation, “How much of the human body did God intend to be exposed, naked, before the world?” No one seemed to answer; every one was quiet, until a small child spoke up, and said: “The hands and the face.” No doubt the preacher, if he was what he ought to be, said, Amen! And the scripture says, “Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.”

—Prov. 20:11.

The first garment was made by man, while man was under guilt and condemnation. It was made of fig leaves. (Gen. 3:7.) Then next one made, was by the Lord God. It was made of skins. (Gen. 3:21.) These appear to serve today, as types of dress between God’s way, and the way the world dresses today. Sorry to say, thousands are preferring the fig leaves, so to speak, rather than the skins, or in other words, something that will cover the body. The greatest difference we can see between Adam and Eve, and the most people today, is, they seemed to be ashamed, and hid themselves among the trees of the garden, while today people seem to like to put on a “Babylonish garment,” which covers only a part of their body, and go out in the most public places, to be seen of men; and the worst thing about it, so many profess to know God—some claim to be sanctified, and even have the baptism of the Holy Ghost! Thank God for the child that said, “Our hands, and our face.”

Dear souls, God hates a proud look. (Prov. 6:17.) Jeremiah said, (4:30) “And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.” Amen! Isn’t it so, dear friend? God said for the women, (1 Peter 3:3) whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on apparel. Now, God said, LET IT NOT BE! (We say God said it, because the Bible is inspired of God. And if we must live by every word of God, [St. Matthew 4:4] His word said, “Let it not be the wearing of gold.” So then the gold ring; and lockets, and such like, God forbids us to wear!

Dear reader, a dress without sleeves, you know is immodest; a dress knee-length, a dress low-necked, is the same. If you expect to be in heaven through eternity, Paul said, (1st. Thess. 4:1) “... as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.” The reason people are not getting any closer to God, many times is, because of a slackness along this line. Think of it—a supposed to be saint, before a dy ing world, so haughty, so proud as to go to the beauty parlor, pay possibly $5, or more, for a “permanent wave;” and many go far enough to have their hair bobbed, and yet profess they know the Saviour! Your body, God gave you to keep undefiled; (1 Cor. 3:17) your hair he gave you, as a glory; (1 Cor. 11:15) and again, Jesus said: “Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.”—St. Matthew 5:26.

Dear souls, dress yourself in modesty; and also your child. Don’t put something on the little child that God gave you, that you wouldn’t wear yourself, for many times they follow in later years, the way that they have been taught by parents.

Many have separated themselves from the true fellowship of the saints, and seems as though they would rather hold on to the things of this world, than to be a plain, common, straight saint of God, and have the confidence of all God’s people.

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” —1 John 2:15.

P. A. Henegar.

Route 1, Ramona, Okla.

I thought I would close after writing the above article, but it seems I can’t until I write a testimony, also. Thank God, I am still saved, and sanctified, and baptised with the sweet Holy Ghost and fire. The Lord is my healer, and also the healer of my family. We have trusted Him from the time He saved us. Today I am at Bro. Atchley’s, in Lead Hill, Ark.; my family is at home, but I am looking for a day soon to come, when we will be forever together, around the Great White Throne, thank God! I feel good to know my name is There.

Bro. Atchley and myself are conducting a revival at the White Oak school house, near Bergman, Ark. I believe Bro. Atchley said he would send a report of the meeting to the paper. I wish to say this much, that we are enjoying a good time with God in this meeting.

I will close by asking the readers of this paper to pray for me.

Your Bro. for the Lost,

P. A. Henegar.

(Post-marked May 8th.)
EDITORIAL.

Do you not realize, beloved, that if you are of a disposition to want to have YOUR way about most everything, that you will have to change your disposition along this line, before the coming of the Lord, if you'd expect to find favor of Him in that day? A self-willed spirit is not a perfected spirit before God. In the one instance—that concerning family affairs—we find some husbands, possibly, who are not considerate of their wives' feelings, and the liberty which God grants unto them—do not even allow them the privilege of obeying God wherein He commanded the wife to "guide the house, etc." (1 Timothy 5:14) but seem to want to usurp this authority, and have THEIR way in purely feminine affairs. They want their way in ALL things, regardless of wife's pleasures.

When the Bible said for husbands to love their wives, even as Christ also loved the church, etc., it surely means something for husband to follow such example; and much more, if he fails to follow such example! Christ was a blessing to the church; some husbands, possibly, are more of a dread, and a burden to the wife, than they are a blessing, in a congenital manner. To some husbands, the wife is possibly about the same as the slave girl would be to her master.

"As much as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me," will apply to husband's consideration of wife's feelings, and her rightful privileges, etc., if wife is a Christian.

We never like to hear any husband testify, or preach a clean life, then show the wrong disposition, or consideration, towards the one who is near, and should be dear, unto him. Holiness means holiness; and a fault along this line is as much an error before God, as any other fault. Before the Bride is caught away, saints of God are going to have to be overcomers of secret fruits, "queer" dispositions, and peculiarities not according to genuine Bible godliness. Amen.

With our lips we can declare the faith which we stand for; but it takes living the life to prove our experience.

In a recent letter from a brother, he asks us to pray for he and wife, that they will so live that their children will have confidence in their salvation. He said he felt many parents injure their own children's confidence in salvation, and cause them to despise the way of holiness, because they don't live a Bible example before them. Truth, beloved! May God grant that such desire be fulfilled, in not only these parents' lives, but in the lives of ALL Christian parents. The home is a mighty fine workshop for either God, or Satan. Reader, which is working in your home?

Remember, our Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Holiness, etc., brethren, that have a church discipline, you will have NO need for your book, in the great day of the Judgment. You will be judged out of the things written in THE books—God's Bible! Are you familiar with IT'S teachings?

Some people are very "leafy," but yet unfruitful.

The preacher can sometimes be too plain, and straight to the point, to suit some people; but to the individual who really loves God, and fears Him, such preaching is food to their soul.
TESTIMONIAL.

Wilson, Okla., Box 763.
May 12, 1931.
Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and all saints;
Greetings in Jesus's dear name:

Just felt like sending in a testimony, as I want some bills printed for our meeting.

I am glad to say tonight, that I still have victory over sin; and still have the love of God in my heart. Still saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, with a great determination to press my way on to heaven: and live for God. He's did so much for me, I can't begin to tell it all; neither can the human tongue express the wonderful love of God. It's joy unspeakable and full of glory, truly; but no one can understand that, unless they have tasted and seen that the Lord is good.

We are praying and looking forward to our meeting, which begins here the 25th of this month. (May) Bro. Atchley, and Bro. Henagar, will be with us, the Lord willing; and we would enjoy any of the saints being with us; and extend a hearty welcome to all. If you can't be with us in person, please remember us when you pray, that God will bless His children in a wonderful way: save precious souls, sanctify, and fill believers with the Holy Ghost, that our forces against Satan will be reinforced here in Wilson.

As ever, in His service,
Phyrne Hulsey, Pastor.

Bible Question For Your Class.

For the Sunday School class:
Find in the Bible, wherein an individual was referred to as a fox; who referred to the person as such; and render a reason why such reference was made.

God's Promise: "Bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure." —Read Isaiah 33:16. Amen!

Report From Bro. Atchley.

Lead Hill, Ark., Box 43.
May 15, 1931.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and all readers of the paper:

I want to report victory, and say that God has given us a good meeting at White Oak school house, near Bergman, Ark. Several saved; some sanctified. We hope the good work will go on there.

Baptising the second Sunday: eleven were baptised. Also had dinner on the ground—a large crowd; plenty to eat.

I expect to go there on the fourth Saturday night. Sunday and Sunday night. They have chosen me for their pastor.

Expecting to go to Wilson, Okla., in a few days; and from there to Tahlequah, Okla.; for a tabernacle meeting at each place.

Our church house is ready at Lead Hill for any straight preacher, any time. Now, please, some of you come over and help us.
J. F. Atchley.

We have recently received a letter from Bro. M. C. Oneal, Stilwell, Okla., enclosing $1.00, to be used in the work; also stated they were having meeting at their church—revival, with several in the altar, and that the Lord was blessing. He gave their regular services as Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, and on Wednesday night; and Bro. J. C. Brannon as leader. This mission is located on Spade mountain, west of Stilwell. Bro. Oneal's address: R4. Box 178. May God bless the true saints at that place.

Remember, beloved, that faith alone will not save you; for without works, faith is dead! (James 2:17.)

Some Timely Hints—To The Housewife, Especially.

In a recent letter to wife and I, from sister Lucy Armstrong, of Route 2, Anderson, Mo., she enclosed an article setting forth some timely hints for the very particular, concerning some of their desires in the way of an appetite. She sets forth the fact that some MUST have just a certain brand of flour; they can't bake a cake except they have the flavoring extract to put in it; they must have their coffee, and so many things, and her thought was—what about during the reign of the Beast, when our needs shall be supplied by God alone? Do you suppose God will furnish in that day with unnecessary things purely to satisfy our desires in the way of an appetite? He supplied Elijah's needs during the great drought, but the variety of food stuffs was very limited, yet wholly sufficient to sustain life; and beyond a doubt, Elijah received his twice-daily portion of meat from the "hand" of the raven, and water from the brook, (coffee and tea dopers take note!) and never murmured, but on the other hand gave thanks!

God, in all things, is constantly trying to teach His people the great lesson—"But godliness with contentment is great gain." (1 Tim. 6:6) We fear there are those who are not wholly content with their portion of food, today; also, that there remains a class who preach very stoutly against those who are "starchy" in dress, while they, themselves, are sometimes very, very "starchy" in their appetite!

To the REAL Christian, though his portion be bread and water alone, such will taste good, and no doubt but his soul will be blessed, in receiving it with thankful giving! Amen.

"... feed me with food convenient for me." (Proverbs 30:8)
Be sure to read Philippians 3:19.

—Read Isaiah 33:16. Amen!
HAVE FAITH IN GOD.  

Faith is a wonderful thing. Faith in God is the MOST wonderful of all! Many incidents are today a matter of record wherein faith in God has wrought special miracles, opened up opportunities, and brought deliverance from immediate danger, etc. The regular passenger train has been held at the station when all was ready to depart, and the conductor not able to account just why the delay; and the reason was, God was holding it until a servant of His, who was needed at a certain place, could catch the train.

There's an incident where a minister was purchasing a rail road ticket; and as he was presenting his money at the office window, an individual slipped a piece of money on the window table. It taken that piece of money to make out the price for his ticket; and he never knew of his shortage until then.

The automobile has come along the highway at the very right time, and picked up the brother, landing him at his appointment for services that night. (We know of a brother—a preacher—of this movement, who has travelled miles, afoot, along the highways, who has had some wonderful experiences along this line. In travelling some where for meeting, he said he would some times wonder why so many cars would pass him, and not offer him a ride; [and the time growing close for services] and presently, a big, high-powered car would come along, pick him up, and pass some of the smaller cars which had passed him by, and as a result, he would be landed at his appointed place in ample time for services.)

God works sometimes in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. The old colored brother is reported to have said: "If God tells you to jump through a brick wall, it's your place to jump, and God's part to make the hole!"

We once had a peculiar experience some years ago, in the town of Collinsville, Okla., where-in we was permitted to miss our train—stood on the platform as it left the station. Wife and I went back to the home where we had been stopping—some good Christian people—and presently a preacher and his co-labourer came to the home. This preacher was decidedly crooked in doctrine, and all the while acting deceptive about it; and he had been having a great influence over these good Christian people—even had his co-work- er deceived concerning his doctrinal stand. God began to deal, and in a few moments, so-to-speak, the preacher's false doctrine was exposed, and some good people saved from the influence of wrong teaching.

On one occasion, we started from home (wife and myself) on a trip of almost 100 miles, to preach the gospel. I had not one penny in my pocket! (Afterwards I learned that wife had a small amount of change in her purse) We figured we had enough gas in the car, possibly, to get there. Before we had gotten out of town, God laid in on a brother's heart to give us an offering. We thanked God, and felt better!

On more than one occasion has God opened the way to go for Him, when seemingly there was no way.

If God leads you out brother, go in His name! If he has to hold the train for you; or let you miss a train; or send along a high-powered automobile; or lay it on some one's heart to help buy your ticket, that you might accomplish His purpose—have faith in God; go in His name! God has never failed to care for His own. Amen.

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. ---Phil. 4:19.

PASTOR WANTED.

Bro. Crutchfield, present pastor at Coweta, Okla., is desirous of making a change, and would like to get in touch with some one whom he could place as pastor in his stead. There is a small three-room parsonage adjoining the mission. For information, write to Bro. S. Crutchfield, Coweta, Okla. Gen. Del.

TO BELGIUM.

Bro. and Sr. J. E. Cabot, of Franklin, Kans., are requesting us to send a copy of this issue of the little Messenger to a young man, an acquaintance of theirs, in far away Belgium, their native home. We are gladly sending it, and pray God will bless it's mission.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." ---Ecclesiastes 11:1.

REVIVAL IN TAHLEQUAH.

We are expecting Bro. Frank Atchley, of Lead Hill, Ark., to be with us with his tabernacle, to begin a revival meeting June 18, the Lord willing. We have a nice location for the tent, just three blocks south, and one block west, from the court house square. We are hoping for other workers to be with us. We invite all who can, to be with us in the meeting. If you can't come, please pray for the meeting, that God will save, sanctify, and baptise precious souls with the sweet Holy Ghost; and confirm His word with signs following. The meeting to continue for two weeks, or longer, as God leads.

Bro. Atchley is now at Wilson, Okla., in a revival meeting with the church there, of which Sister Phyrne Hulsey is pastor.
TESTIMONIAL.

Tulsa, Okla.,
R. 10, Box 308 A.
May 16, 1931.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and to the saints abroad;

Greetings,

We just felt like writing this evening, and sending our testimony for the paper.

We are so glad for Jesus; well, we just feel like going on. We thank God this evening for a real salvation: one we can feel deep down in our souls. We have been in the way about 16 years, or a little over, and we are really striving to go through, because we realize there is nothing in this world to turn back to.

We are really praising God for old-time Bible lines, thank God; we just thank and praise Him because he saved our souls, sanctified us—a second, definite work of grace, and baptised us with the sweet Holy Ghost. We are so glad for a three-fold plan of salvation, because we know it is according to the Bible, for we have never read in God's word where any one ever received the Baptism without first being sanctified.

We are so glad for a real highway of holiness. We read in Isaiah 35:3-10, where it says, “And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

“No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

“And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”

Psalms 107:2 says, “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.” We are so glad because we know we have really been redeemed.

We are so thankful for the little paper, for it is real food to our souls. May God bless Bro. and Sr. Bond in their every effort they are putting forth to print it.

Pray much for us, that we will ever be found true to the Lord.

As ever, a weak and unworthy Bro. and Sr. in the Lord,

Will and Florence Aaron.

PRINTED BILLS.

We just recently printed bills for the revival at Wilson, Okla., as per the notice below. We surely hope that God will bless, and give an old-time revival in that place; that many precious souls will get through to God on all lines; and that the saints there may be strengthened, and built up in the faith. Let all who possibly can, attend this meeting. A sacrifice to go might mean a blessing to your soul, and a blessing to some one there. Let all join in prayer for the meeting. Wilson is about 30 mi. west of Ardmore.

TABERNACLE MEETING.

The Church of God of The Apostolic Faith, will begin a Revival Meeting on East Main St., in Wilson, Okla.,

BEGINNING

May 25, 1931,

AND CONTINUING TWO WEEKS, OR LONGER, D. V.


We believe, and teach, Justification by faith; Sanctification with the Blood of Jesus; (a second, definite work of Grace) the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other Tongues, as the Spirit gives utterance; Divine Healing for the body; the Second Coming of Christ, and the FULL GOSPEL.

SONG SERVICE BEGINS PROMPTLY, 7:30, EACH EVENING.

Everybody Welcome. Come And Hear The Full Gospel.

Mrs. PHYRNE HULSEY, PASTOR.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.-Ps.
our country is experiencing the sufferings of a famine in many respects.

Famines, therefore, (and such conditions are ever on the increase) are only another grim reminder that The Coming of The Lord Draweth Nigh!

Inventions.

Some of our modern inventions are only the fulfillment of Bible prophecy pointing to the end of the dispensation: the airplane, and the sub-marine; (Habakkuk 1st chapter,) the automobile. (Nahum 2:3-4.) The radio is surely in connection with the admonition given in Ecclesiastes 10:20.

(Men have even gone so far as to declare that as great miracles are being performed today by science, in the field of medicine and surgery, as were performed in Bible times by the power of God. Such is purely “boasting”, which is one of the signs of the last days, according to 2 Timothy 3:1-2, etc.)

Lovers of Pleasure

“This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be . . . lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.”—2 Timothy 3:1-4.

The world today seems to be pleasure mad. They demand a short sermon at church, and then on their way to play!

Swimming pools, with mixed bathing, and the bathing suits being reduced to a style which is practically on a level with the garb of the uncivilized of some of the tropical countries; the moving picture shows; athletics, etc., are luring thousands, and the pleasures derived from them appeals to the masses, it seems, more than the service and worship of God. It will do the church-member no good so simply go to church on Sunday, try to look serious in a meditative mood, and place an offering on the collection plate, and then off to to places of amusement and sport, the remainder of the week!

The highways are thronged during the greater part of the year with tourists; pleasure resorts doing a thriving business—all seeking pleasure!

The bright lights of the cities calling to the pleasure-seekers far into the morning hours; our schools and colleges, to a great extent, it seems, appeal to the youth more on the account of the social, and athletic features, than do the simple principles of learning.

The reason why people are such devoted lovers of pleasure is found in the following verse of God’s Bible: “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”—St. Matthew 6:21.

Then we find that those who are lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, are only living witnesses that Jesus is coming soon!

Distress Among Nations.

So vividly is portrayed to our eyes today, the fulfillment of the Saviour’s words which he spoke concerning the closing of the Gentile age, and recorded in St. Luke 21:25, “and upon the earth distress of nations.” We see it being fulfilled today in the question of finance, commerce, social and governmental affairs. The present period of depression is world wide; governments are being overthrown in foreign countries; revolutions and uprisings threatening and menacing the peace and safety of millions, and the world rushing on at break-neck speed, so-to-speak, and paying but little heed as to what the end shall be.

False Doctrines.

The presence of so many false doctrines of today, is only another evidence that we are truly in the last days. We read in 1 Tim. 4:1-2, “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

“Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron: . . .”

Among Holiness people alone, we have those whose teachings are surely the product of seducing spirits, or doctrines of devils. There are those who in teaching, deny the personality of the Trinity, or three-fold Godhead, and preaching “Jesus Only,” thereby in substance making Jesus to be his own father; then there is the so-called Finished Work—Assembly of God movement, who in teaching, deny the experience of Sanctification as being a singular, that is, a separate, distinct, and definite work of grace; and yet they also teach the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, (or they are supposed too. We fear if all the “gibbersh” and “glug, glugging,” was eradicated from some profess ed people’s lives, there wouldn’t be much genuine speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, manifested in their lives.)

This movement is fast becoming popular with the other sectarian churches, it seems; and is gaining recognition from the world.

Again we have those who deny eternal punishment for the wicked; those who are reverting back to the law respecting Sabbath keeping, the eating of swine’s flesh, etc.

Christian Science, Theosophy, Spiritualism, Russellism; also, the sinning religions of many old-line churches. All such are branded as false doctrines, in the true light of God’s word.

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. —Rev. 22:7.