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Brief notes of a sermon delivered during the Boston revival in April, 1934

You will find my text for this evening’s message in Psalms 119:126, where it says, “It is time for thee, Lord to work, for they have made void thy law.” Could any text be any more appropriate for the present than this one?

The law of God is being made void today by false doctrines, by Modernist teachers, by abounding iniquity and by hypocrisy God’s Word is rendered void. It is time for the power of God to come to the rescue of mankind.

I think David would have made a splendid evangelist. He had many of the necessary qualifications. He was a man after God’s own heart; that is certainly a fine characteristic. He was filled with compassion for his fellow man and free from selfishness. He had great respect for God’s Word, so that instead of slicing Saul’s head from his shoulders when he had a fine chance to do so, he simply sliced a piece from his garment, because God had said, “Touch not mine anointed.” It would be well if people today had more respect for that Scripture.

And David had a consuming desire to see the Lord work, to see the mighty dynamic of heaven in operation, to behold God grappling with His enemies and delivering men and women from the thralldom of iniquity. When God comes forth and operates in human hearts and lives, we call it a revival.

Everybody believes in revivals of one kind or another. Men are interested in revivals of business and of the stock market and employment, but we are interested in revivals of pure and undefiled religion.

Evangelist C. S. Tubby

America in Imminent Danger
America is in need of a great spiritual awakening today. It seems to me that there is either revival or revolution for this country. We must see the blood of Christ flow over thousands of men’s hearts, or we are going to see the blood of thousands of men flow over our streets.

The germs of revolution are in the very air, the situation is serious. The spirit of mob violence is alarmingly on the increase and lawlessness is very prevalent. It will only take a little spark to set off the tinder which is even now laid in readiness.

A Startling Report
It is reported that recently a number of physicians from different parts of this country were summoned to Washington to attend a banquet. They did not know quite why they were being called. The banquet was the bait and they responded. After they got there they were instructed to have their affluence so arranged that they could respond at any moment to a call to go anywhere they might be suddenly needed.

If this report is true, it indicates that the authorities feel the possibility of impending trouble. If revolution breaks out, the services of the doctors will be needed.

Foundations of Society Attacked
One of the most menacing signs today is the rapid spread of atheism and antichristian propaganda. When God is ruled out, trouble always comes in. Russia furnishes plenty of proof of that fact. Christianity has been driven from that country and the blood of millions who have been
NOT INDISPENSABLE

This article is a thoughtful admonition to Christian leaders by Donald Gee of Westgate House, South Africa, who writes, "The Lord is richly blessing the Pentecostal work in South Africa."

A T THE HOUR of leaving there are always hands extended beseeching you to stay, and voices to declare that you were never so much needed as at this hour. It is only too easy at these moments to fall victim to the illusion that the holding together of the members of the church is the work of man, and to miss the basic fact that the Life-Source which alone will fitly knit them together is the Holy Spirit of God; nor has this power ever been delegated to any human being."

The above quotation from "Through Jade Gate," by those intrepid missionaries, the Misses Cable and French, provides a valuable reflection upon a truth we are all in danger of forgetting.

Breakdown of Missionary Work

Failure to believe in the Holy Spirit to the point of admitting that we are not indispensable, accounts for many breakdowns in the indigenous principle of our missionary work abroad, and also for many clogs upon our work at home. It is not that men, as channels for the Spirit, are not always needed, we are sure that they are: but it is the one particular individual thinking that HE has become indispensable that constitutes the dangerous illusion. God used Elijah to teach a nation back to Himself; but when the prophet began to talk about "I, even I only," the Lord promptly sent him to appoint a successor in his room.

Idolatry of Work

Few things are more beautiful than the way our God-given task can so entwine itself around our heart that it becomes part of our very life. But the very love of our work can turn it into an idol, and part of our idolatry will be the conviction that our- selves have become essential. The faithful pastor, who has seen an Assembly built up under his ministry: the brother in an official position who has felt some department of the work steadily grow beneath his capable administration: the brilliant leader, whose sacrificial labors have produced a successful organization: these are the ones most tempted to feel they are indispensable.

Teaching From the Lord

But the Lord will not permit the fallacy to remain. A time of sickness: an unexpected crisis of a revolutionary nature: a call elsewhere too clear to be denied: a sudden and humiliating failure: the inevitable advance of old age: the advent of another worker obviously better fitted than ourselves for the position: all these are ways by which we are sometimes taught that we are not indispensable.

Happy is the worker who recognizes the truth gladly and willingly, and so does not need to be taught by drastic methods. Sometimes only the loss of the precious anointing of the Spirit will bring it home to a stubborn soul. Sometimes only death itself, and the arising of a Joshua in the place of Moses, will teach men that no man is indispensable to the purposes of almighty God.

The Only Remedy

Faith in the abiding presence of the eternal Spirit in the living church is the remedy. There is no finer evidence of that faith then when a Christian worker who has been signally used by the Spirit is prepared to quietly move on at the divine call, and trust the continuation of the work he has begun to other hands and other hearts inspired by the same Spirit. In such a faith the worker himself can enter into true rest of soul.
"FROM UNDER THE THRESHOLD"
(EZEKIEL 47:1)
A MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL HEART TALK
By Alice Reynolds Flower

"JESUS HIMSELF DREW NEAR" Luke 24:15

Our blessed Lord took the first step toward reconciliation, toward fellowship and communion with us. "Jesus Himself drew near!"
So true was this when He came as a babe, leaving the bosom of the Father—the brightness of His glory-circled throne. He stooped, He humbled Himself to veritable emptiness that He might draw near. He drew so near that He took upon Himself our very nature even to becoming a servant. Marvelous condescension!

"Down from the glories of heaven,
Down to a world of woe—
When there was no eye to pity,
Jesus said, 'I will go'"

And thus He drew near to fallen man! What does this example mean to you—to me?

Then His life on earth was a constant drawing near to man. He made contacts with people of every class. He met them where they were, in their peculiar need, literally identifying Himself with them in their sorrow, shame and heartache. It was Jesus who wept with the bereaved sisters in their grief, drawing so near that death's chains must release their beloved brother. It was Jesus who drew near enough that hungry multitude to provide—despite the fears of His disciples—a satisfying repast for all. It was Jesus who drew near that disreputable woman by Samaria's well, and personally dealt with her until the revelation of Himself reached her darkened heart. Results proved it was time well spent! Only Jesus had time to draw near the children, tenderly gathering them into His loving arms. Only Jesus drew near enough the leper to actually touch him, speaking those thrilling words, "Be thou clean." And only Jesus could—praise His name! He was ever "passing by" somebody, some trying situation; and, thank God, He is still "passing by." Glad and comforting hope for you—for me!

"The healing of His seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch Him in life's throng and press
And we are whole again."

So wonderful it is—His drawing near. But now we have it in deeper meaning, as He drew still nearer us in His death upon Calvary. We whisper softly, 'Yes, He took my place,' while our hearts melt, and the tears flow. He came so near to us that He undoubtedly took our place, paid our penalty under the law, thus making possible all the mighty working of His divine grace within us. Here we have salvation—here we have acceptance and reconciliation—here we have the divine provision for a daily walk of overcoming. He drew near the cross that we might die with Him, and then know the ineffable joy of being raised with Him to walk in newness of life. This secret we have all read so often in Gal. 2:20—"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Is this real to you, dear one? The work of the Holy Ghost within us is to make this very thing real. Here is the essence of a truly victorious life. Christ so near that He lives within! Hallelujah! "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

And all because "Jesus Himself drew near." The next move is ours. For us there is but one conclusion—Paul's words in Heb. 10:22 "Let us draw near." And every move we make toward Him, still He draws nearer. Wonderful mystery of divine working! Here is our peace these troublous days—here is our clear vision through increasing darkness—here is our strength for every conflict—here is our safe attitude to meet our soon coming Bridegroom. Since He has opened the way we may keep drawing nearer, and still nearer until one day we stand face to face in all the unveiled glory of Jesus Himself. How full, how overflowing our hearts that "Jesus Himself drew near!" May the multitude around us for whom He died also really know by our lives that Jesus Himself has drawn near to us individually, and that we in turn have drawn near to Him.
T WAS A February afternoon and a glorious sun was pouring its rays down on the shimmering waters of the Nile which were blue and glistening. The proud river boat, clean and white like a swan on a placid pool, was slowly making its way to a stopping place on the left bank against a stiff breeze. Then suddenly there was the sound of a strange weird music,—music on water. We, who had been quietly watching the land side of the boat quickly rushed to the opposite rail. Here was a little boat moving along at a good speed, in the opposite direction filled with happy-faced Nubian boys, with a couple of crude instruments which were producing the sounds that attracted our attention.

They were chanting and they were all clapping their hands which formed a perfect rhythm. The writer can never efface that picture, that blue water; that single white-winged sail boat, gliding along so noiselessly; that spell-bound minor strain; those laughing brown faces wreathed in bright colored turbans, upturned to the larger boat.

And the thought came quickly surging into my mind: “If they can be so beautiful in their native environment, what would they be if touched by grace divine?” “What would those faces beam like if the light of heaven were on them?” “What would become of the minor chord if they were to sing the song of the ‘Lamb’”? We have the assurance that there will be some from every tribe and nation. Perhaps God will speak to some of His own regarding Nubia and “What wilt thou have me to do?”

But by the time the little boat had passed and these reflections had gone fleeting through the mind of the writer, our big palatial steamer was up beside the bank. Scores and scores of boys and girls, men and women were singing, shouting, dancing, screaming and jabbering their unintelligible language, with their hands extending ready to receive the p_round demandine “backsheesh” (tip). It seemed if any passenger should descend into that crowd that he would be pestered to death if not actually demolished. But as soon as the gang plank was in place, a stalwart police-soldier stepped off the boat, a pathway was cleared so that the passengers could go ashore without any ado.

It never rains in Nubia. If any thing grows it must be artificially watered from the Nile. You may faintly realize something of the dust. The only green things are a few palms that look thirsty. At the left are a couple of tents pitched that look very white and probably are occupied by some temporary government official.

And the wealth of kings, and a golden name.

But before I started I packed my dreams
In a little oaken chest,
And my fancies fair, and my rainbow hopes
And the faiths I loved the best—
And I buried the chest beside the way,
And planted a rose tree where it lay.

“For, oh,” I said, “when I hurry back,
It will mark, a precious place—
I will find a welcome waiting me
In each blossom’s vivid face;
And then I will raise, from their earthen bed,
The dreams that have lain asleep!” I said.

So I started out—ah, the way was long,
And the way was hard to go!
And my coat grew ragged, my pride was rent,
For the dragging days were slow.
But at last I won through despair and pain,
I had my fame and I had my gold.

And I sighed—and I started back again.
But my eyes were dim with tears:
I had won the wealth and a splendid name.
But I bore the mark of years—
Brown autumn lay on the soul of me,
But I sought for a single, gay rose tree!

Oh, I had planted in vivid youth,
On the grave of my buried dreams.
I had gone away from my fairest faiths,
And my hopes with their rainbow gleams.
But never a single rose I found,
No petal, sweet kissed with dew—
For the dead leaves lay on the tired ground,
Where a tangled forest grew!

The town that seems to have several hundred inhabitants does not boast of a hotel. The roofless houses seem more like pens walled up with sun-dried bricks, some have dead palm trunks and branches thrown across the top to keep the sun out and these are covered with corn stocks and litter from their river gardens among which hens find convenient nesting.

The boys have on garments of unbleached cotton but worn to a dingy grim. Their heads are turbaned in little skull caps or long strips of the same cotton coiled up in cute shapes. The faces are a light chocolate hue, eyes, a marvelous brown, and teeth white, they are distinctly beautiful but dirty. The girls and women wear long black or dark blue strips of cloth wound about their forms loosely and thrown over the shoulders, cape-like and usually over their heads even to half covering their faces. When they run as they do today, along the sides of our trail, jumping over the holes and ditches, there is a great flutter of garments in the strong breeze and oh, the clouds of dust!

We emerge from the town and notice the columns of a ruined church. It is a cavern in the side of the solid rock. For two or three centuries this was a Christian church. Then the country was over run by the Moslems when the place became a mosque. On the walls where a thin coat of plaster has begun to loosen with age, we find underneath Christian pictures. When the invaders wanted to turn this sanctuary into a mosque, they did not like to see pictures of Christ engraved on the walls so they plastered them over and decorated in their own style.

What a strange sense the writer had when he stopped to think that centuries ago men who feared God and loved Christ poured out their prayers in this desolate lonely spot! And may not the crumbling plaster of Moslem art be a symbol of the decay of that system and the triumph of Christ? And as these pictures of Christ have been preserved in their freshness from long before the dark ages when man thought to eradicate them forever be significant of the reality of the Living One who breaks forth in all His beauty in to new ages and adapts Himself to every age and every people.

But our interest is in the living, whose souls are deep in a false system of fatalism, who need the Bread of Life. One once said of the Italian, “He has the sun in his eye and the geniality of the gods in his smile.” But how much more true of the Nubian who has been redeemed!
"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Thanks be unto God. Who hath not left us without a witness, a guide, a teacher, and Comforter. Life’s problems are hard enough with His tender care, but what must it be for those who know not God in the forgiveness of sin, who walk in the path of sorrow without the comforting influence of the Holy Spirit. He knocks and He waits at the door of every heart to comfort and to cheer. Oh yes, He not only fills my soul, but every day His Own kind way, shows His mighty power. The manner in which the Holy Ghost came on the day of Pentecost was wonderful. He came not to do His work only, but to do it in the name of the Father and the Son. The Holy Ghost is, throughout the Bible, known by different names, such as the Spirit of God, the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Ghost and the Comforter, but regardless of the term used, His work has remained unchanged from the beginning.

**Pentecost**

The coming of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost was a fulfillment of prophecy. Pentecost was a Jewish festival. According to Exodus 23:16, it was a feast of harvest, or the day of first fruits (Lev. 23:17). The feast began with the Passover and continued seven weeks, culminating in what is known as Pentecost. The Passover occurred in Egypt, but Pentecost at Sinai. The Passover stands for the shedding of blood, but Pentecost for the giving of the law. Fifty days after the blood sacrifice in Egypt God gave the law at Sinai. Fifty days after the crucifixion of Christ, which occurred at the Passover, God gave the Holy Ghost. The sacrifice in Egypt and the giving of the law at Sinai was indeed the type of the divine Sacrifice and the divine Gift. That was a wonderful day, a day in which the power of God the Father, and God the Son and God the Holy Ghost was most gloriously demonstrated. It was a great day in the life of the disciples and without it they would have failed in their Christian work.

**Less Denominationalism and More Christianity**

Many of our churches are given over to socials and suppers and entertainments until they cannot appreciate a real gospel sermon, a hearty amen, or an old fashioned prayer meeting. Many of our churches are more concerned about a social service program and the propaganda of the doctrine of their own denomination than they are about the salvation of lost souls within their reach. Some people are mighty anxious about the gospel in China or Africa, but what about the unsaved souls at home? Jesus told the disciples to begin at home and thence to the uttermost parts of the world. Like the disciples, the Pentecostal fire must burn in your own heart before you will have the power to witness for Jesus in your own community.

Too much organization interferes with the operation of the Holy Spirit. He must have the right-of-way. Self and self interests must be sacrificed upon the altar of God before the Holy Ghost will enter your heart to control your life. What we need today is less DENOMINATIONALISM and more CHRISTIANITY. It is not more organization we need, but more of the old time Pentecostal power, more gospel preaching than lecturing, more real devotion than entertainment and more Christian living than public profession.

**After Pentecost**

Did any one after Pentecost receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost? Yes, in the eleventh chapter of Acts we find Simon Peter giving a report to the church in Jerusalem of his meeting in the home of Cornelius, saying, "As I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the Word of the Lord, how that He said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 11:15, 16). "For as much then as God gave them the like gift as He did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, what was I, that I could withstand God?" (Acts 11:17). Again in Acts 15:8, we read, "And God, which knoweth their hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." Again in Acts 19:6, we read, "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them, and they spake with tongues and prophesied."

Many active pastors and church people know practically nothing of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Some say they received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at conversion, others say it was a gift to the church. But in the language of the Apostle Paul, I ask, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" I am not talking about growing in grace, but the baptism in the Holy Ghost. The doctrine of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the doctrine of divine healing, or the doctrine of the second coming of Christ is just as scriptural as the doctrine of conversion or regeneration, and the full gospel is not preached where any of these doctrines is omitted.

**Is the Holy Ghost a Gift?**

In the study of the Holy Ghost, two questions are paramount. First, is the Holy Ghost a gift? In order to settle the question satisfactorily, we must obtain a statement from the highest authority, Jesus, in His last message to His disciples before His crucifixion said, "I tell you the truth: it is expedient for you that I go
away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send Him unto you" (John 16:7).

Here we find that the Holy Ghost which is the Holy Spirit or the Comforter, is to be given or sent unto the disciples, Who is also to remain with them until Jesus should return. Yes, the Holy Ghost is a gift, for in the thirty-eighth verse of the second chapter of the book of the Acts I read: "Then Peter said unto them, 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."

Is the Holy Ghost a Baptism?

Yes, the Holy Ghost is a baptism, for John the Baptist said, "He that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining on him, the same is He which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost" (John 1:33). Again in Matt. 3:11, I find John saying: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He that cometh after me, shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

Jesus, referring to John's statement, said, "John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Jesus is here speaking to Christians, to his disciples, to those who had given up everything in this world and were following Him with all confidence in His integrity and super-natural ability. Once again He said to them, "I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him, but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you." If the disciples at this time had received their Holy Ghost Baptism, why did Jesus say unto them, "He (the Holy Ghost) shall be in you?" According to John 7:39, they had not received this enduement of power, "For the Holy Ghost was not yet given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified."

In the 7th verse of John the 16th chapter we hear Jesus saying, "If I go not away, the Comforter (the Holy Ghost) will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send Him unto you." They were Christians but they according to the Scripture did not receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost until the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit, the third person in the Godhead, is present and assists in the work of regeneration, but the Spiritual birth is not the baptism in the Holy Ghost. The Holy Spirit is present and assists in the work of sanctification, but sanctification is not the Holy Spirit baptism. I advise you to go to your knees in prayer, make the supreme sacrifice, pay the cost, and you will know something of the power, and the wisdom, and the influence, and the joy that filled and thrilled the hearts of the disciples when the Holy Ghost came upon them at Pentecost.

The More Abundant Life

Personal Testimony of Being Baptized With the Holy Spirit

By Milton E. Fish

HAVING set forth the spiritual, the moral, and the physical manifestations of the Holy Spirit's fullness according to the Scripture, I would witness my hearty amen to God's faithfulness. I can testify from personal experience the reality of Jesus Christ in fulfilling the promise, of Luke 24:49, Acts 1:5, and associated Scriptures.

Three or four years after my conversion as a lad, I harbored a grudge. Quickly I lost my awareness of Christ's presence. Graciously the Lord restored me to fellowship with Himself after I had confessed my fault to the brother. While still in my teens, the increasing longing for the sense of Christ's continual fellowship, brought me into contact with a brother. He taught me concerning the Holy Spirit Who reveals Christ within. While He anointed me with oil I opened my heart to the blessed Paraclete.

Strangely enough, I did not ask Him to empower me for service, nor did I seriously consider His office in sanctifying the inner life. While I recognized the need of power and holiness, my notions were vague. At the same time the change in my life was blessed. With increasing satisfaction Christ consciously dwelt in my heart by faith.

Ten years ago dark clouds covered me. Church trouble, unanswered prayers, a crashing auto accident, loss of employment, loss of denominational standing, poverty, bereavement, and signal apostasy of a loved one, all came within a short compass of time. I was brought low, and saw myself as needy, humbled, and crushed. During the three months preceding a period of prolonged unemployment, God permitted me to serve a large Pentecostal church as acting-pastor. Following this I met other groups of believers who had been baptized with the Holy Spirit, according to the New Testament pattern. In many of these saints I discerned a power and spiritual reality that I and many others lacked.

I retired for protracted seasons of heart-searching prayer. Slowly I began to renounce unsuspected and hidden pride, and to break the repression of religious habits that had grown strong during the decades. Hungering for the more abundant life, I besought the Lord to give me victory in the midst of adversity. I cried out for full deliverance from inner repressions that I might serve Him in the power of true holiness. Gripped by these hungers, the baptism of the Holy Spirit seemed to answer the deepest need of my heart.

Before He answered me, He gave me seasons when my heart voiced such praises that my needy soul could set forth no petition. God's presence became inexpressibly sweet, and indescribably precious. When the outlook was the very blackest, I was visited with such joy in the Lord as I never had known. Hallelujah! Thanks to inspiring fellowship with some Pentecostal children of God, I realized up-building comfort in certain prayer-meetings. Nevertheless it was in private that the Lord most deeply and most gloriously dealt with me.

He so touched and moved my heart and tongue that thanksgivings and praises to God were released in improvised verses and spontaneous singing. I am not led to describe the Spirit's manifestation in my body while I was alone with Him. It is enough for me to assert that the light of His glory thrilled my soul, and heaven-born language of adoration and joy became an upwelling foun-
tian from my overfull heart.

Since then, living with Christ has been different. The Holy Spirit has accepted and filled me. The inhibitions of the flesh and of the spirit have so gone, that I am fervently eager for Him to have His way, in spite of human criticisms. I have a peculiar fellowship and understanding with all saints who also share the experience of Pentecost. Worship and adoration of the Father, Son, and the Spirit are so different and so thrillingly necessary. Often the hallelujahs of heaven seem to re-echo within. At the same time there is an increasing concern for the lost and a growing passion to proclaim Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

All this inspiration to quickened vision and elated worship is the power for soul-saving and heart-quickening gospel ministries. Christ baptizes us with the Holy Spirit in order that with convicting and converting energies, we may testify that Christ is the Saviour of sinners. With this understanding of the Spirit’s mission in us, the believers, should not some of us who have been baptized, seek a richer endowment of power from on high? Our very concern for the lost, suggests the Spirit’s readiness to make us mighty to win souls. We need repeated and renewing infillings of the Holy Spirit.

The blessed Baptism is not an end in itself. Rather it marks the beginning of a new abundance of virtue and power like the vitalizing of trees that have been transplanted in a sun-flooded and tropical climate. As we have noted, the experience is like quitting the wilderness to enter the fertile highlands of Canaan. Henceforth new territories stretch before us, inviting us to take possession. Our eagerness to experience the Baptism should be surpassed by our fervent zeal to go on from strength to strength, from victory to victory, and from fullness to fullness. If He dwells within us ungrieved, the Spirit will be like a fountain springing up with ever increasing abundance.

The Holy Spirit does not enter to relieve us from hard work. Those who love idleness and are attached to lazy and somnolent habits, will seek His blessing in vain. The Son came forth to do His Father’s will. The Son’s labors as the Servant, proved that the Father had anointed Him with the oil of gladness above His fellows. He said: “I do always the things that please Him.” So fervent was His consecration that He was straightened until He should receive His baptism of blood. May the Lord discern that we are fervently eager to pour out our lives as an offering in service. If this is our consistently ardent quest, we may expect a sure response to our asking for the Holy Spirit’s baptism.

This blessed baptismal experience is neither a luxury nor an extra. It is no “elective” in Christian discipleship. Those who so estimate it, are not whole-hearted candidates for the fullness. Those who seek luxuries will never resolve to seek the Lord at all costs. Must the Lord humble us with crushing losses before we shall be eager and persistent in seeking till we find? Is it not a necessity that we fairly represent our radiant Lord in this age of growing apostasy? Is it not necessary to our peace of mind that we succeed when we try to rescue those who are hastening on to perdition? Must we not be mightily effective in turning to righteousness those for whose salvation the Redeemer has agonized in blood? To those of us who glimpse the passion of the Saviour as He bade His disciples go forth with the gospel, the Baptism with “all-power” is a panting intense necessity.

Finally let us not look backward, absorbed in remembering a past experience, however blessed that experience may have been. Backsliding is certain to those who do not follow on to know the Lord. That apostle called this blessed perseverance, “walking in the Spirit.” We should be advancing along the highway of God’s gracious will. The highway is one of faith, obedience, and prayer.

Bible-taught faith regards the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit. It views the world as deceived and largely dominated by Satan. Spirit-illuminated citizens of God’s kingdom trust in none of the political, economic, or social systems. Without individual regeneration and sincere general acceptance of Christ’s Lordship in society, neither capitalism nor socialism will be anything but organized wickedness. Come, Lord Jesus. There is not one social, political, economic or international movement that enlists the church folks with practical unanimity. The way in which they let American prohibition go by default or stupidity, is typical of their inability to Christianize social relations. That reform might have conditioned a more favorable hearing for the gospel of Christ. And so, with the Apostle who was in the Spirit, Spirit-filled believers look for Him Who is coming to end the age, and to rule what man has ruined.

Love-born obedience hearkens to the command, “Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.” Noah who lived toward the end of a dispensation was not disobedient by following the fashion of the world. He received this commendation, “A just man, perfect in his generations, and walked with God.” A like intelligent obedience befits the spiritual Christian.

Those who maintain the prayer-life, frequent the inner-room of personal communion and the upper-room of intercession. The Spirit enables the redeemed to realize the Saviour in sweet fellowship and to have a banquet of love with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Spirit associates believers with one another in meetings for prayer. At times the burden for souls and the concern for the triumphs of the gospel agonize the intercessors’ hearts with groanings that cannot be uttered.

Let us be warned by the fact that some who have testified to glorious Pentecostal experiences have fallen into carnality and worldly compromises. As the confusions of this end-time increase, it will require more and more abundance of divine wisdom to walk as befits the children of light. The splendor of the Spirit’s work is not in the thrill and the spectacular, but rather in the grace of a consistent, unfailing and unostentatious walk with God. This is the supreme manifestation of the more abundant life. “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles: they shall run, and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint” (Isa. 40:31).

Blossoms From the King’s Garden
By Alice Reynolds Flower

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Love’s Overflowing
By Alice Reynolds Flower

A second printing of this book of cheery, comforting poems was necessary in less than three months after publication. A sweet spiritual touch marks these poems and makes them beloved by readers. The book makes an ideal gift. Art covers. Price 50c, Postage 5c.
"I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up, also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise to our God: Many shall see it, and fear and shall trust in the Lord. Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies." (Psalm 40:1-4).

One night, back in 1929, I was about to enter a boxing ring in Mechanics Building in Boston, when I was startled by a "still small voice" which was warning me of the terrible destruction that awaited me. If I continued in the way I was going, toward the broad way to hell, I was beginning another year as an amateur prize fighter and was looking forward to making success of the career I had started, but as I was about to raise my hands in another bout, I found to my astonishment, I could not raise a hand. It seemed as though I were paralyzed for the time being. I met my opponent as I did many times before when the bell sounded to fight, but found I could not lift a hand to defend myself.

The fight did not seem to concern me at all, as my mind seemed to be turned to this strange voice, which seemed to say, "You will be killed in this fight if you go through with it. It is your last chance." I was bound it seemed by some great, unseen chain, and could not move. I was at my opponent's mercy.

He slashed me, and poured a volume of punches into my helpless body, which didn't seem to affect me at all, until finally I went to the canvas, and took the count of 9. Hearing the crowd yelling at me in derision, I arose and attempted to continue, but found myself in the same helpless condition, and for the second time went to the canvas. I then began to think that excitement was overpowering me, and I took another count of 9, thinking I could get my self together to win the battle.

By this time the crowd were hissing and booing me in increased volume, with cries of "Throw him out! Throw him out!" I arose again only to hear that same voice saying, "This is your last chance. Finding myself in the same condition as before, I could not move. Finally someone threw the towel in the ring, and stopped the fight.

A few months later, I surrendered my life to Jesus, and since that time I have no longer been fighting flesh and blood, but principalities, and powers of darkness. "Is God's hand shortened that He cannot save?" saith the Scriptures. I thank God, I can answer, "No!" A few years ago I was on my way down into a horrible pit, a prize-fighter, dope addict, cigarette fiend, blasphemer, and drunkard, but now I can praise God that I have been lifted by His power, saved and healed by His all-atoning blood, baptized with the precious Holy Ghost and fire according to Acts 2:4. Now I am out witnessing for Him in streets and byways, halls and churches, assisted by my faithful wife.

Shortly after God saved me, He called me out into His work. At first I had the privilege of being a door keeper and usher in a little hall in the city of Waltham, called the "Happiness Center Mission," where Happy Jack was conducting revival meetings. As I labored, I felt the call growing stronger, and finally was asked to speak in neighboring churches and later went to Concord, New Hampshire, where I opened up a school house and held revival services, which were my first attempts to conduct meetings myself, but God blessed me by saving many precious souls, healing the sick, and baptizing hungry hearts with the Holy Ghost, among which were some of my own loved ones. Thank God, the work is still going on there.

About a year ago, God called me to Boston, where I have had the privilege of preaching and testifying in street meetings in Boston, on the Common, and in Roxbury. I also preached in the various missions in the city. During this time, I have had the pleasure of seeing souls kneel on side-walks, at altars, in homes, many healed and filled with the Spirit. Some of these converts are out testifying in schools and on street corners.

Last October we were conducting prayer meetings at our home in Dorchester, but when our landlord found it out, we were ordered out. We prayed definitely if it were God's will, that He would open a place somewhere, so that we might have prayer meetings without being disturbed, and God directed me to a little hall in Roxbury that will hold about 150 people, now known as King's Highway Tabernacle at 5 Hampden St., which we have been holding revival meetings every night, but Monday, and have had the privilege of having Evangelist Arthur Robinson with us.

God is blessing in a mighty way. Many souls are crowding the altar to seek the Lord, and some are being saved, healed, and baptized. Praise God for victory all the way!

We have a Sunday school started, of which Sister Yeo is leader. Many children are attending, and some have received the Holy Ghost. We are looking for greater things in the near future if Jesus tarries. We invite whomsoever will to give us a visit. I am a licensed preacher in the New England District Council, and am open for evangelistic call anywhere, providing it be forward in the cause of Christ.

We ask the prayers of all Word and Work readers. May God bless you.
Is The World Going Mad?

Preparing the World for the Worship of the Beast

By Evangelist Peter Jepsen

The world may survive wars, pestilence, earthquakes and famines, and the judgments may bring about a spiritual awakening, but the world going insane leads to inevitable ruin.

Dr. Desgoges, general medical director of the Division of Social Hygiene for the province of Quebec, states: "The impending material and political bankruptcy of the civilized world is the natural result of the fact that the world is already mentally, morally and socially bankrupt. The population of our mental hospitals is increasing in ever-growing proportions year by year, but that is only a partial criterion; there is more insanity outside of the hospitals than inside them."

"Psychiatrists all know the type of patient who having a small grievance, real or fancied, mulls it over in his mind, broods on it until it becomes the biggest thing in the world, and adds to it, extends it, until he becomes the most dangerous of all mental sufferers, the persecuted persecutor. Whole nations today are following that trend."

Such collective madness the psychiatrist declares, has taken hold of the masses in times past and burned out, but in the present case it is not a malady of the masses, but of the classes.

**Downfall of Rome Compared With Present Conditions**

Gibbons the great historian said, "Rome fell due to three causes.—Liquor traffic, social vice, and disintegration of the home". Most every nation is given over to these three evils.

Dr. S. Parks Cadman says, "The same conditions which prevailed in ancient Rome before her downfall now exist in the United States."

The repeal of the 18th amendment in the United States will increase, not lessen existing evils.

**Lycanthrophy**

Both Biblical and secular history reveal the fact that nations given over to these things come to a hasty end. Belchazzar had much light from the experience of his grandfather. The nations today have greater light and less excuse before God.

The insanity of Nebuchadnezzar is known to modern medical science. He suffered from a nervous disorder brought on by his excesses. One of the early symptoms of his disease is sleeplessness, and if one does sleep he is tormented by night mares (Daniel 2:1). Another symptom is an insane egotism which is seen in his foolish notion of the great image. Then, "his heart was lifted up with pride." Walking on all fours and eating grass is a phase of the disease known as "Lycanthrophy," a condition in which a man thinks himself an animal.

It is reported that Lenin the leader of the overthrow of the Czarist regime lost his mind and was seen crawling on the floor and roaring like a beast.

The prodigal son (Luke 15) was given to excesses and came near to going on all fours to feed with the swine, but "he came to himself". This clause suggests he was out of his mind hitherto. Being away from a good home with money led to social excesses.

Surely a man must be out of his mind to spend his money on matters that lead to ruin and damnation.

In Romans 1 is given a clear description of conditions that eventually lead to a derangement of the mind.

A missionary from China stated some years ago that the moral degeneration described in Romans 1 is a true picture of conditions in China. I believe we have similar conditions in civilized lands. The 21st verse touches the mind, "because when they knew God they glorified Him not as God." They actually "changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts and creeping things."

**What is the Cause of This Insanity?**

Evolution leads away from the worship of God to the worship of man. The 25th verse declares that "because they changed the truth of God into a lie and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator," God will give them over to the conditions recorded in the rest of the chapter.

**Worship of Man**

Professor McKeever of Kansas University says: "To know God is to first know man and to know man is to worship the divinity in him. Man is my best expression of Deity and so I bow reverently to his Shrine."

Harry E. Fosdick in the Literary Digest stated, "The Genius of Christianity lies in reverence for personality."

Much more could be given to prove that modernism and evolution lead to the worship of man. Surely the world is being prepared for the coming of the Anti-christ.

**With Spirituality Comes Progress**

The progress of any country has been due to the spiritually minded. Both the Bible and the secular history prove that. For example, that fiery preacher, Johnathan Edwards, who was President of Princeton University and Sarah Pierrepont, his wife, were noted by Ripley in "Believe it or not" as having descended 12 college presidents, 65 college professors, 60 physicians, 60 authors, 30 judges, 80 State Governors, 100 lawyers, 100 clergymen, 265 college graduates, 3 congressmen, 2 U. S. Senators and 1 U. S. Vice President.

**Statistics On Insanity**

Some years ago an eminent physician in England stated that 25% of his cases belonged to the mental, and could not be helped by the medical. The rapid increase in this class of patients is shown by the statement of a physician in London, England, who recently stated that 70% of his patients had no organic disease. He found other physicians reported the same. He was alarmed.
In N. Y. City the 3rd International Congress of Eugenics was held August 22nd, 1933. Dr. J. H. Landman, N. Y. said that the number of insane and mental defectives alone exceed 18 million in the U. S. (A previous record listed 2 million) and that parents send twice as many to the Asylum as they send to colleges. 1,300,000 are sent to college every year.

In the Cleveland Plain Dealer, April 29, 1933, it was stated that one of the State Normals in Ohio may have to be turned into an Asylum as there are 4,000 unemployed teachers, and there were more State Normals than were really needed.

Cuyahoga County alone was spending 100 dollars an hour for the insane and feeble minded all of whom should be in State Institutions. The State has 36,000 wards in hospitals for insane and 1500 on waiting lists as well as an untold number impounded in County Jails and houses for safe keeping and a still greater number cared for by families.

The Toronto Globe, Oct. 11, 1933, stated that the Bureau of Censuses of 50 years ago showed 67.7 persons in mental hospitals for every 100,000. Now there are 236 for every 100,000. Last year 78,000 mental patients were admitted to hospitals, while 38,538 were released (these figures apply to Canada). This paper continues to reveal that diseases such as the White plague have been cornered, typhoid etc., brought under control but not so with insanity.

Speed of modern life tends more and more to shake to pieces the human machine,—the mind. Mental disorders are becoming a grave problem.

**Encephalitis**

At Ann Arbor, Michigan, Dec. 9, 1932, the Detroit Free Press stated that a circuit Jury grappled for over seven hours with a problem as to whether complications following a cold in the head caused a University Professor's son to become a highway robber. They were hopelessly deadlocked 7 to 5. Defense witnesses and physicians said, 'Encephalitis.' or inflammation of the brain followed a bad cold transformed the youth from a timid boy immature, childish into a self assertive boy desirous of showing off. He had stolen two automobiles and robbed two gas stations.

**Suicides**

Suicides which have to do with the mental have increased to an alarming degree in the U. S. There has been an average of 400 a week, or 21,000 a year. 1931 showed 24,000 cases and 30,000 attempted. The ages are 9 to 97. In this group were millionaires, social registerettes, pretty women, three ministers, a former Rabbi, Mormon bishop, Quaker missionary, his wife and son. Europe in 1930 had 50,000 suicides. One year in Vienna, Austria Hungary, a feast and post luncheon address was announced to would-be suicides,—1,200 responded.

Much more can be given to show the awful state of this world due to the cigarette craze, abominable liquor, jazz, sensuous dance, filthy shows, filthy literature, and all the degraded amusements. This general state of affairs takes in practically every community, city, state and nation of the world.

Things are happening fast and we are living close to a world collapse. Only two events can save the world.

—A revival or the coming of Jesus.

There was a moral collapse after the Civil War, but God sent a Dwight L. Moody to turn the tide of wickedness and save the country from chaos.

May God raise men filled with His Spirit to meet these perilous days.

**SPIRITUAL AWAKENING**

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atrociously put to death, cries from the ground as did the blood of Abel. Do we want a like tragedy to overtake this country? Then we had better pray without ceasing for a country-wide revival, and the sooner it breaks out the better for America.

**An Interesting Experiment**

In chemistry class on one occasion, we performed an experiment to produce water from two gases. We were told that we must adhere strictly to the formula which is H₂O. So we carefully put two parts of hydrogen and one part of oxygen into the bell-jar and exploded the mixture with an electric spark. Immediately little dew drops of sparkling water appeared all over the inside of the glass jar. Our experiment was successful because we adhered to the formula. Otherwise it would have failed utterly.

**How to Have a Revival**

Now I believe I have found God's formula for a revival. It is set for us in II Chron. 7:14. Here it is:

"If my people which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will heal their land."

Virtually every revival that has ever broken out has come because a group of people somewhere have adopted the instructions in this passage of Scripture and have acted upon it. Four things are noted:

1. Humbling ourselves.
2. Earnest prayer.
3. Seeking God.
4. Turning from sin.

**Excellent Christian Principles**

It would be well for every Christian to adopt these four essential elements even if he were not especially interested in a revival. The cause of Christ would be the better for it. No one can live a successful Christian life without putting this verse into operation.

When these things are lacking there can be no real revival. When they are accepted and acted upon the revival will be spontaneous and far reaching.
Why Christ Is Coming Very Soon

Is our Interpretation of Bible Chronology Correct?

BY WATSON ARGUE

What is the hour?

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

These words were spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ. We should now be lifting up our heads, for His coming "draweth nigh." There are many indications that He is nigh, even at the door. No man knows the day nor the hour, but we may know approximately, for Paul tells us in 1 Thes. 5:1, that "of the times and the seasons we have no need that he write." We can tell when it is summer, by the harvests, and when it is fall by the leaves falling from the trees, and the signs of the Second Coming of Christ are equally apparent. Paul says, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." Abraham knew that Sodom and Gomorrah were about to be destroyed. Noah knew the world was to be destroyed by a flood. Simeon and Anna knew when Christ would come the first time; and I believe there are many today who will live to see Christ coming the second time.

What is the Sign?

When the signs were foretold in the Word, the Second Coming of Christ was a long way off, but as these signs are being fulfilled, we see His coming getting nearer and nearer, and now it is even at the door. The next great event may be the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. MANY PEOPLE FIND FAULT WITH THE JEWS FOR REJECTING CHRIST'S FIRST COMING, BUT SOME OF THESE VERY PEOPLE ARE REJECTING HIS SECOND COMING.

Great Event Coming Soon

Many students of Bible chronology who have accurately foretold other events feel that some big event will take place very soon. H. Grattan Guinness, in 1886 wrote in "Light for the Last Days.

"Thoughtful readers will weigh the facts and draw their own conclusions asking themselves in the light of all chronological facts mentioned in this work, if the year 604 B.C. witnessed the rise of the typical Babylon, the supremacy over the typical Israel, what event is the corresponding year in this time of the end likely to witness? There can be no question that those who live to see this year 1917, will have reached one of the most important of these terminal years of crisis... We are not able to attempt any prediction of the specific events which may be expected to occur in these years of crisis (i.e. 1914, 1917, 1923, and 1934) but no chronological prophecy of the Scriptures indicates any date whatever beyond 1934.

Dr. Guinness gives four dates as important prophetic dates. What happened in 1914? The World War began. In 1917 Jerusalem was taken from the Turks; in 1923 sanction was given to the Jews to return to Palestine and establish a national home. Dr. Guinness was right in three of his dates, and it remains to be seen whether he will be right about 1934.

Wars and Rumors of War

The Scriptures foretell in the last days "there shall be wars and rumors of wars:" we are told also there shall be "distress of nations." These prophecies have been strikingly fulfilled. In the great war of 1914-1918 ten million were killed and twenty million wounded. In 1925 I stood in the trenches in No Man's Land, visited Chateau Thierry and other devastated areas. Here was a cemetery of black crosses, there one of green crosses, and yonder rows and rows of white crosses. As I stood there and realized that under every cross lay a soldier boy dear to the heart of some loved one, I could but weep, and closed my eyes and breathed a prayer that the Lord would return before another such conflict. The greatest war the world has ever known has happened in your life and mine, and there have been many minor wars since. Christ said, "There shall be wars and rumors of wars." Today the world is filled with rumors of wars.

Pestilence

Right on the heels of the greatest war, there came the great plague, the Spanish influenza. The World War took ten million lives in four years; the Spanish influenza, twelve million in a few weeks. Medical science could not cope with the situation. Since the World War over forty million people have been taken by epidemics.

Earthquakes

"Earthquakes in divers places." In San Francisco in 1906 there was an earthquake in which five hundred people were killed; the news of it sent a shudder of horror throughout the world, but has been like a drop in the bucket compared to the great catastrophes the world has seen. In 1908 there was an earthquake in Italy in which seventy-seven thousand lives were lost. In 1920 there was a tremendous earthquake in China. A fanatical Mohammedan took a crowd of followers up a mountain and while there the earthquake took place, with a toll of two hundred thousand lives. Mountains were moved out of their places, lakes were formed and whole areas wiped off the map. In Japan in 1923 two hundred thousand were killed through an earthquake, and one hundred thousand injured. Thousands have had the greatest war, the greatest pestilence and the greatest earthquake in our day, and these all speak loudly that the coming of our Lord is very near.

Famines

"There shall be famines." This generation has seen the greatest famines the world has ever known. In Russia people died of starvation at the rate of twenty-five thousand a day. That is quite a good-sized city. Even now, we hear they are facing a tremendous famine. In 1920 China suffered from an awful famine, in which twelve million people perished by starvation. It is said they actually dug up bodies from the graves, and ate bodies of those who died with hunger: they killed their own children rather than have them die the torturing death by starvation. We have not experienced these things in this country but it has only been the mercy of God that has stayed the hand of the destroyer.

Iniquity Abounds

"Iniquity shall abound." Never in the history of the world has lawlessness been so unleashed. We are told that sixty thousand girls drop out of sight in the United States every year. Does anybody question whether the gangster does all but own America? A few days ago Senator Vandenberg said, "We are opposed by an annual crop of 40,000 criminals, who per-
petuate 12,000 killings a year, 50,000 robberies, 3,000 kidnappings, 10,000, assaults, and 5,000 arsons.” The bringing back of beer and liquor will not help the situation, but will deepen crime.

Churches But No Power

“A form of godliness but denying the power thereof.” “They shall be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.” This is shockingly true today. You can find many churches, costly structures, with expensive equipment, but no power; year after year not a person getting saved. More will turn out to a show or a dance than to a prayer-meeting. Take the young ministers turned out of the Theological Seminaries today; many deny the inspiration of the Scriptures, the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, His stoning to death and know nothing of a “born again” experience. I am glad that we are a company of people throughout the world who believe in the verbal inspiration of the Bible and in the blood of Jesus Christ to save from sin.

President Smith of A.A.A.A. has said, “We are going to undermine the churches of America.” “We can do it,” said Secretary Hopwood, “because the churches are already slipping. We have found putting over atheism in America much easier than we anticipated.” Today some of the churches are scoffing at Jesus Christ being the Son of God. Many are scoffing at the idea of a hell, but they will change their scoffing and plead for mercy before very long. Some time ago a paper in Pittsburg, The Christian Advocate (so called) speaking on that grand old hymn, “There is a Fountain Filled with Blood,” said, “It is a gory theme. Why do we have such nonsensical, silly, foolish and altogether banal hymns in our church services?” A paper calling itself CHRISTIAN, scoffing at the blood of Jesus. Not only are atheists and infidels doing the scoffing, but men who stand behind the sacred desk.

Jews Returning To Palestine

God said He would give Palestine and the surrounding land to the Jews forever, and today they are going back to their land by the thousands. The Jews in many ways are compared to Jonah. Jonah was swallowed by a big fish but was not digested. After three days the fish vomited him up. The Jews have been swallowed up by the nations of the world, but they have always maintained their individuality. They are a distinctive people, though scattered to the ends of the earth. Recently they have been dynamited from their moorings, in Germany and other countries, but it is this very thing that is making them go back to Palestine. And they are going back fast.

The World Wants a Super-man

The world’s leaders are unable to solve the problems and the world cries for a great leader. Many thought that The League of Nations would solve the problems, especially in regard to war, but the League seems to be a failure. During the trouble between Japan and China sometime ago, the League could not save the situation. Japan withdrew from the League, also Germany, and there is a possibility of Italy withdrawing. President Norman, of the Bank of England, and recognized as a great financier, and who has been in this country conferring with President Roosevelt, recently stated that as far as giving a solution to the present financial crisis, he was as helpless as a child. Many will be eager to follow a great leader who can solve the world’s problems. There is plenty of money in the world, but it is not in circulation. There is plenty of food yet millions are hungry. There is every evidence that a world crisis is on and a need for a superman to take hold of the reins.

People seem to like having a dictator; the world is rapidly becoming accustomed to it, and the way is surely being paved for the Antichrist, to whom these dictators will delegate their power.

Big Business Ready for the Anti-christ

Today the food supply and other commodities of the world are getting in the hands of a few. There are 59,000 chain grocery stores, and the little individual store is almost a thing of the past. Not long ago I was talking to the manager of a great chain store, and I said, “What about this other chain of stores with one near yours? They give you quite a little competition, do they not?” “Yes,” he said, “but we do not care. People think we are two different companies, but we are all under one control, financed by the same company.” How easy it will be for the Antichrist to control the whole business and people will not be able to buy or sell unless they have the mark of the beast.

Is the N.R.A. the Mark of the Beast?

I do not believe N.R.A. is the mark of the beast, but it is a bending straw that lets us know which way the wind is blowing. One principle is to boycott those who do not have the sign, and the mark of the beast, when it comes into power, will work on that principle. The world is watching the NRA, and if it is a success other nations will follow. In Germany they have the SWASTIK, in Italy the ax and the bundle of sticks, and in Russia the hammer and the sickle. It is claimed that in different parts of Russia in order to get work and food it is necessary to have the hammer and sickle tattooed on a person’s flesh. The world is becoming accustomed to marks; one wonders if the next one will be the mark of the beast.

Red Russia’s Cruelty

Conditions in Russia today look like a foretaste of the great tribulation. Murder is Communism’s first commandment. Cruelties are nowhere so bestial as when the Communists are in a position to torture the people.

In five years 180,000 Christians have been sent to the prison camps in Northern Siberia to work in the mines and pulp wood forests, where in winter the temperature is 80 degrees below zero.

A fourteen-year-old girl secretly went to a Gospel service. Her father beat her until she died. He was taken into custody but when he claimed that he beat his child because she was a Christian he was set free.

Will This Generation See Him?

Jesus said, “When ye see all these things, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.” He also said, “This generation shall not pass away until all be fulfilled.” I believe He had particular reference to the generation that was living when these signs were being fulfilled, and that this present generation will witness the return of the Lord Jesus for His loved ones.

When Christ comes, those who are ready will be caught up to meet Him. Then will come the worst time of trouble the world has ever known. In the early days Christians sealed their testimony with their blood. History repeats itself and the time is surely coming when many will again lay down their lives for the Gospel.

Condensed from the “Latter Rain Evangel.”
EVERYBODY Happy, Say “amen!” Fine! Great! Is in the air! Can’t you feel it? What’s in the air? Why my dear Christian friends its, “REVIVAL” “REVIVAL.” “REVIVAL!” Everywhere, because of the nameless fear, perplexity and darkness, God’s people are beginning to get closer to the clef of the Rock, and the vibrations of His presence are being felt and the revival is started. As I write this article I bear that last Thursday, April the 12th, eight souls were saved in the First Pentecostal Church in Chelsea, Mass. Praise the Lord, forever!

The three weeks campaign which I have conducted in White Plains, N. Y., and the Bronx has shown that thereviving is here. All that is needed is someone with a Divine unctio to begin to stir up the people, and they will quickly fall in line, reconsecrating themselves anew, patching up differences, letting the love of Christ bind them together in sweet fellowship, and as I tell the saints everywhere, “When you feel like talking about someone else, take a good look at yourself in the mirror, and you will see your own shortcomings, and keep quiet.” Amen!

Let us in these last days, be humble. Real humility, not presumption, search your heart as you read this piece of poetry by R. Wright Hay.

The night I gave my life’s story in White Plains Full Gospel Church, the place was packed, and such a melting, sinners crying, saints crying, the evangelist crying, Praise God for the movings of His Spirit. Stay pliable, saints.

At the divine healing service, it looked as if all the saints were suffering with something, (don’t backslide, its dangerous) but we prayed for them.

Pastor Thompson’s wife was gloriously delivered by Him who is able, when we call upon Him with our whole heart in the day of trouble. A real case for the hospital, but Jesus never fails.

Correspondence

Letters are beginning to come for prayers for sick ones. We just received a handkerchief from a saint out in Appleton, Wisconsin, who believes in a prayer answering God, and to try all available means, according to the Scriptures.

Send along a handkerchief, and we will pray over it for you, if you believe. Many have found deliverance this way according to Acts 19:12.

Chronic Asthma Healed by Jesus

Thank God, for the great Physician, that I found in Jesus, the Son of the living God, Who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. I was two years of age when I became very sick. The doctors told my mother I had asthma. Soon I became a patient of the Middle Conn., Hospital, where I was helped a little. I came home, and the attacks began again, and grew worse until they became chronic, I tried doctors and was in four different hospitals but they could not help me. I had opened to the doctors that I believed in God, and they advised me to see a Cleveland doctor. But I felt, and how thankful to my great Physician Jesus Christ. I did not have to tell the people that I was healed, because they took notice of it themselves. One night I ran down the stairs to the meeting and someone said to my sister, “Look how your sister Rose is running down those stairs.” It was only God Almighty through the Lord Jesus Christ, that gave me the strength and health to run down those stairs after I had been suffering with asthma for fifteen years. Surely I give Him all the glory, honor and praise because it means much to me to have my health once again. Praise the Lord!—Miss Rose Vincitis, 651 St. Ann’s Ave., New York City, N. Y.

Healing is for you because it is in the stome-
touch Him by faith and instantly the work is done. It is not hard when you once know how. Have faith in God!

We have changed our broadcasting schedule and now for the spring and summer we are on at 8:00 A.M., Sunday mornings. Anyone within a radius of 150 miles (and maybe further), of Boston, should hear our program, as many large stations are not on the air at this early hour, 8:00 to 8:30 A.M., 920 K. C.

Again I would like to remind you in these last days of the untold value of a real Holy Ghost message, given with wisdom, flung out on the ether waves, covering a potential audience of 3,000,000 souls or more, and my prayers are, and will you pray with me that God will supply the need so that we might get on a net work of stations with the Full Gospel. The last warning, the devil uses the radio, why not God’s people. Stand with me on this and it shall come to pass. Think of this! Before you received this copy of the Word and Work, God permitting, your correspondent shall have spoken for fifteen minutes on the program of Tom Noonon, of Chinatown, N. Y., The cathedral of the underworld, over the Federal Broadcasting System Network.

This audience, reaches at least 10,000,000 people along the East coast, and the witness of the saving grace and filling and keeping power of our Jesus will have reached this many people at last. Let us thank God for His goodness, in permitting us to be the channel for this last day testimony. You can have your reward in this work by standing behind it in prayer and financial aid. The radio goes into the cellar, attic, garage, auto, stores, parks, hospitals, sick rooms and jails. Get the vision with me and may this Gospel be broadcast on a National hook-up. He is able!

Our next campaign will be at Huntington, L. I., from April 22nd to April 29th or longer. If your church is financially able and needs reviving this summer, or a campmeeting, write me at once before all my dates become closed.

My business address is P. O. Box 70, Watertown, Mass.

Send in your healing testimony and remember the revival is in the air and is coming fast. Receive it in your heart. Amen! God bless all of you!—Happy Jack.

Good News Tabernacle
New York City

Evangelistic services were held at Good News Tabernacle, 655 St. Ann’s Ave., New York City, from April 9th to 13th inclusive. John J. Smith (“Happy Jack”) was the Evangelist.

Eleven souls came to the altar for salvation. Three backsliders were restored. Two believers received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. One sister was healed of chronic asthma.

At a children’s meeting during this campaign, twelve children gave themselves to the Lord.

All glory, honor, praise and thanksgiving to God for these blessings. Hallelujah!—Margaret D. Ashe, Secretary.
News From New England

THE Eastern District Superintendent visits New England for the first time. We are very happy to have as our guest for Easter week, Brother and Sister Flower, who visited the assemblies at Brockton, Everett, Chelsea, Faith Tabernacle of Boston and Bethel Home at Framingham. A united young peoples rally was held at Boston, Saturday March 31st in the afternoon and evening. All available seats were taken and a blessed time of council and inspiration with a new found wealth of Jehovah’s Word. The Lord of Hosts is with us and at his command the Jericho walls come tumbling down, the seven fold faith of the army of the Lord. What matters if Pharaoh and all his armies and chariots in glittering armor and burnished steel pursue us? The word of our Commander is “go forward!” and this “array that you see today, ye shall see no more forever.” “Who art thou, O Mountain?” Impassable, unconquered by the hand of man, piled in rocky buttress and dizzy steep, crowned by the Snowy King’s blast with sea of glass, and icy diadem? “Before Zerubabel thou shalt become a plain.” Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? If God be for us who can be against us?

New York City

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY
REVIVAL CAMPAIGN AND TIDINGS
TABERNACLE
Robert A. Brown, pastor.
April 29th to May 13th inclusive
Services will be held Sundays at 10:30 A.M., 3 and 7:30 P.M., and each evening at 7:45 P.M., except Mondays, when there will be no service. Afternoon services will be held at 3 P.M., on Wednesdays and Fridays of the campaign. Prayer will be offered for the sick. A young people’s rally will be held on Saturday, May 12th, at 7:30 P.M. Evangelist McDowell will bring a message of special benefit to young people. All are invited to the rallies of the different assemblies of this district will be present that night, for a feast awaits them.

A special program of music and singing will be rendered throughout the campaign.
The Tabernacle is located at 325-329 West 33rd Street, one-half block west of the Pennsylvania depot and opposite the General Post Office, which is the most central point of transit in New York City. For further information as to accommodation, etc., write Miss E. K. Schurter, Secretary, 325 West 33rd St., New York City, N.Y.

Providence, R. I.

The Full Gospel Church (Pentecostal) has given the pastor, Rev. Roy Smuland a six months leave of absence. This place is now filled by Rev. Peter Jepsen of New Haven.

During the two years of Brother Smuland’s ministry three evangelistic campaigns have been held,—two in a tent under the auspices of the above named Assembly. The evangelists were Mr. E. Ely, Stanley Cook, and Meyer Tan Ditter and wife. Their stirring, faithful messages and personal services brought uplift and increased light to many.

We believe some surrendered to Christ for the first time. Brother Smuland’s inspired ministry and faithful personal contacts in homes and elsewhere, have laid, we believe, a lasting foundation upon which to build a “Spiritual House.” The Assembly is in a good degree of harmonious cooperation along all lines of Christian worship and work. While not large in numbers it is encouraging to note a threefold increase in attendance both in the Sunday School and meetings.

Brother Smuland baptized five members of one family, recently converted under his preaching. They are a happy family and their zeal for Bible study, active personal service and loving fellowship are conspicuous.

People apparently without exception are responding to Brother Jepsen’s ministry and leadership. His messages and Biblical teaching are both spiritual and instructive.

All are praying for a revival of real refreshing power which will stretch beyond what we ask or think. Brother Smuland writes: “That the flame may become a mighty burning bush.” Amen—E. A. T.

Tent Wanted
Wanted a gospel tent 40X60, or larger to evangelize this summer in the city of Providence, R. I. Please communicate with Peter Jepsen, Pastor, 198 Broad St., Providence, R. I.

Kennebunk, Maine

ANNUAL Pentecostal Convention will be held at Kennebunk Landing Chapel, opening May 10th, 7:30 P. M., with all day services until May 13, 1934, beginning each day at 10:30 A. M. Ministers and workers from different states expected. Entertainment on free-will offering plan. All welcome! Mrs. Laura E. Whittmore, Pastor. Mrs. Fannie Jackson, Secretary.

Chicago, Illinois

GIRSHAM FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE
8668 S. Vincennes Ave.
We covet your prayers for this new work in a new neighborhood where the full gospel message is practically unknown. It is purely a missionary faith work and new ones are coming in. Last Sunday evening the power of God was mightily poured out in our midst. Any minister of good standing coming this way is welcome in our midst.—Looking for a mighty Holy Ghost revival.—Beula A. Clark, pastor, 5748 S. Union Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Alamogordo, New Mexico

We have had a real Pentecostal revival in this little discouraging place. Praise our God!—Miss J. M. Johnson

Evangelist Arthur H. Robinson
EVANGELIST Arthur H. Robinson is now conducting services at King’s Highway Tabernacle, 5 Hampden St., Roxbury, Mass. Recently he held a campaign in Lynn, where it is reported about twenty-five came forward for salvation and four were filled with the Holy Ghost. He also held a month’s campaign in Newburyport, Mass., in the old Adventist church on Charter Street, which was packed with people every night and many sought salvation. In Haverhill, Mass., large crowds attended the services at Glad Tidings Assembly on Fleet Street and about twenty were gloriously converted.

Evangelist John H. Bostrom
CALIFORNIA has been my sphere of usefulness for the Master this year. Just at this time of the year, here in California, all nature is revived. The burned hillsides have donned their dress of green, dotted with flowers of varied hues.
We are planning to drive back to the middle west for meetings early this summer, and are looking to the Lord for a gracious outpouring of His Spirit.—John H. Bostrom, 640 S. San Rafael Ave., Pasadena, California.

Johannesburg, South Africa

I AM SOON returning to the U. S. A. after spending a quarter of a century in Africa. I need a well earned rest and expect to work for Africa. Pray that my way shall open.

—Vera Barnard.
Aged Woman a Tract Distributor
Christian Workers’ Union : Lone Oak, Texas.
Beloved Brethren: April 4, 1934.

The Lord has laid a task on me. Am 77 this year. Still strong and able to work. Am in this world’s goods, but rich in a God who never fails. Have an invalid sister ninety seven, considered to be the best for the Lord. My early morning hours are about all I get each day. Home duties are all mine.

The task is to place certain tracts in every family in our town. It will take about 400. I know God has led me to your tract—Make it Plain Father,” and “I Am Not Going to a Childless Grave.” Enclosed is one dollar. This gives her 400 of each tract. —Yours in His Service, — Mrs. Helen D. Bagley.

Question Box
By Milton E. Fish

Question: Please explain Isaiah 4:1, “And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.”

Answer: This is a vital part of the prophecies of chapter 3.

About 760 B.C. Isaiah described the judgments that were ready to break upon Judah. Mingled with that picture he depicted the ultimate “day of the Lord.” In the “last days” before the glorious Messianic triumphs of the kingdom, the “that day” judgment for the apostate Israelites will be punished, and the true remnant of Israel will be saved.

Moses the prophet designated God’s final period of judgement by the term, “that day” in Exodus 7:22 and Deut. 31:17-18. Previous to Isaiah, other prophets elaborated the various aspects of that coming judgement day. See Amos 5:18; 6:9, 11; Mic. 2:4; 5:6 and 7:11. Isaiah is even more specific in 2:11-12, 20; 3:7 and 18. See also Jer. 4:9; 17:16; 30:7 and Ezek. 30-23. This period of decisive judgments will fall upon the earth as the “Time of Jacob’s trouble,” or the time of the tribulation that precedes the full establishment of Christ’s kingdom on the earth.

The passage under consideration has the background of wide-spread war in which a large proportion of the male population has perished. 3:25; 6:11-12 and Rev. 9:18. Women will make much trouble for Abraham’s children, issued from their acts. Likewise in the last days the same reactions will stir women as with a blind urge as a race. Certain psychologists are already trying to give intellectual justification for this lawlessness. This urge emerged in limited but in significant ways during the World War. It produced an unhealthy exaggeration of sex matters that is having its developing effects today in our decadent social order.

The moralizing ideals outlined in Isaiah 4:1 are emerging today. Some women and men are becoming bold mistresses and eager in proposing marriage or worse to men. Given a great widespread scarcity of men, and a war-hysteria, then both men and women who remain impenitent under crushing disasters, will sink to the level that Isaiah foretold.

Children have a right to be well-born. Jesus foresaw woe and sorrow for women who bore children in the time of great social upheaval under God’s judgments. He was mindful of the children as He was of the women. To be well-born, a child should be welcome into a home of the divine order. Moreover the child should be protected by a measurable degree of peace in a land where moral and social restraints have not been cast to the winds.

Bethel Home News

“Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.”

We want to take this opportunity to praise God for His goodness and mercy. He has been answering prayer for our needs and for requests that have been sent in.

Beloved the brook gets almost dry at times, the meal and oil supply gets low. We must trust God every day. We are dependent completely upon Him and our friends for support.

There has been some sickness among us and some of the old folk are very feeble and slowly moving toward the end. One of the ladies had a very serious fall down the basement stairs.

Every one is enjoying the nice Spring weather. We are getting some gardening done which will be enjoyed a little later as we have been without most of the things we quite admire. A few of our friends helped us with some canned goods during the winter. We have received $8.00 to help buy potatoes for planting. We have hatched a few chickens and have some eggs setting.

Some of the old ladies are taking quite an interest in helping to beautify the surroundings by putting out flowers.

A number of friends have visited the home lately helping to cheer us along the way. Brother and Sister J. Roswell Flower from the Eastern District were with us almost a week. Their visit was a very welcome one and they were quite well pleased with New England. We are progressing. We are off to the 1775 in our decadent social order.

We need your co-operation, please write us if you are interested. Satan tries to take advantage of us knowing the long hours of hard work and vexing problems may cause us to become discouraged. God and Satan have never had an armistice.

Quite a number are asking admittance into the home as their days of active service are about over and we would gladly welcome them if our finances would allow us to do so, but as usual most of them do not possess sufficient funds to care for themselves, and it is not feasible to burden the home at this time with additional inmates.

Those desiring to come to the home for the balance of their life be patient, ask the Lord to continue His blessings toward us, and our friends to continue to stand with us and it may be possible by the end of this year the home may be in a condition to accept more old people into it’s benevolence. Retired ministers, and missionaries being given preference.

Apparently the time is nearing that we should begin to build a real trust fund for the home that it may function properly and be used to the glory of God and for the purpose intended when first brought into existence. If any one interested in helping to get this trust fund started please let us hear from you. Do not send any funds for this purpose now but write us any suggestions you may have and advise what you may have to offer later. We will gladly receive any donations now for the present upkeep of the home.

From there we went to Lexington, Bunker Hill and other places. They were much delighted with the opportunity to view Boston from the Customs house tower. Brother Flower is superintendent of the Eastern District and assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

All our ministers, missionarles, and friends are welcome to visit the Home.

Those desiring a vacation in New England this Summer and wish to spend a few days or weeks in the home will please advise us about when they wish to come and how long they wish to stay. We will do our best to help you enjoy your vacation and the charge will be reasonable.

We are progressing. There are many things we could do if we had the money. Pray for us, there is so much to be done and so few to do it. We intend to work as if all depended on us and trust as if all depends on God. We need your co-operation, please write us if you are interested.

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A CALL TO SERVICE.....

"Blow ye the trumpet on every side and say, The sword of the Lord." Judges 7:18.

"I have set thee a watchman." Ezek. 33:7.

"If the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned...His blood will I require at the watchman's hand." Ezek. 33:6.

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