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Who Inherits the Promises?

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As 1934 was fading away and yielding place to 1935, many of us who have believed on Christ, surveyed our position in spiritual things, looking backward to get a fresh start forward. We know, of course that sad but true fact, that the normal, unchecked progress of a Christian is downward rather than upward. Is not the history of the Church, and more specifically of Protestantism, a sufficient proof that spiritual men need a constant reawakening? Could many of our denominations exist today had it not been true that the church suffered from repeated backslidings?

It is so easy to relax spiritually and to become indifferent to the definite callings of the Spirit. We are so happy to be "born from above," to have been healed, filled and used. Many among us have fought a good fight, and have commenced a swift race. But, as we face the future, let us remember it is the end of the course which we anticipate. Past efforts may have been supreme, our endeavor the best, but if we stop short of the goal all our energy, work, and striving will be vain. In school and college one persists until graduation day. So in our Christian experience we persist until the day of promotion to glory, either by the tomb or by the air. God knows we hope it will be "by air."

The Gift of God

Now precisely what are we striving for? To attain heaven or to be saved, is that our goal? No. Salvation, heaven, and safety in Jesus are gifts. "The grace of God that bringeth salvation—hath appeared to all men." Heaven is the home of all who call upon God through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. We do not earn salvation. Do not pray "Lord save me at last in Thy kingdom." You are saved now if you believe. Men receive salvation upon this earth. "He that hath the Son hath life." Thank God for the gift of salvation! Have you accepted it? Then, if we're not striving for this gift, what are we pressing on to possess? Our entrance into heaven was secured in Jesus' death, burial, resurrection and His daily intercession, but our position then depends upon our individual apprehension and embracing of the promises. People, even supposedly spiritual believers, toss this aside, inferring that it is unimportant or that as long as we get there it makes no difference what we become. Such an attitude is unchristian, unscriptural, and lacking in true vision.

The Prize

Paul says, "Be ye followers of me even as I also am of Christ." Now, honestly, did Paul strive or work or pray to be saved? Never, but he was straining toward something. "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air. But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Of what does Paul speak? In the verse preceding I Cor. 9:24 he has spoken of obtaining the prize. He wanted to be an outstanding man in the Christian race and obtain a prize. Did he not also speak of different positions in the resurrection? I Cor. 15:41, 42. Has not the Christ promised some rulership over ten cities, others but five? Did not Paul also speak of being saved "by fire" after the works of hay, wood, and stubble are burned? Let us be wise therefore and have some respect unto the "recompense of reward." Our apprehension and inheritance of the promises is our chief concern as

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COMING

Next month we expect to present an article concerning some of the early experiences of Evangelist Rachel A. Sizelove, who first preached the Latter Rain Pentecost at Springfield, Missouri, and set the assembly there in order. She is an aunt of the Editor.

A special feature will be a photograph of the people who prayed the power down at the old Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles. Many Pentecostal publications have published pictures of the old building, but we believe this to be the only photograph in existence of the people themselves. We are sure the readers of Word and Work will be interested in seeing these people, just common folk, whom the Lord so mightily used.

The editor, who is a member of the Massachusetts and Federal Bars, expects in the near future to present a series of articles on "The Law and the Gospel."

Do you like to read Word and Work? We are spending much time in trying to give you things that are worth while. If you like it, no doubt you know of others who would be pleased to receive it each month. Won't you do something to help us reach them? The time is short and what we do must be done quickly.

If you cannot subscribe for your friends you can do something to induce them to subscribe for them.

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KEEPING THE WAY

"See that ye fall not out by the way" (Gen. 45:24).

The Way of the Cross

For us it starts at Calvary, and all along we see the blood-marks, and the cross. Alluring by-roads may beckon: adjoining lanes, smooth and shady, may temptingly attract. Look for the "Cross-markings" and if they do not appear, do not turn, swerve not aside. You will be deceived before you go far, and the end thereof will be death. The acid test of every religion, cult, doctrine is made by what each does with the Son of God and the Cross. Look carefully for the sign.

The Way of Holiness

The One who opened this way is the Holy Lamb of God. His blood makes us clean, and as we walk in the light with Him, keeps our hearts cleansed. I John 1:7. Hallelujah! Dark, questionable thoughts, words, actions should put us on our guard. Danger! If we welcome and indulge in these things we are most certainly falling out by the way. God's way is clean and light and holy. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness with-out which no man shall see the Lord."

The Way of Sacrifice

Its opening meant the "Supreme Sacrifice of the Ages," foreshadowed by a multitude of sacrifices under the Old Dispensation. Those who follow this way closely know something of sacrifice themselves. "A living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service"—so Paul designates a true Christian follower. The love that brought Him becomes the actuating motive of our lives, until self-denial, humble service, consideration of others—saved and unsaved—becomes our joy, our very passion. Those who draw back from a fully consecrated life miss so much. "See that ye fall not out by the way."

The Way of Glory

What glory filled our souls when we first started! And we are going Home to Glory! Why shouldn't we then have foretastes, ever enlarging, of His Glory as we travel step by step along the blood-sprinkled way. Where God is present glory has ever been manifest. There are strange detours marked "Ichabod." Some have taken them too and "the shew of their countenance witnesseth against them." God grant that we know His way and follow unerringly!

"And in between on misty flats
The rest go to and fro;
Yet to every man there openeth
A high way and a low,
But every man decideth
The way his soul shall go."

-- A Monthly Devotional Heart Talk --

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Bethel Home News

We are praising the Lord for good health, as none are sick, but some are very feeble. All are able to attend the three entertainments daily in the dining room, and all are praising the Lord and thank our friends for helping supply our tables with sufficient food, also for fuel to keep us warm.

Our hearts are full of gratitude to those who have stood by us with means and prayers in these trying times, and made it possible for us to carry on this work. We do not fail to realize that had you not held fast with us, we might have been forced to close our doors.

Thousands of people are calling for help which we cannot furnish because of the failure of some one to help us supply this need. Is that some one you? Do not delay longer, here is the way out, send us $1.00 for Bethel Home and the name of one of the needy you know and we will send Word and Work to them for one year. No limit to the number of names you may send enclosing one dollar for each name. Take a bundle of twenty Word and Work each month for only $1.00 per month and distribute in your neighborhood.

We will be glad to supply mission workers anywhere in the United States with bundles of 100 Word and Work for $3.00.

We are having very cold weather and deep snow but the Lord knows our need and has not failed us. We are using about two tons of coal each week.

Many priceless secrets have been lost, but the loss of the secret of power with God and men has resulted more disastrously than any other. Its recovery will mean the revival of the church, and the salvation of sinners.

We are very thankful to the friends in New Jersey for sixteen towels sent us a few days ago. Some of our friends write us asking if we can use certain articles, and we wish to say to all, we can use most anything that is used in any home. It will soon be the time for the spring house cleaning. I wonder if any one in their spring house cleaning will have any old, discarded curtains, which still might be used a while longer. There are several bed rooms without curtains and one of the parlors has no curtains. We would appreciate any which might be discarded in your own home. Parcel Post and express shipments are delivered at our door.

**My Blessings**

*Matt. 5:5*

> I am nobody,
> My name is not great,
> My deeds are not hung afar;
> Ambition has passed me o'er;
> I am lost in Him.

*Isa. 1:23*

> I am clean,
> My hands are not filled with bribes,
> My hands are not stained with gifts,
> They are uplifted to Him;
> I have peace.

*Prov. 6:17, 19*

> I am free,
> Lies have not stained my lips,
> I have not sought to hide my sin,
> My lips doth praise Him;
> I am beloved.

*Psalm 68:5*

> I hear no sound
> Of the widow's cry,
> Or the aged and helpless plea,
> I have defrauded none;
> I am not afraid.

*Matt. 6:31*

> I am poor,
> He clothes me,
> He feeds me,
> What more do I need?
> I am content.

*Matt. 5:8*

> So when He comes,
> No veil is there between;
> Within the Heavenly portals I shall go.
> My blessings doth o'erflow.

—Hazel E. Corum

There are continued demands upon us in the way of entertaining or helping those in need in addition to caring for our old folks.

Quite a number sending in donations ask that we do not send receipt but save the postage. This is very nice of you and if any should receive a postal card remember we are caring for the cents as well as the dollars.

Men are now approaching the danger line more closely than ever before. God rebuked the human race at the Tower of Babel, but men are more daring today than then. We need men today who know that God is on the throne. If such men are in your locality stand with them regardless of creed or politics and help get them into positions as rulers in our nations.

One good sister writes, “I am sending one dollar for Bethel Home, wish I could make it one thousand.” We are not expecting any thousand dollar gifts just now, but we would rejoice with you if you will help us add one thousand names to our yearly subscription list in the next two months. Send $5.00 and the name and address of six friends and we will send Word and Work to each of them for one year.

Too much work, too little worship cost the church at Ephesus her first love. Apparently the church has never regained this priceless gift, and very few persons are adorned with this the most beautiful of all adornments.

Father supplied us with a few extra dollars enabling us to buy some dairy feed for our cows and we are now enjoying more milk and cream. Our hens are doing wonderfully well this cold weather.

We have had a number asking for admission into the Home the last few months and sorry they could not be accepted. Keep praying for us and possibly others can be taken into the Home later.

We have the promise of some canned blueberries from a friend in Maine and we thank them now. This will be quite helpful as well as a real treat and a change from the canned goods we now have which we are endeavoring to keep us scantily supplied until our garden comes again.

Very few visitors the past month, presume the cold and snow prevented them. We have received quite a number of encouraging letters, and will be glad to hear from others. Remember the workers are putting in long and strenuous hours to keep the work going. We are human and need your prayers and encouragement, and please remember this is an old people’s Home and not an orphanage or children’s home.

If you are planning a vacation for the summer remember there is no other place in America like New England, and tell your friends about Bethel Home.
We are presenting a short story of a former Prima Donna, who has given up the stage and concert fame for mission work and who has been singing Gospel hymns and telling the story of salvation recently in gospel halls and churches in many places in New England.

Following this is a short article about the conversion of a Russian Jewish violinist, who has given up the stage and now plays sacred music in churches. The editor has never heard more beautiful music from the violin than that played by Alexander Kaminsky.

When Maria Karinska was a little girl in far away Russian Siberia, learning to ride without a saddle or bridle as the Cossacks do, she did not dream that she would one day sing before her Emperor, the idolized artist of a great nation. When worldly and beautiful, she toured the cities of her own land, receiving the adulation of a nation for her beauty and art, she could not know that in the red years of war she would sing for thousands of Russian soldiers on the battlefront, inspiring them to courage, and to the greatness of their noblest dreams. Nor could she know that a shrapnel bullet would pierce her lung. Afterwards she saw her fame and fortune fade during the Revolution, and left her native land in the sinister disguise of a corpse within a coffin, sheltered by the Red-Cross ambulance flag, with which she was associated in the time of the Great War. She did not guess that beyond China, Korea, Japan and the bright Pacific, a new world awaited her, and that she would become a happy Christian missionary Evangelist, ministering not only to the scattered people of her own Russia, but also to thousands of English speaking people.

Born in the Ural mountains of Siberia, the daughter of a famous Cossack official of the Imperial service. Before she was twenty-five, she was a singer in the Imperial City of Petrograd, favored by the Czar and Czarina, the admired leader of a gay and fashionable circle, the intimate of aristocrats and diplomats, the gracious chatelaine of a fabulously lovely palace, with a fortune in jewels and golden roubles, from which she made huge gifts to charity.

She sang eleven times before the late Czar Nicholas Romanoff II, as well as the royal families of China, Persia and Japan; receiving the adoration of thousands in Europe, France, Italy, Asia, besides her native country.

The story of her life is essentially the story of Old and New Russia, and of those Russians, now exiled, who may never again enter the country of their birth.

When the Emperor welcomed her to the stage of the Imperial Opera at Moscow, because of her unusual and wonderful contralto voice, her gifted interpretation of the native Russian Folk songs and ballads, she never forgot the rich background of inland Russia, and devoted her talent to its interpretation. She was an eye-witness of the outbreak of the Russian Revolution in 1917 in Petrograd, and in the days immediately succeeding the “Terror.” Her childhood memories were of the brave and simple foresters of Ural’s beautiful mountains; the patient farmers, and convicts of Siberia.

She studied singing in Italy under Enrico Caruso, and in Moscow under the famous Russian Basso, E. Chaliapin. She met and conversed often with Rasputin, Russia’s “Holy Devil”; was the guest of Count Leo Tolstoy, Dame Nellie Melba, Sera Bernhard, and many universally known artists, poets and leaders were her friends. She sang not only before the Emperor of Russia, and the former Kaiser of Germany, but before the crowned heads of Europe and the Orient, and varied audiences in twenty-six countries.

Hospitals and sanitoriums in Russia, Galacia, Bulgaria and Finland all equally shared her service, and after twenty-two months of her work, Dame Maria Karinska, to her own amazement and joy was the happy possessor of that coveted medal of the Red Cross, and the International Red Cross Society also bestowed upon her the honor of a life membership “under the Crown.” This medal is engraved with her initials, the number, and her surname “Sunshine of Russia,” and which she still wears.

The most remarkable episode of her life occurred in April 1924, when travelling from Shanghai to America. She met on board the steamer the well known missionary, Rev. Jonathan Goforth, whom God used to bring her as a humble, penitent sinner to the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ, there.

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The Word tells us that God invites His people to hide away while He punishes the inhabitants of the earth, Isaiah 26:20-21. In Zeph. 2:3 we again read where God invites the meek (not the proud and haughty) to come to Him. They will then escape the terrible wrath that is to be poured without mixture (Rev. 14:10) upon the earth.

The wrath of God surely will be beyond description. Jesus says if He did not come quickly back to earth, no flesh would be left (Matt. 24:22, 27) because the famines and pestilence and earthquakes (Matt. 24:7) shall be worse than the world ever before experienced (Matt. 24:21).

Jesus Is Coming Soon!

Realizing that those days are soon coming upon the world and that the message of the hour is the soon coming of Jesus Christ to set up His reign upon the earth, many of God's children are confused because the nations in general at the present moment are in the midst of a business revival. Stocks and bonds are creeping higher. Trade is increasing between nations. Department stores report an increase of business. Prices of farm products have jumped, some as much as 100%. Night clubs and other bright spots of the cities are flourishing once more. These facts seem to contradict the statement that the world would be in the throes of a great tribulation when Jesus comes to end it all.

If we study the Scriptures very carefully, we will learn that Jesus takes His Bride away (1 Thes. 4:16-17) at a time when people are buying and selling, eating and drinking, working in the fields, and in general enjoying prosperous times. (Matt. 24:38, 40) (1 Thes. 5:2, 3) But at that very moment the whole world scenery changes. The reader can surely picture the awful calamity which would befall the nations then. A complete paralysis of all business, (Rev. 18:22) schools closed, people left behind who kill themselves, many going insane, all the little children gone, martial law proclaimed and Satan taking full charge of the world's affairs (II Thes. 2:1-9) (Rev. 12:12).

Battle of Armageddon

All the leading powers will now be involved in a great conflict that winds up in that great battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:16) in the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:2). It is then that Jesus makes His appearance in power and glory with His saints; and by His power, all fighting ceases, (II Thes. 2:8; Dan. 8:25) and the world prepares for the millennial reign of peace under the only Dictator, Jesus Christ (Amos 9:11; Rev. 20:6; Dan. 7:27).

We now have a picture of the two stages of the second coming of Jesus Christ. He comes secretly the first time to take away the born-again saints. Then is the interval of time of great world tribulation, about three and one-half years (Dan. 12:11; Rev. 11:2; Rev. 13:5). Then He comes with His army of saints and puts a stop to the struggle (Rev. 19:11-16).

The present feverish spending and trading among nations is a mad attempt to get fully supplied and equipped for the great world conflict which is about to break forth. Each nation realizes that in a coming war with such terrible speed and efficiency of the air fleets, it would be impossible to carry on the manufacture of material or the growing of crops to any great extent.

Scientists Fulfill Prophecy

Today we see the scientists of the world perfecting gas mixed with powdered clay that can be spread over thousands of miles and kill everything which breathes. It takes eight days to lose its deadly effect. We see the horrible inventions such as: death rays, radio controlled air bombs, capable of traveling 5,000 miles to a given location without a pilot and discharging plague germs, gas, and incendiary material.

What chances have the factories to run under those raids or the farmers to till the soil? I Joel 3:2; Micah 4:11; Zech. 14:2; Rev. 16:14. God tells us He will gather ALL nations to do battle. Don't we today see a complete break-down of world armament pacts and the nations engaged in a land and sea race for supremacy in war equipment? Scrap iron was the leading ocean tonnage for the last twelve months, the nations are using all available old metal in the mad haste to get material (Joel 3:10).

Now if God is going to gather all the nations to do battle, there certainly will be a period of great activity during the process of getting ready, and in such a world wide movement every trade channel will feel the financial effect.

That is why the books of the corner grocery show an increase of business. That is why the farmer is getting more for his crops. This is but a false prosperity, dear reader, which is creeping into our midst.

Are you ready to go up with the Lord? He could come today and fulfill prophecy (Obadiah 1:15). It shall surely come to pass (Habakkuk 2:3; Ezek. 12:25).

DEALINGS and HEALINGS

A splendid booklet written by Kate Knight telling of her conversion and call as a missionary to India; of her marvelous healing; of her missionary work in jails, and later among the heathen in the jungles; of her remarkable deliveries from fires, waters, scorpions, snakes, tigers, and mad dogs; how God marvelously provided her needs; how He baptized her in the Holy Spirit; and of many visions and revelations given to her by the Lord. It is a great inspiration to faith in God. Read what God has done in the life of this noble missionary who had many mountains to climb and dark valleys to traverse. —Price 25c.
SAUL'S ARMOUR

By Earl A. Cripps

"And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these for I have not proved them"

The Simplicity of David's weapons and his dependence on Almighty God was the secret of his success. Like him we can take the little stones—John 3:16, James 5:14, Acts 2:4, etc., and bring down all the Goliaths of unbelief. The Word in season and out of season is the secret of the church's success. Any deviation from it undermines the whole structure. Any doubt as to God's ability or willingness to perform any of His promises destroys faith. Any precedent in the ministry of Jesus or the Acts of the Apostles to the contrary would be a paradox that would make it of none effect. It is only those who are wrestling the Scriptures who are cheating themselves out of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with "do all speak with tongues?" out of healing and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Paul tells us plainly what his thorn was by saying, "Therefore I will take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in distresses, in necessities, in persecutions, for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong" (2 Cor. 12:10). And in reference to speaking in tongues he asks the question, "How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation" (1 Cor. 14:26). "Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? (In a meeting?)" (1 Cor. 12:30). No, "But all these worketh that one and the same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will" (1 Cor. 12:11). But that all who have the Holy Ghost can pray in the Spirit with tongues, or sing in the Spirit with tongues, it is evident or why the admonition that if they do not pray or sing with the understanding (interpretation) also that they do not edify the church.

The time of sham battles with tin soldiers clanking around in Saul's armour (platitudes and philosophy) has passed. God is looking for a people after His own heart who are not ashamed of all of His Gospel that He might confirm it with signs following. Science is standing up like Goliath and saying to the Church, "I dare you to believe in the virgin birth, I dare you to believe in miracles" and the latter, like Saul's army is standing trembling in its boots. Lord, give us grace to repeat this first public prayer, "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy word, by stretching forth Thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of Thy holy child Jesus" (Acts 4:29, 30).

JERUSALEM

By Chas. S. Price

What memories crowd into the mind as we utter that word! We seem to go backward into the distant past while a grand procession of prophets, kings, priests and judges march before us.

Jerusalem!

No city in the world can stir the heart. No four walls in all history have encompassed so much and have meant so much to the world in which we live. If only the city could cry out, if only its voice could be heard what a story it could tell.

Jerusalem!!!

In it and around it we find interwoven the threads of Old and New Testament story. It is the capital of Christendom. It is still the Holy City to followers of Jesus Christ the world around. The human mind is still too small—the imagination is too limited to visualize the grand procession of events that have crossed its threshold and entered its portals. It teems with human interest. It vibrates with gospel story. Its walls have heard the reading of the law—and its gates have resounded with the words of Jesus Himself. No city in the world has been the scene of so many wars. And yet it has heard the voice of the Prince of Peace. But the day will come when old Jerusalem will merge into the New Jerusalem—when Jerusalem the down-trodden will be lost in the joy and the glory of Jerusalem the golden!

The New Jerusalem

Thank God we are on our way to a city that never shall be destroyed. We are on our way to a promised land where milk and honey flow. We are on our way to a city whose builder and maker is God. There the trials of life will be over. Wars and tumults will be things of the past and the sun will never fade in that land of endless day.

Gabriel will blow his trumpet, time will be proclaimed no more and the saints of God—the blood washed of every land and clime will march in triumph through the gates of the city.

The Mosque of the Dome of the Rock stands on the place where Solomon's Temple once stood in all of its glory. The day will come when another temple will be built on that same site. The day will come when Jesus will enter Jerusalem. Glory to His matchless name! The day will come when He will reign in triumph and power over the whole earth. I am praying for the Lord to hasten that day. We cannot go on much longer as we are. The whole world is groaning beneath its load.

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Christians or Christ?

By Robert W. Schumann

Christ is the center in man, from which and through which man draws God's life into himself. My life, my intelligence and my supply I receive from God. But if I don't reach out by faith and draw God in me, I stand still and God remains "seated on the circle of the earth" to me. They of Paul's day, as we today, are subject to elemental bondage, because of the notion that God: "THE ALL LIFE;" Christ; the God Center, the Life, the Light, the Consciousness, is outside of man.

Light In Darkness
What the ministers of the church today ought to preach with the voice of thunder is, that the church must realize that Christ, the life of God in the saints, Christ the wisdom of God comes by faith (believing God's Word) and comes through the consciousness of Divine presence. We often sing, "Is He forming His image within you?"

Hallelujah, beloved! "Arise and shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee." Upon you beloved. Won't you awaken and come and enter into the higher realm, that higher plain where God wants you? Come!

The Pentecostal church today is suffering from a hang-over of denominationalism. We have been trying to help the Lord to do all things decently and in order. Will worship has taken the place of worship in the Spirit. The Holy Ghost is brushed aside since denominational ministers have been coveted by our Pentecostal leaders and the standard of God was lowered to meet their approval and pride. When they got in they soon coveted high places in the body and became dictators, bringing with them rules, forms, ways, and means tried and tested in the denominational church which have proved a success there, but forgetting that the Holy Spirit was grieved by these will-worshipping institutions of doctrines and commandments of men.

Tower of Babel
Like the ancient builders, we are trying to build a tower (a church) which will reach into heaven and make a name for ourselves. They too, as the ancients, are fearful lest they become scattered upon the face of the earth, (lose their jobs) but God, true to His ways, confuses their works, for without the Spirit of God we can do nothing.

Like Israel, our minds have taken the place of inner consciousness. In reality we have perhaps the mind of some preacher who is riding on the crest of the wave of popularity. We have much of the mind of some back-slidden, will-worshipping human reason or mind, the same as the prodigal son, notwithstanding our boasted experiences of speaking in other tongues. Here is the matchless way Jesus paints this picture. A complete story of the Bible told in a few moments. There are two sons, one minds the Spirit; the other wants to go and get experience. He wants to see the difference. Dear ones, I have seen so much of this wanting to see the difference, or wanting to show some new convert the difference. I have in mind a person who took a young convert to a large meeting to show him that Pentecost was not just a few like the little church he was converted in. The result is today that the poor convert has become a real spiritual tramp, no home church, here, there and everywhere. When ever there is a speaker in some big church, if it is fifty miles away, you will find these spirits there, whether it is rain or snow, cold or hot, but to go to their home assembly or service they come and go as they feel. They are as I call them, SAULITES. You know David was hunted by Saul and was hiding in the Cave of Adullam, and he had the hate, the lame, the blind and crippled. Some motley crowd whom no one else wanted, David had. Even those who owed money. Saul had his thousands but wist not that the kingdom had been taken from him. Neither did those who preferred to be with Saul. So we have many who want to be with Saul and his big crowd rather than stand with some little work and do something real for God and His glory.

Fruit-bearing Christians
Now let me get back to our thought. Mind wants to know and see. Mind says, there is no harm.
Mind satisfies itself. Mind wants to be free, no responsibility. Mind will not come under, but flies off. Mind does not stay put. Mind, just like the prodigal, flourishes for a while, then will begin to reason. "How foolish the prodigal. It seeks to see, know, find out the difference. He sought the leaves and suddenly found himself naked and satisfied to cover himself with leaves. Is it any wonder the wisest man Solomon said, "My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold," also, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life"? John told the people to bring forth fruit meet for repentance. Jesus, with no uncertain voice declared, "Ye shall know them by their fruit." Remember when He was walking down the road that day and coming upon a fig tree at the side of the road with nothing but leaves. He cursed it. This tree is a type of Israel. Now, know Israel has been all leaves (mind). Jesus wants His people to be partakers of His life, consciousness of God, that they may bear fruit.

God is desiring to have His people open their hearts and lives to Him, for Him to rule and direct through the Spirit. The greatest need to know today is not what you can get but what you are.

"Woman's Devotion to Christ"

By Mrs. H. R. Pannabecker, Assistant Pastor, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Toronto, Canada.

When the chief priests, scribes, and elders were consulting together as to how they might take Jesus by subtlety and kill Him, Mary at Bethany was breaking her alabaster box of very precious ointment and anointing His body. Complaint was made by the disciples because the ointment was not sold and the proceeds given to the poor. Jesus said, "Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wroght a good work upon Me. For ye have the poor always with you: but Me ye have not always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on My body, she did it for My burial. Verily I say unto you, wheresoever this Gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her" (Matt. 26: 10-13).

Judas, filled with indignation because of this rebuke, and because he carried the bag and was a thief, went immediately to the high priest and bargained to betray Jesus into their hands for thirty pieces of silver. After this he sought opportunity to apprehend and deliver Him up to His foes. In the upper room where the Passover was celebrated, when Jesus made it known that one should betray Him, Judas feigned innocence, but by dipping with Jesus in the dish, his infamy was disclosed.

Woman had no part in this betrayal. Much has been said in regard to her precedence in sin in the Garden of Eden, but no charge can be placed against her in the betrayal and crucifixion of our Lord. Men were the chief actors in the terrible tragedy. When He was about to be taken, His disciples all fled, leaving Him to face the dreadful ordeal alone. Mary thus forsook Him, betrayed and crucified Him. They put a mock robe upon Him and crowned Him with thorns; they spat in His face, blindfolded Him, and stuck Him with a reed, then demanded that He should prophesy as to who had smitten Him. Although He was scourged until His body was a mass of blood, there was not one word of pity heard, nor any sympathy shown Him by men. Not a woman's voice raised in condemnation of Him in that awful hour has been recorded. The women who wept over Christ followed Him to Calvary and witnessed the awful scene when men drove the nails through His quivering flesh, nailing Him to the Cross.

To heap further disgrace upon Christ these men crucified with Him two malefactors, thieves, one on His left side and the other on His right. One of the malefactors repented and begged for mercy and was given the promise that he would be with Jesus that day in Paradise. Then the sun was darkened and the earth quaked, and the veil of the temple was rent in twain and thus giving every individual a chance to enter the holy of holies through the rent veil—the Blood of Jesus.

Many of the people smeared their breasts and returned to the city, but the women who had followed Jesus from Galilee stood afar off, beholding these things.

So we could go through the Scripture and show you that woman has had a share in the ministry, both in ministering to the comfort and needs of Jesus while He was on this earth and also ministering to others of Him. Jesus gives His first command.

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The Divine View of Calvary

"And there followed him a great multitude of people, and of women, who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them, said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me." Luke 23:27. 28.

The natural sympathies of these women were stirred to the depth as they looked upon the Man of Sorrows led along to the place of sacrifice. He had walked some seven miles all the weary night through, and this after the agony in the Garden. From Caiaphas to Pilate, the weary steps of the Son of God had trod; and now, "delivered up" without restraint to the will of the chief priests and rulers and people, they led Him away to be put to death.

Can we even dimly picture His appearance as He went along? The crown of thorns had left its mark upon His brow; the weary frame was too weak to carry the heavy load of wood upon which He was to die, for no one appears to have offered Him food or drink the whole night through. The chief priests and rulers of the people were so held by the fiendish purpose which possessed them, to have this Man crucified, that for the time being no throb of pity or touch of human kindness could be wakened in them. But the women, looking on at the dread scene, were moved: and, as the multitude followed, great numbers joined the throng, bewailing Him. They saw only the tragedy of the outward scene, with the end not even yet: for Golgotha lay ahead with its unspeakable anguish and shame.

But "weep not for me," said the Lord Jesus tenderly to the bewailing women, for they did not know that what looked to them a cross would be to Him a throne! They did not know that He was now reaching the very goal of His life—"THE VERY ACME OF HIS DESIRES." "I have a baptism to be baptized with: and how am I straitened till it be accomplished." He had said to His disciples when many thousands of the multitude were gathered together to hear Him. The thousands hanging upon His words in the time of His popularity, did not weaken the deep inward restraint upon Him which urged Him forward in longing for the hour when the redemption of a world would be accomplished by the sacrifice of Himself. "Straitened" He was until this was finished.

"For this cause came I unto this hour," again He said to Philip and Andrew just before the dread "hour" began. What the women were bewailing was the very climax of His life—the hour which in the far-back ages of eternity, had been determined upon for the redemption of a lost world—the hour for which He had left the Father's home and for which He waited patiently in the years of Nazareth. At last the "hour" had come. How contrary the Divine and human views of the cross! To the devoted disciple who cried, "far be it from thee, Lord," and to the weeping women, it was tragedy and woe to the Son of God it was a path to glory, a way of victory, a flood-gate of life opened for a dying world.

"Weep not for me," the risen Lord surely said again at this time to the many who see only tragedy and suffering in His cross, whilst depriving Him who died of the fruit of His death in their lives. "Weep not for me, but for yourselves," said the Lord. And we too may bewail those who weep over His sufferings on the one hand, and make void the purpose of His death on the other: who would make the cross a stepping-stone to heaven at one moment, and cling to the sin which brought about the cross to another: who glory in the cross as a sentiment and reject it as a power to save from sin in practice.

Let us ask at this time to be given the Divine view of Calvary so that we may enter into all that Calvary means from the standpoint of God. The glory of the Cross is its complete removal of every barrier between fallen sinners and a holy God: the complete ending of the old fallen creation in the Person of the last Adam: the complete overthrow of the prince of this world, so that in due time there can be a new heavens and a new earth under a new King—the Prince of Peace. The pivot of truth, and of deliverance, and of true vision lies in Calvary. Calvary is the answer to every need of fallen man and of a blighted creation. Through the inlet of Calvary alone can God communicate life and blessing to souls, and through Calvary alone can men approach and communicate with God.
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NEW EVERY MORNING

A man entered a jewelry store for the purpose of purchasing a diamond. The dealer first produced a jet-black piece of velvet cloth and put it upon the counter, and then laid the precious gems upon it. He knew that they would shine the more brilliantly placed upon a black background.

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We may go to bed at night disturbed in spirit and with anxious fear about the morrow; but as we wake up in the morning, across the horizon of our vision we read that His mercies “are new every morning.” Something has been placed upon the black background of our fears—it is a sparkling gem. His mercies are “new every morning.” The freshness of these new mercies revives our drooping spirit, and the fears of the night before are lost in viewing these new mercies that are awaiting us as we open our eyes to the new day. Even the things that loook so dismal and forlorn in the tired, fretful hours of the night assume a new aspect in the freshness of the morning.

As one goes through the slums of a great city in the early hours of the dawn, the dismal, dilapidated surroundings are forgotten in the freshness of those early quiet hours. The soft breeze seems to kiss the cheek with a friendliness that gives courage for the on-coming day. So God’s mercies are fresh and new every morning.

If you do not reckon on these new mercies, you can easily become discouraged, especially in these trying times. These are mercies that you have not had before, but are provided new every morning. So instead of waking up despondent and depressed, just look up and remember, His mercies “are new every morning.”

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Assaults of Satan
The Christian is not perfected in Christ unless his ALL has been laid on the ALTAR of SACRIFICE. Being "born again" by the Spirit of God brings the soul into the relationship of a child born into a family—the family of God—and is thenceforward entitled to call God, FATHER. He is at that moment clean every ward entitled to call God, FATHER. Oh! How often has "selfish­ness" been the downfall of God's children. Not one but can recall the assaults of the enemy at this vital part, and remembers with anguish the remorse that followed the yielding, but at the same time rejoices at the deliverance wrought by the Saviour.

Immediately the assault begins, the equipment for the fight is proved. God expects His child to use the faith He has given and to carry out His commands, to be able to "resist the devil." According as the child of God is zealous in the fight, earnest in the desire to win through, so is he perfected.

Strong Meat
The Christian is to "grow in grace" and "in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," for by so doing he is perfected in Christ Jesus as going from the "milk of the Word" to the "strong meat." How is it done? Simply by learning in humility at the feet of Jesus: not learn so much from man, but from Him who has made the way so plain that the wayfaring man though a fool need not err therein. He has given the Holy Ghost to lead into ALL TRUTH.

"Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your soul" (Matt. 11:29). To be meek and lowly is almost the hardest of all things for Christian attainment, yet it is essential to perfection.

Jesus said, "Be ye therefore PERFECT even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." an injunction which MUST be obeyed. We cannot say, "It is quite all right, I am saved, and therefore perfect for all time through the sacrifice of calvary." Jesus would never have given this command if that were the case. The cleansing from all sin is thorough, and perfectly done, as are all the Father's works, but the Christian is to GO ON "unto perfection"—to reach after the "prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."
Alexander Kaminsky, the Russian Jewish violinist, was the wonder violinist of Russia, whose extraordinary control of his instrument won for him on many occasions special recognition from the ruler of Russia.

Alexander Kaminsky is now in America, and thereby hangs a tale well worth the telling. Over his own life has swept the surge of that convulsion through which Russia has passed. As an Orthodox Jew, at four years of age he was sent to the Heder for the study of Hebrew and the fundamentals of the Law of Moses. Like so many Orthodox Jews, his parents cherished the hope that this beloved son would one day be a great Rabbi, and a leader of Israel, but within the year 1927, the whole current of his life has been turned into new channels by a great spiritual crisis.

One of his associates in Russian Imperial musical circles was Maria Karinska, a vocalist of remarkable beauty and power, who shared with him the honors of the Imperial Court before the war. When the Revolution took place she came under suspicion, lost her position in the Imperial Grand Theatre, lost all her possessions, and suffered great hardships. After several years of humiliation and suffering she escaped across the border, and following arrangements in various European cities, set out for her first tour in America. On her way over she met the famous Canadian Evangelist, Dr. Jonathan Goforth of Toronto, through whom she was converted, and entered into a vivid experience which revolutionized the plans she had made for her life in America.

She resolved to abandon all her career as a stage singer for commercial purposes, and devote her voice and talents to the service of Christ and humanity.

After three and one half years of Evangelical work in England, Wales, and Ireland, she was sent by the Russian Missionary Society to the United States of America to California for a special missionary campaign. When she arrived in America, in order to carry out these plans, she set out from New York for Los Angeles, where meetings were already awaiting her presence, but when she reached Chicago on August 23rd, 1927, she suddenly was stopped by the Hand unseen. Indeed, her strange conviction that she must stop over in Chicago weighed on her so heavily, that without any apparent reason for doing so, she left her train and wandered down into the crowded streets.

Little did she know that her former friend and associate in the Russian Imperial musical circles, Alexander Kaminsky, whose friendship was utterly lost more than ten years following the Great War and Revolution, was here in Chicago, and living under sad and miserable conditions.

Friends who learned of her stop-over, made arrangements at once for her to sing and give her testimony in one of the large churches, and an announcement of her appearance was made in the Chicago newspapers.

Mr. Kaminsky read the announcement with astonishment.

"Maria Karinska—singing in a Protestant Church!"

His amazement knew no bounds. It was a surprise that she should be in the city at all. But even greater was his surprise that this idol of the Russian stage should be singing "in an English Protestant Church." He soon was in communication with her by telephone. When he reached her room at the hotel, he could scarcely believe that his friend of old times was the same woman. Formerly she had worn the costume of the stage, gorgeous in finery and jewels. Now she wore a simple dress, without adornment—but there was a radiance in her face he had never seen before.

"Alexander," she exclaimed, "I am so very, very happy to see you. You are surprised to see me dressed as I am, but I have a wonderful peace. God is in my heart. But, Alexander, what is the matter with you? You are unhappy. You are miserable. Tell me the truth. Tell me all. I will help you."

And in response to the sympathy of this woman, who like himself, had suffered greatly, he poured out the story of his failure and disappointment and despair.

"From now on," she said, when he had finished, "I want you to believe in God as He has shown Himself to us in His Son. He will come into your heart and forgive and make you forget all your sorrow and suffering. I gave myself to Christ, and He gave me His wonderful peace. Only He can take away your pain and misery. Only He can give you peace. Now we will pray that He may do for you what He has done for me." She began to pray with Kaminsky kneeling beside her chair, and telling of his experience in that hotel room he said, "As she prayed, I felt her tears falling on my face. She prayed for me for nearly an hour. And as she prayed, I was conscious that a change had come over me. The burden was lifted from my heart. The night passed and the morning of joy came. The winter ended in spring. Since then Jesus the Saviour has been in my heart. He became my personal Saviour, and I serve Him alone. I am so happy that I want everyone to experience this wonderful happiness. I should be selfish were I to withhold my testimony to this that Christ has done for me—sending Maria Karinska as His own instrument for leading me to Himself—forever."

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WHO INHERITS THE PROMISES?
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Christians. Oh, no, someone says, soul-saving is first. But, who wins souls? It is one who struggles, prays, preaches and works to reach them with the gospel. It is the believer who embraces the promises relative to soul-winning, and for such work he shall shine as the stars for ever and ever. Dan. 12:3. He receives proportionate reward. Then another says, oh it is so selfish, looking only for reward. Then Paul was selfish, as well as Moses. Heb. 11:26. If you have ever taught school, you know which pupil gladdens your heart the most on graduation day. It is the one who worked hard and stood first in scholarship. Will not earnest endeavor and hard work gladden His heart when we stand at the judgment seat of Christ?

In Hebrews 6:11, 12 we read: "And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: that ye be not slothful but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Our prayer, as we look ahead, is that we may be filled with God-given faith and the perfect work of patience in order to grasp and hold the promised inheritance. Let us consider two examples of faith and patience at work.

Moses' Rod Brings Victory

In Exodus 17, there is a vivid picture of Israel, untrained, disorderly and unfit for battle, suddenly plunged into combat with Amalek at Rephidim. God had promised to be with His people and to deliver them. Israel was strong in fault-finding, murmuring, complaining and rebelling; but how much faith or patience had they to meet the emergency. God knows emergencies do come, and our grasp of them is a sure indicator of our spirituality. Here were women, children, animals and food an easy prey for the warlike Amalekites so accustomed to desert fighting. But, there was Moses, full of faith and patience who believed in God's just promise to the beloved nation. As the soldiers under Joshua advanced to fight, Moses ascended a hill. The rod of God was in his hand — That same rod which had become a serpent in the world's best court, had rolled back a turbulent sea and after gushed its waters over the enemy, had smitten a rock at Meribah and produced a life-giving spring — that rod was in Moses' hand. Statue-like, Moses held up that stick in his hands. Morning gave place to high noon. The law-giver failed, his arms were tired. Down dropped the rod and Amalek rushed upon Israel to triumph. How hard it is to really stand alone!

Aaron and Hur shoved a rock beneath Moses, and sitting down upon this, his arms supported by those vigorous young men, Moses patiently held on in faith. Noon passed. The afternoon wore away. Still the battle went on. And if that man of God had dropped his arms one half hour before sunset Amalek would have turned Israel back defeated. Do you think Moses had faith and patience? The account says, "Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people," and God promised constant war against Amalek till Israel's enemy should be eradicated. Who really triumphed? A man, whose faith and patience moved the arm of the Lord of Sabaoth.

Elijah and Elisha

One other excellent example of these two virtues at work is in Elisha's life. Read again of his wonderful career, especially that portion in II Kings 2. He was only a servant, a helper—but how my God can honor the insignificant one. Even the Christ has said that those who would be chiefest shall be minister, or servant. Now, in the account, Elijah had received the evidence of translation, apparently, just as we may get the substance of healing or enduement before the actual blessing arrives. Do you think those saints who are to be "caught up" will have the assurance previous to the event? It seems Enoch had received a similar thing "by faith."

Elisha is hungry for power to carry on the work that Elijah is about to leave. Thank God some still crave power for service. Not to promenade about in white, nor to be advertised in glaring signs, nor heralded with clapping and shouts, but power "to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction and to keep unspotted from the world." Such shall be filled and such will not leave a bad taste in our spiritual mouth.

Sons of the Prophets at Jericho

Then, they came to Jericho. Here are more "sons of the prophets." What faith and patience Elisha has to leave all and follow one man, when religious people advise differently. There is more real faith in Elisha than in the entire school. Wait till the ax head is lost in water and see who has sufficient faith to retrieve it. The next place is Jordan-death. While others stand "afar off," God gives us grace to persist; not to waver in faith, or to become impatient while He works out in us the personal cross. Many a man who heartily sings about that "old rugged cross" knows little or nothing about the crucified life. There is a life that is dead, hid with Christ in God. But, even in our extremity, standing beside Jordan, God may lead us through untouched.

A Double Portion

Down through the waters the brethren went. Then Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit. The old prophet called this request "a hard thing," but had not Elisha come all the way from Gilgal to demand this one thing. Let us not be afraid to ask after we have endured. Remember our God has promised a literal throne to those who overcome Laodicean blindness, Laodicean self-satisfaction and Laodicean nakedness.

Now read how Elijah went up, and Elisha received the power of which the outer garments falling upon him became a symbol. Back he strode to Jordan, divided the waters and proceeded to demonstrate to the
wondering "prophets" what he had received. 

So may we be followers of such as Moses and Elisha, who were not slothful, but by patience and faith inherited the promises.

Through faith and patience, Moses bold.
Upon God's promises lay hold;
In Rephidim, the foe withstood;
But God arose and prou'd His Word.
Elisha, young, persistent, brave.
Aside, the talk of men did wave;
From Gilgul with Elijah wise.
He walked, and found the longed-for prize.

Men doubt, or sneer; they jeer, or frown.
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Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

-Woman's Devotion to Christ
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Dear Reader, we are the last hour of Gentile World Rule. We are the last days of wilderness. It is not God's plan that woman should have the privilege of obeying His command to "GO AND TELL!"

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