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## PRAYER CHANGES THINGS



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**"If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."**

## GOD NEEDS YOU!

I have talked to you about the Donkey that Jesus needed to carry Him in the parade as He made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. A little dumb donkey! Not only was he used, but Jesus actually said that He *needed* him!

And He needs you, no matter how few talents you may possess. No matter how incapable or unworthy you may feel. God has a job for every man, woman and child upon this earth and a purpose for your being here. Have you asked Him where your place of service is? And are you working at it?

Or are you still condemning yourself, excusing yourself because of your inability or lack of opportunity? It is usually true that if we condemn our selves, we also are in the habit of condemning others and grumbling because God seems to allow them honor and success in spite of all the imperfections we can see in them. When we condemn others it is a pretty good sign that we are unconsciously condemning ourselves. We are jealous of them because they are doing the things we would like to do but haven't done, and we hate them because of their faults that mirror our own sins.

Many people are offended at ministers and evangelists and even lose faith in God because of the faults they see in His ministers. I was like that for a long time, too. If I found a mistake or a sin in a minister's life, I immediately marked him off as a false prophet, a hypocrite, and would have nothing to do with him nor would I believe a word he might say. But I was puzzled at why God would permit him to continue preaching and even allow him many converts and many fruits of his ministry.

Then the Lord revealed to me that if He used only perfect men as His ministers, He would have gone out of business when Jesus went back to Heaven, for Jesus was the only perfect One He ever had preach for Him. Even the great Apostle Paul got so aggravated at Mark and Barnabas that they split up and went their separate ways. (Acts. 16: 37-41) And Peter, according to Paul, failed to live up to his preaching and was rebuked by Paul for it. (Gal. 2: 11-16)

My eyes were opened to see that it was not the ministers but God who was perfect, and that He must of necessity use imperfect instruments to build His Kingdom.

If a great surgeon on a fishing or hunting trip, far away from hospital, anesthetics, operating table, or surgical instruments, was faced with an emergency case, he could probably perform the operation with his hunting knife or a razor blade. The surgeon and not the instrument in his hands would be the important factor in the case.

Just so when God saves or heals or helps a man through an imperfect minister, God and not the minister is the important factor in the miracle.

As I meditated on this truth it came home to me that if God used only perfect men as His ministers He certainly

could not use me. Perhaps I had not committed the particular sin or mistake which I pointed out in another man but I certainly had plenty of faults, including the very wicked one of condemning my brother in Christ.

As I continued thinking over this mystery of how seemingly God even allowed miracles of healing to follow the ministry and prayers of some of His evangelists, though they had broken some of the Ten Commandments, another analogy came to me.

Suppose you are a successful business man hiring hundreds of employees in your store. Obviously, try as you may to find the very best help, many of these hundreds working for you have much to be desired in their characters. Some may smoke, others drink, others lie, and occasionally one may steal or cheat. Does that stop your customers from coming into your store? Does it keep the employees from serving them? Does it always mean their dismissal from your service? Not unless the crime is very big and its effect on your business very dangerous.

You must have clerks to stay in business. You try to get the best you can, but you must get along with what help you can get. So it is in God's business. He needs, not hundreds, but thousands of workers. His work is tremendously important and He cannot carry it on without human help. He gets the best help He can find but He too must employ those who are willing to work for Him, regardless of their imperfections.

As this picture opened up before me it took my eyes off the men involved and put them where they belong—upon God. The men are just clerks in God's employ. You go into a store in which you have confidence because of the store and its owner, not because a clerk or two isn't very good. A weak, sinful clerk can take your order and deliver you the item you need. Your eyes are not on the clerk but on the store and its owner and the brand of goods he carries.

Friends, if you are one of those who must worship or idolize or demand perfection in your minister you are in for a fall. Sooner or later he will fail to live up to perfection, and your faith, penned on a man, will come crashing down.

Get your eyes upon Jesus, the only Perfect One, the One who never will make one mistep or mistake. Then no matter what this man or that one may do, your faith will remain unshakeable for it is in the One who cannot be moved, the solid rock, Jesus Christ.

And gradually you will see that there is a connection between your demanding perfection in others and the delusion that you yourself are perfect. Your admission that God can use a person even with his faults, is a confession that He must also use *you* in spite of *your* faults.

I am very grateful that God opened my eyes to this truth, and that He continues to allow imperfect ministers to work in His Kingdom, or else I would be cast out.

Jesus used a little dumb donkey to ride in triumph into Jerusalem. God can use a worm to thresh a mountain. He used a rooster to shame Peter into repentance for his denial of Christ. He used an ass to rebuke Baalam when the prophet had disobeyed God. He used the jawbone of an ass in the hands of Samson to conquer an army. He used pitchers and candles to put to rout the Midianites before Gideon. He used a shepherd's staff in the hands of Moses to liberate the Israelites from Pharaoh's bondage. Christ used a fig tree to demonstrate His power, and a wooden Cross to save a world from sin.

Jesus is calling, calling, always calling for more helpers:

*"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into His harvest."* (Matt. 9: 37-38)

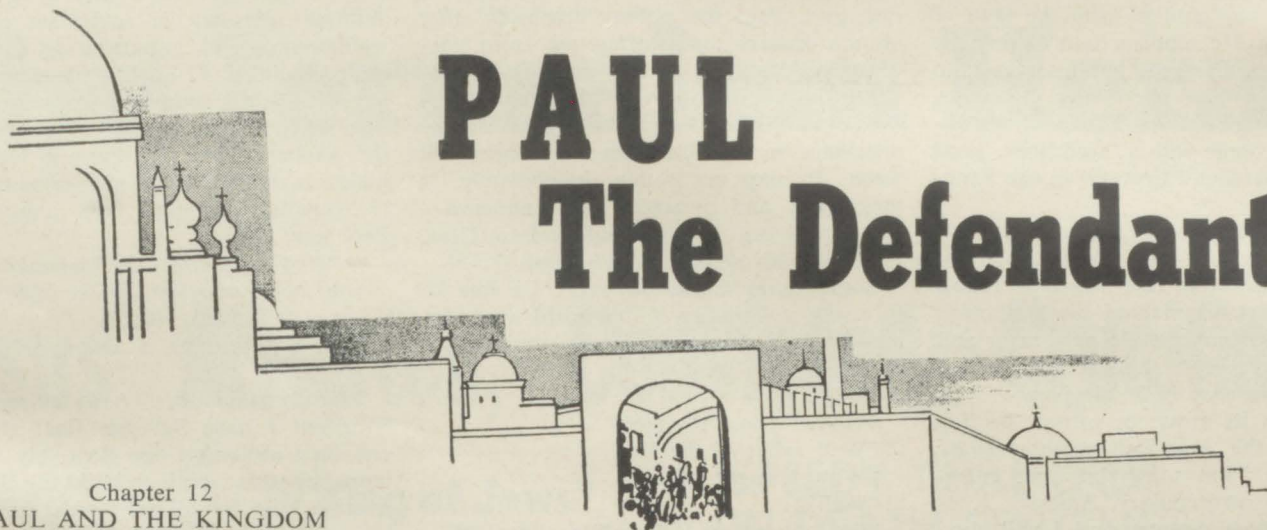
### HE NEEDS YOU

He needs you, He needs me, He needs all the workers He can get. Some are good, some are efficient, some are poor workmen, some are indifferent, He takes all who will work for Him, gets as much from them as He can and multiplies it with His love and power. When they fall by the wayside He employs another to fill the vacancy and carries on the best He can.

Thank God that this is so. Thank Him that He doesn't

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# PAUL

## The Defendant

### Chapter 12

#### PAUL AND THE KINGDOM

"We men of earth have here the stuff  
Of Paradise—we have enough!  
We need no other stones to build  
The stairs unto the Unfulfilled—  
No other ivory for the doors—  
No other marble for the floors—  
No other cedar for the beam  
And dome of Man's immortal dream.  
Here on the paths of every day,  
Here on the common human way  
Is all the busy gods would take  
To build a heaven, to mold and make  
New Edens. Ours the task sublime  
To build eternity in time!"

—"He Took It Upon Himself" by  
Margaret Slattery

What was Paul's conception of the Kingdom? The idea of the Kingdom of Heaven as existing on earth has grown dim in men's minds, as they are filled with thoughts of Nationalism, of earthly kingdoms. The United States, or Great Britain, or Germany is of much greater importance to most citizens of those countries than the Kingdom of God that Christ proclaimed.

Jesus did not come to teach a religion, but a way of living. The Kingdom of God is a practical plan for the individual, for business, for society, and for government. We've missed the point, we've argued forms of worship, church doctrines, ideas of Heaven and Hell; and wondered why in 1900 years Christianity hasn't made a better world. Gradually and oh so slowly, has the world learned some of the secrets of abundant living, at times with little help from the church; at times in spite of its opposition.

But today some men are advocating in government and business and society, solutions for war and depressions, poverty and hatred, little dreaming that Jesus proclaimed those solutions centuries ago. We've had them buried in Church! And even now, to shout that these solutions are but Christ's will frighten some folks away from trying them, as something idealistic and impractical.

Proud as we are of American Democracy, it is not the best form of government in the world. There is a better ruler than our

A frank attempt to learn from Paul how Christians should face the problems of today.

president, a code of laws higher than our constitution, and a flag more beautiful than the Stars and Stripes. There is a Kingdom that offers higher freedom than American Liberty and citizenship greater than American citizenship. That Kingdom is here on earth, now. It is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus, like John the Baptist, began His ministry with the startling statement, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" He sent His disciples out with that message, and He went about "preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom." He taught His disciples to pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth, as it is in Heaven."

Some say that Jesus spoke to individuals only, that He had no plan for the world, no plan for peace. The Kingdom of Heaven is His answer: a real Kingdom, worldwide, with the Cross as its flag, with the greatest code of laws ever printed, God's laws, as its Law, and the one and only incorruptible ruler, Christ, as King!

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus laid down the rules of conduct for citizens of His Kingdom. At other times He amplified and illustrated those rules. Once he summed them up in two commandments: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, this is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matt. 22: 37-39)

Under the second commandment He laid down a platform of practical conduct in relations with others; a platform that struck deep into the everyday affairs of men, a platform that had to do with life—not merely religious worship, a program for individual, nation and world to follow, a platform that would eventually change customs and constitutions, laws and lives, until God should rule the world.

Early in His ministry He stood up in the synagogue at Nazareth and read the seven-fold platform of the Kingdom of Heaven:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."* (Luke 4: 18-19)

1. Good tidings to the poor! Relief of poverty! Requisite No. 1 for peace in individual or nation or the world.

2. Heal the broken hearted! Reconciliation, fellowship, brotherhood; without which there can be no world government or lasting peace.

3. Freedom for all captives! Requisite No. 3 if man is a child of God.

4. Recovery of sight to the blind! Mending broken bodies, checking disease, opening blind eyes, these took much of Christ's time and must ever be our proof that we "love our neighbor as ourself."

5. Set at liberty them that are bruised! "come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden" (Matt. 11:28) Jesus came promising release from sin, forgiveness, salvation, eternal rest.

6. Proclaim the acceptable year of our Lord, the year of Jubilee! A new beginning, a clean slate, a new day; economically, mentally, politically, physically, and spiritually: that is what His Kingdom stands for!

7. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me! And must be upon the Christian who would attempt to set up this Kingdom in his own life, and live as a citizen of it before the world. Without His spirit one cannot see the Kingdom; neither enter it nor successfully build it.

From the day the convert takes out citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven and pledges allegiance to his new King, he is no longer a citizen of Galilee or Judaea or Rome—or Germany or America. He is a citizen of the *Kingdom of Heaven*, and is only a temporary sojourner in the lesser nation. While "visiting" in any of these



"foreign" nations, he gives that nation partial allegiance and obeys its laws up to the point where they conflict with the laws of his own King. He renders unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, but reserves unto God the things that are God's. When his period of foreign service is ended, the citizen is called home with a "well done, good and faithful servant," to dwell in the Kingdom forever.

An American, living in England or Germany or Japan, gives a certain amount of loyalty and respect to that nation in return for the privilege of making his temporary home within its borders. He pays taxes and respects its laws. But should he be asked to take an oath of full allegiance to its ruler, serve in its army, or protect its flag with his life, the American would proudly refuse, saying, "I'm sorry, but my allegiance is to my own country, America. I enjoy living in your country and I will obey all laws that do not conflict with the laws of my own land. But I can serve only in the American army, and give my life in defense of no flag other than the Stars and Stripes!" And though the nation insist to the point of imprisonment or death, he would stand steadfast in his allegiance to America.

If an American should bow to the foreign demand, swear allegiance to the nation where he temporarily lived, in defiance of the laws of his own country, and should he afterwards claim to be a citizen of America and seek entrance to our shores, our State Department would in all probability say what Jesus has promised to say to His turncoat citizens, "*I never knew you. Depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*" (Matt. 7:23)

Before this world can know peace, men must some day surrender a part of their allegiance, and nations a part of their sovereignty, to a higher authority than their own national government. To this all proponents of any type of world order will agree. When Christians in Japan, Germany, England, China, America, every nation, if ordered to fight, to kill, or to break any other law of their God, proudly but firmly say, "I'm sorry, but I have taken out citizenship in a new Kingdom; I cannot disobey the explicit orders of my King. Him only will I serve with my life!", then God will begin to rule the world.

Why does the Kingdom of Heaven grow so slowly? Governments oppose this idea of a higher allegiance, because it limits their power. Powerful interests oppose it, for it limits their opportunity to use power for profit. You and I, who have taken out citizenship in this Kingdom, reject it because of selfishness and fear, and so become fifth-columnists and traitors to our King. No man can serve two masters, and no man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom.

Is the church largely overlooked and ignored today in government circles, business, international affairs? When we Christians

speak His Word and *live* His life we will not be ignored. Christ was not ignored; no one gave Paul the polite "brush-off" that church leaders today often get from government. He had to be reckoned with. When he came to town things happened. When we follow their example in all out allegiance to the Kingdom, the world will listen. It may not follow immediately. It may curse and persecute and condemn—but it will not ignore. Paul said to Titus, "*Let no man despise thee.*" (Titus 2:15)

Some timid Christians say, "I'd like to be *really* a Christian if the world would let me—but it isn't possible under present conditions!"

"Why?"

"Why, I'd lose my job!"

"Well, what of that?"

"Why, I might starve!"

"Well?"

"Or folks might kill me!"

"Well, and what of that?"

"You mean . . . ?"

"Yes, I mean there isn't anything that can stop you or should stop you, if you really want to be a Christian—no not death itself. They killed Jesus, they killed Paul; are you better than they?"

*'Fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul; and body in hell'* (Matt 10:28)

Most everyone agrees that if the world were Christian everyone would be happy, there would be no poverty or greed or war. But we are all waiting for the other fellow to reform so we can be Christian. The Kingdom will never come that way.

Jesus believed and taught and *practiced*, that men should begin to live, now, as though the Kingdom of Heaven were already fully established on earth, as though *everyone else were already doing it!*

The true Christian, by becoming a citizen of the Kingdom and a follower of Christ, says, "As far as I am concerned, the Kingdom is in operation *now*! I will act as a citizen should act, no matter what other folks do or say. My occupation? Is it one that a Citizen could engage in, that Christ would approve? My dealings with others, my contracts, my pleasures? Would I be doing the things I do if the Kingdom were fully come? If so they are right, if not I'd better change.

Am I working on Sunday, desecrating the Lord's Day? Or am I causing others to work on that day of Rest? Am I travelling on the Lord's Day? If so, is it on His business? Do I put off until Sunday anything I could do on Saturday and save someone from working that day? How about that Sunday paper at the drug store, that forgotten loaf of bread, that extra quart of milk, that movie? You are helping to make someone else work that day.

Unimportant? Perhaps not so unimportant as we think. The Sabbath was God's plan for preserving His church, His way

of preserving in the minds of men the idea of His rulership, and man's need to obey. Without one day in seven set apart for worshipping and remembering God, it is quite doubtful if Christianity would have survived until today. History has shown that when a nation ceases to "remember the Sabbath Day and keep it Holy" that nation is doomed. And men remember only as Christians by their acts remind them. Paul said:

*"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is"* (Heb. 10:25)

"But my working is necessary! My boss requires it!"

Who is your Boss? As a citizen of the Kingdom I have but one final allegiance, one final authority, one Boss. My first and most important job is to build the Kingdom, trusting Him for all my needs, even as He has promised. (Matt. 6:33; Heb. 13: 5-6)

I am still a citizen of my town and county and obey their regulations in minor things; I am next a citizen of my state and obey its laws in other things; more important than that I am a citizen of my Nation and obey its laws unless they should conflict with the laws of God. But above all I am a Citizen of the Kingdom of God and my allegiance to His rule is supreme. When He speaks I must obey, even though it mean being different from society around me, or mean breaking a lesser law, or refusing to obey a law of these lesser loyalties. In every realm of life, from Sunday observance to war, Christ must be my sole authority if I am truly Christian.

Is this treason? Not in the United States, thank God! Our great experiment in democracy, is founded on the principle of a higher allegiance to God than to even the Nation.

The late Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes said:

"But in the forum of conscience duty to a moral power higher than the State has always been maintained. The reservation of that supreme obligation, as a matter of principle, would unquestionably be made by many of our conscientious and law abiding citizens. The essence of religion is belief in a relation to God involving duties superior to those arising from any human relation . . . The battle for religious liberty has been fought and won with respect to religious beliefs and practices which are not in conflict with good order, upon the very ground of the supremacy of conscience within its proper field."

—U. S. vs. Macintosh, U.S. 605.

Why is this higher allegiance consistent with the preservation and best interest of the nation? In a true Democracy the *people* are the government. A Democracy cannot survive unless its citizens are in great part *good people, honest people, just people*. If the people become corrupt, soon the government will be corrupt. For *we are the government!* As citizens we must work for the good of all, and only good people will

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# The Jerusalem Herald

THURSDAY

APRIL 7, A. D., 30

(News As It Might Have Been If There Had Been Newspapers 1900 Years Ago)

## Jesus Arrested, Convicted, Crucified!

### EDITORIAL

Well, Jesus came into Jerusalem like a lion, leading a procession, chasing business men out of their stands in the temple, and boldly setting himself up as a King.

But he went out like a lamb. When arrested, he put up no fight and his followers deserted him. His revolution was short lived.

If he had been a real king he surely would have put up some sort of fight. But whatever he was, the carpenter-preacher from Nazareth was a very unusual person. If he had confined his preaching to spiritual things and continued healing the sick, his early popularity might have continued and he would have been long remembered.

But when he began urging social reform and upsetting established customs of business and government, he soon got himself and his movement into difficulties. Such radicals and revolutionaries can not expect much sympathy from our respectable and conservative society. Yet several have wistfully said, "Wouldn't it be wonderful if we COULD get a king like that?"

But kings do not come riding unarmed on lowly asses, nor with nothing stronger than "love and forgiveness" to offer. They come with swords and chariots and armed men. When one like that comes along we might be tempted to follow him in order to gain our liberty.

### SOCIALISM?

These communists who left their homes and their jobs to follow this radical around the country, will now have to go back to work, and the threat to our industries will be removed.

If the hungry want something to eat let them go to work and earn it. All this talk of "sharing with your neighbor" is socialism, thinly disguised as "religion."

### "King of Jews" Career Ended

The meteor-like career of Jesus of Nazareth, whom some had expected to restore the Jewish Kingdom, came to an abrupt and ignominious end here today. His whereabouts tipped off by one of his own followers and quickly deserted by the rest, this radical reformer was arrested about midnight and ushered before a special session of the San Hedrin, called before daylight this morning. He was quickly convicted of blasphemy and condemned to death, upon his own admission that he claimed to be the Son of God.

At daybreak, Jesus was led before Pilate the Roman Governor of Judaea and charged with the additional crime of sedition, having claimed that he was King of the Jews.

After hours of wavering indecision, Pilate was persuaded to pass sentence on the prisoner and he was executed today with two other convicts.

Officers were on the alert today to prevent any attempt to rescue Jesus by his followers, but few even of his closest friends were in evidence. The movement is evidently broken up with the death of their leader.

A feeling of horror and impending doom seemed to hover over the city today and the officials were jittery and uninclined to talk.

Several strange events accompanied the execution and contributed to the general nervousness. First, Jesus made no resistance nor remonstrance at his fate, but meekly prayed God to forgive his executioners. Then a terrible storm struck at noon and the city was in almost total darkness for three hours. The storm was followed by an earthquake that split huge rocks on Calvary's hill, rent the veil in the temple from top to bottom. Even the hardened Roman soldiers were impressed and some actually expressed the opinion that Jesus really was the Son of God.

Some went so far as to say they had seen ghosts of men long since dead, arise from their tombs during the earthquake and walk about the city. Officials and townspeople alike breathed a sigh of relief when this day's execution was ended.

### SPEEDY TRIAL ENDS IN DEATH SENTENCE

Jesus, the carpenter-preacher from Galilee, who has stirred up the whole province this last year, was arraigned before the Jewish council at a midnight session last night, and tried and convicted of Blasphemy at an early morning session of the San Hedrin.

Witnesses testified that this dreamer had boasted that if the temple were destroyed, he could rebuild it in three days.

Jesus refused to call any witnesses or offer any testimony in his own defense. Upon direct examination by the High Priest he admitted that he claimed to be the Son of God.

The San Hedrin Court quickly brought in a verdict of guilty. This crime carries the death penalty, but all capital crimes must be reviewed by the Roman Governor, Pilate.

Consequently, at daylight, this self-styled Son of God was brought before Pilate for confirmation of the death penalty. Being a civil and

criminal court, with no interest in or jurisdiction over ecclesiastical questions, Pilate disregarded the charge of blasphemy and acquitted Jesus.

The prosecuting priests quickly amended their petition and charged Jesus with sedition, since he had claimed himself to be the "King of the Jews" in defiance of Caesar.

Pilate, by technicalities, tried to evade his responsibility in the case and ordered a change of venue to King Herod's court on the grounds of jurisdiction, since Jesus was a citizen of Herod's district, Galilee.

After questioning, Herod disclaimed any responsibility in the case and Jesus was sent back to Pilate. The Governor seemed reluctant to sentence Jesus, who made no defense, saying his followers did not fight, since his was a spiritual kingdom. But when the priests pressed the case and the crowd that had gathered demanded that Pilate pass sentence the Roman governor ordered his execution.

The Roman soldiers marched him off at 9:00 o'clock with two other convicts and he was pronounced dead at 3:00 p.m.

A terrific storm drove most of the spectators to shelter and only a few of the priests and the soldiers, together with his mother and a very few of his followers were present for the end.

The trial of Jesus was one of the speediest on record here, of a capital offense. In fact, the law provides for at least one day's recess of court between the hearing of a cause and the passing of the death sentence.

But since this man's movement was such a threat to existing authority, the court declared an emergency and dispensed with all technicalities in order to remove this radical before he stirred the crowds, gathered here for the Passover, into violent revolution.

### MOTHER LEFT DESTITUTE

It is said that Mary, mother of Jesus, the wandering evangelist, must now rely on charity or friends for her existence. Though her son was heir to a thriving carpenter shop when her husband died, he gave up the business to travel about the country preaching social equality and stirring up unrest among the laboring classes.

During the last few months his mother Mary and some other women have been traveling with Jesus and his followers. Seemingly indifferent to the hardships of such a nomadic existence for his mother, he seems now to have left her without earthly goods. He did not have any money saved up, his emphasis having been on a "home in Heaven."

While on the cross this afternoon, Jesus asked his youngest disciple, John, to care for his mother after his death, and John promised to do so.

### Predictions By The Prophet

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."



# The Holy Spirit

(Continued from last month)

## CLAIMING OUR INHERITANCE

*"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."*

*"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."* (Rom. 8: 14-17)

When Jesus died He remembered us in His will the New Testament (Will or Covenant), sealed with His blood. (Luke 22: 20)

After a testator's death his will becomes effective and is read to the heirs. Our Will is the written Word of God. We, as adopted sons and daughters of God, by the grace and the blood of Jesus, can read the Will and know what we have inherited.

Here are some of the written provisions of the Will, some of the inheritances that are given to God's children, paid for by the blood of Jesus:

### 1. FORGIVENESS

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (I John 1:9)

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Rom. 10: 9)

"For God sent not his Son into the World to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3: 17)

### 2. DIVINE HEALTH

"Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." (Matthew 8: 17)

"Who his own self bare our sins in his body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (I Pet. 2:24)

"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." (Exodus 15: 26)

"And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." (Ex. 23: 25)

### 3. HOLY SPIRIT

"If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may

abide with you for ever; 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." (John 14: 15-17)

"For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." (Acts 1: 5)

"But 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 all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1: 8)

### 4. PEACE

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11: 28)

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14: 27)

"When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." (Prov. 16: 7)

### 5. OUR NEEDS PROVIDED

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." (3 John 2)

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6: 33)

"My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4: 19)

### 6. JOY

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." (John 15: 11)

"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." (Rom. 14: 17)

### 7. PROTECTION

"There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." (Psalm 91)

"And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?" (I Peter 3: 13)

### 8. GUIDANCE

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." (John 7: 17)

"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." (Isa. 30:21)

### 9. HEAL THE SICK

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall

he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14: 12)

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (Mark 16: 17-18)

### 10. ETERNAL LIFE

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." (John 11: 25-26)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3: 16)

### UNCLAIMED LEGACIES

Why haven't we claimed our inheritance?

It is perfectly apparent that most Christians today are not enjoying the inheritance that Christ's Will provides for them, they have not yet attained to God's Plan for Man: the manifestation of God within THEM, in the Person of the Holy Ghost.

They are not enjoying the Divine Health which the Word promises, neither the Peace, Prosperity, Power and Joy; nor are they healing the sick, casting out devils and exercising authority over all the power of the enemy, as the Will provides. (Luke 10: 19)

### WHY?

Many Christians do not know that the Will of God promises them these inherited gifts. They have been led to believe that the Holy Ghost was only for the Disciples, that Divine Healing passed out with the first century, that sickness is either put on them as God's chastening, or is one of the inevitable misfortunes of life; that this life is a "vale of tears" and sorrow and that the Christian's life is a sad lot with no place for joy; that God keeps us poor to keep us humble; and that God doesn't interfere with the grinding wheels of fate to hear or heed our prayers.

The only two provisions in the Will which many have believed in are Forgiveness for sin, and the Hope of Eternal Life. These two they have called for and claimed and taken home as their own, though sometimes they have doubts as to their reality. They are not "sure."

Obviously, if an heir never hears about a Will, he will never claim its inheritance.

Many others have heard rumors of the other provisions in the Will, but have scoffed at anything so wonderful being "for them." Obviously, again, if an heir in a far away place read about someone willing him a fortune, but thought it a myth or



a mistake and never went home to claim his inherited wealth, it would lay unused in the bank and he would never enjoy its benefits. So it is with the un-believing heirs of God. Our responsibility is to notify these heirs of their inheritance.

*"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."* (Acts 26: 18)

Among those who read the Will, believe its promises and claim its legacies, not all have received the inheritance willed to them. Why?

Many wills leave property to the heirs, to be held in trust for them until they become of age, until they become mature enough to be trusted with the wealth and power the estate would bring.

Many Christians are not enjoying the promised inheritance of God's Will for them, because they have not grown up to the point where they can be safely trusted with His best gifts. Paul speaks of babes in Christ, and his words would pretty adequately describe many in the church today:

*"I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"* (I Cor. 3: 2-3)

*"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."* (Heb. 5: 12-14)

Then John speaks of "children," still unable to receive their full inheritance:

*"I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake."* (I John 2: 12)

*"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now."* (John 16:12)

It is only to the "grown up" Christian that God can entrust many of the blessings He has Willed to us.

*"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."* (Eph. 4: 13-15)

How can we attain to this "stature of

Christ?"

In the same way that Jesus kept Himself always pleasing to God: by PERFECT and CONSTANT OBEDIENCE.

*"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me."* (John 5: 30)

*"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."* (John 15: 10)

*"For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."* (John 13: 15)

The secret of Jesus' favor and power with God was:

*"I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me."* (John 8: 28)

In the measure that we approach that relationship with the Father, can He safely deliver to us the inheritance that has been lying unclaimed since the Will was first published.

*"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments,*

*and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment."* (I John 3: 22-23)

The coming of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth awaits the day when God's sons can be entrusted with the powers He has Willed to them.

*"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."* (Rom. 8: 19)

*"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."* (Rom. 8: 29)

Have you claimed your Inheritance in the Will of God?

The place to start is by claiming and receiving the Holy Spirit.

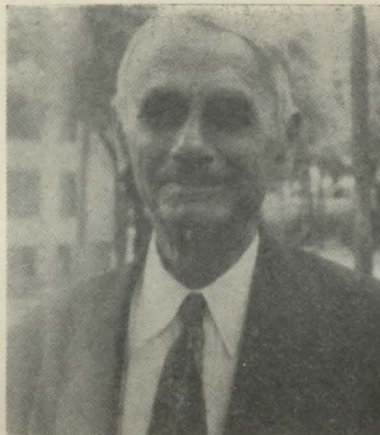
*"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."* (Rom. 8: 14)

Therefore, I repeat, the greatest question facing the Church today is:

*"Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"* (Acts 19: 2)

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# O B E D I E N C E

Obedience is a word little liked in America. Even in our churches it is in little favor. We are a people who want to do as we please. We do not want anyone telling us what to do, not even God.

We love to worship God but we do not want to obey Him. We love to sing about Jesus. We love to think about Him. We love to worship Him. We want to accept Him as our Saviour from sin and its punishment. We love to think about going to Heaven some day to be with Him forever, but we do not want to OBEY Him. It has always been so.

Listen:

*"And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.*

*"And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid. And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves." (Mark 9:2-8)*

Peter was eager to build tabernacles, a place to worship Jesus—even as men are today. "Let us build a tabernacle, or a temple, or a big, new church building. Where we can worship Jesus." But immediately God's word spoke to Peter: "THIS is my beloved son, hear Him." Listen to Him, not your own ideas. Obey Him.

To worship God is good, and places of worship are necessary, but they are not the important things. Jesus never built a church. He preached His finest sermons and did His mightiest miracles on the mountains, on the grassy fields, beside the sea of Galilee. Jesus never commanded His followers, anywhere, to build a church building. But He did command them to follow Him, to obey Him.

Many people today are trying to substitute worship for obedience. They are building church buildings, attending worship services, praising the Lord, singing hymns, offering prayers, yes, preaching sermons, doing many things, but not OBEYING Jesus.

Jesus said, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6: 46). He further warned, "Not everyone that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven." (Matt. 7:21)

*"Whatsoever he sayeth unto you, do it."* (John 2:5)

That is the important thing, if we would call ourselves Christian.

Obedience is the test of faith, and the proof of love. Often times we tell the Lord how much we love Him, how grateful we are for His forgiveness of our sins, His blessings, His care; but are not so careful about obeying Him.

Suppose you tell your little girl to wipe the dishes or sweep the floor, and she replies: "No, mother, I don't want to do that, but I sure do love you. Please give me some cookies, 'Cause I do love you!" Which is the better proof of her love: obedience or honeyed words? So it is with us and God.

With God there is nothing that will take the place of obedience—not worship, not protestations of affection, not good intentions, not studying the Bible, not praying. All these are good, but of little worth without the one thing God requires of His followers: Obedience.

Back in First Samuel, the 15th chapter is a good illustration of how we often substitute good intentions coupled with our own ideas, for Obedience to God. God had commanded King Saul to go and destroy the Amalekites and all their possessions. Saul kept alive their King, Agag, and some of the best cattle and sheep. God sent His prophet Samuel to rebuke Saul. Listen:

*"And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the Lord: I have performed the commandment of the Lord. And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God: and the rest we have utterly destroyed. And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifices, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king." (I Sam. 15: 13-15, 22-23)*

Saul had his own ideas about what was right. He thought it would be alright to save some of the sheep and oxen, even though God told him to destroy them, because he was keeping them for a good purpose, to offer a sacrifice to God. His intentions were good. But God would rather have obedience from His subjects than any sacrifice that they might offer.

What are some of the commands of God that we have refused to obey, trying rather to substitute some sacrifice or gift, some idea of our own, for simple obedience? First, let's go to Malachi 3: 7-10:

*"Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.*

*"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."*

Jesus also said we ought to tithe. (Matt. 23:23)

We have substituted all sorts of money-raising schemes for the only plan God has commanded us to use: the honest giving of our tithes and offerings to carry on His work. When God's people obey this command, there will end the disgraceful begging for money that goes on all over the land and over the air.

Second, we have not obeyed His command to separate ourselves from the ways of the world and be a Holy people, sanctified and meet for the Master's use. Paul says, "Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you." (II Cor. 6: 17)

Many church members and some ministers are trying to hold a cigarette or a bottle in one hand and the Bible in the other. If you are one of those, are you wondering why the world laughs at your kind of religion, the sham of piety that fails to hide your worldliness?

God commands, "This is my beloved Son, hear Him." Don't listen to the world or worldly men, listen to my Son Jesus, and obey Him. And Jesus commands: "Give not that which is Holy unto the dogs." (Matt.



in the Lord; and I will cause thee to 7:6)

Paul says: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is Holy, which temple ye are" (I Cor. 3: 16-17)

*"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service, And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."* (Rom. 12: 1-2)

The church in America has gotten so like the world, in its habits, its conversation, and its living, that it is hard to tell the difference between a man in the church or a man outside the church.

Then, we have failed to keep Holy the Sabbath or Sunday, which we have substituted as the Lord's Day. Building construction, painting, farming, and the selling of merchandise go on, after a brief pause for Sunday worship.

Jesus said it was lawful to do good on the Sabbath days, but not evil. God warned that everyone who defiled the Sabbath should be put to death. (Ex. 35: 2). He warned that if the Israelites refused to hallow the Sabbath Day, Jerusalem would be destroyed (Jer. 17: 27), and it was done.

On the other hand, God promised a blessing to those who honor His Sabbath Day:

*"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight; the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."* (Isa. 58: 13-14)

America has become a land of Sabbath breakers, and we are inviting our own destruction.

Another area of our lives in which we refuse to obey Jesus is in our arrogant

pride of racial superiority. Jesus said:

*"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."* (Matt. 25: 40)

Paul said, *"There is no respect of persons with God* (Rom. 2: 11); that God *"hath made of one blood all nations of men."* (Acts 17: 26); *"Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all."* (Col. 3:11)

One of the underlying reasons why the White man is hated throughout Asia, Africa and the Middle East is our arrogant treatment of anyone whose skin is not white. We have sown the wind in Jim Crow laws and attitudes and are reaping the whirlwind of the dark skinned people's wrath.

Another place where we have refused to obey the Christ we worship, is in the realm of loving our enemies instead of killing them. We have preferred to worship Jesus rather than to obey His command to

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## GOD NEEDS YOU!

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require perfection before He will take you on as a worker in the Kingdom, or else you would have no chance to work in His vineyard.

And ask God to forgive you for your criticism and condemnation of His ministers who have made mistakes, so that He can forgive you your sins also.

*"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in your brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"*

*"Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."* (Matt. 7: 1-6)

*"Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest another: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same thing."* (Romans 2: 1)

God is so wonderful that He can even take evil and work out some good from it, though He hates evil.

*"For all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."* (Romans 8:28.)

And now I have a message especially to all of you who are shut in and cannot get out and do the things you would like to do for God. To all of you who are bound to wheel chair or bed or sick room, who have all day and the long watches of the night to patiently endure. Do you say there isn't anything you can do? Do you perhaps pity yourself and complain that life has passed you by, and your time is wasted? Well, let me tell you that God needs you, just as He needed the little donkey, just as He needed the rooster, just as He needed the staff of Moses. And He has a job for you as important, if not more important, than the work that your active companions, that go forth to work each day, are doing. He has a job for you that they cannot do. He has a special task, that only you with time on your hands can perform.

What is it? It is prayer. Prayer, not for yourself, but for

others.

### FANNER BEES

Tennyson said, *"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."* Frank Laubach and Glenn Clark have issued a call for the establishment of a prayer band of shut-ins, of "fanner bees" as they call them. For folks to pray who have more time to pray than the average person has, who have hours and hours in which to pray. To pray for our new President, and Congress and the United Nations. To pray for our Governor and for Russia and for China. To pray for rain, and for a great revival, and for peace. To pray for our ministers that they may be bold to speak God's piercing Word. To pray for our missionaries in far off lonesome lands where hunger and fear and violence stalk the earth. Yes, to pray.

You say you cannot come to church, you cannot sing, you cannot preach, you cannot give, you cannot go. Well, there is the one bigger thing that you can do: you can pray. Jesus said men *"ought always to pray and not to faint."* Paul said *"Pray without ceasing."* The wisest sentence in any meeting of men and women is when someone says; "Let us pray."

Fanner bees are God's air conditioning system for the bee hive. They suck the bad air out and the fresh air in with their swiftly moving wings. Listen to what Glenn Clark says about our need for fanner bees of prayer:

*"The great army of shut-ins, the old people who think their lives are complete, the great army of invalids longing for opportunity to make their lives worth while, here are the greatest unused resources of America—these people who think their lives are of least account. The stones which the builders rejected, they shall become the head of the corner. If you are a shut-in, won't you join me in the greatest crusade ever undertaken in America . . . that of recruiting all the shut-ins . . . into a great silent army of fanner bees! An army that shall conquer the world."* (The Lord's Prayer, by Dr. Glenn Clark).

Whitfield, the great evangelist, always took with him a little crippled man who believed in prayer. His prayers, even more than Whitfield's preaching, were the cause of the wonderful results.

God and the Church and America need you in this army of fanner bees of prayer. Won't you enlist right now in this army being recruited to save America through prayer? Tell God today, right now, that He can count on you as one of His Fanner

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# CHRIST

## AND THE HEADLINES

An earnest attempt to look at today's events through the eyes of Jesus.

### PROPAGANDA

The people of America sneer at the Russians for duping their people with propaganda. Yet we are among the most gullible and propagandized people in the world. And, this in spite of all our learning, our universities, our free press, our radios and our televisions, that propose to tell us the "truth" so that no one can deceive us.

Every lobbyist in Austin or in our national capital uses propaganda as his stock in trade. His brief case is full of it. Every politician has a goodly supply. Every state and national bureau puts out propaganda by the wagon load. Business men all know its worth to them.

Our national government has learned much from Hitler and Stalin and grinds out bales of the stuff whenever they have an axe to grind. A UMT bill to pass, for instance. The Pentagon is a past master in the business.

But perhaps the highest paid and most skillful propaganda artists in the world are the advertising men paid huge sums yearly by liquor and tobacco companies to bamboozle, deceive, hood-wink and rob the American people of their common sense, rectitude, health and happiness, of their dollars, and their lives.

The cigarette makers have made slaves of over half the citizens of America, both men and women—slaves to Lady Nicotine—by spending huge sums on bill boards, newspaper and magazine ads, radio and television shows, quiz and talent programs, fine artistry, lying claims and subtle nudging of the sub-conscious.

No one is ever told of the harm the cigarette does, only of its "mildness" or the "lift." No mention is made of the irritation that leads to cancer of the lungs and throat, of hardened arteries and heart failure, nor of the billions spent on a useless and harmful habit that might well buy bread for hungry children if it were not that men and women have been sold on the idea that it is "smart to smoke." By what standard of smartness no one is told. No mention of the smarting eyes that squint to escape the biting fumes from drooping cigarette, or throat smarting from coughing caused by "too many cigarettes."

Yse, Americans like to be duped, same as people in other lands.

### LYING ADS

The top propaganda experts are the liquor ad men. Being beyond the pale of decency and morals, there seems nothing to inhibit their talents except an occasional check-up by government scrutiny on their tall claims.

They are free to use high priced artists and slick make-up in selling the Americans, men, women and young people, on the cleverness, the "smartness," the "distinction" that comes from drinking some particular brand of potential poison.

They have no scruples about picturing charming (?) women and white mustachioed colonels, hunting dogs, fine cars, big names—all in their shrewdly thought-out campaign to ensnare the minds, bodies and pocketbooks of America.

And how they have succeeded! In twenty years they have made it "smart to drink," they have invaded millions of homes, they have put beer on the grocery shelves and in the corner drug store, they have gradually introduced young women into their catchy ads (not too fast so as not to offend "good" taste) they have even invaded the sacredness of Christmas, when we remember the birth of Jesus, and have made a special effort to get men to drink on this occasion when they should be playing with their children under the Christmas tree.

They never show a touseled head, a stained vest, a red nose, a bleary eye, a drunk-wrecked car, a drink-broken home, a drink-driven suicide, a drink-maddened rapist, a drink-crazed murderer,

or an electric chair. Oh, no, none of these!

They always picture glowing, bright, cheery scenes. For, you see, their specialty is propaganda. Truth is not the object of their search; rather the bodies and the souls and the dollars of men and women and young people.

They have succeeded in making drinking "respectable." They have replaced the low-brow saloon of pre-prohibition days with the lower-browed honky-tonk and the "high-brow" cocktail lounge, where not only do women drink but serve as bar-tenders as well. They have invaded conservative offices and clubs and even churches. They have moved into government and shown their weight in the White House.

### SMART?

And what is the real truth? Here are a few snap-shots that every man in America, in his sober moments, know are true, right in his own neighborhood, every day of the year.

1. A young man recently came to me one Saturday night for help. He was drunk, with a bottle in his pocket. He had been arrested for drunk driving, spent a night in jail, had his driver's license taken away, his wife had left him in disgust, he was bawling about "missing his two babies." An alcoholic? No. An extreme case? No. Just a fine young Texan, bamboozed by the liquor propagandists into thinking he must be "smart." He "smarted" several days before he got back his car, his driver's license, his wife and babies, and his self respect. He asked our prayers that he might never drink again. But the liquor men will do their best to see that he does.

2. A week later an older man came to me for prayer. An alcoholic, half drunk, who stated that if God didn't help him he knew he was going to die and go to Hell. He had lost his job because of drinking, was broke, with a wife to feed, living in a dingy apartment, his wife without even a dress. He had suffered three heart attacks caused by drink, he said, and wished fervently that someone would "break up all the liquor stores like Carrie Nation." Drinking was no longer "smart" for him. He was smarting under its slavery.

He is now attending a nightly mission in the hopes that he can "go straight" and escape the devil's clutches that bid for his money, morals and life itself, at almost every cafe in Austin. The liquor men will do their best, by propaganda, to see that he drinks again and ends up in adunkard'sgrave.

3. A neighbor called us the other night to go pray for a tenant of hers. He and his wife both drank. In a nice friendly drinking family spat, she hit him over the head with a beer bottle and left with their baby. The husband went to bed with a smarting head, shattered nerves and a broken heart. We went and prayed while he hungered for a cigarette in his brown stained fingers. The wife and baby are back now. They both have "sworn off" but the liquor men, with an ad on every page and a booze joint on every corner, will do their best to see that this family is broken up again soon by their "smart" product.

4. A man came the other day shivering in the cold, with only a sweater over his dirty shirt and summer sandals on his feet. His wife had put up with his drunken tantrums for years, with his carting off anything in the house to sell for the price of a bottle of booze. Finally she had him arrested, with a restraining order to keep him away from his home and children.

Getting out of jail penniless he had spent the night under the river bridge, burning waste wood to keep from freezing. He needed money for a room and a meal. He definitely was "through with liquor," but the liquor men, with their lying propaganda, will do their best to see that his good intentions are short lived.

These are not extreme cases. They happen everyday all around us, are so common as to be taken for granted. To say nothing of the smashed cars, the lost virtue, the dead bodies that are each week-end's toll of drink.

Some ministers drink, many church members drink, government officials drink, young people drink. Where is the end?

### DISASTER

The end, of course, is disaster, as in the weakened moral fibre of France and every other drunken nation, back to the days of



## SET HER FREE!



Belshazzar and the handwriting on the wall: "Weighed in the balance and found wanting." (Dan. 5:27)

What to do? Must we be silent, surrendering meekly to this dreadful monster that threatens our people and our land? This is a more deadly foe, more dangerous to our moral, spiritual and national life than the Communists found within our government or the threat of a Russian invasion. This enemy has already landed. He has not only secured a beach-head. He has taken over the country from Washington to the Pacific; from Canada to Texas. Only here and there little "guerilla" bands of Christians are fighting rear guard battles with the deadly foe . . . While our eyes have been kept on overseas enemies, this giant killer has taken over much of the government, business and social life of America.

Yes, the American people like to be propagandized, bamboozled, hood-winked, robbed and murdered; just so it is made to appear "smart," "respectable," and "American."

### WHAT TO DO?

What are we to do about it? Must we be silent because drinking is 'smart' and reformers are old fogies? Must we who see and know the truth stultify our consciences merely because we are an unpopular minority?

If a bridge washed out across a deep chasm and cars were going over the embankment, we would not content ourselves with clearing away the wrecks at the bottom, with hauling the smashed bodies off to hospital or morgue. We would stir ourselves to stop the slaughter. The State Highway Patrol would quickly erect barricades to stop further casualties and station an officer at the spot to turn back and detour the unsuspecting motorists.

When an epidemic breaks out in our community the medical profession does not content itself with giving pills to the victims. By proclamation, quarantine and inoculation, and by martial law, if necessary, we do all in our power to prevent further ravages by the disease.

### SLAVES

Oh, foolish America! You boast of your freedom, not realizing that you are a slave to a cruel and torturing taskmaster, Strong Drink.

You who defy any dictator to rule over you have already surrendered to a murderous dictator, King Booze. You rail at Hitler and Stalin for their inhuman purges, you are stirred to anger at the suffering of their innocent victims: the Jews, the women, the little children. Yet you are little concerned about the wrecked lives, the broken homes, the destitute children, the crumbling morals, the be-fuddled minds in business and government, the highway deaths that exceed the deaths in Korea: all the results of liquor—the liquor YOU allow to flood America, the liquor YOU refuse to shut off.

Foolish, misled, duped and propagandized America! Going the same mad route that meant the downfall of France, Babylon, Rome and ancient Israel. Thinking, as they each did, that you are sophisticated, and smart, and respectable and safe.

I warn you, America. You are spelling your own doom. You are putting your own neck in the noose. You have already sold out to the worst dictator in the world—the Devil, whose right hand agent is booze.

Is there no hope?

Yes, there is hope that America will at last listen to another type of propaganda—a propaganda in the better sense of the term. For propaganda rightly means teaching. It can be good or bad.

### OUR HOPE

Our hope lies in the propaganda of Truth, and in the One who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6)

What these blind, stupid and be-smirched seekers after escape, thrill and "smartness" do not know is that the driving urge within them is not for spirits, but for the Spirit—the Holy Spirit of Jesus, that gives life a zest, a tang, an exuberance, a thrill far beyond coming out of a bottle; and with no after-taste, no hang-over, no remorse, no bitter dregs. Paul urged:

"Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be ye filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5: 18)

Instead of sorrow, His Holy Spirit gives Joy; instead of wrecked lives, He gives Health; instead of broken homes, He gives reconciliation and Love; instead of Death, He gives Life; instead of Hell, He gives Heaven—here and now, and hereafter.

Yes, America, like the Israelites in the days of the Prophet Samuel, you have rejected God's rule and chosen you a king. (I Sam. 8) But what a King! You have rejected the King of Kings and chosen King Alcohol.

The only remaining hope is in you. You are free to decide—to vote. You can still change "administrations." You can still vote for Him and against It.

"I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

Oh, America, Why will ye die?

And now, let us pray: Heavenly Father, forgive us for our part in surrendering America to the destruction, depravity and death caused by strong drink. Deliver its victims and forgive its emissaries. And let us seek Thee and Thy Holy Spirit and thy Holy Will. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## GOD NEEDS YOU!

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Bees of Prayer. And begin right now to pray for your minister, our President, our nation, our world, your friends and neighbors, and God will wonderfully bless you. Remember it was when Job prayed for his friends that God healed him and gave him twice as much as he had before. God's Word says, "Pray one for another, that ye may be healed." (James 5: 16)

And now let us pray: Dear Heavenly Father, we thank thee that thou hast left open the avenue from earth to Heaven, the highway of prayer.

Teach us as thou didst teach thy disciples, to pray. Teach us to pray without ceasing, that every act and every thought and every word of ours may be really a prayer, knowing that Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



## Paul, The Defendant

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do that. Then anything that makes its people good and honest and unselfish will aid tremendously the nation. And what will make people good, more than unswerving obedience to conscience and God's laws—the highest laws of the universe? Anything that subserves obedience to God, to allegiance to the nation, will eventually wreck the nation, and our founding fathers well recognized that fact.

"Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens."

—Daniel Webster

Hence one who conscientiously gives his higher allegiance to God is after all the most valuable citizen of America, the purest Patriot. For in challenging every edict inconsistent with God's laws, in keeping the American conscience reminded of any discrepancy between her laws and those of God, he is slowly but surely changing America for the better, though he get small thanks for his pains.

"Laws are not made for the good."

—Socrates.

The Christian needs no law to govern his life except the law of God, the law of love, the commands of Christ. It is a higher law, demanding a higher standard of conduct than can any law promulgated by man or government.

The Christian then is above the law. Not licensed to break laws, or ignore laws; but bound to go two miles where the law demands but one. Does the law demand a certain speed limit? The Christian stays under it, not to avoid a fine, but to avoid danger to his fellow man. Does the State require a certain standard of conduct of its citizens? The Christian lives on a higher plane than that because he is a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Christian needs no policeman. He needs none to keep him within the law because his conscience watches more carefully than the blue coated cop. He needs none to guard his wealth because he has only what he needs and has not gained that unfairly. He needs none for protection because his trust is in a stronger Arm.

Laws, police, armies; they all are needed only by men who are less than Christian citizens of the Kingdom. The Christ-like one has even greater laws and protection and ruler than any man can offer. He will not destroy law or defy government. He

recognizes their need among un-Christian men. But for himself they are unnecessary, since he has the rule of God, the love of neighbor, in his heart.

Everyone who advocates a law for America which is contrary to God's law, or who obeys a law that breaks His covenant, drags his country down and is an enemy and traitor both to God and to Democracy, for only God-like things endure. As America approaches the standards set by Jesus she approaches permanency, as she slips away from them she prepares for her destruction. For America is a child of Christianity. Let the spark of true Christianity die in America and Democracy is dead, and our Freedoms gone.

But except a man be born again of the Holy Spirit, except he be converted and become as humble and trusting and obedient as a little child he cannot see this higher allegiance, cannot see the Kingdom. Jesus saw it, the disciples saw it, and so did Paul. They felt the compulsion of obeying God rather than men. It meant suffering and dying for their King. It would mean that for many today. But millions are suffering and dying for lesser kingdoms!

Only thus can the Kingdom ever come in its fullness. Someone must step out and start it. Hard? Yes! Misunderstood? Yes! Persecuted? Yes! But that was Christ's way, and Paul's way too.

Paul was a citizen of that Kingdom.

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." (Col. 1: 12-13)

He preached the Kingdom:

"And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more." (Acts 20: 25)

To him Christ was "The blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords." (I Tim. 6:15)

To a tottering world, with its little plans for saving itself, Christ hurls His challenging answer, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" When Christians begin to take the Kingdom of Heaven seriously, the world will begin to take the Christians seriously, and we will be on the road to peace.

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## OBEDIENCE

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"Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." (Matt. 26: 52)

We have chosen to obey man rather than God, take the world's type of security rather than God's; forgetting that it is "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord." (Zech. 4: 6) We argue that armaments will make us safe, while all the time, the more armaments we raise, the more in danger and afraid we become.

Occasionally some politician or news commentator like Franklin D. Roosevelt or Drew Pearson suggests that some day we must adopt the Way of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, as outlined in the Sermon on the Mount, if we want to have peace. But that occasional voice is drowned out by our daily actions of following the ways of the world instead of obeying the Son of God.

Yes, it is so much easier to worship God than to obey Him. So much easier to say, "Lord, Lord," than to do the things He has said. But we are fooling ourselves into believing we are Christians and followers of His when we substitute worship for obedience. He warns that some day we will stand before Him and make our plea of:

"Lord, Lord, Have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matt. 7: 22-23)

Examine your heart today and your life. Are you substituting worship for obedience? Is your life clean and holy? Is your body a living sacrifice, or is it polluted with tobacco or drink? Are you keeping the Lord's Day holy, or are you doing your own business, your own pleasure?

Are you robbing God by failing to give Him all your tithes? Are you arrogant and proud in your treatment of those of another race? Or do you treat them as brothers, treat them like you'd like to be treated if YOUR skin was dark? And are you obeying Christ's command to love your enemies rather than hate them or helping to kill them?

Remember, to obey is better than sacrifice. Building tabernacles, going to church, worshipping the Lord is not pleasing to God, unless you obey His commands during the week.