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# The Prayer of Faith

By A. H. Argue

IN 1882, Dr. A. J. Gordon, pastor of Tremont Baptist Temple, Boston, wrote in his "Ministry of Healing";—

"Two streams of blessing started from the personal ministry of our Lord, a stream of healing and a stream of regeneration; the one for the recovery of the body and the other for the recovery of the soul, and these two flowed on side by side through the apostolic age. Is it reasonable to suppose that the purpose of God was that one should run on through the whole dispensation of the Spirit and that the other should fade away and utterly disappear within a single generation? We cannot think so."

There is no doubt that the Scripture clearly teach that Jesus has made provision for healing for our bodies, in answer to the prayer of faith. Prevailing prayer along any line, however, must meet certain requirements. There are three very clear conditions, laid down in the Scriptures, to which are given the promise of receiving whatsoever we ask. These are;—

"If ye abide in me and my words abide in you." John 15:17.

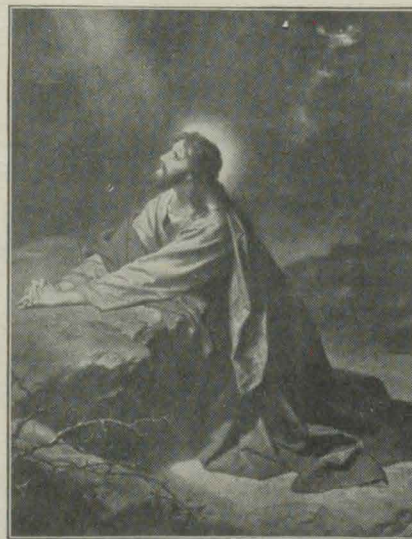
"If we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." I John 3:22.

"If we ask anything according to His will." I John 5:14.

If we meet these three conditions, of abiding in Christ, of keeping His commandments, and of asking only in His will, we have scriptural grounds for fully expecting an answer.

It is in accordance with the Word of God to wish for good health. In III John 2, "Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth," you will notice the

Apostle's wish is more than healing. It is divine health. To secure this means close attention to the requirements of God. That it is necessary to diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord God, and to do that which is right in His sight was brought out even in Old Testament scriptures on this subject. "If thou wilt diligently



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hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and will do that which is right in His sight . . . 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.

Carrying on this thought in the New Testament, the Apostle Paul writes (I Cor. 6:13), first, "The body for the Lord," that is, fully

His: then, "The Lord for the body," as our physician and as our strength.

Many fail to discern the Lord's body, and for this cause "many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." All through the Scripture, both in prophecy and in types, healing for the body is closely connected with healing for the soul. Isaiah prophetically foresaw this when he said of the coming Christ, "He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; and by His stripes we are healed."

Thomas Erskine in his writings expressed his conviction that the miraculous gifts were designed to be a permanent element throughout the Church period: he writes;—

"The great and common mistake with regard to the gifts is that they were intended merely to authenticate or to witness to the inspiration of the Canon of Scripture, and that therefore when the Canon was completed they should cease: whereas they were intended to witness to the exaltation of Christ as the head of the body, the Church. Had the faith of the Church continued pure and full, these gifts of the Spirit would never have disappeared. There is no revocation by Christ of that word, Mark 16:17, 18, "And these signs shall follow them that believe . . . they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

Now we read that Jesus came into Peter's house and healed Peter's wife's mother, and cast out evil spirits with His Word, and healed all that were sick. This was done for a purpose, that is, (Matt. 8:14, 17) "that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

By The Editor

### Nineteen Beautiful Years

A little book entitled, "Nineteen Beautiful Years" was recently handed the editor, written by Frances E. Willard, so widely known and honored for her work of Christian Philanthropy. It is the story of her sister's life, who lived only nineteen beautiful years.

John Greenleaf Whittier, the poet, says it is "a very sweet and tender record of the exceptionally beautiful life of a young woman, whose rare natural gifts and graces were sanctified by a deep, but cheerful and healthful religious experience, free from cant, affectation, or bigotry. It is an attractive picture of the "sweet reasonableness" of Christian development—a lovely human character flowering into the beauty of holiness."

It is not so important how long you live, but how well you live. Have you been a great treasure to all your friends? Have your friends been proud of you? They are, of the unselfish and good, for all friends love and admire the worthy of their acquaintance, for it takes a brave heart to do that which is right.

Who can explain the mystery that the brave, the gifted, the beautiful, the good, whose hearts are attuned to love, should die?

Beautiful as the earth is, it is not the home of immortals. Beyond the azure depths, the All-Father has spread the flowery fields and planted the fragrant groves amidst whose innocence and love they shall ascend the eternities.

### A Million Pages of Tracts

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#### TRACTS SET PEOPLE THINKING

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### Reunion of Rome and Eastern Churches

Reform of the conclave for the election of future Popes, to include among the electors the patriarchs of the Oriental rite, is forecast by the newspaper *Popolo di Roma*.

The newspaper said the reform "would assure clergy of the Oriental rite direct participation in the election of the Roman pontiff." In the Oriental church there are patriarchs of the Syrians, Maronites, Melchiodes, Chaldeans, Armenians and Copts.

Such a reform in the electoral machinery would mean the introduction of at least six new electors into the conclave.

This change would be just the beginning of a more extensive reform which would introduce into the conclave all archbishops. The new constitution of the conclave, would have as a consequence a decided reduction in the number of cardinals. There are now but 50 cardinals, whereas the maximum number is 70.

Vatican prelates said such a reform has been under discussion for a long period.

Attempts at reunion of Rome and the eastern churches date from after the schism of Michael Caerularius in the year 1054.

The Greek church, which describes itself as the holy orthodox Catholic and apostolic church, includes all those Christians following the Greek or Greco-Slavonic rite. They agree in receiving the first seven general councils of the Roman Catholic church, but reject the supremacy of the Roman pontiff.

The Greek churches have an estimated membership of more than 100,000,000, ranking third in Christendom. In the United States the eastern church has a membership of 260,000.

### Babson Forecasts U. S. Dictatorship

"The Democrats will remain in power until they make as many mistakes as the Republicans did—and then we'll have a dictatorship," Roger W. Babson, statistician, predicted at the opening session of the three-day political conference at the Beacon school, Wellesley Hills.

"Democracy as now set up is doomed, and it will be supplanted by the same form of government that is being planned in Italy," he said. "Our voters will have to be the parents of at least two children, and before being allowed to vote they will have to take examinations in federal, state and local government. Only a religious revival can save Democracy as it now stands, and we'll never have that," he said.

It seems to the editor that Babson is going pretty far in his political forecast and such a situation is unlikely unless hunger and want drive the people to give up their liberties. Famine and pestilence could create such a situation, for it has often been said that man is but a few meals removed from savagery.

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# BROKEN YOKES



By Alice Reynolds Flower

Broken Yokes! Thank God for all the "broken yokes" since the rich anointing of His Spirit has come upon our lives. Read again that wonderful 133rd Psalm that pictures so fully the anointing of the High Priest, Aaron. See the oil poured upon his head, flowing down over his beard, his garments, until it literally dripped on the floor where he stood. Perfect picture of a truly anointed life! Is this the picture of your life and mine, dear one? Of our Saviour it was written, "Thy God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

It is the anointed life that knows the reality of "broken yokes." The exploits you and I could never do: the fetters we could never break; the victories we could never win—all this and much more comes almost automatically through the mighty sufficiency of His direct moving within our lives. This explains Paul's glorious outburst, "*According to the gift of the grace of God, given unto me by the effectual working of His power.*" And again, "*Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.....for when I am weak then am I strong.*"

And what are some of these "broken yokes?" Well, did you not have a yoke of fear one time? All of us I believe did. There are so many kinds of fear too,—but first the fear that centers around ourselves. This includes the fear of our own weakness, fear of our limitations, fear because of some past failure, fear of making a fresh failure. And there are many more such personal fears. But what a house-cleaning of the "fear family" and their miserable belongings when the anointing from God pours upon our lives. Hallelujah! The yoke of fear is truly broken. Surely we still feel our weakness, our insufficiency; but we feel more conscious of His presence and "the anointing that abideth." Through His enabling we explain, "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*"

Then who of us who has not suffered from the fear of man. Fear of criticism has hindered untold numbers from fully obeying God's call to service. "What will the people say?"—a trite expression perhaps, but the doom to many a gentle impulse of the Holy Spirit. We withhold the word for which some yearning soul waits; we check the loving urge to perform some needed service; we stifle the expression God would give through us for another's eternal welfare—all because we fear some poor mortal's casual opinion or possible criticism. Oh this cursed fear of man! How much timid followers of Christ have lost on its account! Some of us have known by bitter experience. No wonder then we rejoice for this blessed anointing that makes us "free indeed" to

serve Him lovingly, obediently, fearlessly in the face of man's opposition, whether actual or supposed. Another broken yoke!

Take Peter as a concrete example of what God's power can do for us on this line. Impulsive, blundering, presumptuous, self-sufficient Peter! Hear him say, "*Though all men forsake Thee, yet will not I.*" And then what a wretched failure under the taunt of a little housemaid! Turn the pages to the story after Pentecost, however, and see what a changed Peter as he boldly declares the Word to those very ones who had crucified his Lord. No mincing of matters here! He calls a spade a spade when he says pointedly, "*Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.*" Evidently that yellow streak of cowardice is gone from Peter. The yoke of fear has been destroyed because of the anointing. Right in Jerusalem where he had so miserably failed, God gave him that day a ministry unsurpassed. Thank God for the effectual working of such an anointing!

Some people constantly fear evil, imaginary or otherwise. They have never moved into that blessed 91st Psalm, God's inner sanctuary for abiding fellowship and communion with His redeemed child. So many linger at the Brazen Altar of the Outer Court, occupied only with the elementary stages of our great salvation. He, the Spirit of Truth, comes to lead us into the sweet, holy intimacies of a divine union with our precious Jesus. We can live in the Holy of Holies with the covering of the Shekinah glory upon our lives. Can you say—

"I have passed the riven veil  
Where the glories never fail:  
Hallelujah -Hallelujah!

I am living in the presence of the King."

Then you are free from shadowing fear, and while resting under the shadow of His wings, your lips can ever breathe, "*I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.*" What a rich anointing such a life knows!

Just time for one more member of this "fear family." What of the future with all its grave uncertainties these days of acute complications everywhere? "Strong cause for fear" do you say? Yes, outside of God, "*men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth;*" but not for that heart who knows Jesus in the fullness of His grace. Indeed another yoke is broken here. Whatever ominous things the future holds for this poor earth; for us who believe it holds the glad return of our Loved Redeemer. And there is no fear in the prospect of an eternal union with Him. Blessed, comforting hope!



# The Murder of Truth

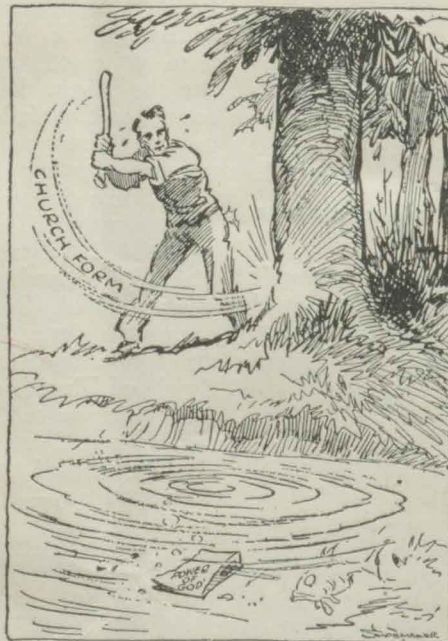
Radio Sermon By J. R. Elsom

IT IS Herod's birthday. Herod, was the governor of Galilee and Perea, and has invited the elite of the province to attend the celebration. The great, gorgeously furnished dining room, gaily festooned with palms and flowers, and illuminated with myriads of subdued lights, is the scene of the night's festivities. Wine has freely flown, as the banquet has progressed, and now that the feast is ended, the guests continue to recline and drink in careless abandon. The strains of a mighty orchestra, now languorously, now zestfully, now subdued to a whisper, and now reverberating to the echo, float or are hurled through the spacious hall to rumble away down the corridors of majestic marble pillars. The whole is hypnotic, fascinating, glamorous, impelling, masterful, and to the natural man grand.

As softly as a spring time zephyr, as with the fragrance of a garden flower, the place is filled with gentle melodies in their softest tones. The clink of glasses, ribald conversation, and hollow laughter of the drinking and drunken men and women, eclipsed the tones from pipe and flute and harp, sackbut and psaltry, trumpet, organ and timbrel, and it seems to the revellers that by the fading away of the music, they have been left exposed to one another. The mantle of exhilarating sound no longer covering their lewdness, they are shamed to comparative silence. They turn their gaze enquiringly to a distant alcove, from whence the music has been projected, to learn if possible, the reason for the embarrassing faintness of the strains, and they see a young woman, dancing from beneath the overhanging bowers; gracefully she wheels in circles with the rhythm of the sound, and slowly moves toward the other end of the banquet hall, where with a number of his closest friends, Herod reclines on an elevated space, carpeted, draped and furnished in the richest oriental style.

The music gradually increases in power and intensity as the dancer moves with it down the long aisle. So well do her movements harmonize with the rhythmic sounds that it appears that she is being borne with music for water, down a playing mountain stream. Herod sees with

wine glazed eyes the fascinating creature, as she draws ever nearer to where he sits. He is enthralled with her sinuous, subtle form, and devastating charm. On a mighty outburst of rapturous music, Salome, the dancing girl is carried as on the bosom of the tide, and climaxing in a thunderous finale which caused leaves to flutter, and petals to fall, and glass to jingle, she, in a rhythm of wheeling grace, is deposited by the force of melody and left by the sudden termination of the music, before the tetrarch of Galilee, gracefully poised and smiling.



Languidly now, the music plays, and again the dance is begun. Every charm that is possessed by the beautiful maiden is displayed to the best possible effect, while Herod is the more and more enamored. At last, beckoning her to him, he proves how completely he is within her power, by saying to her *"Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give thee, even to the half of my kingdom."*

Resuming her dance, she blithely circles out a nearby door, to find her mother, Herodias, of whom she asks advice, as to what she should accept from the ruler of the land. The woman's bitter answer is, *"The head of John the Baptist."* And gaily entering the presence of Herod, the girl,

without emotion, says, *"I desire, here at once, the head of John the Baptist in a dish."* An executioner was sent, and out there in the prison court, while the dance went on and the wine flowed amid the revelry of carousal, in the banquet hall, John, the faithful forerunner of His Lord and Christ, with his hands tied behind his back, and his feet bound together, laid his noble head across the battered and blood encrusted execution block. A soldier drew his heavy sword, felt its keen edge, and with it described a gleaming circle in the night, and the noble spirit of John the Baptist took its flight, while his head dropped in a basket beside the freshly drenched altar of death. It is taken into the place of revelry, and upon a platter, is handed to the groggy governor, who with a grim smile, gives it to the heartless dancing girl, who in turn, hands it to her murderous mother.

Herodias, quite callous, gloated over the bloody spectacle in her hands. The life of the man who had dared to be true the Word of God which he preached, and by it condemn her sin, had been wiped out. She had been avenged. Never again would he raise his voice in opposition to her immoral deeds. She had silenced him forever.

But she could not silence truth. Truth goes marching on. Truth crushed to the earth, will rise again, to confound the one who would destroy it even as Jesus who was the Truth so victoriously did. The combined forces of evil in Herod's banquet hall that night, the ribald song, the vulgar jest, the hypnotic music, the demoralizing wine, and the sensuous dance, which combined to cause the murder of the prophet of the Lord that dark night, could not snuff out the light of truth and righteousness, no matter how much the dissolute desired to extinguish it. These same evil forces are at work today, to dim the light of, if not to completely squelch truth out of the land. Added to their strength, are other modernistic devices of evil, against which a modernistic church dare not raise its voice, for fear of offending those within its portals, who have so completely failed to enter in, or have fallen from grace,

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# The World's Greatest Lover

By Heny Proctor, F.R.S.L.

THE GREATEST friend to the poor who ever lived on earth was our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Many great Philanthropists from Job downward have helped the poor by their own, and sometimes, by their posthumous charities, but Jesus has been the means of helping the poor of every generation. "He who was rich, for our sakes became poor, in order that through his poverty we might become rich (II Cor. 8:9). He took the position of a very poor man — an unemployed carpenter without money, and without lodging, for as He said: "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head" (Matt. 8:20).

"And hath not God chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He promised to them that love Him?" (James 2:5).

Look at the facts of your call, Brothers. There are not many among you who are wise, as men reckon wisdom, not many who are influential, not many who are high-born; but God chose what the world counts foolish to put its wise men to shame, and God chose what the world counts poor and insignificant—"the weak things of the world that He might put to shame the things that are strong; and the base things of the world and the things that are despised did God choose—that no flesh should glory before God" (I Cor. 1:26-29). He seems to have been entirely without money, for He said, when the Pharisees tempted Him by asking whether it was lawful to give tribute to Cæsar, "Bring Me a penny that I may see it" (Mark 12:13). And when Peter came to Him, about the half-shekel for the sanctuary He provided for Himself and Peter by a miracle (Matt. 17:27).

Again He says: "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the Kingdom of God" or "How hard it will be for men of wealth to enter the Kingdom of God" (Mark 10:23). "It is easier for a camel to get through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God" (ver. 25).

And James the Brother of our Lord, says, "Let the brother of low degree glory in his high estate; and the rich in that he is made low; for

the rich man will pass away like the flower of the grass." As the sun rises, and the hot wind blows, the grass withers, its flower fades and all its beauty is gone. So is it with the rich man. In the midst of his pursuits he comes to an untimely end, for at the very time he is saying to his soul, "thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry," God says: "Thou Fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee, then whose shall these things be?"

## The Happy Pilgrim

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Prov. 4:18).

MY HEART is still singing the praises of God, As I look o'er the path that my footsteps have trod, And see His own footprints along on the road, I sing, yea, I sing for the journey is good.

What though it be strewn with stones in the way, And rough though it be, yet my feet cannot stray, The course is direct to the portals of day, I'll sing and rejoice for my spirit is gay.

Deep down in the vale lies the shadowy gloom, And willows bend low at the door of a tomb; Yet Jesus the Saviour has said to me, "Come, The journey is dark, but the pathway leads home."

Let come then the shadows that fall o'er my way, I'll sing my glad song as I journey, each day; For out of the darkness shall come the bright Ray That lightens the land where my spirit shall stay.

High up the steep mountain my feet then must go, To lead me away from the valley below, Where fear has joined hands with the spirit of woe,

And sable wing'd clouds hover heavy and low.  
—William Burton McCafferty

James also exhorts the wealthy thus: "Listen to me, you rich men, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming upon you: your riches have wasted away, and your clothes have become moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver are rusted; and the rust on them shall be evidence against you, and shall eat into your very flesh. It was fire, so to speak, that you stored up for yourselves in these last days. You have lived on earth a life of extravagance and luxury; you have indulged your fancies in a time of bloodshed" (James 5:1-5—20th Cent. N. T.).

His sympathies were always with the suffering ones. He was tempted and tried at all points "like us we are,

yet without sin, in order that He might be able to sympathize with us in all our weaknesses, infirmities and distresses. A man of pains, and acquainted with sickness." He not only bore our sins, but also our sicknesses, and healed ALL that were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet: "Himself took our infirmities and bare our diseases" (Matt. 8:17).

His enemies raised this complaint about Him: "This Man receiveth sinners, and eateth and drinketh with them." "Why does your Teacher eat in the company of tax-gatherers and outcasts?"

Jesus answered, "It is not those who are in health that need a doctor, but those who are ill. I did not come to call the religious, but the outcast" (Matt. 9:11-13).

So he must needs go through Samaria, and give to an outcast woman, who had had five husbands, and was living with a sixth man to whom she had not been married, —the message of life. Another woman of the town, outcast by all others, brought an alabaster jar of perfume, wet His feet with tears and wiped them with the hair of her head; repeatedly kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.

Her sins though many were all forgiven her, because of the greatness of her love and faith, thus made manifest. Then there was Mary Magdalene out of whom He cast seven demons, and who was first at the sepulchre (Mark 16:9). The woman taken in adultery, who was about to be stoned but to whom He said: "Has any man condemned thee?" and she answered, "No man Lord." "Neither do I condemn thee, go thy way; from henceforth sin no more." (John 8:1-11)

In the fullness of His compassion, He fed the hungry, and "healed all that were sick."

He is the most concrete Example, and perfect Exemplar of the Love of God. Apart from Him man could never have realized the character of God. Every deed was an act of God and every expression, a word proceeding out of the mouth of God.

## "The Outpoured Life"

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# The Wise Shall Understand

By Frank Isensee, Modesto, California

IN DANIEL 12:8 the question is asked concerning the end of the Gentile Age and world tribulation, but in the ninth verse God tells Daniel to go about his business and not worry over the visions God gave him to record. They were to be sealed until the time of the end and then revealed to the wise. Not the worldly wise because the same verse tells us that the wicked shall not understand. The word wicked here does not mean solely the criminal class of people, but as the dictionary likewise defines a wicked person as one who thinks and acts contrary to divine law. Therefore, anybody who is not in full accord and harmony with God's earthly plans will not be able to grasp the true cause of the present social unrest and certainly would be unable to visualize the outcome.

Man-worship today is rampant. Cities close shops to welcome this hero and bow to that hero. Long lines stand in the rain or snow to catch one glimpse of some certain wise personage who has accomplished some special feat in his or her particular line of endeavor.

To be worldly wise is the height of ambition to the masses in general. Just what God thinks of all the strutting wise of the world is clearly told in I Corinthians 3:19: "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." Also, "For it is written *He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.*" "The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Therefore, let no man glory in men."

To a critical reader who is looking for contradiction in the Bible it is easy to start an argument. One place he reads that wisdom is foolishness to God and another place he reads how God gives understanding to the wise. But there are two kinds of wisdom. One concerning the works of God and one concerning this world and its prince, the Devil.

The wise of the world are ever learning but never coming to the knowledge of the truth. (II Tim. 3:7). Edison made this remark: "Only one thing I fully discovered and that is no living person has as yet discovered one-half of one per cent of anything."

The discovery of electrons in atoms has upset the wise theories

of all scientists in their study of matter. The discovery of millions of other universes besides our own with its 40 millions of planets and suns has baffled the astronomers. The beat of the heart is still a mystery. One could mention a long list of unsolved mysteries that are upsetting pet theories of the wise world.

That just leads us back to that passage in the Bible, I Corinthians 3: 19. "*He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.*"

No one wishes to grope about in darkness. If the wisdom of this world will be brought to nothing, certainly we ought to turn to God for that divine wisdom that leads to everlasting life.

## With Love and Song

By J. N. Hoover

TUNE: "LOVE'S OLD SWEET SONG"

Once I was lost almost beyond recall,  
Lost without hope and ready to fall;  
Then from my heart there rose an earnest plea,  
"Lord save me from my sins and make me free."

And since that hour the Lord has been to me  
All that His precious Word has said He'd be.

### CHORUS

'Tis the voice of Jesus speaking words  
of cheer,  
Making earth a heaven, banishing all  
fear;  
Tho' the way be thorny and the day so  
long,  
Jesus comes to comfort with love and  
song,  
With love and sweet song.

Even today I hear His words of old,  
And in my heart they live forever more;  
My feet may wander and dark be the way,  
Still He'll be with me at the close of  
the day,

And in the hour when earth's dark shadows  
fall

Christ will be found the sweetest Lord of all.

How is that obtained?

Turn to Proverbs 9:10 and read:  
"*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*"

If a child fears to disobey his parents, that child is going to mind. So it is with God's children. If we fear the Lord we are naturally going to obey His commands. If we live according to God's will, He not only puts that satisfying portion in our hearts, but He adds wisdom concerning His great works as we grow in the new birth.

We must be born again according to John 3:3 before we can expect to get that divine fear of an all powerful God in our hearts, and we must keep pressing on to the mark of the high calling of Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:14) if we wish to hold that fear and receive added wisdom as we go along. Proverbs tell us that the fear of God is but the *beginning* of wisdom. We do not get all that God has for us in one package. No, we could not contain all at the start. We must continue to grow in strength, then more wisdom is added by God through the Holy Spirit as we go along. Praise God, that is why the world thinks we are queer. Why? Because through wisdom from God we catch visions of such real things concerning His Kingdom and our affections are set so securely on things above that all interest in the tinsel and dross of this world is lost completely.

To an unsaved man or woman the Bible is a dull piece of mysterious reading. We read in Hosea 8: 12: "*I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.*"

How many millions of Bibles lie in homes and other buildings today that are only moved to be dusted! God in His great mercy has made it possible in these last days to put a Bible within reach of every human being, but as man is a free moral agent, God will not force one to read. God invites. In Isaiah 1:18, He says, "*Come now and let us reason together.*"

To reason this matter out, we must be "together". On our knees in repentance and humble as a child. There we will find God. He is not far off. He is at hand. (Gen. 23:23). Only there can we receive that godly fear in our hearts and there only can we expect to receive this beginning of wisdom. Wisdom that leads to everlasting life.

In this world of turmoil as it exists today, what a precious gift it is to be able to understand why these conditions prevail and what the outcome will be. God plainly shows to His people that His hour is at hand and that this world unrest is but leading to the last great

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# Qualifications for the Ministry

SOME QUALIFICATIONS OFTEN OVERLOOKED

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**G**ETTING INTO the ministry today has become almost as easy as joining a sectarian church. Just present yourself for ordination, answer a few quickly thought-up questions by some preacher who is called up to officiate, and be ushered in and out upon the public, whether called, gifted, qualified or even realizing the great responsibility of taking such a position.

We have the Bible as a guide and pattern; then why not cut out our preachers by it? Paul gave a set of fixed rules for Timothy and Titus on this important matter. (I Tim. 3: 1-7 and Titus 1:5-9). If he saw fit to set forth some rules and regulations in that day, I am sure that we need to follow his example and teaching now. I hardly believe that we could be any too strict in dealing with this proposition.

## Discouragement Test

If one claiming a call of God to the ministry can be easily discouraged and made to give up, I doubt if his calling ever was really of God to begin with. In fact, before God will bless us very much in our labors for Him, we will have to overcome some very discouraging obstacles, which are many times put in our path-way by the Lord Himself, to try our faith and stickability. If one can be easily discouraged to begin with, he will more than likely be of the same disposition afterwards, and finally give up.

## Mistaken Calling

Too many young converts are honestly mistaken in believing that they are called to the ministry, when they are not. Many enter the ministry because when God filled them with the Holy Ghost, they received a zeal, love and passion for lost souls. That within itself is no evidence of a call to the ministry. If you do not get that much with your salvation, your experience is not real or complete. A call to the ministry wherein a man is to forsake all, like Elisha, and devote his whole life, time, and talents to the work of the Lord means a great deal more than just being a helper or personal worker.

There are other callings of God besides the one to the ministry. In many scriptures, the call of God is only an invitation given to us to be

saved and enjoy the blessings of God (Matt. 22:14; Acts 2:39; and Rom. 8:30).

The zeal which is so often mistaken for a call to the ministry, is given of God to help or cause saints to pray much, give much, and do all they can in that way to get souls saved and to surrender their lives to God. We notice that Paul listed the gifts or "HELPS" along with all the other gifts to the church (1 Cor. 12: 28).

## Novices Not Eligible

The next qualification to be considered is listed by Paul in I Tim. 3: 6. A novice or young convert is not eligible for the ministry. Brethren we should know that a baby cannot plow. Why put the poor little innocent fellow behind the plow? There are some very rough new grounds to be broken up. In no case was there anyone ordained or commissioned to preach the gospel in the apostolic days with less than about three years discipleship first. They even demanded more of their deacons than we do of our preachers now (Acts 6: 3, 17). Even the Apostle Paul was not a successful teacher until after several years of experience and his definite call and ordination is given and recorded to be about nine years after his conversion (Acts 13:1-4). No wonder he said, "*A minister should not be a novice.*" This putting novices into the ministry is causing much havoc among us today. It is taking the needed support, or at least part of it, away from the real called, chosen, and qualified ministers, thereby causing them to be hindered, handicapped, and to needlessly suffer. It is also causing the gospel to be butchered and misconstrued until many who are anxious, and almost ready to accept it, become disgusted and turn away. Too, the novice has in many cases become discouraged and not knowing wherein his failure and mistake lays, has given up working or living for God at all. Another soul lost that might have been saved and useful in many other ways in God's kingdom had he been refused an entrance into the ministry and encouraged to abide in his calling.

## Too Young for the Ministry

A novice in the faith is not all

that is to be considered. I can hardly believe that anyone under twenty-five or thirty years of age should enter the ministry. "Oh, no," you say! Well then, why did Jesus not enter the ministry before He was thirty? Was it the lack of a holy life, knowledge, wisdom, or the like? No, it certainly was none of these or like qualifications, but it was an example that He set as a pattern for us to follow. He knew His calling and mission here at the age of twelve, and at that time, He was much wiser than the Doctors of the Jewish law.

Our Lord Jesus Himself said, "*The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of Light.*" St. Luke 16:8, and we find it to be true, at least in this case. The people of our age have learned by experience that it is best not to put a novice or a young man in too responsible a position, or to set him to rule over the older ones. Presidents, governors, and the like must be of mature years even though they should possess all the other qualifications in early life. Theirs is a high and very responsible calling, and much more so is it true of the heavenly ministry. Can you give any reasons why we should not take heed and instructions along this line? I believe that it is high time for us to awake out of our sleepy conditions over this all-important matter and give it some careful thought; which would be for the good of all who are concerned, and that will not leave out a single soul in all our movements.

## Call and Entry May Differ

We must not forget that there can be, and is a space of time between the call, and being sent, or entering the ministry. The disciples got their call while fishing, collecting taxes, etc., but were not sent forth to preach the real gospel until they were completely delivered from these things and thoroughly qualified, which was nearly four years later. So many of these ministers (pastors, evangelists and missionaries) going back to their old trades, home lands, and things of life is an evident fact that they were mistaken in their calling, entered the ministry too early or have miserably backslidden and taken a ship for Tarshish.

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# Obedience Brought Miracles

By John Wright Follette, Evangelist at Wellesley Park Camp Meeting, August 20 Over Labor Day

**T**HE GOSPEL of Luke portrays the human element in the life of Christ. Miracles have a strong appeal for some people. I consider them very wonderful but they are not of the most tremendous importance in the world. Many people want the miracle without the real food, but the Lord laid little emphasis upon the physical manifestation of miracle working power.

## Miracles Attract Attention

The miracle was simply the bell in the steeple which was ringing to call the attention of the people from other things which occupied them. But suppose the bell in the steeple should ring to call the people to church, and when they came they would hear only the bell ring and find no feast spread for them. What a disappointment that would be! Why does the bell ring? Because something far greater and more important than the ringing of the bell is to take place in the church. You simply ring the bell to attract their attention to something vital—the message which is to come forth in the church. Jesus wrought miracles but they were not as important as the truth which lay upon His heart. The people were not strengthened spiritually by the miracles they saw. Even Lazarus, who had that stupendous miracle wrought on him, had to die over again. I have seen evidences of the supernatural too many times, in many marked ways, not to believe in it. But when we allow the miracle to be the thing upon which we rest and settle down we have made a failure of the whole thing and fallen far short of the true significance and the full meaning. The miracle is to arrest your attention from the things which are purely natural and show you the proof of divine power, the message with which He wants you to become familiar.

## Hungering After God

What precedes and what follows the miracle of the draught of fishes? A few days after, the fish perished but the divine illumination of truth remained; it had gripped the people's hearts and had radically changed them for the eternal ages to come. "As the people pressed upon Him to hear the Word of God."—I like that. Because in a striking way we find the motive which drew them together. It was hunger. That awful hunger of the

heart which is never satisfied by anything the world can offer because it can be supplied only by a divine and supernatural revelation and never by material means. These people had become dissatisfied with the things about them, and every time they got near Jesus they discovered a bit of truth which started them thinking and reasoning, and made them hungry. So they pressed upon Him to hear the Word which could satisfy them and bring them into vital touch with Christ.



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Still another time, He looked upon them and said, "*Ye seek me... because ye did eat of the loaves and were filled.*" He was not honored by that motive. There never was a large crowd to hear Him that honored Him. He would rather have had one woman at the well who was actually hungry, and to whom He might impart truth, than five thousand around Him who simply wanted the loaves and fishes; so He gently rebuked them.

The study of the motives of those who crowded about our Lord is very interesting and I believe it would do us good to have our own motives analyzed sometimes. We are so easily deceived for our own hearts are most deceptive. I do not wonder that the Old Testament version of the heart

is that it is sick and incurable. It is so incurable that He found it necessary to give us a new heart. In the one crowd that gathered about the Lord, the motive that prompted them was purely materialistic but the other group had a good motive, that they might come in vital touch with Jesus and receive that for which their hearts hungered; so they pressed upon Him to hear the Word of God.

## Big Things Today

This is the day of big things. Aren't you weary of the bigness of things? The biggest building! The biggest crowd! And this desire for bigness has gotten into our religious circles until many are not satisfied unless they have the biggest campaign, the biggest building and all of that. It is not like the Lord. It is not like the Holy Ghost. I would not want to tell you what usually makes the big crowd but let me say it is very subtle. I am glad that it was spiritual hunger which made this particular crowd press up somewhere near the Lord. What does He do when they press around Him? Does He turn to them and, in an austere manner, say, "I am Jesus. I will show you a miracle?" No, He doesn't stoop to such vulgarity. He wouldn't display His power in that way, but He sensed in their hearts a hunger and so He asks that He might sit down in the boat for He wanted to talk with them. They needed the message more than they needed the miracle and the same is true today but you cannot make people see it. They think if they could have about ten miracles the problem of their church could be settled. A thousand miracles would not settle it. It is the Word of God, the receiving of the truth that people need. This was the one revelation they needed. The Word of God must come first as the basis, the foundation. Without the Word of God we are not safe. I have had mighty manifestations of His power upon me; I have had supernatural visitations, but all these take a secondary place to the Word of God. Do not belittle spiritual manifestations but keep them where they belong. Why do so many people run off into fanaticism? Because they know not the Word of God. If they were grounded in the Word we would not be troubled with fanaticism? Why? Because the Word of



God has a power over us as it is quickened by the Holy Spirit and brings into the life the fuller manifestation of the Lord.

### The Sincere Milk of the Word

How are we to live after being born of the Spirit, as little babes in Christ? By taking the sincere milk that we may grow thereby. What is the milk? His Word. What is the result? Growth. A blessing is very lovely but growth is of far greater importance. The question is not whether the baby thinks the milk tastes sweet, but, is the milk doing the baby good so he can grow? Some people do not have much faith but a tremendous vision. There is a difference between having a vision and having faith to actually bring that vision into an expression. You must visualize and then lay hold of it by faith. It is like getting healed; it is so easy to have faith for healing when you are well. But how do you get real faith? By going to the altar and asking the Lord for the gift of faith? It would be very lovely to get it by just saying, "Now Lord I take the gift of faith. Thank You, Lord." *"Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."* You cannot get away from the Word of God as the basis. Your faith will be built up only by the Word of God; it will be sustained and strengthened by a continual studying and eating of this Word. Jesus knew that and so He gave them the Word.

### Testings of a Christian

Now He has them in a good position, where their wills are surrendered to the Lord but there must come a further testing in order to develop them in their characters. Your christian character developed by a series of testings and provings of salvation is becoming a new creature and is a gift received at a definite time; but you cannot go to the altar the next evening and say, "I will now become a fully developed Christian." There are laws in the spiritual world as well as in the physical and your christian experience is founded on and built up through a process of spiritual laws which are just as exacting and real as any law in the natural world. There are laws in the physical world, which if you become adjusted to them life will be tolerable to you. But many think when they come in the spiritual realm that because they are in grace they can disregard all laws. There are the laws of sacrifice, the law concerning consecration and concerning our obedience to Christ. All of these

are divine, and the reason so many Christians never get anywhere in their christian experience is because they disregard these laws and then they wonder what is wrong with them. We must learn like children. A little child will try to walk right off a high chair but when he falls he learns that there is such a thing as the law of gravitation, and if he adjusts himself to that law, life becomes livable to him. If we fail to obey the Spiritual laws we will find ourselves getting into trouble.

You can get blessed until you fall over in a trance and still find it necessary to be tested the next day. That is all a part of the program. Testings must come, examinations must come, for we are His workman ship and He has a perfect right to prove us.

### Launch Out Into the Deep

Now what was the next thing He did? He entered into the ship *"and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land.... Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep."* To the Christian who has been fed by the Word of God and is now come up to be tested He says, *"Launch out into the deep."* That is a command that calls for quick action on the part of your will. His commands, His demands, are good for us. How much depends upon our obedience! He needs to test the new strength we have gained after we have been illuminated by the Word and fed by that Word. He doesn't want us tied by the shore.

But how deep do we have to go? It depends on how far you push out from the shore. If you stay near the shore the depth will not be very great. If you push out one league from the shore your depth will be that much the greater, but if you push out a full mile you will be in still greater depth. How deep do you want to go? I am reminded of the woman who came to Mr. Moody one time and said, "Mr. Moody, I would give the world to have an experience like yours." "Well" said Mr. Moody, "that is just what it cost me." How deep? It is determined by the separation you make.

Now what happens when the separation takes place? As the ship pulls out from the shore and you look back to the dock you can see the people on the shore; for awhile they are quite distinct and you are able to see individual personalities. You recognize this person and that person;

there is quite a distinction in the flesh. But as you push out and make a fuller separation all those faces finally blur into one mass of flesh and you discover that all mankind is after all, but one flesh. All those distinctions which you made when you first met the Lord, lost their identity as you moved deeper into God; the things of the natural became one blurred mass and, as in the days of old, you will *"have no confidence in the flesh."* All those striking personalities to which you became so attached, and felt were so necessary to your growth, you will find becoming a part of that which is but natural and your desire is to see Jesus only. How well I remember when I began to move out and out in my separation—from the school chums, the college friends, and even spiritual helps, and all that which occupied my natural life! They began to get hazy and dim until I could say, "Lord, it is nothing but flesh and the things to which You have called me are in an entirely different realm."

He told them to push out from the shore, and the shore represents the things in life from which God is calling us. People have very peculiar ideas about the sin of the world—they think it consists of drinking a glass of beer, of playing cards, etc. If that is all the Lord is calling us from it is just too bad! Let me tell you that as long as there are things which keep us from His highest will, He is calling upon us to make a separation. If they are not included in the things which God wants you to have, you must leave them on the shore. Haven't you ever had to leave a number of things which were perfectly legitimate and proper but you knew were not to be included in your little boat when God called you out? And you didn't take them on board with you. So we see that as the disciples push out into the deep it has cost them something and they have been very brave. God has given them courage and He also gave them a blessing, a sort of an anesthetic which made it easier for them. They are pushed out into a deep place and as they get out they are to have a miracle performed; something wonderful is to happen. They have been obedient in their separation and in that act of obedience they have taken on new strength for there is never victory but what you add to your spiritual strength. And now that strength must also be tested; just as soon as you get a bit

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# Kentucky Mountain Missionary Conference

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On June 19th and 20th, we held our fifth Missionary Conference at Campton, Ky., County seat of Wolfe county, a village of 350 inhabitants. This was the first conference that we had held at any of the County Seats, but since the group has grown in numbers to such an extent, we needed larger quarters and better accommodations than we could furnish ourselves. We were granted the use of the local Church in the County Seat and had arrangements for restaurant service. There were present 56 missionaries, 17 visitors from points outside the State and many of the local people.

The presence and power of God was in our midst from the very first service. The time was truly profitably spent encouraging one another's heart to press forward, counselling together concerning the extension of the work and best of all the melting of our hearts together as one in Christ. Oh! what blessed fellowship! Each missionary gave a short report of his work which was very encouraging. In many of these reports a note was sounded concerning what God was doing not only in the hearts of the people but what was being done in the hearts and lives of the missionaries as well. One could literally feel the brokenness of spirit and the meltedness of hearts.

Representatives of the mountain people themselves came from several of the communities. Thirty-three converts from one community rendered several musical selections. We give you two testimonies from their number. First, a man who has truly been a friend to the missionaries and saved under their ministry testified, saying: "I can truly say that Jesus Christ is my Saviour and that He led me out of darkness into light. The Pentecostal Church brought me through. I did not know anything about it until the missionaries came on our Creek. There was so much false doctrine preached that I would rather hide in the woods than go to Church. Now I would rather go to Church than any place else. I do love the Lord and I feel that Jesus' coming is nearer than ever before." This brother has also been

filled with the Holy Ghost. Another man from another Station rose and said, "I thank the Lord this morning that I am a child of the King. I was born and raised in this part of the country. Everybody knows me. I am standing as a rock in the building and I want to press the battle. When I was a young man my folks told me there was no harm in doing this, that or the other, but my heart was sad and wanted peace and joy. Now I have that joy and peace and I want to be ready to go wherever God calls me, whether I am in the field or any other place."

There were many things to gladden our hearts, among them the testimony of a nine year old Mountain boy who has helped one of our missionary men to open a new Station this year. He worked with the missionary every day cutting the logs for the cabin, helping to fit them together, driving his father's team and doing the hauling, etc. His mother sat in the audience with tears streaming down her face, because of the joy of having had an opportunity for doing something for the cause of Christ. There had never been a Sunday school in this part of the Mountains, but now we have two.

We have 35 Sunday Schools in operation, the largest of which has an enrollment of 200. All the others are in a healthy condition and good in comparison. There are at the present time 61 active missionaries and we are expecting to place several more in the near future. There is however, need of additional workers because of doors that have opened to us and must be occupied. We are now building the sixth church. These buildings are just ordinary structures but are the first churches to be built in their particular communities.

In the Mountain Regions of America, there are hundreds of people who have never had the opportunity of hearing the full Gospel of Jesus Christ. They have many religious traditions and superstitions, (remnants of Gospel truths handed down through the generations from slavery days, when many of the Southern Whites migrated to the unclaimed territory in the Mountains) but now

in these last days, God has been moving in a rather supernatural way to open both the minds and hearts of the people to the full Gospel. Their hearts, like ours, are thirsting for God, and the knowledge of His power to save them from sin and prepare them for eternity. Shall we let this opportunity go unheeded?

## Kentucky Mountain Missionary Work

In September, 1929, we first visited the Kentucky Mountain Region and we were greatly impressed of God to take it's needs upon our hearts. Within a few months, five workers responded to our pleas, and at the end of 1931 there were seven stationed on the field. In each year that followed, our numbers were doubled, so that in 1932 there were fourteen; in 1933, twenty-eight; and in 1934, fifty-six, though seven had left to fulfill their calls in foreign lands. The schoolhouse has served very nicely for meetings, but new laws and conditions make it almost imperative that we have buildings of our own. God has blessedly prospered us in this respect, too, for now we have twenty established stations, in fourteen of which we have built our own cabins; and in five, we have our own churches. These buildings are made of very ordinary rough lumber, but are warm and quite comfortably furnished. At present, our workers are reaching thirty communities with Sunday school and service.

The population here for the most part settles along the creek beds, with an occasional village such as the county seat. To fulfill the principles of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah and the twenty-fifth of St. Matthew, is one of the great tasks of the Kentucky Mountain mission workers. They are continually busy holding meetings, conducting Daily Vacation Schools, making home visitations, distributing used clothing that has been sent them and answering the many calls for diverse needs. The touch of love and prayer that is brought into the homes affords a wonderful opportunity for the revelation of Jesus to the hearts of the people. Many have thus been touched and won for Jesus, the sick have been prayed for and healed, and the truth of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, too, is being received by the people.

Calls from other communities are coming to us continually, and we therefore could use a number of ad-

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## QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE MINISTRY

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### Apt to Teach

Another needed qualification, which should not be overlooked, is that one given by Paul, of being "apt to teach:" which means to be able, ready, fit and qualified before being ordained. No person just saved can ever meet this requirement, and many never will, no matter how long and how hard they might try. It takes some special gifts from God besides the Holy Ghost Baptism, along with a great deal of prayer, fasting and study to thus qualify anyone. This is so important and yet, almost totally ignored. I think that it would do many of us ministers much good to study up and get better qualified in every way for the work whereunto we may be called.

God calls many of us from a very ignorant and humble walk of life; as the record proves (I Cor. 1:26-29 and Amos 7:14, 15), that we might not glory in what we had made of ourselves: but for all of that, do not fail to realize that whom God calls to the ministry He also qualifies. Paul calls it being justified in Romans 8:30. God has gifts of knowledge, wisdom, discernment, and so on for those who will study and apply themselves. See II Tim. 2:15; I Cor. 12:4-11; and Matt. 15:14-30.

### Gravity

We also must not overlook that very effective qualification of gravity or soberness, which has so much to do with the success or failure, or usefulness of the preacher. You will find this qualification listed by both the apostles Paul and Peter in the following references: I Tim. 3:2 (Sober), 4:8; Titus 1:7-8; 2:7 (Gravity and sincerity); and I Peter 5:1-8, "Be sober." Also read the following scriptures on insincerity and foolishness: Phil. 1:16, 10; II Cor. 1:12; Josh. 24:14, 15; I Thess. 5:6-8; I Peter 1:12-15; 4:7; James 1:21; Eph. 5:3, 4; Prov. 24:9; 19:3 and 15:2.

### No Foolish-Hearted Person

A foolish-hearted person, full of jokes, should never be ordained for the ministry. If he has a place at all with that kind of stuff, it surely would be with some circus as a clown. We need no pulpit clowns and have too many of them already in the ministry (Pentecostal included). A person certainly disqualifies himself for the ministry either before or after his ordination, by such traits. Breth-

ren, it is high time for us to rise up against this class of foolish-hearted preachers whether they are ordained or not; that is, if we want and expect God to bless and work in our midst. The Bible calls them "Workers of Iniquity," and denies them as being sent of God. See Ps. 94:16, 20-23; Prov. 24:9; Eph. 5:3, 4; Jer. 4:22, and 23:32.

### Faithful in Tithing and Giving

A person in order to be eligible for the ministry should have also proven himself in the giving of tithes and offerings to God's cause when otherwise he is not fit to take such a place in the work of God. See I Tim. 3:3. "Greedy" means that one wants all for self; Tit. 1:7; I Peter 5:1-3, and Neh. 10:38. He must keep up in order to stay qualified. We must be living examples to the world, and saints as Jesus was and is to us. "In all things shewing thyself a Pattern of good works" (Tit. 2:17).

### No Divorced Person

Finally let us call your attention to what Paul demanded of those who were to be ordained, concerning their number of wives, "A bishop (which will refer to most all of the ministry) then must be (blameless), the husband of one wife." Yes, one wife, by all means, under all circumstances. Paul did not allow for any exceptions either, when it was a question of qualification for the ministry, and why should we not follow his example as we claim and preach the same gospel that he preached. The fact that God saves people who are married and living with their second, third and fourth companion is no proof that they are also qualified for the ministry. If that were true, or was a point to be considered, every one who received the Holy Ghost would be qualified for the ministry, but that is not true. God saves many people whom He never intends to use in the ministry. Paul gives his proof in the form of a question, as follows: "Are all prophets, are all teachers,?" No! "God hath set some in the church"—as ministers. Some means only a part of the whole household of faith and not the majority by any means. Please read Eph. 4:11-16; Matt. 22:14; and I Cor. 12:28-30; with 7:10, 39. If the woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives to such a degree that she cannot marry again while he is living, would not the same be true with the man? It surely must be true, for I cannot find any scripture in all the Bible that will allow us to ordain ministers with

more than one wife (or companion) living.

### Tightening Up Needed

Well, in fact we might say regretfully, that all the qualifications are lightly considered and are given the proper consideration. We need to tighten up all along the line according to the Word of God, and then hew to the line if we are to have a successful church and ministry.

We have been wondering a great deal why the miracles and power of God which were manifested at Pentecost, and in the Apostolic days, are not in our midst now as they were then. I believe that at least a part of the trouble and hindrance is caused by our unqualified ministry. This being a fact, God cannot bless and work in our midst as He desires to do, for there is too much slackness and sin among us. I pray, "God give us a clean and qualified ministry."

I feel that some will not like this article any too well and, perhaps, will not agree with me, but it is Bible anyway. I am led to present it, not as a personal rule of my own for you to abide by, neither to personally discourage anyone who is really called of God, but for your prayerful, thoughtful, and scriptural consideration.—Full Gospel Weekly.

## THE WISE SHALL UNDERSTAND

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war of this civilization. Many of the worldly wise say we are just in another cycle of depression. Others say it is but the birth pangs of a new era. Still others say we are reaping the results of the last world war, but they all wonder where the end is.

They wonder why peace pacts are broken. They wonder why hatred among nations is growing. They wonder why conferences produce no results. If those who wonder about this old sin-cursed world would turn to Revelations 17:8, they would read: "Because their names are not written in the Lamb's book of Life they shall wonder."

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## THE MURDER OF TRUTH

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that they fit perfectly into the picture of a corrupt and depraved world. When the church discarded God for Darwin, and Adam for an ape, it sealed its lips and became as dumb as the brutes with which it claimed relationship. It lost its voice of authority when it discarded the Bible for the "Origin Of Species." It forsook the place of leadership to follow the blind leaders of the blind, who had lost their eyesight, searching for the missing link and both the leaders and the led have fallen into the ditch. The red wine of so called science, higher learning, higher criticism, has freely flown, intoxicating the revelers with a superiority complex, debauching the institutions of religion and learning. The dance of death has continued until those who once sat by divine appointment in the high places of authority are completely in the spell of the merry dancers, so that they have abdicated their positions of trust and power, asking the merrymakers of the world to request what they will in religion, and it will be granted them.

And that is the tragedy of the modernistic church today. Instead of remaining true to the message of God's holy Word, declaring the truth of God without fear or favor, it asks the giddy, worldly crowd what it wants, and invariably the answer is returned, "We want truth to die. Give us the head of truth in a charger" and pandering to the popular clamor, the one who sits on what is intended to be the seat of religious authority, sends an atheistic college professor, or a would-be scientist out to the jungle, and he returns, holding the head of decapitated truth in one fist, and in the other, a bit of skull, the size of your hand, a molar tooth, and a piece of bone, and as he presents them to the one seated on the rostrum, he cries, "Truth is dead. Long live the truth. This bloody head speaks of the old. These bones the new. It, the antiquated, these, the modernistic. It, the illiterate, this the learned," and he, who occupies the position of a messenger of God, smilingly accepts them with profuse thanks.

When the bald, bold, brave, unflinching, uncompromising truth of God and His Word is cruelly murdered and thrown to discard, and in its place, the seemingly plausible lie of the evolution of man from a beast ancestor, whose forebears came into

being by spontaneous generation instead of by an act of creation is accepted, the conditions which we have today, morally, socially, and economically, are exactly those which should be expected. Tell a man or a nation of men that he is, or they are beasts, and keep it up through the years in the kindergarten, through the grade and high schools, colleges and universities, and then to cap it off, tell them in the churches that they have been taught the truth, it is only to be expected that before many decades have passed that they will begin to believe that they are beasts, and once fully believing it, they begin to act as though they believe it, with the result that men become bestial in their actions, preying on one another, devouring one another, so that it is necessary, in order to stem the tide of selfishness and make the land a possible place for them to dwell in, the Blue Eagle has had to fly from Washington over the land, and perch in every window, that equity and fair dealing be meted out to those who have become the starving victims of the doctrine of the survival of the fittest, by which they have had their bread withheld that millionaires might multiply their millions.

It is said that Nero fiddled while Rome burned, and there is a great deal of fiddling going on today by those who profess to be the church of Jesus Christ, while the country is burning with the unholy fires of lust, and greed and crime. There is a fiddling with the fundamental truths of Christianity until one would never recognize the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the New Testament by that which well nigh fills the land as such today. The deity of Jesus Christ is scoffed at; His sacrificial death in the sinner's stead on the cross is to them an outworn, pagan idea. The story of His resurrection from the grave on the Lord's Day morning, is impossible of belief. His physical ascension never occurred, and of course He cannot and will not return to earth again. The doctrine and necessity of conversion has been superceded by education, and what an education! And that a man may be born again, is contrary to reason and to science, therefore, the idea can no longer be entertained. As a natural result, no hope is held out for the sinner, no mercy seat is available; no call to come and confess sin and be cleansed by faith in the precious blood of the Lamb from

all unrighteousness is ever heard. Why those who have renounced all the fundamental tenets of Christian faith and doctrine remain under the banner of Christianity, cannot even be guessed.

The trend of Christianity in many places is toward fiddling. Fiddling with the Bible and its message; fiddling with politics; fiddling with reform methods; fiddling with education; fiddling while the country is burning with unholy appetites and consuming passions, for the baser things of this iniquitous world, when God's solution to the problem is that through the preaching of the Gospel men become new creatures, old things passing away, and all things becoming new, new creatures with new hearts, new principles, new ambitions, new desires. He said, "*I will take away that stony heart, and give you a heart of flesh.*" The Psalmist cried, "*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me,*" and God did it then, and He will certainly do no less now for folks who love righteousness more than they do their sins. He saved a murderous Saul on his way to commit still more murders, and filled him with the Holy Ghost, and sent Him forth to preach the glorious gospel of redeeming love. Thank God, He still has power to change men's lives, and the crying need of the hour is that the nation, those in high places, as well as those in low places, be told about Him and His power to save. Everywhere, the message is proclaimed in the power of the Spirit, the results are the same. Souls anxious to hear the good news, throng the place, and in penitential tears, find that the story is true, as they bow their knees before the majesty on high. Yes, truth crushed to earth will rise again, and even now the position of the modernistic evolutionists is untenable.

The truth of the gospel is still being proclaimed as Jesus said it should be, until He come again, although many have departed from the faith and are the bitterest enemies of revealed truth, and would do it to death, like they did John the Baptist, who proclaimed the truth, and Jesus Christ, who was the Truth, yet truth sings its songs of triumph and spreads o'er all the earth.

After the spree in Herod's banquet hall, and her murder of the man who told her the truth, accusing her of adultery, Herodias was troubled with awful dreams, and Herod could



not escape the haunting thought that John had risen from the dead. Their lives were a torment, because of the rejection of the man and his message. They thought that with his destruction they would have peace, but what little they had was taken from them. In resisting truth, they made their lives unspeakably miserable. The truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ can still be heard in the land. Hear it, receive it, be happy, and live forever.

## QUESTION BOX

By Milton E. Fish

Question:—Explain Matt. 5:32.

Illicit relations before or after marriage, make the just reason for divorce. However the innocent person may not claim that right, but may rather forgive and take the unfaithful one back into marriage confidence. For certain reasons a husband and wife may better live apart, where fornication has not been committed, but that separation "from bed and board" does not imply the right to remarry, no not even if the state grants a divorce. The fact that the state grants divorce for several reasons confuses some people. In God's sight the divorcee or the separated person cannot remarry without committing adultery, and involving the new mate in adultery. Mark 10 : 11-12

Question:—Does Matt. 18:19 explain Matt. 16:19?

Answer:—Yes, in that both deal with the spiritual authority of "binding and loosing." When disciples who meet the conditions of effective praying, agree (symphonize) they are unitedly empowered to discern the spiritual state of those for whom they pray, and to proclaim to others the terms upon which God will forgive sins. Such greatness in the kingdom belongs not so much to titled ecclesiastic as to the childlike humble servant of God. Such power to bind and loose belongs not so much to the proud official as to the man who loves much.

In Matt. 16:19 is not the Saviour speaking to all disciples rather than to Peter only? Grammatically the address is to Peter only. However through Peter the Saviour was addressing the disciples for whom he was temporarily the spokesman. By comparing this passage with Matt. 18:18-19 where the subject is fur-

ther explained, we see that through Peter, Christ was making a promise to all true believers who are in church fellowship. Neither in the days of the apostles nor in our days, has Peter or any one person held in himself any unique spiritual authority. Peter was the first spokesman of the first group of disciples of Jesus. Only in that sense was his position unique. It was not unique in superior authority. Nor is his position as a first century spokesman of the first disciples transferrable to men in later centuries.

## KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

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ditional workers. It is our plan to place from two to five workers at a station, according to the need for evangelization in the community. Each new station must have a cabin built, or secured and put in condition for the housing of the workers. To help in this building program, we ask each one as he enters the work to bring with him fifty dollars for this fund, and to secure fifty dollars a month pledged support for himself besides his transportation to the field. It is a great blessing for a worker to own a horse. Though some highways have been built through parts of this section in the past few years, yet the interior must still be reached by walking or horseback. A horse may be obtained for about seventy-five dollars and it takes an extra six dollars a month for its upkeep.

Workers who are going to this field must be deeply consecrated, and definitely and specially called to it, for the work is as truly pioneer and the hardships as strenuous as in any missionary enterprise.

The work is too new, and the people too needy, for it to be self-supporting; so we are depending on the cooperating of His people to spread the Gospel in this field. Additional funds are needed for the furnishing of cabins, the building of churches, and the many uncounted emergencies that arise. We can all do our part. Some will be called to go, others to give, and would not God have us all open our hearts to this need in our American world and pray for its salvation? Dear reader, won't you look up to Jesus now, and say in your heart to Him, "Lord, what will You have ME to do?"

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## Soliloquy of a Minister

Howard Carter

I AM engaged in the greatest work ever given to mortal man since the world began. I have the greatest Master that the Universe possesses. The message I preach is the greatest that can be proclaimed. (No comment had better be ventured upon the delivering of the message!) I preach the death of Christ—the greatest tragedy in history—for the salvation of man, and find that those who receive the message experience the greatest change that mortals may ever know on earth. I warn the impenitent of coming wrath, which is the greatest warning that can ever be uttered.

To preach the gospel I have the aid of the Holy Spirit, the greatest power in the Universe. Those who accept the gospel and are born again are gathered into the greatest kingdom that has ever been founded, in which they enjoy the greatest fellowship, anticipating the greatest glory around the greatest Throne for the greatest period of time, engaging in the greatest exercise for men or angels, namely, the worship of God. Greatness belonged to every sphere of the work of God; divine and eternal greatness! Everything and every aspect reveals greatness so that I lose sight of my own insignificance and join with a multitude in heaven and earth in raising a great psalm of praise in the Spirit to the Lord Himself.

—The Review

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Queenie A. Bush  
Box 142, Killingly, Conn.



## THE PRAYER OF FAITH

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The Psalmist said, (Psa. 103:2, 3) "*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,*" and he names what the benefits are. First, "*Who forgiveth all thine iniquities,*" and secondly, "*Who healeth all thy diseases.*" If we believe the first benefit, then why not the second benefit also?

The Sunday School Times (March 3, 1934) gives us an article entitled "Bodily Healing—In Christ's Day and Now," by Henry W. Frost, D.D., Home Director Emeritus for North America, of the China Inland Mission. Dr. Frost asks the question:—

### Are Signs Still Needed?

"In answering this question," he writes, "two great facts are to be kept in mind. First, in the greater part of the world and amongst the largest number of people the Bible has never been circulated and the missionary may make no appeal to it. Second, among Christianized people the apostasy of Modernism has greatly undermined confidence in the authenticity of the Scriptures, so that the preacher's appeal to it is largely non-effective. The first of these facts brings us face to face with the condition which prevailed in Christ's day as a result of non-enlightenment; and the second forces us to confront a similar condition as a result of unbelief."

"It is therefore true that there are large parts of the world where healing-miracles in proof of a living and all-powerful Christ, may well be looked for; and it may confidently be anticipated, as the present apostasy increases, that Christ will manifest His deity and lordship in increasing measure through miracles-signs, including healings."

It is true that God's children are sometimes sick, so that still today it could be said, "*Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick,*" (John 1:33). It is true also that on one occasion the Apostle Paul wrote, "*Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.*" On another occasion we see the same Apostle rejoicing over the recovery of Epaphroditus, a co-worker, who had been sick, nigh unto death, through hard service, "*Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death,*" but God had mercifully restored; "*lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow,*" continues Paul.

The complete redemption of our bodies is certainly included in Christ's great redemptive work for us. Undoubtedly it is God's will to impart physical life and strength much more abundantly and fully even in this life, if hinderances be removed. "*He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall he not with Him also freely give us all things?*" Romans 8:32.

One of the most singular and remarkable features in connection with the Exodus of Israel from Egypt was that amongst that vast multitude, estimated at two million persons there was not one feeble person. This is definitely stated in the Word, in Psalms 105:37 we read, "*There was not one feeble person among their tribes.*"

Picture that vast moving army. See them as they halt, make their camp, then when the cloud moves on, see them break camp, take up their positions in the great caravan, and once more move on. There must have been little children among them, and the aged, whose pilgrimage was almost over. Possibly some among them with certain handicaps. But there were no sick ones. It was a healthy host which marched out of Egypt.

What a wonderful flight! No doubt, the eating of the Paschal lamb brought fresh strength to the eaters, as they realized it was indicated by God that they should eat for strength, for the journey.

Not long ago my son was passing through a certain city, and had the privilege of calling upon that veteran evangelist, Mr. Sunday. The discussion turned to the subject of healing. "Certainly I believe in divine healing," said the veteran evangelist, quickly whipping out from his pocket, his New Testament. Rapidly he leafed the pages over until he came to I Cor. 12:28. "There it is," he said, and read the familiar verse, "*Now God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.*" "Pray for me to have strength, and go out and tell the people that I believe in divine healing." And surely this veteran of many battles has not looked in vain for fresh strength in these later years of his ministry to still carry forward the gospel banner.

Unbelief still cuts off the flow of benefit that He desires to pour out. Still, it could often be said, "*He could do no mighty works there because of their unbelief.*"

Faith, on the other hand, is still the channel by which His provisions are received. "*I have not seen such faith, no not in Israel.*" "Go in peace, thy faith hath made thee whole." (Continued next month)

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### BRAESIDE CAMP MEETING

The Great Braeside Pentecostal Camp Meeting will be held at Paris, Ontario, July 28 to August 11 (inclusive). Brother A. H. Argue and his daughter Zelma of Winnipeg, Manitoba and Brother Asa Miller of Kalamazoo, Michigan, will be the main speakers, besides a host of local workers. A great permanent Camp is being established this year on a beautiful tract of twenty-three acres, an ideal situation for the district, overlooking Grand River and we are looking for a mighty manifestation of the power and presence of God. All visiting Pentecostal people coming into Canada will be more than welcome and we will endeavor to make them feel greatly at home. Paris is centrally located in the western part of Ontario on Kings Highway, No. 8, only 79 miles from Niagara Falls, and Kings Highway No. 2 from Detroit 170 miles. Come and enjoy the gospel feast.

J. H. Blair, District Superintendent

### Coimbatore, South India

We again rejoice to be able to declare the Lord's doings among us. It is blessed to witness the hand of God upon us and moving in the work.

During Christmas time our workers went out to our villages. At Puthoor the dear people had a small convention and while preparing for the meeting one of the sisters there was bitten by a poisonous snake. Her leg was swelling and of course heathen people said she would die, but just when the people were bemoaning their calamity our workers arrived at the scene. Immediately our people requested the workers to pray over the suffering sister. The Lord was present to heal, and immediately the intense pain ceased and the swelling began to subside. Hallelujah. It had been arranged that all Christians should march around the village singing the songs of Zion, and the first person in the procession was this sister who had been so miraculously saved from an awful death. Glory to God. One of the Bible school students, Mr. Gnanaprakasum, on returning from the procession asked the sister how she felt and she replied saying, "It was gone." She then knelt down where she was and asked that all should join together to give praise to our wonderful Saviour.

In a nearby village another person had been suffering from internal trouble for a long time. The workers prayed for her and she too was healed. The result of this has been that several in the village have asked to become Christians. We are trusting there will be a harvest of souls as a result of this visitation of God. Please pray for this end.

Another village some 30 miles away is calling. There are a large number of a higher caste who desire us to open a work among them. These people are makers of brass vessels, and they have expressed a desire to have the Assemblies of God open a church in their village. These people were once Christians and have lapsed

back somewhat. We have begun to visit this village to see what possibilities there may be and trust God will work out His plan for these people. Please pray for them.

A short while ago I visited Calcutta and God especially blessed the campaign. In our meeting place over 200 professed conversion, and in two other churches where I held meetings over fifty others professed salvation and healings were also wrought among them. I have returned to seek to help a little further to build up the dear ones. Since returning, I have heard of at least two other wonderful healings. One of a lady who was confined to her bed. She heard I was to hold a meeting in her church and requested to be taken to the meeting. She came, and God healed her instantly. Hallelujah. Another child was brought. Three times a little one was prayed for. It was wasting away. But God stretched forth His mighty hand and the child was healed. Glory to God for ever. It is so precious to see God working.

We have started the Bible school again and we are looking forward again to a time of real blessing. Though this is a very hard work, for we have our usual meetings besides, we feel it is a very profitable work, and are trusting the fruit of the Bible school will be far reaching in effect. We believe we are in God's will in this matter and would be glad of your continued prayers that God will supply every need so that we may be able to feed our students and trust God too for every other need to be supplied. We do believe you are praying for us and thank you very much for all that prayer has accomplished for us. Please go ahead laboring with us in prayer that our living Lord Jesus may be greatly magnified in the work we love so much.

We had the joy of seeing our dear Brother Groves united in marriage to Miss Newsham of the Elim Alliance on Jan. 1st, and it was very blessed to realize the rich presence of God in the marriage service. I had the privilege of officiating at this wedding, and we pray that the manifest blessing of God may rest upon their united ministry in the great needy city of Calcutta. Yours in His great grace.

Spencer and Maud May

### Wilmington, Delaware

Calvary Pentecostal Church has been visited with mighty showers of the blessings of the Lord for six weeks, under the ministry of Evangelists A. H. and Zelma Argue, with Wilbur Argue at the piano. After the first Sunday night's service not one evening's meeting has passed without some one or more coming through to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many have been so drunk on the Spirit that it has been necessary to assist them from the building. Numbers were saved. The healing services have been remarkable. One lady was stricken while at the altar, and was at the point of death,—her entire left side being paralyzed, but after prayer she was instantly healed and attended the services the balance of the campaign.

On the closing Sunday night, in a testimony meeting, about fifty testified that they had received the Baptism during the campaign. This was an impressive scene. It is estimated that a total of around seventy came through to the Baptism during the meetings. The Church has been greatly quickened into a new attitude of watchfulness for the Coming of the Lord as the messages on the Signs of the Times were given from night to night.

One miracle of healing from a serious condition occurred when a brother received his Baptism. He was also healed of hernia and gained four pounds weight in the following week.

Some who received the Baptism told of beautiful visions seen while they were receiving the Spirit.—bands of angels, reopened harvest fields, the opened pearly gates of heaven, and of Christ. A wonderful spirit of unity prevailed. Some who have been in Pentecost for years, stated that they have never before seen anything like the wonderful things they witnessed during this campaign.

R. P. Hughey, Pastor

### Baghdad, Iraq

*Extracts from the letter of a missionary to Florence A. Atwater, now over eighty years of age and a member of Bethel Home, formerly a teacher in Bulah Heights Bible Institute, North Bergen, N. J.*

While on the way to the field the Lord has been opening doors and blessing all along. When in Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, I visited Sister Malick's splendid work, and gave them some meetings. The Lord did sweetly bless the services. Very earnestly they asked me to stay longer, but had to move forward. My way was through Palestine. Our missionaries in Jerusalem also asked me to hold services which I did. The Lord certainly did bless and the interest there is growing.

On my way to Persia, in Palestine I found great changes since I was there in 1924. The Jews are now pouring into this country from every part of the world. From Mt. Carmel, overlooking the new growing harbor city of Haifa I saw 27 ships in the Mediterranean sea, from America, England, Italy, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Bulgaria and other countries bringing the Jews their wealth.

Many new Jewish colonies are established and almost everywhere colonize rapidly. Forests are being planted on barren mountains. Water is being piped almost everywhere. Places that were barren ten years ago are now green, indeed the desert is blooming as the rose. The city of Jerusalem is growing very fast. Hundreds of mansion-like houses are being erected. I believe that providentially they are building a capital for the coming King Jesus. Things are changing and beautifying in such a manner it would be impossible without the finger of God. Surely it must be the breaking of the day!

But the spiritual condition is very low. Thousands of Mohammedans and Jews are still in darkness and little work is being done among them. While in Jerusalem I preached in nearly every service in the little chapel. It did my soul good to see two young Mohammedans accept Christ as their Saviour. I also preached in other towns where they were glad to hear the Gospel.

In a Mohammedan town called Tul Karim we held a service and the people listened attentively. Two Mohammedan lady teachers were too afraid of the sheikhs to attend the services openly, and came long before meeting opened without being observed by the people and hid themselves in a dark room, next to the meeting room. Only a few of us knew they were in there. Hidden away in the dark room they could hear every word of the message. When all the people had gone, they came out of their hiding place and wanted to know more about Christ and His being the Son of God. Then we prayed with them and gave each a New Testament, which they took to their homes. I have heard since they are pressing on with God. Please pray for them. There are great possibilities for consecrated workers.

The work in Persia is going fine. Soon I am to begin some special meetings in the great city of Baghdad near the old city of Babylon. I expect to reach many hungry souls. Please pray for us.

I picked the enclosed flower (a scarlet lily of the field) near Jacob's well. God bless you is my prayer. Yours in His service,

John S. Warton



# Bethel Home News

Dear Christian Friends:

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you. Once more we are praising the Lord for His goodness to us, and glad to report all in the Home are well and have been since our last report.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of a box of nice fresh tomatoes and cucumbers from an unknown friend at Woburn, Mass.

Girlhood lost a valuable safeguard when modesty ceased to be counted a virtue. Help us reach the unsaved by ordering and distributing our tracts. We have about completed the printing of about one million pages of tracts and we now have a good supply of all our tracts and can fill all orders on short notice.

The hot weather the last two weeks has helped our garden wonderfully. We thank the Lord for a few things from our garden as we are seeking every way possible to reduce our grocery bills.

One of our prominent doctors, once said, "The best medicine which my practice has discovered is prayer." No doubt you have looked upon saints of God upon bended knees with uplifted hands and you have wondered at the beauty upon the face as the glory of God was shining upon them as they agonized in earnest prayer for lost souls. David realized that the beauty of the Lord was greatly to be desired as he prayed in the 90th Psalm. If you are dissatisfied with your present condition, your position, your neighborhood or anything you have and want something you do not now have, try prayer. What is prayer? If you are a child of the King you will know how to approach the King.

Our young cow is doing extra well in giving us a good supply of milk and we expect our old cow to be fresh in about three weeks. Our hens are producing more eggs than expected at this time. Our crop of pears will be very light this year.

Our Camp Meeting began July fourth at our Wellesley Park camp grounds with Brother A. N. Trotter of Miami, Florida as the evangelist.

Our near by neighbors donated their grass and we now have in the barn some very good hay and they have kindly granted us the second cutting which will be sufficient hay for the coming season.

Brother Marshall Shedd of Canaan, N. H., paid us a visit and all were

glad to welcome him as many of the old folks in the Home had not seen him for quite a long time. Brother Shedd some years ago was assistant superintendent, and manager of the printery. Come again bringing the family with you.

We appreciate all our friends visiting us. Your presence and words encourage us to go on. Remember the Home is what you help to make it.

*Be still my child! Be still, just be still!*

*What better service canst thou fulfill?*

*'Tis hard, I know; but how small the cost:*

*And hurry is apt to prove thy loss.*

*Hard to wait! But God will give thee grace:*

*Obedying Him thou wilt win the race.*

OBEDIENCE BROUGHT MIRACLES  
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of victory you will be tested again. You say, "How long will we be tested?" Till He calls us higher—just that long. Paul was tested up to the very minute when he laid his head upon the block. He was obedient to the last minute; he was never so perfect that he did not have to be disciplined and tested. Oh I love Paul for there is something so manly and brave in his character!

## "Let Down Your Nets"

So Jesus has them out there in the deep—they have been brave enough to surrender and their tears are all dried. Now what does He say to them? "Let down your nets for a draught." What does the net symbolize in the life of the Christian? Their nets were the means the disciples had of making their living and were the dearest things they had. They stood for their very lives. And now the Master tells them to let down the nets, out of their sight and into the cold dark waters. He is God and all wisdom and all power are vested in Him and He will not ask us to do one thing that will be for our detriment. We are so blind and lacking in faith, so feeble and shabby in our love that we question. But watch the gentle dealing of the Lord with Peter. He doesn't say, "Well, I have gotten them out here to work a miracle but if that is the way they act I will throw them right overboard." People would say that, but never the Lord.

Instead of throwing them overboard He allows them to stay on board the ship. Then Peter began to think; then says a very striking word and that word becomes the pivot upon which he steps, and as he steps out in faith the whole scene changes. What is that word? "Nevertheless." He reasons, he sees the logical outcome but he gives the Lord the benefit of the doubt. And now they get their miracle. And all upon that word, "Nevertheless."

Has the Lord pushed you out from your shore and separated you from your desires and ambitions? Has He asked you suddenly, to let down your nets? Let me assure you that He will never ask one thing of you but what He will supply the grace to say, "Nevertheless." You may reason and say, "Lord that goes against all my reasoning, I don't know how to believe You, but 'nevertheless' I will trust You." You just dare to try it and a miracle will be wrought. Because you have given an occasion for a miracle. But if you stand and reason and argue, the fish will go right by and never get into your net. Rather say, "Lord, by Your grace, give me faith." Step out and dare to do that. There are issues which we are constantly facing; things over which the Holy Spirit is dealing with us. Dare to believe Him. And if you will do that and let down your net the fish will come in and you will have enough for the rest of your life and enough for everyone to whom God sends you, as an evangelist, a missionary, a worker in the home field, or one who just whispers the Gospel. Yes, you will get the fish. And more than all that—you will have a character that through all the ages of eternity will glorify Christ and God will have satisfied His longing in your heart and life.—*Latter Rain Evangel.*

## Wellesley Park Camp Meeting

The camp opened July 4th and there has been a splendid spirit of repentance and of fellowship. Many people are saying they wished Rev. Alfred N. Trotter, the Evangelist, would stay in the New England District, for he is preaching something that is real and vital.

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