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“And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

“And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

“And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.” (Daniel 8:23-25.)

Several years ago, when styles and fashions in women’s clothes began to take a change, finally developing into the very immodest and ungodly patterns of the past few years, there was no doubt at that time some good Christian women, who, if they had only suspected what those styles were going to develop into, they would not have yielded to the decrees of fashion; but little by little, step by step, were they led by the ever-changing fashions, until in due length of time, many of those who were the very examples of modesty and timidity, found themselves minus that charm of womanly shyness and shamefacedness, and right in the whirl of fashion’s devotees. They can now either dress, or undress (as much as the law will permit), and go forth in public just as bold and brazen as Satan wants them to, modesty having practically become an obsolete thing with them.

They never accepted the modern style of dress overnight, so-to-speak—Satan knew they wouldn’t do such; but in his cunning, he led them, inch by inch, you might say—just from one change to another, with each change just a little more bolder in proportions, until them becoming hardened in conscience with each change, finally reaching the point where conscience is not so much a factor in the case in holding them in check as is the fear of the law of the land, which doesn’t as yet allow absolutely nudity in public, but is permitting nudist colonies to operate in places today, where both sexes mingle in such ungodly cults!

Now you may think it strange that we should begin an article under the above heading with the line of thought as expressed in the two paragraphs above, but the thing we have in mind is, to show you, if Lord will, and by His help, how that as in like manner as the world step by step has been led by the cunning craftiness of Satan to the extremes in the matter of dress, even so now is it being led in a similar manner—by degrees—into a far more serious proposition from a spiritual standpoint—that of an acceptance of a world dictatorship, or beast power. (Rev. 13.)

The world would by no means accept the ruling power just overnight, as it were, of such an one as the beast spoken of in the 13th. chapter of Revelation; but step by step, people can be led to the point of acceptance. There are factors in the case, causing them to look with favour upon the proposition; and chief among them is the one thing—prosperity, which in these days the world at large is clamoring for. You remember that in John’s vision of the beast, he was “like unto a leopard,” or, in other words, he was beautiful. Now according to Daniel, this great king shall, during his reign, “cause craft to prosper.” Such will look good to the workman, and all who profit by his labour. Then the next thing was, “and his feet was as the feet of a bear.” The bear having soft, padded feet, is capable of slipping right in on you, noiseless, so-to-speak, and unexpectedly, right in among you before you know it. And last, “his mouth as the mouth of a lion.” Here is where the beast begins to show his authority and power. You

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need not wonder at the controlling influence of the beast, for we read in the description of this person in Revelation 13:2, that the dragon (Satan) gives him “his power, and his seat, and great authority.” Hence his mouth “as the mouth of a lion.” A lion, you know, is considered as the king of beasts; and his voice, when he utters a roar, is typical of authority by virtue of the terror it sends into the lives of the other animals of the forest. So will it be with this beast, who in reality will be nothing more than a dictator—yet the greatest the world will have seen in modern ages. His voice—or speech—will be with fear and authority in the ears of humanity. He will truly be a king among men.

COMING INTO POWER.
The Bible speaks of the three in connection with the beast power—the devil, the beast, and the false prophet. Of these three, we don’t hear much said of the false prophet. As mentioned above, we see that Satan’s part is to imbue the beast with power and authority, even stepping back for the time being, as it were, and surrendering his seat—field of operation—to the beast. But what of the false prophet? No doubt, beloved, but what the false prophet is in the same relationship to the beast, as was John the Baptist unto Christ. John’s mission was to prepare a people for the coming of Jesus; and evidently the mission of the false prophet will be to prepare a people—in this case the great majority—for the advent of the beast. And who knows but what the propaganda of the beast power is filling the earth today, through the medium, and agencies in various forms, of this false prophet? For this reason, we are very careful about identifying ourselves with anything that tends to point to any such power. Now doubt but the world today, that, is generally speaking, is being “whipped” into line for the beast power. The people, naturally, must first be brought into subjection to a dictatorship in their own countries before the world in general would accept universal ruling along this line. How easy then it would be for the one-man rule of the entire world to be accomplished, if each nation’s form of government is first reduced to a dictatorship.

It’s coming, beloved—the power of the beast. Spiritually minded men and women are being awakened to the fact. Consternation is being shown among many today over the NRA movement in our own country. While its present intent is reported to be solely for the purpose of restoring prosperity, yet it remains to be seen just what the termination might be. If a returned prosperity is the ultimate goal, it must be thought that such achievement might lay considerably in the future, possibly, since we see according to press reports that plans are being considered on making the movement a subject for study in the schools; and a committee of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish clergy, are now laying plans to introduce it into the churches. So from these indications, it looks as if it was here to stay for an indefinite period, at least, more than headed for discard any where in the near future.

So far as prosperity is concerned, we would love to see both our nation, and the other nations of entire world, enjoying such, if it be God’s will. But we know, and countless others know, if they will admit the truth of the Bible, that this very time was to come upon the world, and that on the account of sin. How are we to expect any lasting combination of peace and prosperity to come upon us, with the world going deeper in sin each day? We are expecting, however, a period of prosperity throughout the world during the reign of the beast, by virtue of Daniel’s prophesy of that person as mentioned above, that he (this beast) would cause craft to prosper. When craft (Webster says that “craft” is, “Art or skill, dexterity in particular manual employment, hence, the occupation or employment itself: manual art; a trade”) prospers, it is bound to also affect all kinds of labour and merchandise that is both directly, and indirectly, attendant upon it. But just think of the price one will have to pay in order to partake of that prosperity! “And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” . . . . . . “And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, . . . . . . “The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: . . . “And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.” (Rev. 13:17; 14:9-11.)

It may be hard for some today.

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In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. —Psalms 71:1.
FATHER IS GONE.

Dr. Thomas J. Bond.

A few minutes past two o'clock, on the afternoon of August 24th, our dear father passed from this life to be with the Lord.

Father had been a sufferer for almost two years from the ravages of a cancer. It was sad to see him go, but the hope he left us gives us a comfort through our dear Saviour.

The day before he passed away, he called wife and myself to prayer. As we knelt on either side of his bed, we surely felt the presence of the Lord. He would put himself upon his breast, then reach up and pat me on the breast, thus signifying that all was well. He could only speak with difficulty. A few days previously, he told me his sins were forgiven, and told me to meet him in Heaven.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 P. M., from the Reed-Culver chapel, on August 25, by Bro. T. O. Shanks, retired Methodist minister, who lives adjoining us, and present when father passed away; and was assisted by Bro. F. S. Crowe, pastor of the local Methodist church. Father had united with the Methodist church at this place about twenty years ago, and his name was retained upon the church roll until his death. The floral offering was beautiful, and the choruses so sweetly sang, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," "When I Can Read My Title Clear," and, "It Is Well With My Soul."

Following a short service at Blue Springs cemetery, (a few miles north of Tahlequah) for the benefit of friends in the rural section who gathered to pay their last respects, he was laid to rest amidst the scenes and surroundings of the beginning of his career in the medical profession of over 40 years ago. And we thought it seemed fitting, indeed, that at the final close of his career, that he should be brought back to the locality of his first activities in his chosen profession, for his final resting place.

Father was born in the state of Virginia, on January 11, 1852, the son of S. M. and Sallie Bond. Age at the time of his death, 81 years, 7 months, and 13 days.

Early in life father removed with his parents to the state of Kentucky, where he grew to young manhood, and later on they came to the state of Arkansas, where they resided a number of years in Madison and Franklin counties. During this time he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Stephens, who passed away in 1885. To this union four children were born, three sons and a daughter: one son passed away in infancy. In 1888 he was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Forbes, and shortly afterwards came to the Indian Territory, first settling near Tahlequah. To this last union two children were born, a son and a daughter; the daughter passing away in infancy.

Of his immediate family, father leaves to mourn his passing, our mother; H. C. Bond, of Tulsa, Okla., W. R. Bond, (present address unknown) and Mrs. Geo. Kinder, of Hockerville, Okla., children of his first marriage; and ourself, son of his second marriage.

Also one brother, J. H. Bond, of Hulbert, Okla.; and two sisters, Mrs. Melvina Ward, of Fayetteville, Ark., and Mrs Mary Smith, of Tulsa, Okla.; fourteen grandchildren, and fifteen great grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

Father graduated from the medical department of the State University of Arkansas, in Little Rock, in the class of 1895, and many and varied were his experiences from the time he left the plow handles to engage in the profession that claimed so many years of his life. His activities had their beginning in a pioneer way. The scream of the panther was still to be occasionally heard throughout the hills, the home of the full blood Cherokee Indian, and the rendezvous of the out-law, with the white settlers none too numerous, in the days of his first visitations to the bedside of the sick, making these trips in the saddle. But we like best to think of the close of his career, that as we watched through our tears, his last breaths so gently and easily leave his frail body—so easy indeed, that the very last sign of life was just a faint movement noticeable in his throat—that in his going, though sad as it was, that he left us that hope of a life beyond this vale of tears, which is the most wonderful part of any life, thank God.

Many miles, and to many places, has father been instrumental—both directly and indirectly—in sending this Gospel during our past eighteen years, and better, in the Gospel work. And there are, no doubt, saints of God who can remember the respect and hospitality shown them in his home.

Beloved, there's a vacancy—a void—in the home that can never be filled. May God bless his memory to us throughout the remainder of this life; and may we so live that when this life is over, that we shall meet father again, where partings will be no more, and where sorrow, pain, nor death, shall never enter.

Pray for us, beloved. Wife is deeply saddened. Mother is very feeble, but stood the ordeal better than we feared.

"... Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!" —Numbers 23:10
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having jobs and drawing a good salary, having religious freedom, and privileged to buy or sell at will, to realize the time is actually coming—and that possibly sooner than expected—when throughout the entire world the decree will be to the effect that in order to buy or sell, one will have to align themselves—have the mark, the name of the beast, or the number of his name; and so far as worship is concerned, great is going to be the persecution heaped upon those who refuse to worship this great dictator—beast, or referred to also as the man of sin—the son of perdition, “Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.” (1 Thess. 2:3-4.)

But that time is inevitably coming, dear ones, the signs in the earth today unmistakably pointing in that direction. The gradual turning of nations to rule by dictatorship being sufficient evidence. And during the reign of the beast three years and six months—it is going to take genuine salvation, and having a real martyr’s spirit, for one to stand the test. A mere “profession” in Christianity may be getting somebody “by” in their social or business activities, today, but it is going to take the REAL thank God, to stand for God in that time. (A brother living up near Fairland, Okla., realizing the perilous times that were coming upon us, use to testify—“The ‘sham’ battles have about all been fought; the REAL is now on!”) And so it is, beloved.

Remember, dear ones, that the beast power is not going to be formulated, nor come into existence, under the name, “beast,” but rather those who favour such rule, being deceived thereby, will be advocating that such is “surely not the beast power,” and trying to put the coming of such power as being off in the future. For the beast to come in the open name of such, would be contrary to the Bible, for as mentioned above, he is rather going to resemble a leopard, or that is, beautiful to look upon; having the feet of a bear, or creeping in so noiselessly—so easily, and by degrees—that he will be in our midst—in power, possibly, before we are scarcely aware; and THEN, lastly, John saw him as having the mouth of a lion, or uttering his authority after having attained his power.

Yes, there will be those, possibly...professed Christians, who will be walking hand-in-hand with such power in its formative stage, deceived thereby, trying to reason the suspecting soul out of the thought that such is that beast power spoken of in the Bible. One prominent pastor in a city—in the eastern part of this state, to “smooth” things over, has already declared from his pulpit that he was “not interested in any mythical beast,” and went ahead, trying to show that it was the beastly nature in people that caused dishonesty in business, etc. Neither do we believe in any “mythical” beast, but we believe in the beast in reality, which is portrayed for us in the Bible, which is more than a mere disposition in people’s lives, and one to whom that pastor will some day bow to, if he is living in that day, and happens to not have a real experience of salvation, and possibly a martyr’s spirit! And there are possibly hundreds of other preachers in the pulpits of our land and country, whose concept of the beast spoken of in Revelation, and the prophecy of Daniel, is no greater than the theory of this pastor in question.

Concerning the mark of the beast, the Bible mentions also the “name of the beast,” and also, “the number of his name,” as being also means of identification for those who wish to buy or sell—that they must possess one of the three identifications. The “number of his name” is plainly set forth in Revelation 13:18, which is “Six hundred thirty score and six,” or 666. And we now feel, if the Lord will, that we shall try to have a thought in the next issue on “The Mark, The Name, and The Number of His Name.”

And throughout the entire world, there will be only one mark, or insignia (or whatever means of identification it may be), and the one name, and the one number.

IN CASE OF DOUBT.

Sometimes when confronted with a proposition which causes a doubt to arise in our mind as to whether or not such step would be right, if we would treat that doubt as the judge on the bench invariably instructs the jury to do, it would possibly keep us from many a heart-ache, brought or by some mistake of our life.

The judge instructs thus, as the jury is about to retire to their room to try to reach a verdict: “Now if there remains in your minds a doubt as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant, resolve that doubt to the benefit of the defendant.”

Remember, beloved, that in matters pertaining to one’s Christian convictions where such liberties are involved, that God is the Defendant in such cases. Amen.
The Time Was--

When you met the preacher claiming to be of the Apostolic faith, you could just about count on him being a good, straight (three fold), preacher. But nowadays, when meeting the stranger professing such, it sometimes takes some real cross-questioning to find out the "crook" in some. We are glad and thankful for those who are still standing for "the old paths," who can without stammering, tell you exactly how they stand on doctrine, and are not afraid for you to investigate their past lives.

When the preacher held a meeting, he could report as definitely on the number sanctified, as he could on the number saved, or receiving the Baptism. But the time now is, when some claiming to preach the three-fold plan of salvation, give a definite report on the number of conversions, and those receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with only a brief mention, "and some (or several) sanctified." You know the reason they touch lightly on sanctification? They are not spiritually straight on doctrine!

When you met the person—a woman especially—professing holiness, there was something about their manner of dress that reflected a saintly atmosphere. But with many nowadays—?

When people professed to receive old-time salvation (revival meetings), there would be more or less "straightening up" going on in the community. But you don't hear so much about restitution, it seems, as you use to. Are those in sin today, living better lives than those of years ago, that they have no occasion for going over their past, making right the wrongs did their fellow-man? The Bible still teaches restitution; and furthermore says, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." (2 Timothy 3:13.)

When holiness was just about "one color." But in these days, it is, in many instances, like Laban's cattle (Gen. 30:39, etc.), "ringstraked, speckled, and spotted." Thank God, though, there's some of the original color—still contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints!

When the preacher preached against immodest and fancy dressing, etc., that it brought more of a shout into the camp than it might in some instances today, wherein it might "offend some of the new converts!" If a lot of people was genuinely converted in the first place—and that under the preaching of modesty in dress, etc., there would be less danger of offending them in the matter of preaching on the principles of Christian conduct. In the early days of our conversion, such preaching didn't offend us—we enjoyed such, even having did some measuring up without having to be "preached to" in certain respects.

When the following scripture wasn't so applicable to as many as it is today:  
"Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" (Galatians 5:7.)

A COMING PERSECUTION

Occasionally we read of people's arrest, being charged with letting some member of their family suffer for lack of medical attention in sickness. Of such cases, we sometimes have our suspicions, knowing there are fanatics—people who are not in any spiritual condition to expect healing from God, and who as a consequence, bringing reproach upon the true cause of Christ. But such actions only brings to our mind the thought of what the true saints of God, who in reality do trust God for healing, may have to suffer in the near future for not employing the physician in sickness—and that is, a general persecution.

We believe in divine healing, but we believe the person professing salvation, and trusting God for healing, ought to be so living before the Lord as to not bring reproach upon God's cause in doing so. If we have to suffer persecution for our faith in God, let's just say 'Amen' to it; but let's be careful that our lives are clean, so that no reproach be brought upon His cause. There's lots of difference between 'reproach,' and being 'persecuted' for righteousness sake. Amen.

There is also a class who "trust" the Lord for healing, rather than pay a doctor bill! You know about how much real personal benefit a person of this type would receive from God. In case of any serious results following, real saints of God have to suffer reproach at the hands of a criticizing world.

It is written, "The reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me." (Psalms 69:9.)

So it is today. The true way of holiness has to suffer much on account of fanatics, and the unscrupulous, who cause unnecessary persecution to be brought upon the righteous.

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. ---Psalms 69:30.
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O. H. Bond, Editor & Publisher.

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Editorial.

We rather sense a fear that the saints of God may have to face a test, and maybe that shortly, in a manner similar to some of the trials of the late war times. In such event, its going to pay folks to be in favour with God.

I'll tell you, beloved, it's going to take a DETERMINATION—and that determination backed up by right living—if we shall ever enter Heaven. Neither can we be one thing today, and something else tomorrow, and so on, and live for God! Amen.

We believe it is just as wrong in the sight of the Lord for the holiness preacher to seek popularity among the holiness people, as it is for some other preacher to try to become popular with the world.

God's people are a separate people from the world. So if folks are going to live for God, they had better be careful to keep themselves unspotted from the world.

A class once followed the Lord for the loaves and fishes. There's a class today, who, it seems, are not much interested beyond that of a shout!

There are some people who believe, "Once in grace, always in grace," but whose lives are far from it. Then there are others who do not believe such doctrine, but who live as though they did! You get the point?

We believe that in time past, beloved, enough has transpired to give spiritually-minded men and women an insight as to the workings of the power of the beast, that they need not be overtaken in darkness by the subtilty of such power coming in reality.

Beloved, if Satan can get you to give over just a little today, he stands a good chance of getting a still better hold on you tomorrow.

Beloved, if you are not interested in the Gospel cause beyond your own church, or community, you are not showing a Christ-like spirit.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee. —Psalms 33:22.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER.

A SPECIAL REQUEST.

A sister in Mulberry, Kans., (Mrs. Virginia Montanelli) is requesting that the churches have a special prayer for her healing. Has been a sufferer from rheumatism and heart trouble for a long time.

Gospel Tracts.

We now have on hand a small line of Gospel Tracts, and expecting to print more, the Lord willing, from time to time. If you care for a small assortment to pass out, we will be glad to mail you a packet. Tract distribution is one way of helping to spread the Gospel; it is sowing seed that might develop into fruit for God.

It is possible that one little Tract might be the cause of one soul getting saved: and then the further possibility of that one soul leading others to God.

We feel that God is leading us out in this line. Shall we send you a packet? They're free.

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Tongues?

DID THEY CEASE WITH THE APOSTLES?

To those who have not made a search in the histories of the world, whether or not the speaking in tongues is a modern myth, or a fanatical delusion; or is it an historical fact, stamped on the pages of history never to be erased? The preachers of the various churches tell us that the "tongues," (languages) ceased with the Apostles; but history hurls the statement back to them as falsifiers and perverters of the truth.

To verify what I say, post up on history.

Allow me to refer you to a few records:

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Iranaeus, Bishop of Lyons, from A. D. 177 to 202, in his Adv. Haer, vi, page 6, says, "We have many prophetical gifts, and by the Spirit speaking in all kinds of languages."

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St. Crystom, who lived from A. D. 347 to 407, says: "Whosoever was baptized in apostolic days, he straightway spake in tongues; and one spake in the Persian language, another in Roman, another in the Indian language, and another some other language. . . . . . . . But more abundant than all divine endowments was the gift of tongues."

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Read the statement of Andrew Finlander, L. L. D., Acting Editor of Universal knowledge, 1880 edition.

See the "History of the Christian Church," by Phillip Schafi, one of the very best church historians.

Dr. Schafi also mentions the early Quakers and Methodists as speaking in tongues. Also the "Lasure" movement in Sweden in 1841 the speaking in tongues is recorded. See accounts of Protestants in Ireland, in 1859, as speaking in tongues.

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See the "Religious Encyclopedia," for revival of tongues in 1814-15.

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Encyclopedia of Religions, Vol. II, page 1119, is recorded, that in Scotland in 1830, among some pious Presbyterians, the Holy Ghost fell and speaking in tongues quickly spread.

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In 1831, at London, England, in the Caledonian Church of Covenanters, the wife of Thomas Carlisle (well known lawyer), and a Mr. Taplin, both spake in tongues.

(See also Vol. I, page 422.)

(See Chamber's Encyclopedia, Vol. IV, page 649.)

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In 1854, Elder S. G. Matthewson, and Elder Edwin Burnham, Second Adventists, spoke in tongues.

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Charless G. Finney, in 1821, President of Oberlin College, Ohio, shortly after his conversion, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues, a subject to which his attention had never been called. He did not know what to make of it. An indescribable sweetness stole over his whole being. From that hour he gave up his law business for the work of saving men and women.

The case of Finney speaking in tongues, and concealed by his friends and biographers as a weakness in a great man, has had a parallel in the experiences of many another consecrated laborer.

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Again, in 1900, the Holy Ghost fell on the students of Bethel College, at Topeka, Kan., a concern conducted by Chas. F. Parham, and from which it has circled the earth, and yet there are preachers who say that the tongues ceased with the Apostles. These preachers pass themselves off as college graduates supposed to be up-to-date, especially on things pertaining to church and religion. They unhesitatingly take money from the people, and in return give what history proves to be false. With them, it is a case of ignorance, or dishonesty. Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5; 2:4; 10:44, 45, 49; 11:15, 16; 19:6.

If these preachers are posted in history, and deny the facts, as recorded by history in corroboration of Jesus' promise to them that believe (Mark 16:17.), they are falsifiers, perverters of the truth, and are just as much a criminal in the sight of God—and most of those who make no profession, as the man under guard. People! for your own sake, look up these things. I have given you the references. Look them up. Prove me, or the preachers one, to be a liar. The times demand it. Jesus is coming soon.

Oscar Jones, of Galena, (Kans.), A. W. Poe, of Miami, (Okla.), Co-workers.

(We shall also have the above in tract form, the Lord willing; though possibly edited and revised.)

Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. — 1 Cor. 14:39.
THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER.

VAN BUREN, ARK.

August 13, 1933.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." (Psalms 23:1.)

I thank God for Jesus.

This day finds me still saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Glad that I prayed through to the solid Rock which is Christ Jesus. Matthew 16:16, reads: "And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." We hear so many people say, "My church;" I declare unto you, It is God's church, and only one way to get into it—you must be born in it. Thank God for a born-again experience, and a desire to go on with the Lord! And there is only one way to get out of that church, and that is through sin.

I praise God this afternoon for the way He answers prayer. Have been praying Him to send us some help. So today during the Sunday School lesson, I felt that my prayers, and the prayers of others, were answered, as Bro. and Sr. Matlock, Bro. and Sr. Winn, and Bro. and Sr. Hawthorne came to our rescue, for which our heart was made glad.

Dear readers of the little paper, don't forget us when you pray. I feel the need of prayer in this day. Pray also for my unsaved family.

Your unworthy sister in the Lord,

Mrs. Syntha Myers.
403 So. 2nd. St.,
Van Buren, Arkansas.

REPORT OF MEETING.

Stilwell, Okla., Aug. 24, 1933.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond;

Greetings in the name of Jesus:

Will send in report of our meeting at Oak Grove church, conducted by Bro. R. J. Smith, of Muskogee, Okla.

The Lord wonderfully blessed, with about thirty-five saved, twelve sanctified, and nine received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The meeting lasted a little over two weeks. At the close on Sunday, we had services on the creek, and a baptizing. Thirty-two were baptized. Saints were there from different places—Sugar Hill, (near Lincoln, Ark.) Marble City, Peace community, and Stilwell, Okla. The Lord wonderfully blessed at the water's edge.

To any band of of saints wanting a revival, I would like to recommend Bro. Smith, 316 North M Street, Muskogee, Okla. He preaches the word.

Will close by saying, God bless Bro. and Sr. Bond, and the saints everywhere.

R. C. and Bessie Oneal,
Route 5.
Stilwell, Oklahoma.

While the majority of nominal churches of today are coming closer and closer together in their doctrines and form of worship—practically the same profession will get you into the most of them—but fear they are far from that standard of Bible oneness taught us in the 17th. chapter of St. John, wherein the Saviour is praying that God might sanctify the disciples, that they might be ONE. Sanctification, you know, means holiness, or freedom from sin. SAN!

REQUEST FOR PRAYER.

We are asking the saints every where, by request, to pray for the healing of Sr. Cabot, of Franklin, Kans., the wife of Bro. J. E. Cabot. Sr. Cabot is afflicted with asthma.

Let's not neglect these requests for prayer, beloved, that appear from time to time in the little paper. It might be one of us who will sometime feel the need of a special prayer from the saints in general. Special mention and prayer in your meeting might not be entirely out of order with the Lord in these requests.

We read in James 5:16, "The effectual fervent prayer of a right­eous man availeth much."

Don't forget to pray.

THE SIN QUESTION.

There are some professed Christians who will try to dodge the issue on the sin question by agreeing with you that sin is wrong, but at the same time try to justify themselves by saying the things they do are not sin. Possibly it would be well for them to closely examine their lives in the light of the following scripture:

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." (Galatians 5:19-21)

We are quiet sure the "shall not" above means SHALL NOT.

Blessed be the Lord; for he hath shewed me his marvelous kindness in a strong city. —Psalms 31:21.
SOME ONE HAD PRAYED

By Grace Noll Crowell

The day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,
And then it lifted—but I did not know
Some one had knelt in prayer.

Had taken me to God that very hour,
And asked the easing of the load, and He,
In infinite compassion, had stooped down
And taken it from me.

We cannot tell how often as we pray
For some bewildered one, hurt and distressed,
The answer comes—but many times those hearts
Find sudden peace and rest.

Some one had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand
Took hold of God, and brought Him down that day!
So many, many hearts have need of prayer—
Oh, let us pray.

—from a Reprint in Mountain Air.

PAUL’S GLORYING.

Paul did not glory in material things as do many today. He had an eye single unto God. Fine church buildings, vested choirs, popularity in civic enterprises, and such like, was not in his line. He wasn’t looking for increased “membership” in the spirit we feel such is often sought today. He never even kept a record of those whom he baptized. (I Cor. 1:13-15) Herein is the thing in which he gloried:

“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.” (Galatians 6:14.)

Pride and self-glory are two evils that go hand-in-hand, and have caused the Spirit of God to be withheld from many places of worship.

THE WAY OF SOME.

A preacher in Oklahoma City relates several years ago of a call to Ft. Smith, Ark., to preach the gospel. While there he met with severe persecution—thrown in jail, and got back home with 25 cents in money. Later on he received a call to the state of Arizona. Here the conditions were much to the reverse—no such persecution, and reached home with almost $100.00. (Possibly a reversal as a reward for faithfulness.) He said it wasn’t long till several preachers around the city felt led to go to Arizona, but none felt led to go to Ft. Smith!

It’s highly possible that some today—both preachers and lay-members—are more interested in an “Arizona” call, than one to “Ft. Smith!” You get the point?

NOT PROMISED A SHOUT.

Beloved, we are not promised a shout in our soul for each step of our Christian life. If we follow the foot-steps of Jesus, we will encounter some of the things He had to endure. He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; despised and rejected of men. (See Isaiah 53:3.)

I was just thinking, It is much better just to be in position to feel a burden, only, upon our soul, than to be in such spiritual condition where we could feel nothing, you might say. The one who is in close enough touch with God to at least feel a spiritual burden, has good enough evidence in that one thing that God has not departed from him, though his past ‘feelings’ may have prompted him to think that maybe he had actually lost out with God. Then that evidence, it seems, ought to be enough to almost bring a shout to the soul!

So while if we had our choice, no doubt but the most of us would choose the continual presence of a blessing in our life, but such not being the case, we would make this our choice—that if we are not in possession of a shout, let us be in such spiritual condition before the Lord to as much as feel a burden once in a while, at least, for when we feel that burden, we know we are not back-sidden, thank God.

I had rather shout than doubt,
I had rather stumble than fall;
I had rather have a little glory,
Than have no glory at all.

Then to be where we can at least feel the weight of the cross, rather than to be past all feeling, ought to be counted as something close akin to glory.

So after all, let’s thank God for being even worthy of a burden, Amen.

The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise. —Proverbs 15:31.
"IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY."

Clippings from press reports of world events, and viewed in the light of prophecy.

NRA.

The following excerpts are from a sermon by pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, in Tulsa, and of recent date:

"The plan proposes that 'we do our part' to increase employment, to raise wages, to stimulate business, he said. "To these ends may the God of highest heavens speed the work. Beyond that it is doubtful that very few of us yet know much about the 'NRA.' It may be the 'mark of the beast.' Your speaker doubts it. But I do believe it is a link in a chain of events leading toward world-wide dictatorship in government and business, antichrist, the great tribulation, the rapture of Christ's church, the redemption of the Jews and the great judgment day."

"Our president is to be commended for his earnest, industrious effort to effect the salvation of the country."

SCHOOLS TO GET 'PRIMERS' OF NRA.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (AP) — Into the schools and churches of the nation the Roosevelt "new deal" will be carried by the administration this fall.

Louis P. Alber, chief of the speaker's division of the NRA, said today that a "primer" of NRA and the Roosevelt program would be sent into the high schools — public and parochial — of the country, and to the universities to be taught in a more advanced manner.

"The rugged individualism of Americanism must go," said Alber in an interview, "because it is contrary to the purpose of the 'new deal' and the NRA, which is remaking America."

"Russia and Germany are at attempting to compel a new order by means typical of their nationalism — compulsion. The United States will do it by moral suasion.

EXPECT OPPOSITION.

"Of course, we expect some opposition," he continued, "but the principles of the 'new deal' must be carried to the youth of the nation. We expect to accomplish by education, what dictators in Europe are seeking to do by force."

"ONLY A FRAGMENT."

"The NRA is the outstanding part of the president's program, but in fact it is only a fragment. The general public is not informed on the other parts of the program and the schools are the place to reach the future builders of the nation."

The movement to foster the NRA through the churches is in the hands of a committee of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergy, said Alber. He added that the committee had been furnished by the speaker's bureau with literature to be used in the campaign.

TREND OF WORLD TOWARD DICTATOR.

MONSIGNOR SEVENS BELIEVES ROOSEVELT WILL LEAD NATION INTO THE PROMISED LAND.

Monsignor Renier Sevens, pastor of the Church of Christ the King, in addressing the membership meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday noon, declared that the last three years has developed conditions under which the parliametary system of government the world over has suffered a serious set back."

"Even here in the United States," the speaker said, "whether we like to admit it or not, we have departed from the real essence of parliametary rule and we have today to all intents and purposes, a dictator who is merely using congress to carry out his purposes." "The German Christian church is the new weapon of the Nazis. A state church with a vengeance is undoubtedly being set up. The orders are that all Protestant ministers must take out membership in that church right away or lose their standing; they are to be barred after July 15. Theological students are plainly told they must go Nazi or not get charges. The great religion of Luther is thus misused and degraded." (The above excerpt from an editorial in the Tulsa World gives us an idea of what to expect some day at the hands of the power of the beast power concerning freedom in worship. The Nazis are under Hitler in Germany, and correspond in spirit to the Fascists under Mussolini in Italy.)

Persecution of Jews in Germany by the Nazis, could possibly be an act that will culminate in increased activity on their part in returning to Palestine. Sometimes people have to be made willing to carry out the Lord's purpose.

We see in a recent press report where it is planned to spread Mussolini's Fascist propaganda in the United States through the medium of about 300,000 followers of the Italian dictator who are living in this country.

"For he will finish the work, and cut in short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Rom. 9:28.
ARE YOU MADE TO WONDER

why others seemingly can do things which your conscience will not permit you to do, and at the same time them apparently having victory? If such be the case, possibly the following will, to an extent, help you to understand why. — Ed.

"OTHERS MAY—YOU CANNOT."

"If God has called you to be really like Jesus in all your spirit. He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put on you such demands of obedience, that He will not allow you to follow other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

"Others can brag on themselves, on their work, on their success, on their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do anything that, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification as will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

"Others will be allowed to succeed in making money, but it is likely God will keep you poor because He wants you to have something far better than gold, and that is, a helpless dependence on Him that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury.

"The Lord will let others be honoured, and put forward, and keep you hid away in obscurity, because He wants to produce some choice fragrant fruit for His glory, which can only be produced in the shade.

"God will let others be great, but keep you small. He will let others do a work for Him, and get the credit for it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious, He will let others get the credit for the work which you have done, and this will make your reward ten times greater when He comes. The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings, or for wasting your time, which other Christians never seem distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own, and He will not explain to you a thousand things which may puzzle your reason. In His dealings with you, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and let other people say or do many things that you cannot do or say. Settle it forever that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that others are not dealt with. Now when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestige of Heaven." — Sel.

(We have the above in tract form. Send for packet of assorted Gospel tracts)

OUGHT TO BE CAREFUL!

Now to be honest about the thing, there isn’t much difference, in a certain respect, between “taking people into the church,” and in “counting noses” of every one who professes salvation in the revival meeting, is there believed? What we mean to say is this: possibly there are some who are against the organizing of God’s people, whereby members are “taken into the church,” but who are awfully “zealous” to count as a conversion, every one who makes a profession in their meeting! Personally, we do not endorse either practice. But the thought comes to us, of how holiness people who do not believe in organizations, and who point the finger of suspicion at the easy manner in which the nominal churches of today are populating their church rolls, of how such ought to be careful about “counting every nose” that professes in their meeting!

Understand that we speak in respect of “professors,” only, (of whom there are usually more or less of such in practically all revival meetings of every faith) when we infer that we can’t endorse every profession made.

Many have heretofore testified that they were going to go through with the Lord, now matter what the cost might be. From looks of things today, with the beast power now possibly assuming shape throughout the world, it might not be so far out yonder in the future when they will have opportunity to prove their determination. God help us to stand the test. Amen.

There is no salvation in sin; but there is salvation from sin, thank God!

The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble. — Proverbs 4:19.
MORE LIGHT, OR ... ?

A brother several years ago remarked to this effect: "Instead of asking God for MORE LIGHT, I ask Him to help me walk in the light He has already given me." This is well said in many cases, no doubt.

Being able to time the Lord's coming (not the day and hour) in relation to world events, as whether before, or after, the reign of the beast, etc.; and the exact manner of His coming — whether secretly, or publicly, does not concern us nearly so much as the fact, Will I be ready — will I be walking in the light — when He does come?

The time, manner, and place of the Lord's return will amount to nothing in one sense of the word, if we are only ready. The thought that Jesus stressed, was, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye thin k not the Son of man cometh." (Matthew 24:44.)

If we be uninformed along the lines of the exact nature of His second appearing, but are living right, being sealed with that holy Spirit of promise...the Holy Ghost (Ephesians 1:10-14), we will be caught away to meet the Lord in proper form. Amen.

And another thought: Since the 'day and the hour' of His coming is so closely guarded that none but God alone knows such, is it not possible that some of the things in connection with His coming, as concerning the exact period of history in which He shall appear, be kept hid from the people for the same reason the day and hour of His coming is possibly kept from us—that if some knew, they would procrastinate, that is, put off getting ready to meet Him until the last possible moment, thus standing a good chance to fail at last? Any way, Think.

WISDOM.

A well known farm journal in Oklahoma carries this slogan for the benefit of its readers:

"Before You Invest, Investigate."

How fine that advice is for saints of God in their Christian life! Wouldn't it be better to know what the thing you line up with might be leading to, before you "Invest"? Amen.

NO MISTAKE.

Though we may make numberless mistakes in our living for God, yet we make NO mistake in our TRYING to live for Him. The biggest mistake of all is made by the person who will not at least put forth an effort to live the life.

OFFICE NOTES.

Over a dozen new names have been added to our mailing list since last issue. Also a bundle of 12 go to the mission in Muskogee. May the Lord bless each reader; and may the little paper prove a blessing by carrying a message, or only a thought, that will in some manner help some precious soul along the path that leads to that Home above.

Sorry that we are again so late with this issue. Among other things, the passing away of our dear father on the 24th. of August, has contributed to our being behind with the little paper. Our hearts and our home is saddened. Remember us in prayer.

One thing we can say by way of a tribute to the memory of father is, he never tried to discourage us in living for God, but always encouraged us in a Christian life, thank God.

We have received a call for a few nights meeting at the home of Bro. and Sr. Lagers, in the Hart community, a few miles north and west of the Lone Star Dist. of McDonald county, Missouri. We expect to start that way soon as we get this issue of the little paper mailed out, if the Lord will. Be sure and pray for us, beloved.

The last conference meeting was held at Webb City, Okla., the early part of this month (September). Thus far we have no report for publication.

Since last issue of the little paper, reports of good meetings have come from Bro. Pete Thrasher, near Pineville, Mo.; Sr. Vergie Wesson, near Charleston, Ark.; and Bro. Lee Wheeler, near Haskell, Okla. Souls praying through at each place. Bro. W. A. Holder, of Three Rivers, Texas, reports the Lord blessing the little band at his place. Brother Troxell gives account of a big meeting in a mission in Sapulpa, Okla.

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