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""UNT0 THE LEAST OF THESE"

THE BURDEN

"O God," I cried, "why may I not forget? These halt and hurt in life's hard battle Throng me yet. Am I their keeper? Only I? To bear This constant burden of their grief and care? Why must I suffer for the others' sin? Would God my eyes had never opened been."
And the Thorn Crowned and Patient One Replied, "They thronged me, too: I, too, have seen."
"Thy other children go at will." I said, Protesting still.

"They go, unheeding, But these sick and sad, These blind and orphans, yea, and those that sin Drag at my heart. For them I serve and groan; Why is it? Let me rest, Lord, I have tried —" He turned and looked at me, "But I have died."

"But, Lord, this ceaseless travail of my soul! This stress! This often fruitless toil Thy souls to win! They are not mine. I brought not forth this host Of needy creatures, struggling, tempest-tossed — They are not mine."
He turned and looked at them — the look of one divine; He turned and looked at me; "But they are mine."

"O God," I said, "I understand at last, Forgive! And henceforth I will bondslave be To Thy least, weakest, vilest ones; I would no more be free."
He smiled and said, "It is to me."

—Lucy Rider Meyer
GET MAD AT THE DEVIL!

"Be ye angry and sin not..."

Neither give place to the devil."

Eph. 4: 26-27"

Most earnest Christians have sincerely tried to eradicate anger from their lives.

Some have killed their spirits in the process.

There is a legitimate place for anger — righteous wrath — in the life of the Christian.

It depends on who or what is the object of our wrath, and why we are mad.

Jesus got angry; so did Paul.

Jesus and Paul did not get angry at themselves, or angry at someone else because of a slight, or injury, or insult done to them.

They got mad at the devil, they got mad at hypocrisy and sin and sickness and death — all works of the devil.

They got mad when they saw a man tormented by the devil, or broken by disease, or bound by sin; and they rose up in righteous wrath and fought the devil, the sickness, and the sin.

Early in Jesus' ministry this Christian anger blazed forth.

And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered band.

And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.

And when he had looked round about on them WITH ANGER, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out; and his hand was restored whole as the other." (Mark 3: 1-5)

Too many Christians when they are sick, are too sweet about it. They take their sickness too meekly, too resignedly, too easily. They want to be "good sports," "not complain," "not get upset."

That is fine, if properly understood. We should not complain or grumble or curse God or fate or our "hard luck."

But Jesus showed us that it is not a sin to get mad at the devil, and refuse to submit to his wicked devices. It is a virtue.

Many unconsciously use this meek submission to the devil, to hide their unbelief in God's Word and His healing power.

Others sincerely believe that God is pleased with their calm acceptance of every disease the devil sees fit to put upon them.

What would you think of your home town football team, if whenever the opposing team hit them with a crushing drive, they meekly and good naturedly allowed themselves to be pushed back, and back, and back, over their own goal line, always being "good sports", never "getting upset" or "stirred up," never resisting the way things were going?

You would be disgusted, and rightly so, at their sissy, mollycoddle idea of what constituted a "good sport."

But Christianity and Christian living isn't a game — it is war. It is a fight with the devil and all his weapons of demons, sickness, temptations, trials and tests.

Many Christians do not yet realize that we are at war — not against people — but against the devil and sin and sickness and premature death.

Paul recognized that we had a fight on our hands.

"I have fought a good fight." (II Tim. 4: 7)

He had not fought people. He had fought the devil, getting justly angry at him at times.

"But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) with stood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith."

"Then Saul, (who is also called Paul) filled with the Holy Ghost set his eyes on him."

"And said, O full of all subtlety and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?"

"And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand." (Acts 13: 8-11)

"Pretty harsh words, and pretty harsh treatment, we would say. But Paul recognized the devil in the man and took stern measures to defeat his evil purposes.

"Resist the devil and he will flee from you." (James 4: 7)

But the devil is a rough, unscrupulous, hard-hitting enemy. You don't resist or dismiss him by a wan, good-natured smile, a wave of the hand, or a gentle invitation to "go away, please."

You resist him as you would fight a snake, a mad dog, or a charging lion. Everything in you rises up in anger to defeat his purpose and cast off his devilish clutches.

If some bully or criminal would come into your home and knock your child over on the floor, bloodying her nose or breaking her arm, you would rise up in anger and give the fellow a beating, or you would have him arrested and thrown in jail.

Yet, many Christians who would thus fight any injury to their children from a human enemy, allow the devil to come into their homes, knock their child over with a fever, break his arm, or perhaps take his life, then turn on the parents and give them a cancer or TB or arthritis, without their lifting a hand or a voice against the devil who has done this cruel, wicked thing.

"And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth."

"And he said unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace."

"And when he had looked round about on them WITH ANGER, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other." (Mark 3: 1-5)
They take it meekly, resignedly, as though it were one of the expected hazards of living, and there was nothing they could do about it.

Some even credit God with bringing on their sickness or disease, and meekly say, "Thy will be done, Lord. Help me to bear this cross."

When will we learn from God's Word that God is good and doesn't go about putting sickness onto people; and that the devil is wicked and cruel and is doing his best to destroy us?

And when will we learn, from God's Word also, that we do not have to "take anything off of the devil," that Jesus gave us dominion over him, when He redeemed us by His blood?

And when will we learn, from God's Word, to follow His example, get fighting mad at the devil, as you would at a murderer bent on killing you and your children, and rise up and cast him out, as Jesus and Paul did?

"And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: "The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which show us the way of salvation."

"And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour." (Acts 16: 16-18)

Here again the Holy Ghost in Paul rose up in anger to resist the devil in the girl.

The righteous wrath or justifiable anger that swells up in a Christian against the devil, is really the anger of the Holy Ghost within us seeking to resist and destroy the devil and his evil works. As such, it is pure, holy, righteous, and Christian anger.

There is no note of selfishness or hurt feelings or resentment for slights or injuries to us personally. It is the Holy Ghost in us taking over our capacity for anger, and fighting the devil through our lips.

Although God is love, He often gets angry — at sin, and the devil, its author.

His wrath waxed hot when the Israelites made a golden calf while Moses was up in the mount getting God's holy law, and He threatened to destroy the whole nation. (Exod. 32: 9-10)

His wrath rained fire from Heaven to blot out the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, because of their sins. (Gen. 19: 24)

His wrath upon sin and sinners and the devil is promised when Jesus comes again and the seven angels "pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth." (Rev. 16: 1-2)

Perhaps the time of greatest anger in Jesus' life was when He beheld what the Pharisees were doing to God's holy temple in Jerusalem: making it a "den of thieves."

"And the Jew's passover was at hand. and Jesus went up to Jerusalem."

"And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting."

"And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;"

"And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise." (John 2: 13-16)

The whip of "small cords" was probably more symbolic of his wrath than any physical threat to the money changers. It was very probably used on the cattle and sheep. How could one man drive out a host of hucksters from the temple, armed outwardly with only a whip of "small cords"?

His real weapon, before which the peddlers quailed and fled, was the righteous anger blazing in his eyes and scorching on his lips.

Here, again, a timid reproof, a meek request to vacate, would have been contemptuously ignored. But they could not stand up to Jesus' righteous wrath.

When the disciples woke Jesus as their boat was about to be swamped by the raging sea. He recognized the storm as the devil's attempt to drown them, and immediately "rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." (Mark 4: 39)

Do you think He spoke meekly, in a quiet, apologetic voice? Midst the raging fury of the storm? I think He spoke loudly, angrily, as you would rebuke a big, brutal bully who was harassing a small child. "Stop it! Shut up! Be still!" and the wind held its peace and the waves slunk away. The devil was defeated in his attempt to drown the Son of God and His disciples.

Many people cannot understand Christ's cursing of the fig tree. (Mark 11: 12-21) Reading his parable in Luke 13: 6-9 will help us here.

"He spake also this parable: A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none."

"Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?"

"And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:"

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“And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.”

Jesus, as God, made the fig tree. But he made it to bear fruit, not to cumber the ground, useless.

Jesus had been traveling over this road between Bethany and Jerusalem at different times for three years. No doubt He had noticed each year that this tree was fruitless. This time He saw evidence of fruit, the tree had put out leaves “out of season.” But when He came to the tree, it had no fruit.

The account in Mark says He “cursed” the fig tree. Of course He did not swear or blaspheme. In righteous indignation He merely noticed each year that this tree was fruitless. This time He saw that it had no fruit and He turned to cast it out. They actually try to make friends with him when He came to the tree, it had no fruit.

Too many Christians seem afraid of the devil. They do not seem to know that Jesus gave them power over him, to resist him and to cast him out. They actually try to make friends with him, walk softly around him, and talk meekly before him for fear of offending him or being rejected.

That might work with some people, but not with the devil. Nothing you do can make him your friend or change his determination to destroy you if possible. His sole aim is to afflict your body, shorten your life, and damn your soul.

We need to recognize the war we’re in against the devil and sin and sickness; realize our authority over these evil forces, and rise up in righteous wrath and defeat them, cast them out, in Jesus’ Name, as He said we could and should.

We need to realize that here is one place where God is pleased when His children get mad, get into a fighting mood against the adversary, and defeat him for God’s glory.

We are God’s representatives. We are God’s “team.” He’s counting on us to “win.”

But He is defeated and He gets no glory, when the devil defeats us.

God got more glory during the three and one-half years when Jesus carried the fight into the devil’s territory and whipped him at the point of sin, sickness, death and demons, than at any time in history.

Jesus didn’t let the battle go by default. He fought the devil at every turn and whipped him in every encounter. Everything inside Him was outraged at the devil’s cruelty and wickedness. The Holy Ghost within Him swelled up in righteous wrath. He fought to win, to dethrone the devil and restore man’s dominion over him.

And He won!

How it must grieve Him, as He now sits in the Grandstand and watches the men for whom He died as they allow the devil to usurp authority over them and put on them the yoke of bondage to sin and sickness, fear and premature death, that He had broken off with His blood.

Are you sick?

Get mad at the devil who made you sick and is keeping you from getting well.

Get mad at your sickness. It is of the devil.

It is no “chastening rod” or “thorn in the flesh” or “cross” that the Lord is making you bear.

Every time Jesus faced a sick person or a demon or an unclean spirit, the Holy Ghost in him rose up to fight it.

Let the Holy Ghost swell up in you as He faces His enemy, the devil. Resist the devil, rebuke the devil. Demand and command him to leave your body, and mean it, and he will have to go.

The devil laughs at begging prayers or halfhearted, timid commands to leave. But when he sees you’re really “on the war path,” he’ll take to his heels, because he knows he is a defeated foe.

Whenever Christians recognize his defeat by the Son of God, and their authority to make that victory their own in Jesus’ Name, the devil is whipped.

“But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (I Cor. 15: 27)

“Be ye angry and sin not.

“Neither give place to the devil."

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SPIRITUAL STARVATION

By A. A. Ronshausen,
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The world situation ever grows more dangerous. Ours is a crisis century. The atomic age is here. The invasion of space makes every part of the world vulnerable to attack. Any moment the cold war may explode into a hot war, unloosing nightmarish weapons against helpless humanity. We totter on the precipice of extinction.

America has never been in greater peril. America has never been in deeper slumber. Living luxuriously, pleasure mad, sin-crazed, we have grown soft and resent being aroused. In foolish wishful thinking we complacently say, it can't happen here.

Our only escape is revival. Our weakness is not the enemy without, but the moral corruption within. According to J. Edgar Hoover, the Niagara flood of sin, crime and lawlessness in our land today is the result of spiritual starvation. Nominally we are a Christian nation. More than 100,000,000 pad the membership rolls of our various denominations. How many have been converted, have experienced a change of heart and life? In many churches spirituality is at its lowest ebb. Religioulsly we may prosper; nevertheless spiritually we starve.

A VAST MISSION FIELD

America is inundated with crime waves, juvenile delinquency, marital unfaithfulness. Propheesies perilous times are here. As in Noah's age, violence fills the land. Like Ephraim, we are becoming a nation of drunkards. Christian America is the neediest and greatest missionary field in the world today. We have used the wrong methods and have sought wrong goals. We have been building great ecclesiastic cal empires. We have spent millions on costly cathedrals. We have majored on huge membership. We have become worldly, formal. We have banked revival fires and self-peddled evangelical fervor.

We race against catastrophe. What we do, we must do before zero hour strikes doom. All our cherished freedoms are at stake. If we lose, we lose for keeps. We mobilize our military potential. What folly to fail to mobilize our spiritual resources! Fast filling the cup of iniquity, how much farther can we go down this dangerous road before the scales of God's justice tip to judgment?

God does not send revival haphazardly. In his inaugural address, President Eisenhower quoted II Chron. 7: 14. This is God's blueprint for revival. He who cannot lie promises revival if we meet His conditions.

Pentecost, or the descent of the Spirit, is Christ's plan for His Church. The cause of all our failures, lies in the fact that Christendom has by-passed Pentecost and departed from Pentecostal power and purity. Jesus prophesied the gates of hell would not prevail against His Church. But Christ's prophecy does not apply to a disobedient church. We totter on the precipice of extinction. The world today is the result of spiritual starvation. Nominally we are a Christian nation. More than 100,000,000 pad the membership rolls of our various denominations. How many have been converted, have experienced a change of heart and life? In many churches spirituality is at its lowest ebb. Religioulsly we may prosper; nevertheless spiritually we starve.

FORMULA FOR REVIVAL

The doctrine of the Holy Spirit is exclusively peculiar to our faith. No other religion has anything like it. The Spirit witnessing and demonstrating to our consciousness makes Christianity supernatural, experimental and mystical. Lacking the Spirit's agency, we are in a spiritual vacuum and blackout. Pentecost is Christ's infallible blueprint for victory — humanity temple.

Our God is a consuming fire. Fire is the greatest purifying agency known. Purity and power are never divorced. Peter testified their hearts were purified in the upper room. They were purged of carnality and carnal traits. The Spirit of God does not fall haphazardly. The temple of God is holy. Carnality, enmity against God, cannot tempt the Holy Ghost. God's plan is to use men. But he uses only clean men. He cannot fellowship darkness. For every crisis God has had a chosen vessel. In the days of the Judges, God raised up Gideon. When Israel was in bondage, God prepared Moses. When Baal idolatry flooded Israel, Eljah was God's man and his mantle fell on Elisha. The Reformation produced Luther, and when Desm invaded Europe, God raised up Wesley, Verily, if we faint not, we shall see the glory of the Lord.

Real revival is supernatural, a Divine visitation raining down righteousness upon a repentent people (Hosea 10: 12). Thank God, there are revival trends! God is faithful. Wherever God's people humble themselves, pray, seek God's face and turn from their wicked ways (II Chron. 7: 14) the Spirit of God has fallen in revival blessing. Let us catch the vision and do all possible to accelerate this trend. Assume responsibility in your locality, in your church, to pray down and happily spark a great revival. And who knows how far a little fire may spread? This may be God's answer to the blasphemies of atheistic communism.

Begin praying that God will send a great revival in your own soul. Face the Spirit's conviction of sin honestly and sincerely. Resolve to walk in all the light God gives you. Commit your will utterly to the will of God. Make Jesus Lord of your life. Humble yourself. Ask God to search your heart. A vision of God is always a revelation of self. Even a prophet in the presence of Deity confessed carnality and cried, "Woe is me. I am a man of unclean lips." Likewise Job cried, "Now mine eye seeth Thee, wherefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes."

What would happen if the church were swept with a great passion and would repent of backslidings and lukewarmness, and importantly seek Pentecostal fervency, purity and power? Would a John Knox or a Brainerd, or a Savonarola be defeated today, faint and fail to prevail? What if you and I and all of us determined to pray through to revival blessing and power at any cost? If we did not faint, could we fail? Jesus has answered that question for us. In Luke 18, He spoke a parable that men ought always to pray and not faint. Surprisingly, this widow, because of her importunity, prevailed over the implaceable judge. Interpreting this parable, Jesus made the widow a type of the elect who cry to God day and night, assuring them that God would avenge them speedily.

A WORD FOR OUR DAY

Notice that He validates this parable down to our day, the day of His imminent return. Inseparably He joins together faith and importunate prayer, indicating by His question ("When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?") that only when men cease to pray importunately, effectually, will faith have vanished from the earth. Here is no place for pessimism. We are the generation that will answer Christ's question. May we not fail Him.

Before hell can take over, before the full fury of the great tribulation can be poured out, the Holy Spirit and all hindering causes (saints who prevail), must be removed (raptured). Brother, if you are saltless, prayerless, lukewarm, at ease in Zion, will you be caught up in the rapture? Why should you? (Luke 21: 36). Pray, Christian, pray.

—The (Methodist) Herald
If you had lived in Jesus' day, or the apostles' day, or the Early Church's day, you would have lived in a day of miracles. You would have seen and heard and felt the supernatural power of God. You would have had victory over fear; you would have felt a force within yourself stronger than any evil in the world. You would have testified of Jesus Christ by signs and wonders. You would have brought deliverance to people bowed by sin, disease, demons and fear.

For this is the way Jesus lived, the way the apostles and the Early Church, after Pentecost, came to live. They lived their lives of victory through the Holy Ghost. The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus in the beginning of his ministry at Jordan (Luke 3:22) and upon the 120 on the Day of Pentecost after Christ's resurrection. Through the baptism of the Holy Ghost they were able to face this world with clear eyes, steady nerves and a soul full of faith and power.

I have received this very same baptism of the Holy Ghost. It is the force behind my ministry of God's miracle-working power that flows through me into the people. I recommend this experience to every man, woman and child, for I know it will transform your life and cause you to live supernaturally in a natural world and will fill you with a force to give Jesus Christ to the lost and suffering people of this generation . . . a generation that could well be the last before the return of Christ.

Great things will happen to you through the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I have experienced them and I know they are real.

The first thing which happens through the baptism of the Holy Ghost in your life is that you are given another Comforter or another Person by your side.

When Christ was on earth he was with his disciples. He was by their sides as their guide to show them exactly how to live their lives. He was their Administrator, the Manager of their affairs. They learned to look to him and follow him. His wonderful physical presence gave them courage. When that physical presence was taken from them at the trial and crucifixion, they went to pieces. Without Christ by their sides, they were not able to stand.

Christ knew how much he meant to his disciples — how much it meant to them to have a person of the Holy Trinity by their sides day and night. He knew the void that would exist in their lives when he went away, how much they would miss him, and that they would be unable to stand as they should. Before his crucifixion he had tried to assure them again and again that, although he would be killed and taken from them physically, he would not leave them comfortless or like orphans. He said, "It is expedient (better) for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7).

Jesus did not say he would send "It," for the Holy Ghost is not an "It." The Holy Ghost is a person — a member of the Holy Trinity. Christ called him "another Comforter." The translation of the word for comforter is: one called alongside to help, or the strengthener who stands by. Jesus intended that the Holy Ghost should mean just as much to his disciples as he in his physical presence with them did. By the indwelling power of the Third Person of the Godhead who could remain with them forever, it would be just as though the personal presence of Jesus himself were at their sides.

As a matter of fact, it was the realization of the Holy Ghost's dwelling constantly with us in the place of Jesus (physically) himself, that has made this ministry of deliverance possible. In 1947 I was seeking God for understanding and power to fulfill my calling to pray for the sick and to win souls. I longed to see Jesus and know him in the flesh as the apostles did.

One day, as I was telling the Lord that if I could only see him I could pray for the healing of the people, he asked me if I had experience of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. When I said that I did, he told me that having the indwelling Holy Spirit was the same as having Jesus Christ in the flesh by my side. He said to me: "I am the Comforter, but the Holy Spirit is the 'other Comforter' who can be at your side always to strengthen and guide you in your ministry of deliverance."

Oh how I remember that moment! I knew I had the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And I realized that through him I could do all that God had called me to do.

Everything wrought in my ministry since that day has been done by the Holy Ghost working through me as an instrument. He has been to me as though Christ stood by my side as I preached the gospel or prayed for the sick.

So you can understand how much it means to me to have the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He is the "other Comforter." He is the one who replaces the physical presence of Christ in our lives during our days upon earth. It is he, when he baptizes us into himself, who is (for all practical purposes) like Christ in the flesh, walking side by side with us. He is the one called alongside to help us — the strengthener who stands by.

In the second place, when you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost as they received it on the Day of Pentecost and according to Acts 2:4, you are supernaturally endowed with power from on high. (Luke 24:49.)

The moment you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you receive a power which is not of this world. It is not the kind of power which moves machines, turns on lights, runs autos, pumps water — no, that is left for human beings to develop. The Holy Ghost baptism brings another kind of power — power that dwells within us and which we feel inside us. Christ described the power of the Holy Ghost as a river of water flowing out of our innermost being. (John 7:38, 39.) Those who
have experienced the baptism of the Holy Ghost know what Christ meant, for when the power of the Holy Ghost is exerted through us, it gives an inner feeling of a powerful rushing stream — irresistible, glorious, sweeping all opposing forces from its path.

Christ promised that this power would come "after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). When you are saved, you receive power to become a child of God. (John 1:12). The experience of sanctification brings the power of cleansing and consecration. It is in the baptism of the Holy Ghost — and only after you have received the Spirit in this experience — that this great power for service and witnessing comes upon you.

The power of the Holy Ghost will bring the best out of you, as you cooperate with him. This power will enhance our talents, increase our gifts and callings. For example: if you are a singer and receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and will yield to the Spirit, he will give you a power to sing which will touch and move people as you could never do without this power. If you play a musical instrument, the baptism of the Holy Ghost will add a spiritual quality and force to your playing which you could have in no other way.

If you have a talent to do anything — to be a doctor, a farmer, a grocery clerk, or anything else — the baptism of the Holy Ghost will bring the best out of you; it will enhance what you do. If you are a preacher or a Christian worker and have the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you will be given a greater incentive and power to preach, to pray for people, to do your work for God. Your ministry will be enlarged as the very best is brought out of you by the indwelling Holy Ghost.

Freedom from Fear

When I hear people today expressing fear over what is happening — the atom bomb, Communism — I often ask them, "Do you have the baptism of the Holy Ghost?" I say that because I know the Holy Ghost gives us courage to conquer our fears.

The third great thing the baptism of the Holy Ghost gives is boldness.

When we have the baptism of the Holy Ghost, we have access to this boldness. (Acts 4:31.) We should expect it to become dominant in our thoughts and actions. Boldness is there for us, but unless we take hold of it and expect it to come forth, it will be like having a treasure in a closet with the door closed and forgetting it is there. Actually, everyone who has the baptism of the Holy Ghost has a built-in boldness if he will only accept it and use it. But many Christians permit themselves to lose this power; they become scared to testify, afraid to open their mouths because they are not eloquent speakers.

Eloquence is not the thing to seek. It is the anointing of the Holy Spirit on you and the sincerity and conviction with which you try to say and do something to glorify God which will make your testimony valuable and forceful.

The boldness through the baptism of the Holy Ghost is based upon two things: First you have received a supernatural experience. You know what happened to you; it was nothing which could have come naturally; it was the hand of God upon you. No one can talk you out of this. You do not have a theory; you have a real experience. This means real assurance.

Second, you have the "other Comforter," who is a Person of the Holy Trinity, actually indwelling you. The Holy Ghost himself has been called alongside to help you. In every experience or problem, you have this "Extra Someone" to carry you through. The Holy Ghost himself is the source of your boldness.

Remember, when you have the baptism of the Holy Ghost, a boldness is available to you. Pray for that boldness, expect boldness, make your own demonstration of this boldness in your testimony for the Lord. Seize heaven-sent boldness and go forth in its strength. Let it carry conviction in your voice as you speak; let it put force into your hands as you lay them upon the sick. You can do these things in a very effective way if you have the glorious baptism of the Holy Ghost.

In the fourth place, when you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you will speak in another tongue through the supernatural utterance of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:4.)

I love this truth! I remember the night I was baptized with the Holy Ghost. He took hold of my tongue, and I spoke in a manner I had never known in my life. I did not understand one word I said, for it was an unknown tongue, but I knew the Holy Spirit was speaking through me to God, and he gave me strength and relief. Inwardly, I knew I was praying and magnifying God, but it was the Holy Ghost who was vocally expressing my thoughts to the Lord. He was saying what I wanted to say and what I did not know how to say, and he was using my own tongue to do it!

What a glorious release this is to one's spirit. I believe this is one reason why the Apostle Paul loved to speak in tongues. He said: "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all" (1 Corinthians 14:18).

This experience can mean so much to us today. One of the purposes of speaking in tongues is, as Paul says, for us to edify ourselves. (1 Corinthians 14:4). The meaning of the word "edify" is to be taught, to be strengthened within.

Praying in the Holy Ghost

Those who have the baptism of the Holy Ghost know what it means to "pray in the Holy Ghost." When we face problems which are too complex for us to solve, when we are in positions of jeopardy or facing seeming certain defeat, then we have recourse to the priceless privilege of praying in the Holy Ghost. This is explained by Paul in Romans 8: 26, 27.

How many times the Holy Ghost has prayed through me in other tongues, expressing to God the deepest emotions and feelings of my heart! Let me give you an example: For weeks now, I have known that the Lord has been preparing me for a greater ministry in the miraculous healing of the people. For this I have prayed and sought God both day and night. Recently, some members of my team and I were having a private prayer meeting. While I was praying, I seemed to reach a high to which I could not pass. Deeply burdened and distressed over this, I raised my hands and my heart in an agony of prayer. I besought God for victory, but my words seemed to avail nothing. At that instant, the blessed Holy Ghost took charge of my tongue and spoke through it in another language.

I was conscious that the Spirit was telling God of the desire of my heart which I had been unable to express in my own words. A sense of victory swept through my entire being; I was exultant, ecstatic, filled with unspeakable glory and power. I know now that God will use me as an instrument to bring forth his greater miracles for the healing of the people and for the winning of more souls.

Fifth, the baptism of the Holy Ghost makes you different from others.

You have become a member of a select company. You join the 120 disciples who received the same Pentecostal baptism on the Day of Pentecost. (Acts 1:15) You take your place besides Cornelius and his household who received the gift of the Holy...
The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the norm for the Church.

Ghost exactly as it was given to the 120. (Acts 11:15.) You join the Ephesian brethren who received the Holy Ghost and spoke with tongues when Paul ministered to them. (Acts 19:6.) You are one with the great Apostle Paul who received the Holy Ghost through the laying on of the hands of Ananias shortly after his conversion on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:17) and who said, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all" (I Corinthians 14:18). You join the beloved mother of Jesus and his brethren who were also present in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost and who received this great experience. (Acts 1:14.) Yes, you are a part of the early Christians, and you are like them in your belief and practice of the Christian religion. What a great distinction you have!

You are different because you speak with tongues. Other people have not done this. This makes a difference to you and a difference to them. You are different by the brand the world puts upon you. The world knows you are not like it, and the world disowns you. Actually, it is easier to serve God when you are disowned by the world. Everybody knows it, and you can give your undivided attention to being a child of God. (John 17:15, 16.) It is when the world claims you as its own that you have a problem.

Another marvelous difference lies in the sealing of the Christian by the Holy Ghost. Paul states, "After that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise" (Ephesians 1:13). When you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you are sealed by the Holy Ghost, which means a finished transaction. Women canning fruit know how to seal a jar with a lid. Similarly, the Holy Ghost puts a spiritual seal upon you. He "puts that upon you!" The baptism of the Holy Ghost is God's stamp or mark upon you which makes you different. You are God's special and peculiar possession, you are sealed and preserved by the Holy Spirit, by his mark and seal that you are God's property.

Sixth, the Holy Spirit in you will testify of Jesus. (John 15:26.) After Peter received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was made more real to him. Peter had denied ever knowing Christ. Christ had been blotted out of his thoughts. He had returned to his fishing business in Galilee. Even after the resurrection, when the Lord appeared to him and told him to feed his sheep, Peter still was not equipped for the battle ahead. He missed having Christ by his side telling him what to do and providing him with strength and courage. On the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came into him, he stood up and preached Jesus to the people. Jesus was real to him that day. The Holy Spirit had made that possible.

Later it happened that "they took knowledge of Peter (and John) that they had been WITH JESUS."

It is in this sense that the Holy Spirit-filled Christian so eagerly accepts miracles, signs and wonders. He knows Jesus Christ is a miracle worker and that he is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The revivals in the world today where God is miraculously healing the people are those where the Holy Spirit is encouraged to have his own way.

Seventh, after receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost, he becomes the Administrator of your life. He is your Manager from henceforth.

This is perhaps the greatest result of having the baptism of the Holy Ghost in your life. Corporations have managers to administer the business. Sometimes this may be an expert in his field who comes in to show them what to do to put the business back on its feet, to guide them to success. The Holy Ghost works the same way in your life.

When Christ talked to his disciples about the coming of the Holy Ghost, he said, "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). From the day that Peter and the other disciples received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, their lives were controlled by the Holy Ghost. He acted as their Administrator and Manager. Peter, who denied the Lord, stood up and preached. Thomas, who doubted, went forth to carry a message of faith to a whole nation. John, who had been one of the "sons of thunder," became the apostle of love.

You may ask, "Brother Roberts, are you saying it was better for the apostles after they received the baptism of the Holy Ghost than it was when they had Christ with them in the flesh?" Yes, according to Jesus himself! When Christ was here in the flesh, he could not be beside each one of them always. He could not control them fully. Actually, while he was on earth in the flesh, control of the disciples was ultimately lost. When he was arrested, they all left him and fled. When he was tried, Peter denied him. One of them ran away and committed suicide. When he died they all ran to hide for fear of the Jews. After his resurrection he found them behind barred doors in terror.

After these same disciples received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, their lives were stabilized as the great Administrator personally took charge of them. They left the Upper Room and came down to preach to multitudes in the city. They filled Jerusalem with their doctrine. The judges and rulers could never quench their spirit. They turned the Roman Empire upside down as they carried the light of God's truth into every darkened corner of the universe.

Similarly, none of us can properly manage our own lives. Nor can we be successfully managed by any other human. We must have the Holy Ghost to administer our affairs and to manage our lives here on earth.

I can personally — and truthfully — say that since 1947 when this spiritual light dawned upon me, the Holy Ghost has been an administrator to me — the Manager of my life and my ministry. Any good done through my ministry has come through the administration and management of the Holy Spirit, for I have not known how to conduct it within myself. The Holy Spirit has moved this ministry forward and has made it a force for good in the world today.

This Is Our Hour

I believe the people in the world with the baptism of the Holy Ghost are coming into their own today. This is "our hour!" People are recognizing that we have something, and they realize the fact that this "something" is the supernatural power of God through the Holy Ghost.

As I look out over the vast crowds which attend our revival crusades, I tell myself they have not come to see me or hear me. They have come to witness the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and to see the miracles wrought in our midst by God. The people seem to sense as we are anointed by the
PREACHED ON THE TRAIN  
Ghana, West Africa  
Jan. 13, 1962

Dear Brother Dennis,

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you, through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord.

As I have stated in my last letter, that the Lord has impressed me to go and stay at ___ for His work, I am now by the direction of the Spirit of the Lord reached ___ on the 11th Jan. 1962, safely in Jesus Name.

It is very wonderful. On the way to ___ I preached in the train and also distributed some of the tracts, "Go-Buy-Oil," "God's Insurance Policy" tracts, "The Kingdom of Heaven," and the "Seven Steps to Victory," to some of the people.

I got 25 people in the train who gave themselves truly for the Lord and confessed their sins while we were still in the train. Praise the Lord!

Dear Brother Dennis, As the Spirit of the Lord directed me to evangelize in ___ for some months, I am fasting for 14 days for the glory of the Lord, to open the way for me and win more souls for Him. So please kindly help me in prayer so that the Lord may guide me safely in my fasting and the work.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Ps. 103:2.

Now unto God and our Father be the glory for ever and ever, Amen.

Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you and ___

SISTER DENNIS.

DEEDICATION

Lord, make my eyes a shining light
That I may make some sad life bright.

Send to my ever listening ear
A message full of love and cheer.

From my lips let me speak life
To all who faint from worldly strife.

My hands some act of kindness do
To bring some searching soul to you.

Lord, ever guide my wandering feet
Toward Heaven's blessed golden street.

I dedicate my soul to Thee,
Your loyal servant I would be.

—Abundant Life,
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—Clara Scarberry

SAVED ON THE TRAIN
Ghana, West Africa  
Jan. 19, 1962

Dear Sir,

I have the honor most respectfully, beg to put this matter before you for some help. My case is that I was 25 years of age. I am a boy in Ghana, but my life is very bad. In fact, my trouble is that satan was using me to do bad things which is not good in the sight of God. I am a bad boy throughout of my life. I use to steal some peoples' things, and money, smoking, dancing, drinking, and bad games, also many things which I cannot give the names.

But one day I was travelling from Accra to ___ by train. But when we were in the train I heard somebody who was preaching the word of God. In fact, I try best to near the man and listen to him.

According to his words he meant that if you are in the world, and you have not the Word, which is Jesus Christ, in your heart, that means that you have lost your life. Therefore, going on and on, the words that the man preached went into my heart indeed. So I try best to know where that man stay or where I can meet him again. I try my best and let the preacher gave me his address.

He told me that he's preaching Christ to the people who are lost, and his name is Evangelist E. Y. M ______. In fact, Evangelist M ______ let me accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and my Saviour, and Baptized me also in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. He gave me three kinds of books to read. (1) The Kingdom of Heaven, (2) Praise the Lord, (3) God's Insurance Policy tracts.

I indeed read the books and have seen that the books are very good which can help me to have eternal life or to see Christ in future. I am trying to let others know about Christ. As I found your address in the booklets, I am writing you for some help in prayer, and also kindly send me some of your booklets which will help me to grow in the Spirit.

Best greetings in Jesus' Name, May our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen. Your brother in Christ,

S. K. A.
THE SEIGE OF JERICHO

By C. Stentiford, (England)

"And it came to pass when the people heard the sound of the trumpet and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him and they took the city. (Joshua 6:20). By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were compassed about seven days: (Hebrews 11:30).

Jericho was the "key city" of Canaan, and its capture was absolutely necessary before any progress could be made in the conquest of the land. I suppose every one of us has a Jericho. With some perhaps, the Jericho is within, an evil habit — a setting sin has entrenched itself in the nature. Growing with your growth and strengthening itself with your strength it now defies all your efforts to dislodge it. You have laid siege to it. You have purposed and resolved a thousand times but it seems impregnable and you are led sometimes to believe there is no deliverance. I have to remind you that it was by faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been compassed seven days.

Perhaps the Jericho is in the home. There is someone there, some dearly beloved son or daughter who has for years held out against all the entreaties and persuasions that have been employed to bring their discordant nature into the harmony which comes of submission to the divine will. How inventive love is, but all its inventiveness has been in vain — the Jericho still stands, and until their soul capitulate there will be division where there might be unity, discord where there might be harmony.

Perhaps the Jericho is in your sphere of toil, your class, your district, your parish, your church, your congregation. All your efforts seem to be in vain, you have to all human seeming, laboured in vain and spent your strength for naught. You are often tempted to give it up, perhaps somebody else would do better. To every dishheartened worker, and I expect there are many like that, I want to say, "by faith the walls of Jericho fell." Listen to the words of that great warrior, the Apostle Paul in that great chapter I Cor. 15:58 — "Therefore my beloved brethren be ye stedfast unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

This victory then was emphatically a victory of faith and I want you to notice some of the characteristics of the faith. For the siege of Jericho was after all a typical siege. "For we do not war according to the flesh." for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the casting down of strongholds and this is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith."

The Adventure of Faith

Someone has said there are three kinds of faith: the faith that receives, the faith that reckons, but there is a higher faith still, the faith that risks. Illustrated in the conduct of the men and women who crossed the Jordan and laid siege to Jericho — when they crossed the river they burned all the br'dges behind them. They had no homes into which they could retire, no fortresses into which they could retreat. It was to them victory or death, and the adventure of faith God always honours.

But before this great victory could be accomplished, there was something to be done and in chapter 3: 5, we hear Joshua saying to the people, "Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." God's tomorrow of wonders waits for our today of sanctification. The words of Joshua called the people to diligent self-examination, to deep contrition for past unfaithfulness, to the putting away of all that was alien to the life of God and to absolute surrender of themselves to His service. Herein, then, lies our responsibility, for God's tomorrow is ever waiting for our today. Have we destroyed the old bridges and fortresses we left behind when we took the adventure of faith?

Let me read a beautiful verse from Heb. 11: 39-40. "And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: but were faithfull to God. They, not being able to come to us, desired a city, which have received a like figure of him." Why do so many Christians seem to lack a similar token of the divine appropriation and approval? For not by any means on all who bear Christ's name does the spark of glory and of God rest. Is it not because there is often carelessness in little things? We forget that there is nothing trivial with God and that He expects the utmost fidelity, thoroughness and exactitude from us. The gloom that is often caused by disobedience will give place to the glory which irradiates the very countenance if in all things we are obedient to the voice of God.

The Obedience of Faith

In obedience they were circumcised, in obedience they ate the passover, in obedience they crossed the Jordan, "As the Lord commanded them, so did they." When Joshua was by Jericho considering the best plan of campaign, "he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold there stood a man over against him with h's sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him and said unto him, Art thou for us or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and did worship and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant." (Chap. 5: 13-14)

The secret of Joshua's victory was his prompt and unquestioning submission to the captnacy of the Lord of Hosts — th's implcit obedience to the will of another marked all his arrangements for the siege of Jericho. Minute instructions were given as to the plan of attack, they were to march; in a certain order — the armed men, then the priests with their trumpets of ram's horns and the ark of God. All were to take the position assigned to them. At the command of the Lord they were to be silent and at His command they were to shout. There was no room for self-will or for any programme of human devising. The result was a victory complete and decisive.

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The Discipline of Faith

Their silence was as necessary as their shouting — and silence is harder than shouting. We must remember that these men were the descendants of the greatest grumblers that ever lived. Their fathers were always either complaining or criticising or censuring until at last God swore in His wrath that they should not enter into His rest. These men are still living but it speaks much for the spiritual calibre of their sons that they submitted willingly to such discipline as this. How much mischief would have been wrought had each man felt free to express his opinion as to the strategy Joshua employed!

How often in our work today are the
givers of faith cut by injudicious carking criticism and by the ventilation of God-dishonouring complaints! If the people who do but little else than criticise their ministers would only pray for them, if those who are chronic doubters would only keep their doubts to themselves, or better still, if they would only allow themselves to be transformed into chronic believers, how different would be the atmosphere in which much Christian work is done? How much mischief is wrought by perpetually talking about the difficulties of our position! Unbelief says, “The land is full of giants and we in our own sight as grasshoppers and so we were in their sight.” Faith says, “Let us go at once and possess the land for we are well able to overcome it.” The people who doubt are never they that shout.

The Patience of Faith

Thirteen times they must compass the city before the command to shout can be given. How this illustrates the patience of faith! There is something harder even than believing, it is waiting. “It is good for a man that he both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord” (Lam. 3:26).

May not the reason why Jericho has not fallen be that you have not compassed it thirteen times? What we ought to remember is this, “They shall not be ashamed that wait for me.”

The Appropriation of Faith

In verse 1 we have Jericho as it appeared to the eye of sense, “Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out and none came in.” In verse 2 we have Jericho as it appeared to the eye of faith, “And the Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.” Note the words “I have given”; but the victory was conditioned on their compassing the city thirteen times, in other words it depended on the appropriation of faith.

“Every place that the sole of your feet shall tread upon have I given you.” They must appropriate by faith what God gave. As they marched round the walls of Jericho, I can imagine that the mighty men of valour, encouraged probably by the king of Jericho, were deriding them from the walls. But their answer to the derisive laughter of their enemies would have been (had they been allowed to speak) “It is ours! It is ours!”

Every step was a step of appropriation, and when the end of the thirteenth journey drew near, the faces of the enemy were suddenly blanched with terror and dismay, for at the blast of the trumpets the people shouted such a shout that the walls were carried away under it and the deriding foe was buried in the ruins.

I will close with this incident in the life of Dr. Moffat. He laboured for many years among the Bechuana and won not a single soul. On receiving a message from England, the Lord to eat of the bread and to drink of the cup of remembrance of Him.

“Whatsoever ye desire when ye pray believe that ye have received it and ye shall have it.”

—Redemption Tidings

My Saviour And I

A Testimony to His Presence and Power

By THOMAS D. WHITEMAN

Dallas, Texas

CALL UPON ME IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE

The young man held a wonderful position and had many friends. He made one mistake, and one only, but it could have wrecked his whole life. It involved a matter of $1,500.00 which, in a moment of weakness, he appropriated to his own use. He was arrested on a Saturday night, and he called me early Sunday morning. I immediately went down to see what could be done. I was up against a blank wall.

I did not have that much money and it would take time. But time was the essence in this case. To avoid it becoming known he had to be out by Monday morning.

It was about 1:00 P.M. I was on a street car. I was totally oblivious to everyone about me. And then—the Voice spoke: “Why don’t you give me both hands instead of trying to hold on with just one?” I raised my left hand and took one look—it was yellow with nicotine stains from a smoking habit of many years. I prayed, “O God, I can’t give you this filthy hand, but I promise, here and now, if you get my friend out of this trouble, I will never smoke again, and I will give you BOTH hands.”

Almost immediately a peace came upon me and I knew that it was finished. The $1,500.00 was in the bank by 9:00 A.M. Monday morning, it came from a city 1200 miles away, from a man that I had never heard of, to the wife of the young man. The money was turned over to the man from whom it was taken, everything was forgiven and forgotten. The young man has since become an outstanding member of the church, and spends most of his time in helping others. As for the cigarette smoker, he has never even wanted a cigarette! A complete healing.

“Prove me now, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing,” (Mal. 3:10)

FOR LO, I AM WITH THEE

It was July, 1944. The lady had planned a trip to California to a C. F. O. meeting, together with three friends. About two weeks before the time came to leave, she developed a severe pain in her knee, which was at first thought to be rheumatism but was later diagnosed as arthritis. Her husband tried to dissuade her from going but her friends insisted that she go.

They arrived in Whittier, California, where the meeting was to be held and were assigned to a cottage about 100 yards from the main auditorium and dining hall. The terrain was rough and it was pretty much up and down hill. The first two days she was there her knee seemed to grow worse and the pain was intense. When she tried to walk, even though assisted by two of the other ladies, one on either side, it was extremely painful.

The third morning they started down to breakfast. Two of the ladies took their usual position to help her but she declined their assistance. She told them, “You go ahead and I will be down in a little while.” When they had disappeared into the dining hall, she began to pray, “Oh God, my Heavenly Father, You made it possible for me to come here. You provided the money and the friends to come with me and I do thank Thee for it. I want so much to stay, but if you want me to go home I will go. If You want me to stay, I must have healing and I must have it now!”

She stood for a moment in silent prayer, then started down the steps and continued to walk down the hill and into the dining room. Her friends were amazed and she was ready to shout with joy. She never had another pain.

“For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord . . .” (Rom. 10:13)

PAGE ELEVEN
Dear Brother and Sister Dennis,

We just had to write and tell you how your book, “Seven Steps to Victory” helped us in getting a piano. Seems like we had prayed and prayed and to no avail. But the other day I sat down and re-read the booklet and decided to step out on faith... like you did in getting your chairs, building and etc. So I moved the living room furniture to make room for a piano. Left the one wall empty and as we finished moving the furniture, I told my husband that this was my faith wall, God was going to supply me a piano.

We had had an ad in the paper for two weeks and not one single call saying they had one for sale. I moved the furniture on Monday two weeks ago and after prayer on Friday of that week, I told my husband that I knew we would hear something today. Sure enough, he went down after the evening mail and there was a letter from a family out in the country with a piano for sale... excellent condition. We prayed again and the Lord told us this was the one we were to get (hadn’t even seen it yet). So we asked God to provide a way for us to get it to the house and to pay for it. (We certainly didn’t have a penny to our name to buy one with).

Well, on Saturday morning a friend of ours stopped by to see us in his pick-up truck. We asked him if he would have time to take us out to see about this piano. He had to do a few chores around town before he could leave, so while he was gone, did we ever pray... The Lord flashed the story of Abraham and Isaac before my eyes, so I told my husband, “What do we do?” He said, “We will go prepared and to see my husband being used in the Lord’s work to spread the wonderful news of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I don’t fear accidents or things happening to him and to us, for I know the Holy Spirit will keep and protect, and there is such a joy and peace it just amazes me. God has revealed in part that my husband will be doing a lot of traveling in the future and has confirmed that in many ways recently. So I realize I must resign myself to that fact and be happy that he is in the place spiritually where God can use and work through him.

Life has completely taken on a new meaning. It is so adventurous in the Spirit. I just wonder from one minute to the next, what the Holy Spirit will have me do. It sure is fun to obey and see the end results, though. All I hope is that God will use me also wherever He puts us in the future.

We surely do appreciate all the help, prayers and advice you’ve given us. And only wish we had more money to send to you to help you out.

God bless and enlarge your ministry the world over.

Pray for us, we feel a deep need of prayer and support right now. We sense something in the near future with our ministry and feel an urgency, though we don’t exactly know what this is yet. Please remember us in prayer, that we will know the leading of the Lord and make no mistakes. We don’t want to run ahead of Him, nor behind.

Love in Christ,

Mrs. Marvin Buck

By the way, would you send us 10 each of “Seven Steps to Victory” and “Praise the Lord.” I have some of the others up in the tract rack, but ran out of these. 10 “God’s Insurance” for Christians.

It is marvelous to see our laymen and women take over now when their Pastor is gone and do the work in the Church. Oh, what a difference the Holy Spirit makes in the lives of Christians. Things are beginning to really loosen up in our midst, persecution is dying down a little and new families are beginning to come in to the Church. The lies and terrible stories sure had many people frightened of us for a while. But the publishing of our article in Christian Life Magazine seemed to stop that somewhat. Praise God!

I’ve always hated to have my husband go for any length of time, but now that I have the Holy Spirit, I don’t mind at all. He truly is the Comforter and I’m anxious to see my husband being used in the Lord’s work to spread the wonderful news of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I don’t fear accidents or things happening to him and to us, for I know the Holy Spirit will keep and protect, and there is such a joy and peace it just amazes me. God has revealed in part that my husband will be doing a lot of traveling in the future and has confirmed that in many ways recently. So I realize I must resign myself to that fact and be happy that he is in the place spiritually where God can use and work through him.

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