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"I WAS IN PRISON, 

"AND YE CAME UNTO ME"

MITTIE WATTERS HONORED

Mrs. Mittie E. Watters of Raleigh, N. C., long-time friend of The Texas Herald, receives the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award from Judson College, Marion, Alabama, May 28, 1962.

Nationally known for her work in many State Prisons, Mrs. Watters is loved and revered by prison officials and inmates, alike, for her living testimony of what the love of Jesus Christ can do in mending broken lives.

When notifying Mrs. Watters of the Award, Conwell A. Anderson, President of Judson College, said: "It is a distinct privilege for me to write and tell you that, at a meeting of our faculty earlier this week, you were selected unanimously as this year's recipient of the non-student Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. Through your unselfish work in prisoner rehabilitation, it was felt that you exemplified in every way the spirit of love for and service to one's fellowmen which are to characterize a recipient of this award."

"Your college is very proud of you and the contribution which you have made to the betterment of mankind, and we feel that this, which is the most coveted award given by Judson, expresses in only a small way our pride in and appreciation for you."

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AH SINFUL NATION

Isaiah 1:4

The Voice Of Him That Cryeth In The Wilderness, Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord, Make Straight In The Desert A Highway For Our God

Isaiah 40:3

In today's Wilderness of Ideas, in our barren spiritual desert, with its cactus growths and sand hills of forms and ceremonies, with so very little of the real manifestation of the power of God in Holy Ghost conviction on SIN—in this hour of compromise—what are we to do?

THE ANSWER

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew My people their transgression." — Isaiah 58:1

Christians, around the world, who love the Lord, who are grieved at conditions existing—and condened—in the professing Church—let us join hearts and voices with one accord in a CRY to God for a sin-convicting, Holy Ghost Revival!

THE LORD ... IS FURIOUS

Nahum 1:2

God is furious against sin, against hypocrisy, compromise, deception, injustice, lukewarmness. Our God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12: 29). Did Jesus follow the line of "peaceful coexistence" with the religious leaders of His day? When one (Nicodemus) sought Him out, He told him, pointedly, "Ye must be born again." —John 3:1-21.

Did our Lord try to encourage the scribes and Pharisees to continue on as they were?

GOD DID IT!

You cannot put one little star in motion,
You cannot shape one single forest leaf,
Nor fling a mountain up, nor sink an ocean,
Presumptuous pigmy, large with unbelief!

You cannot bring one dawn with regal splendor,
Nor bid the day to shadowy twilight fall,
Nor send the pale moon forth with radiance tender;
And dare you doubt the One who has done all?

—Selected

Here are a few of His comments: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whitened sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" — Matt. 23: 27-28, 33.

"THOU HAST LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS. AND HATED INQUITY"

Hebrews 1:9

If I love that which is right—I am bound to hate that which is wrong! God is indeed a God of mercy and of love—but He is also a God of fury! God hates sin! If I am honest,—I hate dishonesty. If I like clean things, I hate uncleanness,—I abhor filth.

The fact that God hates SIN—does not mean that He hates the soul of the sinner. God so loved the world that He gave His Son, Jesus to die for us. "The Lord ... is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." — 2 Peter 3:9.

GOD'S WAYS ARE RIGHT!

It is a tragic mistake for people to try to win others to the Lord, and at the same time ignore their sins, or excuse their rebellion against God. God's laws are right. They are for our good. We will only help to make sinners worse than they already are—if we condone their sins.

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew My people their transgression." — Isa. 58:1. "Neither be partaker of other men's sins. — 1 Tim. 5:22. We are to speak in love—but always speak THE TRUTH in love (Eph. 4:15).

If we excuse or ignore a person's sins, and try to get them saved,—we are agents of the devil,—siding in with Satan against the plain teachings of the Word of God!

We need, in these days, to stick to the Word of God—and not be swayed too much by what others may think. For instance, the philosophy that maintains that children do not need any more to be punished when they disobey their parents, etc., — but only need to be "persuaded" and shown what is right,—this philosophy, in its final analysis, denies the Bible record of the fall of man.

The Bible teaches that we are a fallen race (Gen. 3rd chapter; Romans 3:23 and 5:12), and that we need the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Men need to realize their sinful state, need to repent thoroughly, need to be forgiven of their sins and to be washed in Jesus' blood.

Some children can be "persuaded" sometimes, and each child needs to be dealt with in love but also with firmness and with heavenly wisdom. "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chastenth him betimes." — Prov. 13:24. "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." — Hebrews 12:6.

Do we profess to be wiser than God? Have we discovered, in this backsliding, compromising age—a better plan than God has laid down in His Word?

SEMI-NUDITY

God made coats of skins and clothed Adam and Eve after the fall (Gen. 3:21), and now the devil—and those working with him—are trying to "unclothe" both men and women,—and especially is he, with his human cohorts, trying to unclothe modern women. Are we for the devil—or are we for God?

WISDOM FROM ABOVE

The modern idea that we should have "peaceful coexistence" with the enemies of the Gospel of Christ,—this idea ignores completely the very first essential of the wisdom "that is from above," namely, "purity." "The wisdom that is from above is first pure." — James 3:17. The wisdom that is from above is pure in motive,—not self-seeking, not deceptive, it is "without hypocrisy." (James 3:17).

And it is "pure" in essence, being always according to the
Word of God, always true to the nature of God. Am not I a rank hypocrite if I pretend to have fellowship with modernists — who deny some of the very fundamental facts of the Gospel? If I do have fellowship with those who deny my Lord, I am certainly not walking in heavenly wisdom, for heavenly wisdom is “without hypocrisy.” (Read 2 John verses 9-11).

“The wisdom that is from above is first pure, THEN peaceable.” — James 3:17. I must hold fast to the Word of God — before I can have fellowship or anything like “peaceful coexistence” with others. “Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprouse them.” — Ephesians 5:11.


LOVE NOT THE WORLD

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” — 1 John 2:15. Worldly dress, worldly pride, — any compromise with this worldly system, with its pomp, its show, its boasting, its bluster, its “put on,” its deception, its self-seeking. — God is furious against these things that His Word condemns!

Jesus says, “No man can serve two masters.” — Matt. 6:24. We read in James 4:4, that the friendship of the world is enmity with God, and that whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Can we not see that God is indeed asking us to live in the world “for Him,” and to be “as strangers and pilgrims” (1 Peter 2:11) in this world? In the world, but “not of the world.” — John 17:14, 16.

HATED BY THE WORLD

The Lord taught that the world hated Him “because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.” — John 7:7. To His true disciples, He said, “The world hateth you.” — John 15:18-19.

Does the world hate us because we testify of it, that the works thereof are evil? Or, are we locking arms with worldly people, and trying to make them think that they are enroute to heaven, when they are, in fact, on the road to hell?

“All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” — 2 Tim. 3:12.

Do worldly people avoid us — because we are faithful to God, and faithful to their souls, — because we tell them that their works are evil? Or are we locking arms with compromising, worldly, selfish people who are crucifying our Lord Jesus afresh, and putting Him to an open shame? (Hebrews 6:4-6).

“And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, AND HAVE NO COMPANY WITH HIM, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.” — 2 Thess. 3:14-15.

AN INVITATION TO ALL

“No man can serve two masters.” — Matt. 6:24.

“Come unto Me,” Jesus says (Matt. 11:28-30). In Jeremiah 3:22, we read, “Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings.”

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord” — Acts 3:19.

—W. C. Moore, Editor
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ANOTHER REPORT FROM
EVANGELIST E. Y. M. IN
GHANA, WEST AFRICA

Ghana
April 11, 1962

Dear Brother Dennis,

A few days ago I went to "Mampong," a town in Ghana, to deliver the Gospel to them. I gave some copies of "The Kingdom of Heaven" booklets to a few young people who had been brought up in Christian Schools but who, after leaving School, had become quiet unconcerned about their Christian life. In the following two days 4 of them testified how they enjoyed the booklets and how their lives has changed within short days. They ordered for their baptism and were baptized in the name of Jesus.

I met 3 men who claimed that they were members of Roman Catholic Church. As I spoke to them about the Lord Jesus Christ, they found the basic facts about Sin and Salvation quite new. After I had led them to a decision to trust the Savior, I prayed with them and gave them each a copy of the "Kingdom of Heaven" and "The Holy Spirit" booklets, which so clearly outlines these facts. One of them returned a few days after to tell me how helpful he had found the booklets. He asked for another for a friend, and I gave him one. I also gave him a copy of the "Seven Steps to Victory" and the "Prase the Lord" booklets.

The day I traveled to Mampong, I engaged a Taxi driver to take me to my lodging place. He looked fairly prosperous and appeared quite happy. I asked him if he had any hope of a future life. He told me he had and went on to say why. I asked him whether he had been born again or not. He said no. I pointed out to him the inadequacy of our good works and righteous living, and further added that Christ alone can save him and give him the hope he wanted. As I had to leave him there, I gave him one of the "Kingdom of Heaven" booklets, which he appreciated and promised to read it vividly.

JUDSON COLLEGE
Marion, Alabama

Presents
the
ALGERNON SYDNEY SULLIVAN AWARD
for 1962
to
MRS. MITTIE EDWARDS WATTERS

The Citation held by Mrs. Watters, reads: "In tribute to your life of extraordinary devotion, loving-kindness, and altruistic care for innumerable prisoners in penal institutions all over the South; your imaginative and effective personal work in the rehabilitation of countless hundreds of inmates and former prisoners; your noble discipleship of One who said, "I was in prison, and ye came unto me"; your unstinted efforts in the improvement of prison practices and the reformation of prison brutality and prisoner abuse; your practical application of Christian and humanitarian ideals to a frequently neglected and forgotten group; your love for the beautiful and lovely together with an insight into the possibilities for good latent in the lowly and condemned of the world; Judson College salutes you as the personification of Christian womanhood and is proud to present to you, our distinguished alumna, this Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award."

The Medallion which is part of the permanent Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for character was established in 1926 by the New York Southern Society in fifteen universities and colleges.

To the many friends whose assistance and prayers have made her work possible, Mittie says:

"All of us working together with God = To Him be the Glory! With deep appreciation for all you've done, lovingly
Mittie E. Watters

INSURANCE POLICIES SAVE SOULS

Ghana, West Africa
May 23, 1962

Sir,

It gives me very great pleasure to write to acknowledge receipt of the parcel containing 300 pamphlets of "God's Eternal Life Insurance."

I grasp this opportunity to tender my sincere thanks to you in the Name of Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God for the continued interest you have in me, coupled with the particular and prompt attention paid to my requests.

You will be glad to hear from me that by the supply of these pamphlets many of the lost souls have been brought to God like a miracle.

We, as the Ambassadors of Christ, have been propagating the meaning of God's Eternal Life Insurance as likened unto a person who insures a vehicle or property. That of God is the soul.

As I learnt from your letters, we always do remember you in our prayers in view that God may provide you FUNDS so as to reprint more tracts and send throughout the whole world.

May God bless you. Your brother in Christ.

I. K. N.
Listening For Guidance

By Maynard James, Evangelist
Church of the Nazarene, British Isles, South District

There are two sides to real prayer. We talk to God; but what is far more important, God talks to us. Vital prayer consists as much in hearing as in speaking. It is not one-sided, in which man does all the talking and the Lord does all the listening.

God is anxious for our ear. He longs to talk to us. The wise father, that he may rule his house and give the needed counsel and consolation, must have the hearing of his children. The master, in running his business successfully, must have the ear of his servants.

So in the successful Christian life, the secret lies in listening to our heavenly Guide. Jesus said to His sheep, "Heareth His voice and they follow Him." Seven times in the opening chapters of the Revelation there is the command, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

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The great men of the Bible were those who learned the secret of listening to God. Moses on the mountain. Samuel in the temple. Ezekiel by the riverside, and Daniel upon his bed — all of them knew the voice of the Lord.

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in the village evangelism. A word of caution: the most common cause of failure is not a lack of good chances but a failure to use the opportunities with which God has blessed us. Some years ago a friend of mine prayed and fasted for God's guidance in a new ministry. He was led to seek a village in the British Isles where the people were most in need of the Gospel. He was led to set his face into Anathoth, the native town of Jeremiah, because God had spoken to him through the word of an angel. The friend was not to enter the village, but he was to go to the priest and offer his services. When Philip, the evangelist, was in the desert of Gaza, the Spirit said unto him, "Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him" (the Ethiopian eunuch). The gifted evangelist, who was willing to serve tables in a church crisis, and who afterwards obediently left the excitement of a revival campaign for the less conspicuous work of the desert, was the man whom God could guide by the voice of the Spirit.

No real impression of the Holy Spirit will run counter to the written Word of God.

Thirdly, through the saints. As Christians we are members of Christ's mystic body. His Church. So in a special sense we function collectively. We need one another. The Lord often speaks to us by the encouragement, warning, and illumination through our fellow Christians. Paul's call to Timothy to Timothy to enter the sphere of evangelism and Han­ameeal's proposal to Jeremiah about the purchase of a field at Anathoth illustrate the truth that God often commands or instructs us through His faith servants (Acts 16:3; Jeremiah 32:8).

Therefore let us: always maintain a meek and quiet spirit, lest we despise the voice of the Lord when it comes to us through one or more of His very ordinary children.

During World War II a fine young minister telephoned me about a chance he had to catch a boat back to his native India. He said it would be the last one until after the war. This young man had trained in a splendid missi onary college in Britain, intending one day to return to India to preach to his own people. The outbreak of war had interfered with that purpose. So in the providence of God he entered the ministry of a holiness society in the British Isles.

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It is not for the disciple of Christ to ask God's blessing upon the schemes he has made. Rather, like Moses on the mount of prayer, he must be patiently wait for the revelation of God's plan. Then, in the doing of that glorious plan, he is bound to be blessed.

A study of the Bible shows the manifold benefits derived from "hearkening" to the voice of God. Time and space permit only the mere mention of some of them:

1. Spiritual vitality: "Hear, and your soul shall live" (Isaiah 55:3).
2. Bodily healing: "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt give ear to his commandments . . . I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).
3. True knowledge: "A wise man will hear and will increase learning" (Proverbs 1:5).
4. Domestic, social, and commercial blessings: It is only necessary to read the first thirteen verses of Deuteronomy 28 to realize the range of benefits promised to those who "hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord" (v. 1). To those who long to hear the Lord speaking to their own hearts, there comes the question, "How can we hear God's voice?"

God speaks to His obedient children mainly in three ways:

First, through His written Word, the Bible. This is the simplest and most favored way. When Daniel was reading the prophecy of Jeremiah, there came to him the voice of God concerning the return of the Jews from Babylonish captivity. Thus he was able to pray intelligently and in faith for the prosperity of Jerusalem (Daniel 9:2-19).

Some years ago a friend of mine prayed earnestly for guidance in making an important decision. Two spheres of Christian service were open to her. One was as a secretary in the office of a British society operating mainly in the villages of England, Weeks passed without clear direction. Then, on the very day when a definite decision had to be made, my friend was led by the Holy Spirit to read that striking passage in the Song of Solomon 7:11: "Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages."

The simple word from the Book settled the matter, and my friend worked happily in the village evangelism. A word of caution is needed here. Opening the Bible at random or sticking pins into "Promises Boxes" is not the way to hear God's voice. It is as the Scriptures are read carefully and reverently that guidance is granted to the seeking soul.

Secondly, by an impression or inward voice of the Holy Spirit. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14). Humility and obedience are needed to distinguish between the promptings of the Holy Ghost and impressions which may be purely human or even satanic. For Satan can come to the saints as an angel of light. Often fanaticism results from following so-called impressions of the Spirit. We do well to pray earnestly after receiving a strong impression: "Lord, please take away any impression that is not of Thee, and deepen all desires that come from Thy Holy Spirit."

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THE CALL OF THE HARVEST

Following the Example of the Master Reaper
BY LEO HARRIS

"In the mean while his disciples prayed him saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of."

"Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" (John 4: 31-36).

Jesus was always conscious of harvest time, always ready to seize the opportunity. Frequently during His earthly ministry He and His disciples went through Samaria. "There was no open violation of Jewish segregation laws. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsy, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city" (Acts 8: 6-8).

The harvest is an appointed time. It is a time of limited opportunity; it is a time that must be recognized; a moment that must not be missed.

Throughout this age there have been many harvest times, many periods of reaping with the Gospel-sickle. However, Jesus told us that there is a great climactic harvest at the end of this age — "The harvest is the end of the world (or age)" (Matt. 13: 39). We are living in the harvest of all harvests. We are living at the end of the age. It is a set time — it is a limited time — it is the opportunity of all opportunities.

"And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap: for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth: and the earth was reaped" (Rev. 14: 14-16).

Christ is the Master Reaper. The Master's moment must be our moment!

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In Matthew 9: 36-38, Jesus referred to the harvest of His day. He exhorted, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Here was meat more nourishing, more satisfying than any delicacy the disciples could buy.

"It was four months from seed-sowing to reaping the corn harvest, but not so the harvest of souls. It seems there is sowing and reaping simultaneously. No sooner had the seed been sown in the heart of this woman of Samaria, than the harvest is ready for reaping. Lift up your eyes and see the Samaritans streaming out of their city . . . "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman” (vs. 39).

One sinner saved — one saved soul witnessing — and multitudes seeking after the Lord. See Acts, chapter 8, where Philip the evangelist continues to reap the Samaritan harvest after Christ had returned to heaven. Where the Master had sown the seed and reaped the harvest, Philip now reaps an even greater harvest. "And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsy, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city” (Acts 8: 6-8).

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Verse 35, however, shows us the methods the Master used to reap the harvest of His day . . . “preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.” These words would seem to sum up the ministry of Jesus. He preached or proclaimed the Gospel to the people. He taught and instructed the people in the Word of God. And everywhere He brought healing to the sick and deliverance to the bound.

In reaping the harvest of our day the same methods prevail. Preaching the good news, teaching the Word of God, and bringing healing and deliverance to the people. It is not enough that we teach healing; it is not enough to have a doctrinal faith in this ministry. It is actual healing and deliverance by the power of God that will enable us to reap the harvest of our time.

The Gospel must be confirmed with signs and wonders. The people need not only to hear the good news, but they need the power of the Lord to deliver them. These are the methods the Master used, and these must be our methods. God has not changed; Christ has not changed; human nature has not changed; and the power of God is still available to set the people free.

These methods are adaptable to all generations, to all civilizations, to all people. As we go forth to reap the harvest of our generation, let us make the Master’s methods our methods!

(4) THE MASTER’S MOTIVE MUST BE OUR MOTIVE

Many are the motives which lead people into Christian service, but it is not for us to judge this. Nevertheless, it is imperative that we have the same motive as the Master had. What was it that drove Him on, compelling Him to seek and save the lost and to bring healing to the sick? We find the answer in Matthew 9:36: “But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd.”

Compassion was the motive in the ministry of Jesus. As He lifted His eyes and saw the multitude representing a vast ripened harvest field, He was shirred in His inmost being. He was moved with compassion on them.

Compassion is not sympathy. We may sympathize with people but do nothing to help them. Compassion is not sentimental. Many people are moved sentimentally by the needs of others, yet do nothing to meet their needs. Compassion always moves to action.

When Jesus was moved with compassion on the multitude, He immediately called for labourers to go forth into the harvest and minister to the needs of the multitude. Consider these instances of the Lord being moved with compassion and immediately acting to meet the needs of the people . . .

“And Jesus . . . was moved with compassion towards them, and healed their sick” (Matt. 14:14).

“And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean” (Mark 1:41).
SEVEN STEPS to VICTORY

By
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THREE-FOLD VICTORY

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

To live Victoriously, Christians must have Victory in three important areas of their lives: in Finances, in Physical health, and in the Spiritual dominion over satan, and God has promised this three-fold Victory, in Christ Jesus. John listed these three in reverse order according to their importance, leading from the lesser to the most important.

FINANCIAL VICTORY

No one can be happy or victorious if he is bowed down or plagued by worries over finances, living expenses, grocery money, bills unpaid; and God's Word promises, in many places, victory in our finances.

Money is only valuable for the things it can buy or do. The love of money for itself is the "root of all evil." Jesus warned against laying up for ourselves treasures upon earth "where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." (Matt. 6: 19-20)

The first step in gaining Victory over finances is to put money in its proper place in our lives, and see that it isn't in First place!

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

The second step is to live a life of giving rather than getting.

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6: 38)

The third and most important step is to recognize that God owns everything, including ourselves, and that we are merely stewards of his goods, his money, his talents, all to be used for his work and glory.

"What, Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (I Cor. 6: 19-20)

God has promised to supply all our needs, not our greeds,

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

If we NEED some money for his work, He has promised to supply it, and He cannot lie. He will do it. If we NEED some money for rent or groceries — God has promised to supply it — and He will.

"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." (Psalm 37: 25)

First, we must Believe that God will supply all our needs, just because He has promised it.

Second, we must Thank God for it. "Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the most high: And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee; and thou shalt glorify me." (Ps. 50: 14-15)

Third, we must expect God to send it in, and make plans to receive it; "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he will receive any thing of the Lord." James 1: 6-7)

Fourth, we must cease to worry or fret over any delay in its coming. God doesn't usually send us money, miraculously, until the very hour, often the very last minute, that it is needed. In that way our faith is tested and made strong.

Often, during the past eleven years when we have walked by faith, trusting God for finances for The Texas Herald, The House of Prayer, and for our own living needs, the money needed did not come until the last day or hour, but, Praise the Lord, it came!

My wife and I could relate dozens of times when we needed money, desperately, for rent, or food, or clothing, or to print the Herald, or to print booklets or tracts, and we would be praying and thanking the Lord for our need to be supplied, sometimes for days, sometimes for weeks or months — then from an entirely unexpected source, would come the amount we needed.

The most recent case happened just a few months ago. We were asking, and thanking, God for money for a larger printing of God's Eternal Life Insurance Policies, as our first printing was almost gone. These "Policies" had gone out to many states and some foreign countries and we felt the Lord was pleased with their ministry of saving souls.

I had gotten prices on the printing and made plans to have it done. At the same time another issue of The Texas Herald needed to be paid for. And I thought I needed what personal money I had to buy something for myself.

But, after prayer, I put the needed money into the printing of the Herald, willing to do without the things I thought I needed. That was on Monday. On Wednesday morning we received the largest check for Words of Life that the work had ever received — enough to pay for the larger printing of God's Eternal Life Insurance policies, plus enough to pay in full for another issue of the Herald, plus enough to buy some needed supplies for the Herald's work. PLUS a $100.00 check for our personal use.

Yes, God promises, and gives, the Christian Victory in finances, if we put Him FIRST, and then Believe and Trust and Thank Him for our needs.

PHYSICAL VICTORY

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

Many places in His Word, God promises to heal us and to keep us well.

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

“He himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.” (Matt. 8: 17) “By His stripes ye were healed.” (I Pet. 2: 24)

More and more am I convinced that God wants us to be well. More and more I am convinced that a healthy body helps assure a healthy mind, and a joyful spirit.

Many people think that sickness and disease are part of the inevitable care of life on this earth. But God’s Word promises healing and health.

“And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick.” (Isaiah 33: 24)

Many people seem to think me presumptuous when I say that God keeps me well, that I do not expect to get sick, and that as long as I stay close to Jesus and rely on his blood to protect and keep me well and strong and safe, that the devil is powerless to put sickness or accident upon me. But that is exactly what God’s Word promises to the Born-again, Spirit-Filled Christian.

“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles: they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” (Isaiah 40: 31)

“He that believeth in me, the waters shall not hurt him.” (Ps. 103: 5)

“For the past 19 years, for God’s glory and by his power, the writer has enjoyed God’s health, and protection against sickness, disease, accident, epidemic, virus, and every other ailment that is so common to man. Jesus has been my Great Physician, the Holy Word my only medicine, and his Grace my strength.

God gave me the grace to see the promise in his Word, and to dare to say I was going to claim that promise, and to act upon it.

When I first dared to publicly claim God’s Divine Health and Protection, the enemy would try to make me afraid, saying, “You’d better be careful. You’re liable to get sick or get hurt, and then you’ll be a laughing stock.” But the Lord gave me grace and boldness to say I was claiming and enjoying God’s health and protection — and the holder my testimony became, the stronger grew my faith, and the healthier my body.

Of course, if we are to enjoy God’s health and protection, we must keep his commandments and obey his rules of health, in so far as we know and understand them. That meant that I must study to find out what foods he approved and what he disapproved, both in his Word, and in practical common usage, and to eat accordingly.

Much of today’s harmful eating: pork, candy, soda-pop, pies, etc., had to be discontinued. I also had to learn to give my body proper exercise, so I walk instead of ride much of the time. But God matches those small efforts on my part with his great love and power and keeps me well and rejoicing in His health.

SPIRITUAL VICTORY

“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” (Luke 10: 19)

Christians are not born into the Kingdom to live in spiritual frustration and defeat (as many do) but to reign in overcoming victory over all the power of the enemy.

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” (II Tim. 1: 7)

“The Kingdom of God is not in words but in power.” (I Cor. 4: 20)

Many Christians are hounded by the devil, confused, frustrated, defeated. They do not seem to know or experience the truth that they are no longer under the devil’s jurisdiction or power, but that instead, they have power and authority over him. That they, in Jesus’ Name can resist the devil and make him flee. (James 4: 7) That they, in Jesus’ Name, can cast out devils, and the evil spirits will have to depart. (Mark 16: 17) That they, in Jesus’ Name, can lay hands on the sick, and the sick shall recover. (Mark 16: 18)

They, in Jesus’ Name and under his blood, standing on God’s Word, and filled with his Holy Spirit are more than conquerors through him that loved us. They can live lives of victory, not defeat; Joy, not despair; Love, not self-pity; Power, not weakness.

Victory in Jesus! Oh, Hallelujah!

It is wonderful to be a Christian. But a thousand times more wonderful to be an overcoming Christian, a Victorious Christian.

“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment: and I will not blot out his name before my Father, and before his angels.” (Rev. 3: 5)

SEVEN STEPS TO VICTORY

“Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (I Cor. 15: 57)

Would you like to live a Victorious, Overcoming Christian life?

Here are seven steps that will bring that Victory to you.

1. THE WORD IS FOR YOU

First, you must KNOW that God’s Word and his promises are TRUE — and TRUE for YOU.

To many Christians, God’s Holy Word is a beautiful book of inspiration and comfort, but they would not dare to think that its bold, miraculous promises were meant for them, personally. They would not presume to think, for instance, that when God’s Word says “I am the Lord that healeth thee,” (Exod. 15: 26) that it meant they themselves were healed. Or when it says “If you ask anything in my Name, I will do it.” (John 14: 14) that this sweeping promise applied to their own prayer life.

Yes, they believe in miracles. They believe God heals
the sick. They believe “every word in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation,” but when it comes to a specific promise affecting their bodily health, their finances, their own troubles, they can’t believe that it is meant for them.

You cannot attain the Victory that God’s Word promises and Jesus wants you to have, until you get to the place in Christ where it dawns on you that God’s Word is TRUE — for YOU!

When, by God’s Grace, that revelation becomes a reality to you, it will almost “take your breath away” — it will first startle, then amaze, then thrill and fill your heart with bursting joy — to think — to imagine — to realize — that you ARE God’s son or daughter, that He loves YOU, and is watching over you every minute of the day, that He has pledged His Word to supply YOUR needs (Phil. 4:19), to heal YOUR body (Exod. 23:25), to fill YOU with His precious Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13), to answer your prayers (Matt. 7:7-11), to heal the sick when YOU lay your hands on them in Jesus’ Name (Mark 16:18), to fill you with His Love, Joy, Peace. (Gal. 5:22).

It is so wonderful — beyond anything we could ask or think — that we haven’t been able to believe it. Satan has kept us earthbound, our eyes blinded to God’s simple truth in His Holy Word.

Pick out the amazing promises of God that you would like most to be true for YOU, and ask for God’s Grace to See and Believe and KNOW that they are for you. Then begin boldly to claim them as your very own. Thank God daily that these promises are really yours. Say them aloud to yourself. Visualize them as an actual part of YOUR daily life.

God’s Word is like a letter addressed to you — personally. Picture it coming in a large envelope, addressed to you, with your name on the envelope — a love letter — to you personally.

As you read the Word daily, say aloud, “This promise is mine. God means ME. God has promised to heal ME! God has promised to provide all MY needs! God has promised here to answer MY prayers. He has promised that nothing shall hurt ME! Oh, Hallelujah! Praise His Name! He does mean ME!”

2. YOU ARE FREE FROM THE DEVIL’S POWER

Second, you must come to the place of knowing that you are FREE from the devil’s power — that he no longer has any power or authority or dominion over you; your body, your finances, your spiritual life. You are free, just as God’s Word says you are:

“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed: And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31-32)

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” (John 8:36).

Too many Christians give as their testimony, “The devil has been giving me a time.” “The devil has had me down.” “The devil jumped onto me,” etc., etc.

God’s Word says — and God’s Word is true for all who believe it is true for THEM — that we are no longer under the devil’s jurisdiction or power, and that he is now powerless to hurt us, if we stay close to Jesus and under His blood.

“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.” (Col. 1:13-14).

If the devil is “giving you a hard time,” either in your body or spirit, then it is evident that you have not — by faith — gotten out of his territory and jurisdiction.

Years ago, when I was living in South Texas, a lady came to visit us from the north and, like many northern visitors to the border, she wanted to go over into Mexico and see a bull fight, which was advertised for the Fourth of July. I did not want to go, as I knew a bull fight was no place for me, and I knew the ladies would soon sicken of it if they went. But finally, to stop further argument, and because I was not at that time sufficiently grounded in God’s Word and Truth, I yielded and consented — against my better judgment — to go and take them.

We drove across the international bridge into Reynosa and to the arena where the bull fight was to take place. Parking our car, we made our way up into the wooden stands that surrounded the arena. There was a huge crowd in the stands, mostly Mexicans, but some citizens from the States.

Soon after the bull fight began, with the matador and his helpers sticking arrows and swords into the bulls neck and shoulders, then jumping behind barricades as the mad-dened bull tore after them, the ladies did sicken at the cruel sight and the shedding of blood, and wanted to leave. I was ready. So we rose and began to pick our way down the narrow steps between the masses of people packed in the aisles.

About that time in a nearby section of the stands an American, somewhat under the influence of alcohol, began first, boo the bull-fighters for their taking unfair advantage of the bull, and to cheer the bull. (This is a frequent attitude of American visitors but one which highly offends the Mexican people, who idolize the Matadors as “fearless heroes.”)

As the man’s shouts became louder and more critical, several Mexican police grabbed him and began to beat him over the head with their pistols and to drag him down the steps towards the same exit that we were making our way towards. As we neared the last steps above the exit, this fighting, cursing group burst out of the crowd upon us and literally pushed us down the stairs and out under the stands.

As we all came hurtling out of the door together, those nearby naturally thought we were of the same party, and they began to hiss and shout at all of us. The man’s lady companion was crying and begging the police to stop beating him, that he would go with them peaceably.

The police threw the man into a car and drove away, presumably to throw him in some jail cell, leaving us standing among a hostile crowd.

The incident, together with the blood-thirst of the bull fight, had stirred up the latent race hatred to the extent that small Mexican boys came up and almost spit in our faces, their little faces contorted with hate, as they shouted words we could not understand.

We made our way to our car, which fortunately was not hemmed in, drove carefully out of the crowd, and headed for home.

Soon we were crossing again the International bridge. Soon we were on good old U. S. soil, with the Stars and Stripes waving over us, protected by the Constitution of the United States and, if necessary, by all the Texas Rangers and the U. S. Army, from any harm the Mexican people (or some of them) might want to do us because they thought we were insulting their customs and their heroes.

I breathed a sigh of relief and a prayer of thanks-
(5) THE MASTER’S MEED MUST BE OUR MEED

A meed is a reward — a recompense. Jesus said, “He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal” (John 4:36). There is a reward for faithful service — there is a crown for the worthy labourer. The apostle Paul wrote, “For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy” (1 Thess 2:19-20).

What joy there will be in the presence of the Lord when the sheaves are gathered

“Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious,
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way:
Pour out thy soul in prayer for them victorious,
And all thou spendest Jesus will repay.”

—Selected

in, when the final harvest is completed!

Not only is there the future reward, however, but there is the present reward. Those who reap the harvest gather “fruit unto life eternal.” When a soul is saved it means more than “another decision,” or “another contact,” or “a new member.” When a soul is saved someone has been born into life eternal. As we go forth into the whitened harvest fields preaching the Gospel of Christ, we are gathering “fruit unto life eternal.”

Then when the Lord of the harvest appears, sowers and reapers will together receive their wages. The last Gospel message will have been preached, the last personal witness will have been undertaken, the last contact will have been made, the last sheaf will have been gathered in.

Let us share the vision of the Master Reaper. Let us follow in His footsteps. Let us engage in this “Operation Outreach” and gather in the harvest before Christ returns and this age closes.

—The Revivalist

giving. FREE! SAFE! Beck where I belonged. I had no business over there anyway. And if I had stayed at home — as I knew I should have done — these folks would have had no power to hurt or insult us.

That lesson has helped me see the truth in God’s Word, that if we — by faith — allow Jesus to do what He has said, deliver us OUT FROM the power of darkness (the devil) and into the Kingdom of Heaven, then the devil has no more power to hurt us than did those Mexican police or trouble makers at the bullfight — AFTER we were back across the Rio Grande river in the good old U.S.A.

Christian friend, if you are being kicked around by the devil, you are not where you ought to be with the Lord. You are either playing around with things or places that God isn’t pleased with, or else (which is more likely) you haven’t by faith seen that Jesus has delivered you from the devil’s clutches and permitted you to live, by faith, in the Kingdom of God’s dear Son.

3. YOU ARE FREE FROM THE POWER OF SIN

“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Rom. 6:11)

“For sin shall not have dominion over you.” (Rom. 6:14)

Many Christians believe that Christ has redeemed them from the penalty of their past sins and so made it possible for them to be saved and to inherit Heaven, but they do not realize that the same Jesus has delivered them from the dominion and POWER OF Sin.

One of the devil’s potent weapons in defeating our Christian walk is accusation and condemnation. Whenever we would ask God for something or attempt to stand on his promise for ourselves, the adversary comes and tells us: our prayer won’t be answered, we can’t have faith for it, for we are unworthy, and those promises couldn’t be for us.

We forget that if we are born-again Christians, that we are new creatures in Christ Jesus, that old things have passed away, behold all things have become new. (II Cor. 5:17) We forget that the Christian does not stand on his own righteousness (which at best is as filthy rags) but in the righteousness — the spotless holiness of Jesus Christ — who was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. (II Cor. 5:21)

We forget that “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” (Rom. 8:1) We forget, “But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.” (I Cor. 1:30)

We forget that Jesus, by his precious blood, has cleansed this filthy earthy body of ours and made it a temple of the living God, and that we no longer stand on our own goodness or holiness, but on the spotless holiness of Jesus Christ.

Therefore when the devil brings against us his accusation and condemnation; when he parades before our eyes all the sins of the past, and all the evil tendencies in us, at the present, we can point him to the spotless righteousness of Jesus Christ, and take refuge in his righteousness, his holiness, his goodness, and we can approach boldly to the Throne of Grace, and expect our prayers to be answered because we know “The Old Account (against us) was settled long ago.”

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A Remarkable Incident

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Several years ago when my husband and I were holding a revival meeting for Rev. Johannes F. Buchler, pastor of a Caucasian church in the city of Johannesburg, Africa, he related to us this story. (The Rev. Buchler he mentions was his father.)

She was old, possibly one hundred years. It seems that no one knew her story except that she had lived near Johannesburg in a little mud hut ever since they could remember and went by the name of "Granny." She was a native of Africa and very black—a real heathen.

She could not read or write—indeed her mind was deficient. It is said that she never took a bath, never even washed her hands or face. Within her house was a medley of odors, and no one liked to enter.

She had but one room and it had no windows or even openings in the wall. Her only door was a low one. Hence it was very dark in her house—a sort of dog kennel affair.

She had no furniture of any kind, so she lay on the earth floor at night, covered by an old blanket so filthy it was still. She had no chairs, so she sat on the floor. For want of a stove she made a small bonfire in the middle of the floor, and the smoke filled the room.

She often went hungry until Rev. Buchler, a fine Christian gentleman from Johannesburg, supplied her with groceries. Occasionally he placed in the basket a little box of snuff. Although he never used tobacco himself and did not believe it was proper for a Christian to use, yet since "Granny" had had the habit for possibly ninety-five years and since she was mentally deficient and would not understand were she told of the evil effects of tobacco, he felt that it was only an act of kindness to supply it.

One day Granny caught fire and was terribly burned. She lay on her hard floor for weeks, suffering with little attention, until finally in spite of filth and neglect she recovered, but the burn had left her almost helpless. She could only creep about a little, and that on all fours; not on her face, but while lying on her back using her elbows and heels for propellers. She was merely a black mass of filthy humanity and so crippled by the fire that one could hardly tell whether she were a human being or an animal.

Even the most credulous might wonder if she had a soul; or if she had, they believed her irresponsible. One day after Rev. Buchler had taken her some groceries he returned to his beautiful home and announced to his family that Granny had been converted to Christ. No one believed it. How could one so lacking in intelligence and refinement comprehend the way of salvation? Why waste breath praying with her? But he constantly affirmed that it was even so, that she had really found peace with God.

Rev. Buchler had a young son by the name of Johannes, a well educated but somewhat sophisticated young man, who wasted no time in making fun of the idea of Granny's becoming a Christian. It was his portion. It was clear that God wanted him to remain in that society until the war ended. Then came the tempting offer of a boat back to India. Uncertain as to what he should do (but with the natural longing to return to his native land), he telephoned me. Immediately I asked the question, "Brother, have you a word from the Lord about this matter?" He replied, "No." I was distinctly led to counsel him, "Then hold steady." Unfortunately he did not take that kindly advice. Instead he booked his passage to India. The ship was torpedoed, and the young minister, along with other passengers, suffered the ordeal of being many days in an open boat. Before help could come, he died at sea. He went to heaven—but before his time. The memory of that pathetic incident has never left me.

GUIDANCE—[From page 5]

Master, speak! Thy servant heareth,
Waiting for Thy gracious word,
Longing for Thy voice that cheereth;
Master, let it now be heard.
I am listening, Lord, for Thee.
What hast Thou to say to me?
—Herald of Holiness

not long after this, however, that Johannes himself was gloriously converted. The world seemed bright and beautiful to him, for his heart was bubbling over with his new found joy.

When Sunday came he wondered how he should spend the afternoon. Instead of going joy riding or visiting his friends, or strolling about town, he decided to take his sisters and walk out in the country to see poor old black Granny. They went. The sun was shining and when they arrived they sat down on the ground outside of the hut because the air was better there than inside. Granny sat and watched them.

They sang a beautiful hymn for her. Then Johannes thought he would read to her out of the Bible. He opened the Book at random, thinking that one place was as good as another for her since she could not understand very much. The portion he found was a description of the appearance of Jesus as John the Revelator saw Him.

When he had read but a little way her old, dim eyes sparkled and she said: "Wait a minute! I know that Man. He is the One that comes to see me every night."

The young people were astonished. She repeated the statement then began to describe Jesus. To the amazement of Johannes and his sister her description agreed exactly with that of the Scripture which she had never heard read. Her visitors sat and marvelled at the language she used as she talked more of the beautiful appearance of Christ. They had gone to teach her, but now had found to their great astonishment that instead of that she was teaching them. The news spread far and wide. People came to see and to hear her wonderful story of Jesus.

One day when Rev. Buchler carried her another basket of groceries she said, "You don’t need to bring me any more snuff."

"Why?" asked the kindhearted gentleman.

"Because," she said, "that Man who comes to see me every night told me that if I wanted to live with Him, I must not use any more snuff."

—The Wesleyan Methodist