"Fig tree putting forth her leaves. Behold the fig tree and all the trees; when they shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves, this summertime is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."—Luke 21:29-30.

That the signs of His near coming are plainly to be seen is a fact that cannot be denied. The Scriptures do not leave us in the dark on this most important subject, but are very explicit and that from most every angle. We will notice a few things that were prophesied to come to pass just before His appearing that were given to warn those who would heed of His coming. It was said that as in the days of Noah, "they were eating and drinking and marrying, etc." Intemperance seemed to be the spirit of the age then as now.

During the war we were seized with a spirit of extravagance that seems almost impossible to get rid of. Most people are living up their wages as fast as they draw them. It was also stated that times would become perilous because of several conditions that would exist. Lovers of their own selves—and today we find people making slaves of themselves for fine clothes and California bungalows. Poor folks living like rich folks.

Covetous! Oh, how greedy people are these days! The rich never were so little satisfied with their wealth. They are grinding the poor men and women to a state almost unbearable.

Blasphemers! It seems that blasphemy is raging as never before, not so much in quantity as the source from which it comes. It is getting to be a common thing for ministers of the Gospel to attack and deny the divinity of Jesus Christ. Could anything be more blasphemous? Russeлизм thinks nothing of denying the statements of Jesus Christ. Recently the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant, of the Church of the Ascension (Episcopal) in New York City, in addressing a large congregation of some two thousand people, declared he did not believe Jesus Christ to be born of a virgin, hence of a harlot, and therefore a bastard and not a legitimate child. Could anything be more blasphemous? Christianity infidels have contended for ages. Also "Rev." Kenneth C. McArthur, D. D., of Old Cambridge Baptist Church, in Boston, Mass., repeated his statement on the divinity of Jesus Christ. Cou ld anything be more blasphemous? The very thing infidels have contended for ages.

The real Gospel of Jesus Christ is the salt of the earth, the light of the world, take the divinity of Jesus Christ out of it and you have nothing more than other nations who have drifted far from the pure teachings of Jesus and many of them from civilization. Just to show you the trend of all such, I here quote from a well-known newspaper:

"Europe

The danger in Europe is not revolution, but "dissolution," said Mr. Holt, New York journalist. Civilization is evaporating and the European nations are on the brink of a New Dark Age. Dr. Kenneth explorer, who knows more of the Russian situation probably than any other man, told me personally and repeated his statement on the floor of the League of Nations, that salted human flesh is being sold as food in the markets of Russia.

"Austria is following Russia over the brink of catastrophe. A mock trial against God was recently held in Russia. God, in the form of a be-whiskered man, was held for trial and was found guilty of all kinds of crimes by these Bolsheviks. Lenin and Trotsky were present at the trial and showed their great approval all through the mock and blasphemous proceedings. Such open defiance of God and everything that is holy has never been known since Christians were burned at the stake. One of these days there is going to be a great disaster upon this world, and there will be no wonder about it, because the world seems to invite the wrath of God. Germany is following Russia. Then comes Italy and France, and England is not far behind. The most profound thinkers of every country united in the statement that the "New Age" is getting to be a thing more blasphemous than at any time since the armistice.

Civilization virtually is at stake."

Without Natural Affection

It is natural for husband and wife to love each other, but today the men (married men) seem to be more concerned about half-dressed young ladies than their own wives, and likewise, wives are more concerned as to what other men think of them. They don't have much time to spend at home with the things that naturally appeal to a mother—and her children, and the neighbors only know where they are. Many refuse to have children at all and in their stead will pet and love and care for dogs or birds or anything but children.

We here quote from a paper (Redeemed Hebrew): "There are such in our great metropolis, who think a thousand times more of a dog than they would of a real, live baby. In New York they have dog cemeteries. A dog's funeral has already cost more than a thousand dollars, and on Decoration Day, one can go out there and see silly old women and young, bringing flowers to decorate poor Fifi's grave. Over these graves are monuments that cost upward of ten thousand dollars. Well, then, here is another woman who had lost a dog. She has already travelled all over the Union in search of this dog. She has a running advertisement in every newspaper all over the United States, and is said to have spent nearly a half-million dollars in order to find that dog. She is proud of her love for that dog. If we were in her place, we would be ashamed to own up to such idiocy. A man or woman cannot be insane or absolutely degenerate to do a thing like that. We all love dogs, but what about the poor little orphans here and abroad? Why not spend that money on feeding a couple of millions of starving babies in the East? If it is true that she spent one half million dollars, then

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FROM AFRICA

Krugersdorp, Transvaal:
South Africa, March 14—Greetings:
Just a short note in the way of a report to let you know we are still on the battle field. Through the three months ending December 31 we can say we have been fruitfully with us. We visited many of our places as usual, and may say the meetings were usually good. Some were seeking God at different places for the needs of soul and body, and some received.
Our quarterly conference and annual meeting here at Krugersdorp was a real blessing. We were a week earlier this year so as to take advantage of the holidays about the 16th of December. Bro. Spooner and one of his evangelists, Dan Rangaka, were with us, and both did some real good preaching. Many sought the Lord at different times. A thing especially noticeable this time was so many seekers for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. But our same trouble, as we have always had, just when the people come up to the place that you feel they are nearing the Pentecostal baptism they must return to their place of work. And so it has been with us for a long time. In the villages at their homes not so far for they are their own bosses, so nearly all are working for a boss, so they cannot remain long at a time, thus leaving us to content ourselves to the seed sowing, which is very good work for as they get the light here they go in every direction to tell to others at their homes. But there is another thing which I would like to inform you of, and that is those who come to the gold mines to work come in contact with the evils of godless civilization which, unchecked (the natives) often mistakes for Christianity, for they, you must remember, think that what a white man can do they can do, for they think that every man with a white skin is a Christian until they are made to understand better, which is a hard task sometimes. This is one of the greatest enemies of Christianity today in these parts. The white man brought them the light of the Gospel, so they are inclined to believe all are Christians and thus they somewhat feel that they have a privilege to indulge in certain things and be a Christian. Thus the devil again gains his end under different form of what some of you have to meet of getting the native people to give up a half-hearted religion, but we must face the thing with courage and show them the lies that our Saviour died to save ALL from ALL SIN and to purify to himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.
Bless God, some are seeing this and are truly getting the goods. That is the silver lining that goes with the cloud, for every cloud has its silver lining if we will look, work and believe for it.
I want to take this chance to thank the many donors to our needs and the needs of the cause of God in this land. Brothers and sisters, I am grateful to you each everywhere for the way you have rallied to the support of the cause of Missions. May God bless you, everywhere is my prayer.
Now, seeing you are doing your part so willingly I want to do my best. I am not as strong in body as I have been, but my determination is still good; I have never felt more like staying right in the firing line and just preaching the simple truth—Salvation, Sanctification, the Baptist and divine healing—than I do now. God knows it is a work for which we stand, and I want to do my best for God. Will you who read this pray for me and mine that we may be as our best? Also to please pray for the needs of this church building at Randfontein to be supplied. Pray for the progress of the work everywhere. Your brother and sister in Christ.

JOEL E. AND V E. RHODES.

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NOTICE

Seminole, Okla.—Since there has been some recent rumors against the character of Rev. E G Mur, the Official Board of the Oklahoma Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church was called in regular session April 18, 1923 to investigate the same.

And after eleven hours of thorough weighing of the evidence from all angles he was found not guilty.

DAN W. EVANS, Supt.

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O C WILKINS

The Clinton Pentecostal Holiness church has bought the First Baptist church building at Clinton. A letter from Bro. and Sister Thurman, pastors, says: "We are getting the church. Cleaned up the $1000 on the first, leaving us $2,000 yet to pay. The Baptist Bros. hold one $500 note for two years without interest, the other $1,500 is in Loan co. We can pay any time. Our regular payment come every Mon. and will be about $20 or $25." The Clinton brethren will be glad for any assistance that any of our readers may be able to give them. Donations will be thankfully received. Send contributions to Bro. and Sister W T Thurman, R 1, Clinton, Okla.

I wish to announce through the Faith that I am ready to go out in the work of the Lord. Will go anywhere the Lord leads. Any one, either desiring me to conduct a meeting or assist in one, I shall be glad to do what I can.

N V. SIMPKINS,
Route I, Box 24, Ponca City, Okla.

Pray for Geo. Bruce who has a cancer on his face.

Evangelists C E Neukirchner and Arthur Williams are in a meeting near Cyril.

Many of our readers will be interested to know that Oklahoma City heads the list of Churches contributing to the Foreign Missionary work. The Oklahoma City church has been about the most active of any during the past few years of possibly any other of our churches. Just a few years ago the Missionary fire broke out in the ranks here and it took hold upon the saints, and the offerings increased greatly and at once the work began to grow and take on more life. The largest contributor from each Conference is as follows: Oklahoma City, $710.65; Greenville, S. C., $619.17; Birmingham, Ala., $468.95; St. Mark, N. C., $419.59; Falcon, N. C., $222.25; Areaway, Okla., $183.21; Darlington, S. C., $153.48; Prince ton (Virginia Conference), $132.44; Memphis, $65.44; Cocoa nut Grove, Fla., $52.21.
Reports of Meetings

Enid, Okla.—To the Faith family, Greeting in Jesus. I am here in a battle for God and surely it is a battle, however God gave quite a bit of victory last night. The hall was crowd­ed, the power fell, the saints shouted and danced and talked in tongues, and I never even got to preach. I like for the Holy Ghost to take the services and run off with them that way, praise God forever. I go to Coweta, Okla. about the 5th of May then to Bartlesville the 17th of May. Out of time from June the 5th to Aug. the 1st isn’t taken up yet. We are billed for a camp meeting at Woodville, Okla. Aug. 1st to 12th. All who read this pray for me that I may be kept in the will of God and be my best for Him. We invite all who can to attend the Woodville Camp meeting. It will be over in plenty of time for you to go to the Oklahoma City Camp meeting. May God bless the saints of God every where and keep us ready to meet Jesus when He calls. I love Him, if I know my heart I mean to be ready when He comes or calls. Your brother in Christ.

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Well, praise the Lord for salvation and victory through the Blood. We are here in a battle. A tent meeting. Interest good.

—Sallie Tolbert. Pauls Valley.

Praise the Lord. He is so good. God is blessing here in almost every service. Praise the Lord.—G C Waterfield, Okmulgee.

Had to close meeting at Bartlesville on account of Sister Tims, pastor’s wife being sick. 4 souls wonderfully saved last night of meeting. Saints shouted and talked in tongues and praised God.—Lon Wilson, Box 53, South Coffeyville, Okla.

Humbolt, Kans. April 25—To the Faith readers. Greetings to all. I feel like sounding a few words of praise. I am glad to report victory over sin, flesh and the devil. I never was so thankful for real Pentecostal Holiness. Today finds me here at Humbolt, Kansas preaching a few nights to the saints. Oh I never saw such a need of real Pentecostal preachers as are needed up in here. I find some good people here but are needing to be established in the real way, I wish we had several of our able evangelists in here to work out this territory and help these precious souls to get firmly placed on the Rock of Ages.

I have had a most pleasant visit with the saints at Elk City, Kan. I find Bro. Stinson still carrying a great burden in spreading the Gospel thru the mails. He needs our prayers and assistance. I see there a great chance to be a stronghold for a Kansas Pentecostal Holiness Conference in the near future. Please pray to that end.

The Lord willing I go to Clinton, Okla. May 8th for a series of lectures on Revelation with Bro. W T Thurman in their newly bought church building. I covet an interest in your prayers that God will set His approval on these lectures that they may be a special blessing to the work there. Yours for His service,

DAN W EVANS

Stratford, Okla. April 23—Am glad to say this mopping I am still saved, and with victory in my soul in these last days. Was at Rossville at last writing to the paper; closed out with victory the last night, many in the altar and some went through, praise God. Can say surely there are many at that church that are true souls. Came down last night of meeting. Saints shouted and talked in tongues and I never even got to preach. I like for the Holy Ghost to take the services and run off with them that way, praise God forever. I go to Coweta, Okla. about the 5th of May then to Bartlesville the 17th of May. Out of time from June the 5th to Aug. the 1st isn’t taken up yet. We are billed for a camp meeting at Woodville, Okla. Aug. 1st to 12th. All who read this pray for me that I may be kept in the will of God and be my best for Him. We invite all who can to attend the Woodville Camp meeting. It will be over in plenty of time for you to go to the Oklahoma City Camp meeting. May God bless the saints of God every where and keep us ready to meet Jesus when He calls. I love Him, if I know my heart I mean to be ready when He comes or calls. Your brother in Christ.

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Propitiation for Our Sins

"IT IS FINISHED."—John 19:30. It is finished! The Master has declared it. The wonderful atonement of Jesus must be great and powerful and far-reaching for the fall of man was such that corrupted his whole nature and brought a blight and curse upon the earth, and in fact the whole creation. And when necessity, to be complete, embrace all that was lost in the fall—such is the atonement of Jesus. However, in this article we will not be able to go into all the phases of the atonement of Jesus on account of lack of space, but we shall nevertheless present a few thoughts pertinent at this time.

God said, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar, to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Lev. 17:11). And when Adam and Eve sinned against God in the Garden of Eden, God shed the blood of animals and clothed them with the skins of "the same animals, as a token of the coming atonement of Jesus. The Lamb of God, on the Cross, for the sins of a lost world, and clothing the redeemed with his own robe of righteousness. Sin could not be forgiven or remitted except there be a satisfactory adjustment, for God declares that "without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22), and to "God loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom. 5:8). Christ died to save sinners. Yes, the atonement of Jesus to life lost souls out of sin must deal first with the personal sinner "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23). Therefore, then, "When we were yet without strength in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Rom. 5:6). Jesus died for the ungodly, and not only so, but in dying for the ungodly. He also: "His own self bear our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness" (1 Peter 2:24). At the institution of the Lord's Supper, Jesus said: "For this is my blood of the testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins: (Matt. 26:28). And there is no other means whereby our sins can be forgiven or remitted except through Jesus shed His blood. Being justified freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of those that are past." (Rom. 3:24-25). And all other sources of salvation are but in vain and useless, for God hath set forth Jesus to be a propitiation for sin, and through His shed blood there is any remission of sins. Jesus dealt with our personal sins on the Cross also and though we confess our repentent sinners, vile and corrupt, we can be made just through Him, "For Christ also has once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." (2 Peter 3:9) More, "For much more than the blood of bulls and of goats, and of a lamb without blemish, so also Christ, when he died, offering himself once to God for sins of the people, purifies us as gold refined in the fire, purifying us in the fire." (Heb. 9:27-28). Paul declares in Eph. 1:7: "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, even the riches of His grace." And also in Col. 1:14: "In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins," Peter declares: "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, (1 Peter 1:18-19). This is highly important for when the death angel went through Egypt he looked for the blood, and where ever the Blood was found sprinkled according to direction God passed over them and sheltered them. And so in Jesus we have a haven of refuge, for there is plentiful redemption in His Blood. There is safety in the Blood of Jesus. The blood of Jesus can and does wash away sin. "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."—Rev. 1:5. Another phase of the atonement of which we want to make mention is that that deals with the Adamic nature, or sin principle in man. No one is to deny its existence as inherited for us. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). That nature can be detected in many ways. It manifests itself in a child even before they reach the age of accountability. It is that that makes people prone to sin. It is sin that is not forgiven, for it was not committed personally by you, but it is sin that must be dealt with in the atonement of Jesus and purged from our hearts. God swore to Abraham, "That he would grant unto us, that we, being dead to sin, should live unto righteousness" (1 Peter 2:24). At the institution of the Lord's Supper, Jesus said: "For this is my blood of the testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins: (Matt. 26:28). And there is no other means whereby our sins can be forgiven or remitted except through Jesus shed His blood. Being justified freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: is written "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12). That is the reason for the suffering without the gate, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood. Some folks say Consecration is Salvation, and you can consecrate, but it takes the Blood of Jesus to sanctify. Holiness is the state or quality of being holy; or freedom from sin. Sanctify is to purify or free from sin (sanctus; holy, and facere, to make), so the words are synonymous. God said to follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord (Heb. 12:14). And "God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness" (1 Thess. 4:7). "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it: that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:25-27). And so one of the wonderful phases of the atonement is that we can be sanctified, set free from this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin (Rom. 6:11). Therefore, Paul could say, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:23). "Who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."—Titus 2:14. The fact that Jesus died for the ungodly, or shed His blood for the remission of sins does not detract from the spiritually important truths. Jesus suffered without the gate to sanctify the people with His own blood. Such a positive assurance that He shed His Blood for the remission of sins. Many other things are in the atonement, such as healing for our bodies, the restoration of the world, and the resurrection, etc., was all provided for in His wonderful atonement. "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."—1 John 1:7.

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