

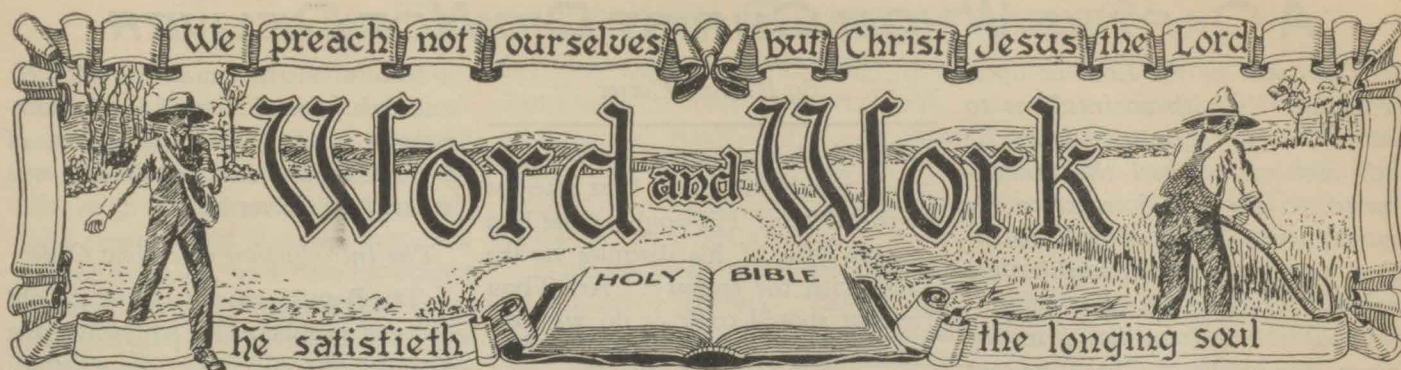
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Jewish Persecutions and Palestine

The subject of our study this month is one of the most fascinating studies in prophecy—the persecution of the Jews and developments in Palestine. Ezekiel, the prophet, said, "And I will gather you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.....Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you saith the Lord God." Truly God is doing so today and it is the best sign we have that we are living in the last days.

The situation of the Jews throughout the world is terrible, with millions of Jews in Central and Eastern Europe deprived of civil rights and means of making a living.

From August, 1933 to August, 1937, over 131,000 Jews left Germany. Palestine received 41,000. The Jews in Germany are no longer allowed to be even ragpickers. The authorities disperse any group of Jews of 4 or more. They are permitted to worship in the synagogues but the services are watched by the secret police. Children and old people have been put out of the B'nai B'rith homes and the property confiscated.

In Poland there has been a raid on Jewish quarters in which all tools, goods and furniture in thousands of

Jewish homes and shops have been destroyed. Nearly every second Jew in Poland was compelled to ask for relief this Passover. In Warsaw 100,000 Jews applied for help. The island of Madagascar off the coast of Africa is being considered as a place for many of the three million Polish Jews. The Polish Government has recently condemned the Anti-Jewish riots. The Governor of Warsaw has checked anti-Semitism by threatening offenders with the utmost severity of the law.

The Lithuanian Press is agitating to make the Jews go because their country is too poor to support all its inhabitants.

Ludwig Lore at the Interfaith meeting of the Woman's division of the American Jewish Congress stated there were 118 All American Fascist Organizations ready to enter the lists as anti-Semites; that there are 1,460,000 members of those organizations whose propaganda is anti-Semitic. That very few Jews are Communists can be seen from the fact that the total communist vote was 51,000 in the nation and 30,000 in New York, and many of them are Gentiles while there are 2,000,000 Jews living in New York alone. The National Conference on Palestine Land Redemption held in Detroit voted \$2,000,000 as American Jewry's con-

tribution to Zionist land purchasing funds for 1938.

In Rumania the anti-Semitic Premier Goga was forced out by King Carol and the King is running the government with Dr. Miron Cristea, Patriarch of the Orthodox Church as Premier. The situation of the Jews is a little better but large sections of the population are anti-Jewish.

The Zionist movement in Russia is almost destroyed. Hundreds of Zionists are still in exile and concentration camps of the Soviet Union. For many years only the Zionists have been the victims of persecution. Now it is the turn of the old Jewish Socialist leaders. There has been a definite anti-Semitic purge in civil and army circles. All officers of Jewish blood, both on the General Staff and the ranks of the Army of the Soviets, have been deposed from their positions.

"It is impossible to be good Italians and Zionists at the same time", declares Parliament Deputy Paolo Orane. "Zionism in Italy, however, is absurd and unwanted because it links up Italian Jewry with the Jewries of Liberal and Democratic countries." The Italian government has subsidized libelous and abusive radio attacks on the British government among the Moslems. Free Italian mission schools for Palestine Arabs have been supplied.

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A CAPTIVE WHOM CHRIST DID NOT DELIVER

By Howard Carter

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." (Luke 4:18).

"Now when John heard in the Prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto Him, Art Thou He that should come, or do we look for another?" (Matt. 11:2,3).

The Lord had come to deliver the captives. After He had received the Holy Spirit at His Baptism in Jordan, He applied the beautiful prophecy of Isaiah to Himself as He preached in the Nazareth synagogue: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, to preach deliverance to the captives." It was to be part of the Saviour's Heaven-given ministry to release the bound.

As the Lord was ministering among the stricken multitudes, healing the sick and casting out devils, the great fore-runner, who had heralded the Christ, was lying in the gloomy confines of a prison because of his fidelity to the Lord in rebuking a king's lustful desires. He was now a captive who had formerly known much liberty. He, who had been used of God to bring the godless crowds to repentance, was suffering the galling grief of inactivity and solitude. The great revivalist was pining in a prison cell, while the One Who came to liberate the captives, was ministering to the crowds seemingly forgetful of the lonely John Baptist. A great doubt, like a spectre, disturbs his spirit. Has he made a mistake? Could it be that he has been heralding One Who is not the Christ after all? Is He an ordinary man with little more than ordinary power, who fears to stand before a captive's prison-house, and demand by the miraculous Power of Heaven, the doors to open and the fetters to fall. If He were indeed the Christ, if all power were His, if all that the fore-

runner had done were really appreciated, would He not at least attempt to release him? His doubts cause him to send two of his disciples to the Lord with the enquiry: "Art Thou He that should come or do we look for another?"

The Ministry that was to Decrease.

During the ministry of John, he had faithfully confessed that he was not the Christ. At the Spirit-revealed greatness of the Lord Jesus, the Baptizer had cried: "He must increase I must decrease." But actually to "decrease" is very difficult and needs more grace than we are aware of, perhaps. The Lord's ministry had begun, and the weary and heavy-laden were thronging Him; and yet the Fore-runner was continuing his ministry. He should have ceased when the "King" appeared. It was surely his place to follow the ONE Whose shoes' latchet, he was confessedly not worthy to bear. Had he followed the Lord, he would have found, doubtless, a great sphere of ministry in the new order, and could have brought with him his faithful disciples. But to take second place after having tasted the sweetness of leadership and priority needs a submission of spirit, which is only possible with the very meek among men.

And John's work of bringing men to repentance was really ended. Another had begun a ministry with another baptism, and the still further blessing of the Spirit. Here was the great Baptist Whom John Himself had proclaimed as such. The baptism unto repentance was to give place to the New Birth of water and the Spirit. The baptizer in water should leave the introductory rite, therefore, and embrace the fuller message, or cease his ministry altogether. His work was really done, and yet he persisted in serving. For people who will persist in an unrequired service,

a forceful method must be adopted, and John found himself in the compulsory solitude and inactivity of prison life; and the Lord did not even attempt to deliver him.

The Introduction of a New Order

The Baptist was the last of the old order of prophets. He represented the Law which could never "die a natural death;" it must be drastically removed; it must "die in full vigor and strength." Moses, who gave it, had died in health, without his natural force abating or his eye dimming; and it was quite in keeping that the last prophet under the Law should pass to his reward in full manhood. He was to die a martyr. The Lord, Who later opened the prison door for Peter, could have freed the captive John; but it was not His will. The Lord Jesus had come to establish a new order, to introduce a new covenant; and the old dispensation was to suffer an execution. An axe lies at the root of fruitless trees, and the Lord had laid His axe at the root of Judaism's dried-up tree; and the great Fore-runner also was to suffer the executioner's axe by decree of Herod, who would only thereby hasten God's man to his eternal reward.

How often our minds question the ways of God. We try to find out by searching the perplexing ways of Providence. Why should the sinful captives be delivered from their prisons and fetters, and a saintly John be left to die in captivity? Why do the wicked prosper in the earth, while the righteous are chastened every morning? Why are the children of Peninah many, while the childless Hannah sobs at every feast in Jerusalem? The questions multiply in our minds, and we find it difficult to answer. Our doubts and fears add to our wretchedness, and we feel like a captive in the close confines of a wretched prison, seemingly denying the One Whose Name we have formerly magnified.

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IS PENTECOST REPEATABLE?

Man cannot "work up" a revival, but he can help to bring it down. A real spiritual revival is of God and from God. Man may attempt a great deal to produce revival—and fail. He may organize and plan. He may hold prayer meetings, and have preaching services. He may advertise, and print and circulate invitations. He may have special solo and choir singing. He may engage special workers. He may give much time, and labor, and money. He may get people to hold up their hands or to stand. He may issue cards of all sorts to be signed. He may tabulate results. All this he may do, and much more, and yet there be no real revival.

Be silent and pray. "The Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him.....O Lord, I have heard thy speech and was afraid: O Lord, revive Thy work (not our work).....in the midst of the years make known." Immediately we read: "God came.....His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise." (Hab. 2:20; 3:2).

The prophet here recalls the coming of God and the display of His power, for encouragement, hope and prayer

That History May Repeat Itself.

We, too, may encourage ourselves and pray that the Reviver (the Holy Ghost) may come and do wonders as of old "as the years approach;" and as judgment must come, that the Lord "in wrath may remember mercy," and spare all who return unto Him in penitence and prayer. Let us, therefore, concentrate all our desires and prayers on the coming of the Reviver. Let us give Him His rightful place as Sovereign Lord and sole Life-giver. Let us trust Him to do His work in His own way, and not presume to come near dictating to God what He should do and by whom He should do it. "O Lord, revive Thy work." Then, let us hum-

bly pray for the grace of resignation and confidence, that come what may, though the Reviver do a strange work, "yet we will rejoice in the Lord, and exult in Jesus our God." (Hab. 3:18, *Vulgate*).

Pentecost was the first great revival in Christian History. Before our Lord Jesus Christ atoned for sin upon the cross; and after He was "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection of the dead," He spake much of the coming Reviver (the Holy Ghost the Comforter) (John 14, 15, 16, 20; Luke 24; Acts 1). He said: "Behold! I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city.....until ye be endued with power from on high." Again, "He commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for

The Promise of the Father

which, saith He, ye have heard of me.....ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.....ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

Thus we see the Lord's directions were, not to "work up" a revival, but to depend absolutely upon the coming down of the Reviver to revive His work.

His coming would mean life, abundant life, and superabundant, overflowing life, as Jesus said on that great day of the feast: "He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water ["He that believeth into Me, out of the depths of his life shall pour torrents of living water."—*Old Syriac version*]. (This spake He of the Spirit [the Reviver], which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified)." And so Peter was able to declare on the day of Pentecost, "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having re-

ceived of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He [the glorified Christ] hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." (Acts 2:33).

It was as they prayed and waited, according to their Lord's command, that the promised Reviver came. "They were all [120, both men and women] filled with the Holy Ghost," and thus commenced—

The First Great Christian Revival

which resulted in there being, that same day, "added unto them about three thousand souls." Jesus said: "The Father.....shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." The continual presence of the Reviver, therefore, would mean the continuance of the revival; and so it was. "The Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved." (Acts 2:47). "The number of the men was about five thousand." (Acts 4:4). "The multitude of them that believed." (Acts 4:32). "And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women." (Acts 5:14). "The number of the disciples was multiplied." (Acts 6:1). "The number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith." (Acts 6:7), and so on.

Is Pentecost repeatable? Emphatically yes! After the imprisonment of Peter and John, "being let go, they went to their own company . . . they lifted up their voice to God with one accord . . . And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." (Acts 4:23-31). Many, if not all of this "company," must have been "filled" already on the day of Pentecost.

Comparing Acts 2:1-4 and Acts 2:23-33, it cannot be denied that Pentecost was repeated, and therefore is repeatable.

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PENTECOSTAL POSSIBILITIES

As I See Them

By Zelma Argue



From my very early childhood I have been among that group known as the Pentecostal people. I cannot recall any other church home than in Pentecostal meetings. But I do dimly recall the day the power fell in Winnipeg. It was my privilege to be in the room at the time. After many admonitions to "Sh... sh!", my mother permitted me to go in and kneel, a tiny and unnoticed spectator amid a group of adults, inconspicuously, by a chair. So startling was the impression made on my memory, that it stands out still...the living room of our home...the kneeling figures...the spirit of earnest supplication and prayer...the attitude of reverence...the amazing, electrical charging of the atmosphere as, one after another, three came through on that first day, to the baptism.

For this reason I suppose, I have never gotten away from that reaction of wonder. The amazement registered that day when I first saw people "under the power" remains with me to this day. Still I regard the whole work of God encompassed under the teaching of the latter rain, and the refreshing showers and deluges that have accompanied this, on the dry and thirsty ground, as a miracle beyond words...a miracle of God's own planning and provision for all the terrifically upsetting world events that have occurred since the "latter rain" began to fall.

I recall how godly and unworldly were the countenances to be seen raised in prayer, eyes closed, lips trembling, cheeks tear stained,...how humble often the clothing of those early figures kneeling in supplication and worship in that first little mission in Winnipeg, known then as 501 Alexander Avenue. That humble frame store building has since been torn down, and over the very spot rolls one of Winnipeg's major highways; running across town, and over the Overhead Bridge. This seems to me

to be a parable, for did not those early prayers, praises, and holy songs, often sobbed out with voices trembling and breaking, help pave a great highway whereby multitudes have heard the message and found access into the presence of the Lord.

As I look back across the span of years, I recall that the outpouring of the Spirit had two features that Paul observed accompanied the falling of the Spirit at Ephesus. That is, "They spake with tongues, and prophesied." There was the speaking with tongues. Electrical and dumfounding evidence that God still lived, moved, and spake to and through vessels of clay. There was also prophecy. Well in advance of the breaking out of the World War, the events of that trying time, and of subsequent days of world upheaval, were commonly prophesied when the Spirit was falling. It was God's chosen way of sending warning to this generation of what should lie ahead. We have lived to see much of it come to pass.

With all this in mind, I tremble.

How important is the message! How fragile the vessels to carry it!

The Spirit appeared to be the One who chose the vessels to bear it. Here it was an artizan; yonder, it was a policeman; elsewhere, a plumber; again, a farmer, or a business man...picked up and thrust out much as

Jesus selected and thrust out His first witnesses; a taxgatherer; fisherman; or a physician.

The recognized requisite was "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel." Or, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel!" Or, "Who was I that I could withstand God." The urgency and weight of the call would brook no refusing. It was not to be gainsaid. Sinners trembled as they heard the Word go forth from anointed, coal touched lips; go forth after secret hours of soul travail seen by God alone, that the meetings might be marked by the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit.

I recall the going out from our midst of the early missionaries. How vitally we realized that it was part of ourselves being sent forth, much as when the Spirit spoke after fasting and prayer to the early church, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." It seemed like part of our heart going, just to carry the tidings, and spread the fire.

WHERE ARE WE NOW ON THE CLOCK OF GOD?? I wonder, as I look back. In a remarkable way, as was inevitable from such early consecration and zeal, the message has spread, and the fire with it. From city to city, from town to town, regarding their food and their sleep very lightly, (many the night sitting up all night on hard train seats,) the message bearers gladly went, counting it all joy; veritable "sons of thunder," as we read of the early church. Again, it was said, "Those that have turned the world upside down are come hither also."

National religious heads, I am informed, have gone on record as acknowledging that: "The great Full Gospel Movement is the most vital church body in the world today, and the only one that is making any pro-

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PROPHETIC NEWS

War

"This year's issue of Jane's Fighting Ships shows that more men-of-war were listed in 1937 than in any edition since 1920," says the Daily Telegraph.

Great Britain's programme for 1937 alone has added 85 new warships; while Italy is stated to have built a large fleet of "mosquito" craft, including 106 submarines, and 120 high speed motor torpedo-boats.

Russia is credited with no fewer than 149 submarines built and being built by mass-production methods.

—Elim Evangel.

Roman Empire

Last week in Washington, William E. Dodd, until recently Ambassador to Berlin, declared he had "positive proof" of an Italian-German project to found a second "Holy Roman Empire." Hitler will hold sway over the so-called Germanic races. Benito Mussolini will rule a Mediterranean empire including at least the South of Spain, Spanish Morocco, and Egypt—forcing British trade to go around Africa or pay.

—News Week.

German Church

During four and a half years there have been no less than 7,000 cases in which representatives of the churches have been charged by the police with offenses against the government. Catholics and Protestants are uniting in a struggle against a purely nationalistic cult. The Protestants are not pilgrims on their way to Rome but defenders together of the soul and conscience of the German people.

Stalin a god

"It has been repeatably stated that Stalin is contemplating the official assumption of a title, like 'First Citizen' or 'Leader' or something else equivalent to 'Führer' or 'Duce.' Meanwhile, however, he has modestly preferred to be proclaimed 'God,' and

the deification of Stalin in the Soviet press and wireless is now an established feature." —George Soloveytchik in *"The Contemporary Review."*

Another Dictator

King Carol has set up a dictatorship in Rumania and it has been confirmed by an overwhelming vote of the people. The Old Roman Empire is fast filling up with dictators.

Trapped Russia

"Above all, I had the sense of leaving behind me a nation trapped. Trapped physically, with bloodhounds and machine guns and death sentences guarding the frontiers to prevent people from escaping; with a passport system to prevent them from moving freely inside the frontiers, with endless 'ukases' and threats to regulate their existence. Trapped intellectually, with every thought prescribed and mental curiosity punished as heresy; the new literacy seems an additional taunt, sharpening the appetite while denying it sustenance. Trapped spiritually, through the need of pretending enthusiasm for the knout, bowing to hateful images and practicing hypocrisy as the first law

of survival." Former Communist Eugene Lyons, in the Assignment in Utopia.

Mussolini

There has recently been a great change along prophetic lines. England and France are willing to listen to Italy. Neville Chamberlain, the British Premier, said there was no real security to be had in the League at Geneva and is now ready to revive Mussolini's Four Power pact. All the nations in the old Roman Empire are to a certain extent taking orders from Rome. England is ready to give in to Mussolini in the Mediterranean if she can have a few more years of peace to build her war machine. By Mussolini permitting Hitler to go into Austria and from there unite the Germanic races he is risking a powerful nation at the Brenner Pass. This will naturally draw Italy to a closer relationship with England and France and tend to sever the Rome-Berlin axis. Prophetically there is to be a German-Russian alliance and a southern confederacy like the old Roman empire. The recent world events are hastening the formation of these two confederacies, especially when we take into consideration the anti-Semitic purge in Russia and Russia's need for skilled German technicians.

Pacifism and Communism in the United States

"One of the most important sections of the peace movement is represented by the American League for Peace and Democracy. The Communist Party has from the outset played a most active role in building the American League. At the recent congress in Pittsburg, at which organizations with a total membership of more than 4,500,000 were represented, leaders of the American League paid a tribute to the invaluable assistance rendered this great peace movement by the Communist Party." From the Communist Daily Worker, January first.

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During the last century, an evangelist preached in a Western New York city on the text found in 1 John 1:7, "...the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." An invitation was given to those who wanted to experience the glorious reality of the Scriptural promise, to make their way to the "Enquiry Room," where loving Christian workers would point the anxious seekers to Christ. Many accepted the invitation. The remainder of the vast audience made its way homeward. Then the evangelist and Christian workers, with those who had gone to the "Enquiry Room" were preparing to retire for the night. One man remained in the building, awaiting a personal interview with the man of God who was giving forth the Word of Life. Awaiting his opportunity he said, "Mr. Finney, tonight you said in your sermon, that the Blood of Christ can wash away all sin. It seems impossible for me to believe it. Will you come with me to my room, and tell me more about it?"

The two men were seated in the enquirer's room. A pack of cards was handed to Mr. Finney and the man said, "With these, I have cheated men out of their pay. I control all the gambling dens in this city. Because of me, many wives must go to bed with broken hearts and little children, whose stomachs are empty. Tell me, can the Blood of Christ cleanse a man from such sin?" Said the evangelist, "I have only one answer, that is the one you heard from the Word of God tonight, 'the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth from all sin.'"

A drawer was opened, a revolver taken out. "This instrument," said the now melting penitent, "has been the means of ruling the evil men like myself in this city. Can this Blood, wash the heart of a man that is as black as mine?" Again the answer came, "the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth from all sin." Continuing to open his heart, the seeker said, "I have a good wife and two beautiful girls. It is years since they have known what love is, because my gambling and drinking has taken all the kindness out of my nature. Every time I come home, they are filled with fear, afraid that I will beat them up, as I usually do, when under the influence of liquor. Can God forgive a man like me, that has made the lives of those nearest to him a hell on earth?" Mr. Finney with accents touched with the love of Christ said, "The Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth from all sin." They both went to their knees, the sin-stained heart of many long years was gloriously

Cleansed

in the precious Blood of the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus, Who opened the cleansing Fountain for all sin when He said "It is finished" on Calvary's Cross.

The next morning, he reached for his youngest daughter. Fearfully, she drew near and to her utter amazement he kissed her saying, "God bless you, honey." Quickly she made her way to her mother to make known the strange state of affairs. "Mama, I don't know what has happened to Daddy." In a few moments the scene was reenacted between husband and wife, to the latter's complete bewilderment. Then the man, a new creation in Christ—and a new husband and a new father explained, "You wonder what it all means. The Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth from all sin." This incident is said to be an actual happening, and

thousands of similar sin-blighted homes, have been re-established because of the Blood that has power to deliver from all the penalty, and power of sin.

At the same time, when the cleansing power of Christ's Blood is experienced by the believing sinner, God clothes that trusting heart completely with the Imputed Righteousness of His Son for we read in Romans 3:22, "Even the Righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe," and again we are told in Ephesians 1:6 "...He hath made us accepted in the Beloved." This Imputed Righteousness may be said to be the undergarment that covers us and thus places us in a justified relationship to God. But God has provided additional clothing to that, complete and wonderful as it is. When giving the disciples the command to tarry in Jerusalem for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Christ in Luke 24:49 said, "...tarry ye... until ye be endued with power from on high." The Greek word for "endued" is "enduo" and can be legitimately rendered "clothed." Thus this verse reads,

"Clothed

with power from on high." That is precisely what happened to the 120 in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost. All the other Assemblies of the First Century knew what it was for believers to be literally clothed with the power of the Holy Spirit, and today millions of God's saints the world round, have claimed the Promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to the New Testament Pattern in the second chapter of Acts, and have been clothed with power from on high to witness to an unbelieving world.

Let no one think that being thus clothed with spiritual power, (for in essence, that is what the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is) is alone an unconditional guarantee of continued

supernatural spiritual strength. Something else is also needed to make the believer complete in the will of God. In 1 Peter 5:5 we are exhorted to "...be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." When we are clothed with this beautifying garment, the Spirit of God will continue to reveal the Lord Jesus in and through us, and His power will perpetually rest upon us. The absence of the garment of humility, we may well believe, is the reason some have failed to accomplish what they should, after being clothed with the Gift of the Holy Ghost. The absence of humility is pride. Pride is certain to rob us of spiritual power, regardless of the great amount we may have experienced. All is of Grace. Forgetting this, always invites defeat.

Many statements in the New Testament definitely establish the fact the Dispensation of Grace will be consummated by the Rapture of the True Church. From 1 Cor. 3:11-15 and 2 Cor. 5:1-10 it is clearly seen that every child of God will have his works judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ in the air, following the Rapture. The result of this thorough investigation of every thought, word and deed committed after regeneration will be either reward or loss of reward. In passing, it should be noticed that there is a very clear line of demarcation between salvation and rewards. Salvation is offered to the lost (John 1:12), is a free gift without regard to human merit (Eph. 2:8,9), and is always spoken of as a present possession (John 3:36). By way of contrast, the very opposite is true of rewards. They are offered to born-again believers only (2 Cor. 5), are the result of faithful service (verse 10 of last reference and 1 Cor. 3:14), and are always spoken of as a future attainment awaiting the Lord's second coming (2 Tim. 4:8 etc.).

The Epistles intimate that these rewards will be a recognition of the

believer's service to the Lord Jesus, by being

Crowned

with crowns consistent with the believer's spiritual character and service. An incorruptible crown is promised to the one who keeps the body with its desires in subjection to the Lord Jesus (1 Cor. 5:24-27). To the soul-winner is promised a Crown of Rejoicing (1 Thess. 2:19). A crown of Righteousness is reserved for those that love His appearing (2 Tim. 4:8). The faithful under-shepherds are promised a Crown of Glory (1 Pet. 5:4); however, Matt. 10:41 tells us that all who receive a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. The saints who suffer tribulations and martyrdom for the Lord Jesus are promised a Crown of Life (Rev. 2:10).

Of what use will the Crowns be? What will be done with them? The answer is found in the Book of Revelation. John's being caught up to heaven in his vision (Rev. 4:1) typically pictures the Rapture of the Church (of which John here is representative). In the fourth verse, the twenty-four Elders (typifying the Old and New Testament saints) are seen wearing crowns. In the tenth verse we are told that the twenty-four Elders "...fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship Him—and cast their crowns before the throne—." The scene of worship in Heaven is continued in the fifth chapter. Except for a few brief parenthetical passages, everything from the sixth chapter to the eighteenth inclusive, pictures what will be transpiring on earth during the seven years between the Rapture and the Revelation. Chapter nineteen reverts to Heaven where we behold a picture of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and Christ's triumphant return to earth at the Revelation, when He is accompanied by the Armies of Heaven, conquers the Anti-Christ and his followers, and places the Anti-Christ and False Prophet in the lake of fire (and

Satan is bound in the bottomless pit for one thousand years in the next chapter). But our interest for the moment is in the crowns. Look! He, the King of Kings is wearing them at this awe-inspiring event, for which the inhabitants of three worlds have been waiting. In verse twelve we read, "...on His Head were many crowns—"

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

IS PENTECOST REPEATABLE?

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God Is Just The Same Today.

If the same blessed Spirit had His way and His sway in the churches and in His people; if He were given His sovereign place in Christian hearts and lives, who will make bold to say that He, in His own manner and by His own gracious power, could not, and would not, do today greater things than these, that the Father may be glorified in the Son?

Thank God for the growing evidence of a gracious outpouring of the spirit of prayer and supplication in many quarters. This is the prelude to the coming revival. The disposition to pray is the product of His divine influence, and praying gives Him the right-of-way to fill and flow through His people.

Beloved reader, be a factor for God by prayer, more prayer, much prayer. Get others to join you. Unite with thousands all over the world who are agreed together to pray for the Reviver who, when He is come, will glorify Jesus, and hasten His coming, and the times of refreshing (revival) from the presence of the Lord, such as has never yet been seen amongst man.

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DIVINE HEALING—WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES?

In the beginning God created Adam and Eve in perfect health. Sickness and death were unknown and perfect obedience to God's commands would have insured the permanence of this blessed condition. They had been told: "Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." As a result of disobedience, death came to the human race and with it sickness, the precursor of death, and so closely related to it. Here we see the original cause of this ill that has followed mankind since that day.

The secondary causes of sickness are varied. It sometimes is brought on the individual by sin. In Deuteronomy 25:58-61 we find enumerated the diseases that God said should come upon Israel if they disobeyed His commandments. They included not only the diseases of Egypt but also those mentioned in the Book of the Law and were to be severe and prolonged.

We learn that sickness can also be traced to the agency of Satan. It was so in the case of Job. In Luke 13:16 are recorded the words of Christ: "Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from her bond on the Sabbath day?"

Sickness is also permitted that the works of God can be made manifest. Jesus said concerning the blind man: "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him" (John 9:3).

If our sickness is due to transgression of God's law, the best plan is to get right with God and the curse will be removed. If it is due to the agency of the enemy, we should look to Him who has all power in heaven and earth—One greater than the enemy—to bring us victory. He came to destroy all the works of the enemy.

If the sickness has been permitted in

order that the works of God should be made manifest, then let us take such an attitude toward God that He may be able to manifest His power in healing us. But whatever the immediate cause of the illness, let us remember that the original cause is to be found in the Fall of our first parents. The Second Adam came to restore all the First Adam lost. We therefore are entitled to healing on this ground.

Throughout the Old Testament are instances of miraculous healing by God in answer to prayer. Abraham prayed and God healed Abimelech and his wife and maidservants (Gen. 20:17). When Miriam was stricken with leprosy because she had spoken against Moses' marriage, she was healed in answer to Moses' prayer (Num. 12). Again in Numbers 16:46-50 we read that after 14,700 had died of the plague, Aaron, as priest, made an atonement for the removal of the plague and the people were healed. At another time when the Israelites murmured against Moses and the leading of God, serpents came into their midst and many died from their bites. God commanded Moses (Numbers 21:9) to raise a brazen serpent on a pole and to command the people to look upon it. All those who obeyed were forgiven and healed. John declared in the fourteenth verse of the third chapter of his gospel: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." As many as look to Him today are not only forgiven but healed as well—a double cure for a double curse.

Job cried: "I have found a ransom, his flesh shall be fresher than a child's; he shall return to the days of his youth (Job 3:24,25). Hezekiah, in answer to prayer, had his life extended fifteen years (2 Kings 20:1-6). The captive maid told her mistress about a prophet who was

in Samaria, and who would recover her husband of his leprosy. His attempt to buy his healing failed but the prophet Elisha sent a messenger unto him saying, "Go and wash in Jordan seven times and thy flesh shall come again unto thee and thou shalt be clean." As the captain of Syria's hosts obeyed, he was healed (2 Kings 5). David caught a glimpse of the Lord and cried out: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases (Ps. 103:2). I am glad for that little word of three letters—all. In Isaiah 53:4 the Hebrew translation reads: "Surely He hath borne our sickness and carried our pain." The fifth verse states: "By His stripes we are healed."

In the ordinances of the Law provision was made for healing. The types of Leviticus show this very plainly. In Exodus 15 we read that God said: "I am the Lord that healeth thee." This was on condition that they keep His commandments. As they were true to God, God fulfilled His promise as seen in Psalm 105:37. "There was not one feeble person among their tribes." The covenant name that God gave there to His people, Jehovah-rapha, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," was one of the seven covenant names by which God revealed Himself to His people. Many people spake of the other covenant names: Jehovah-raah, "the Lord our righteousness" (Jer. 23); Jehovah-Shalom, "The Lord our peace" (Judges 6:24), etc. But how many are willing to talk of Jehovah-rapha, "I am the Lord that healeth thee?" If one of the covenant names is true, the others must be also.

In reading the New Testament story of Christ's ministry, one is led to see that He spent more time healing the sick than preaching. "He healed all that were sick that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying: Himself

took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matt. 8:17). He left no doubt as to His willingness to heal. When the leper said, "If thou wilt thou canst make me whole," Christ immediately replied, "I will, be thou whole." Some say that sickness brings glory to God. If that is so, Christ robbed God of great glory. Time and again it was said that He healed all that came unto Him. In John 17:4 Christ said at the close of His ministry, "I have glorified thee on the earth." He came to do His Father's will and to show His purpose toward His children. Christ in His healing ministry taught that God is interested not only in our souls but in our bodies as well.

Christ taught His disciples to pray, "Our Father which art in heaven" (Matt. 6:9). If a child were sick an earthly father would do all he could to alleviate the suffering. I am sure that our Heavenly Father has a compassion as great. Jesus said in John 14:2 "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do because I go to my Father." When He sent out His disciples He gave them a command to pray for the sick. Not only the seventy and the twelve, but in Mark 16:17,18, "these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name—they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

Going over into Acts, we notice it opens with the healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate, and closes with a statement in the last chapter that not only was Publius' father healed but "All the other sick people on the island came and were healed" (Acts 10:34 Weymouth). God does not love the early church or the Jews any more than He does you or me. "God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34). Paul states: "But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Jesus from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." (Rom. 8:11). The gifts of Healing

were given to the Church Age in 1 Cor. 12. We are in that age still and it applies to us. In Philippians 4:19 Paul stated, "My God shall supply all your needs." If sickness does not present a need, there is never a need.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8), and can heal today as in days of yore. James 5:14,15 is still in the Bible, and if one is a Bible Christian, when sick "call for the Elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." Peter brings forth the established fact, "By His stripes we were healed." (1 Peter 2:24).

God has plainly established healing in His Word. Let us look unto Jesus Christ realizing His power, promises and willingness, and by faith take that which He has so graciously provided. — H. C. M.

JEWISH PERSECUTIONS AND PALESTINE

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mented by cheap tours of Italy, scholarships for Arabs and advertising contracts for petty Arab papers in Palestine. Italy is trying to make Great Britain give up the Palestine Mandate and get the League of Nations to give the Mandate to Italy.

PALESTINE

Recent borings for water reveal possibilities for colonization of 100,000 families through the improvement of 600,000 acres of land in Palestine. There are about 400,000 Jewish residents in Palestine.

There are 4,000 Jewish industries in Palestine employing 30,000 Jewish workers. The exporting of oranges reached 10½ million cases in the 1936-1937 season. Jews of the world are using Palestine made articles such as suits, shoes, ties, stockings, house furnishings and gifts. Organized labor in Palestine excludes only Jews that are Communists. The Jews are one-third of the population of Palestine and pay two-thirds of the taxes.

The Hebrew University at Jerusalem has 100 academic members, 100 technical and administrative assistants, and nearly 700 undergraduate students.

Lord Melchett is quoted in the British Weekly as saying "when the Jews come into authority there will be no missions in the Holy Land."

The Arab population has nearly doubled between 1922 and 1936. This has been due to increase of births and immigration of Arabs seeking better employment. Arabs set fire to beautiful Balfour Forest in Palestine the latter part of October. Only 20,000 of the 400,000 trees were destroyed. During harvest time, burning grainfields were daily occurrences, the oil pipe line from Mesopotamia was broken, locomotives blown up and rails destroyed. The Arabs have been encouraged by Ibn Saud of Arabia and financial aid from eighty million Moslems in India.

The partition plan is to give Arabs two-thirds of Palestine and the Jews one-third with the British holding Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and a corridor to the sea at Jaffa. It may be the start of the fulfilment of Zechariah 13:8,9. The proposed Jewish State limits it to the Plain of Sharon (the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea) and the Plain of Esdraelon, the districts which Ezekial points out as the place where Gog's hosts will be destroyed. The President of the Palestine Farmer's Federation recently predicted that 2,000,000 more Jews could be absorbed in the boundries at present proposed for the Jewish State. A special committee of the League of Nations has been appointed to study the question of the proposed partition of Palestine. According to Emil Ludwig, "whatever happens in Palestine will depend greatly on the coming war. Yes, a war is coming. Soon, too."—H.C.M.

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PENTECOSTAL POSSIBILITIES

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gress, or has any hopeful future."

In all this, may we give God all the glory, and pray to be used one and all, yet, more for the glory of the Lord. But as we settle down, more or less comfortably, into units of organization is it with a sense of satisfaction with a settled home, and possibly something more or less regular of an income?

Is the zest and zeal to scatter our message as urgent as at the beginning? Or do we incline to content ourselves in the fellowship of the baptized saints, together with any such limited number of individuals as might chance to come into our number. Are we willing to keep up the discomfort of "spreading out" that yet others, and others, might be included. God, like the mother eagle, has a way of stirring up the nest, or permitting it to be broken up, that the nestlings who are slow to get out, will have to try their wings.

Some communities seem to be overly well favored. Bro. Osterberg told me that within a radius of fifty miles of Los Angeles there are some fifty assemblies (let alone any others proclaiming a similar message). In Tulsa, Oklahoma, I understand there are ten Council assemblies, nine of them having ministers to care for. In Springfield, Missouri, there are about a similar number of Council assemblies, which spreads the influence of our message into every suburb of that city of some sixty thousand. In Akron, Ohio, I understand there are more than twenty Pentecostal groups, of which a number are Council assemblies.

Yet, thoroughly as some of these localities seem to be covered, there are great territories not so favored. Especially I think of the great centers of population where millions are congregated, and where our message has not gotten the same foothold. Despite difficulties of various nationalities, and often among these, a stronger anti-God element, we owe a debt,

The great field of foreign missions, which lies as a burden upon all our hearts, has an undeniable claim upon our prayers, and calls for unceasing sacrifice. Its claims are being faithfully presented by those upon whom especially this burden falls, and to be a missionary to lands of spiritual night is an honor understood best when viewed in the light of heaven. *It is by enlarging our home groups we can enlarge our foreign Missionary program.*

Let us remember also that about us there is a land upon which the darkness of paganism appears to be settling. Millions of children of America have never been inside a Sunday School. Born since the World War, they are growing up with only the movies, and cheap harmful literature to set before them ideals of life. They do not know the simplest things about God's holy Word. Many would turn to Jesus, if they heard the message presented in the power of the Spirit.

Therefore, let us labor to retain that early "latter rain" vision of getting the message out to others. By means of the radio, and other channels, points of contact with those who have not heard, are open. If we will rise up to meet the situation and its opportunities, great may be our reaping. If we fall short, someone else will get the vision, will toil, journey, weep, pray, tarry long night hours with seekers to come through as was done in those early meetings when the latter rain message was new. And let us unselfishly pray; pray that we may have the vision to enter the doors. Or that, if we personally have not the ability and gift to get into contact with those unreached so far, that God will raise up from somewhere else, voices that will carry the Word, hearts full of compassion for the ones yet outside the Ark of safety, so that till Jesus comes, the Latter Rain message will move forward with its primitive momentum, pace and power. *It is the only message adequate for the last day pressure. Let*

us labor to pass it on in its purity, its joy, and its power.

At the time of writing, I am in Pittsburgh, with Brother H. C. McKinney, Pastor of Bethel Tabernacle. His first anniversary as pastor here was observed during this campaign, a lovely basket of flowers being presented on the occasion to Brother and Sister McKinney by the young people. That which caused our hearts to rejoice is that many of these young people have received the baptism during this campaign. The first week, one received. The second, two. The third week a real break came, and nine received. The fourth week surpassed that, when ten came through. We are now in our fifth week, with others coming through night by night. Sunday we expect an eleven hour meeting, with Brother David McDowell and other speakers speaking hour by hour on the Holy Spirit, expecting a great out-pouring.

This city of Pittsburgh, (that is, the great industrial section known as greater Pittsburgh), comprises I am told a million and a half people. In days gone by our Council work here has not been as large as in many other cities. We believe now this work is going forward to a powerful ministry for God. Fine evangelists, with various gifts of ministry have been brought here within the past few months by Pastor McKinney, and others are scheduled for the near future. The assembly hopes to be settled in a larger church home within a few weeks, and God has raised up friends to help Brother McKinney get our message out regularly over the radio, which ministry is scheduled to start very shortly.

All this rejoices our heart, and we pray for the eastern half of this continent, where by far the greater percentage of population is centered, that our message will go out to these teeming millions through many new channels, and a great season of reaping be entered upon and all the faithful labors of days gone by be refreshed by new showers of latter rain....."for

Report of Fellowship Meeting

The New England District Council Assemblies of God, met for a day of fellowship at the First Pentecostal Church, Chelsea, Mass., Tuesday, February 22nd. The afternoon service began at 2:30 P. M. with Bro. Douglass, Pastor of the local assembly, presiding. Bro. Herbert Christopher led the congregational singing which was followed by a spontaneous praise service. Bro. and Sister Christopher sang a duet number, "Why are You Building Down Here?" This was a special request.

Representatives were present from Cambridge, Neponset, Quincy, Wellesley, Natick, Boston, Lynn, Brockton, Everett and Framingham, Mass. and from Providence and Pawtucket, R. I.

Sister Hope McKinney of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, who is conducting an evangelistic campaign at Brockton, Mass., gave her testimony and the impression she had of New England people. Praise God she has found them to be real children of God who love to worship in the Spirit.

Bro. Alfred Wight, Pastor of Wellesley Park Assembly and Supt. of Bethel Home, spoke briefly on the beginning of Pentecost in Chelsea. He said, "When God baptizes us with the Holy Ghost He makes an investment in our lives."

Brother Douglass led the chorus "Happy Day."

Bro. George Yeo of Neponset gave his testimony stating he was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost in the Chelsea church, and is now preaching the gospel in Neponset, Mass.

The congregation then sang, "There is Power in the Blood."

Bro. Raymond Gordon of Brockton, Mass., told of the revival spirit

every one, grass in the field" because we have *prayed for, believed for, and obtained...* **RAIN, IN THE TIME OF LATTER RAIN!**

in Brockton. Sister Hope McKinney is ministering the Word there at present. Five young people have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost and nine were baptized in water. Souls are getting saved and reclaimed.

This was followed with the song, "Showers of Blessing."

Bro. Milley of Everett, Mass., spoke briefly on the need of "Hearing from God in these days." He said, "There are not enough demons on earth or in Hell to stop our progress." He then asked the congregation to sing, "He'll take you Through."

Bro. Anthony Vigna of Providence, R. I., told of God's moving in their midst. Six souls have recently been converted. He asked for our prayers for these new converts and the entire assembly.

The congregation then sang, "Jesus Knows all About our Struggles."

Bro. Jack Beldman of Everett, Mass., gave his testimony and quoted 2 Sam. 23:15: "And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"

The congregation sang "Revive us Again."

Bro. Chas. Ryan of Lynn, Mass., gave a report of the work in Lynn, and surrounding community. A new work has recently been opened and 38 souls have confessed Christ.

The congregation sang, "In My Heart There Rings a Melody."

Bro. Douglass made the announcements regarding the evening service and led the congregation in singing "Some Golden Daybreak."

Bro. W. J. Mitchell, District Supt. brought the message from the Word, reading Isa. 40:29-31. His subject was "Waiting on God." He stressed the importance of waiting on God in prayer, in reverence, in silence, in expectation, in watchfulness, in praise and thanksgiving. He closed asking all the people to sing the chorus, "Just

the Same." A sweet spirit of worship swept over the entire congregation as His people bowed in worship to Jehovah God.

Refreshments were served in the basement of the church to the visitors and there was a time of fellowship before the evening service.

At 7:30 the evening service was in progress with the church filled to more than capacity. Bro. Wight opened the service with prayer. Bro. Christopher again led the congregational singing. The Washington Twins from Providence, R. I., sang "I'll Tell it Wherever I Go."

Bro. Mitchell, Dist. Supt., then led in prayer. Bro. and Sister Buchwalter of Pawtucket, R. I., sang a duet number, "Have I Not Chosen You?"

An offering was received for the expense of the meeting and also for District Evangelization.

A trio from Zion Bible Institute, consisting of Ann Romanten, Josephine Pergola and Lillian Davis, sang "Beautiful Canaan."

The Washington Twins sang, "Press Along," after which the congregation sang "The Old Time Power," while waves of heavenly glory and power swept over the entire gathering.

Bro. Paul Buchwalter of Pawtucket, R. I., brought the message reading 2 Tim. 2:19-21. His subject was "The Key to a Revival."

Bro. Douglass gave the altar call and it was wonderful to see young and old alike kneel before God. With so many at the altar and in crowded quarters it is impossible to estimate the results, but we know of three who definitely prayed through to Salvation.

We are sure that everyone went home from these services feeling a new touch of God on their souls and a holy urge to greater service for God than ever before.

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When we consider what great things God has done for us here at Bethel, we feel as David must have felt when he wrote in the thirty-fourth Psalm: "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto Him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them."

The Lord has wonderfully cared for us and supplied all our needs through the Winter months, and at last we have come to the first month of Spring.

As we have said before, God has been teaching us to trust Him for the supply of our daily needs. There are not many sources to which we can look, so we must depend on our Heavenly Father who feedeth the fowls of the air. He has told us to consider them, and also the lilies of the field; and, like them, we are not to have any anxious care. Not that we should be careless and slack; but we should cast our anxiety upon our Heavenly Father and in simple faith trust Him to do for us what we are unable to do for ourselves.

The promise also is, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His

righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6: 33). That is just what we have been striving to do, seek Him, and He has been adding all things just as we need them. At the beginning of last week, we needed about \$160.00 to meet the expenses for the week. The Treasury was empty, and I had a balance of ninety cents for food and household supplies. I went to the store with the list of articles needed for the day, and when these were purchased I found that I had exactly six cents left. We prayed about it, and, thank God, He answered in different ways and enough was provided to meet every need, including bills for gas, electricity, interest on the mortgage, food and five tons of fuel. We had not told our dear aged members of the family about the test as we do not like to burden them unnecessarily, but after the answers came, we let them know in our chapel service how God had supplied the needs, and we all rejoiced together and a real volume of praise ascended to our Father Who had fulfilled His Word and "added all things" unto us.

God has kept our family very well, all Winter. While old age is bound to bring infirmities, there has been no serious sickness, for which we are very grateful.

During our evening service, last week, one elderly sister was seized with a severe attack of indigestion. When her condition was noticed, we all gathered around her in prayer, pleading victory in Jesus' Name and through His precious blood. God answered and gave a blessed deliverance. She afterward testified and gave Him all the glory.

God has been blessing our chapel services lately, bringing us together in a closer bond of fellowship and unity in the Spirit, giving us a spirit



Alice B. Crocker
Clerk

of humility as we seek for a deeper knowledge of Him.

Two weeks ago, a group of young people from the Wellesley Park Assembly joined us in our Sunday morning service. The Lord gave us a time of sweet fellowship and blessing as we mingled our praises together to Him Who alone is worthy of all praise and adoration.

As you read this page, will you pray that God may continue to bless us and that we shall be a greater blessing to others? We are praying that our Home shall be made a real Bethel to many; that they shall truly find this the House of God, a place where His honor and glory shall dwell.

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RECEPTION FOR NEW PASTOR AND WIFE

The First Pentecostal Church, Chelsea, Mass., gave a reception for their new Pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. Earl Douglass, Thursday evening, Feb. 10th, in the church auditorium.

Bro. John K. Mulley, Senior Deacon of the Assembly, welcomed Bro. and Sister Douglass as Pastors on behalf of the Assembly, and they both responded with very fitting remarks, after which the congregation sang "Bless Them Lord and Make Them a Blessing." Bro. Mitchell, Dist. Supt., was also present to welcome the new Pastors of the Chelsea Assembly into the New England District.

The church was crowded to capacity and Bro. Douglass gave a part of his life story.

Prior to coming to the New England District as Pastors of the Chelsea Assembly, Bro. and Sister Douglass were engaged in evangelistic work, and have held evangelistic campaigns all up and down the East coast.

BAR HARBOR, ME.

In June of last year, the way was opened for me to go to Bar Harbor to open up an Assembly of God church. From the very first the Lord has put His approval on this venture of faith. A suitable hall was secured and meetings were started. The attendance began to increase and many servants of wealthy families from the cities of New York and Philadelphia attended regularly, as well as people from Bar Harbor. A growing Sunday School was started and it has been very encouraging to see the interest shown by the children. A goodly number have come to the altar for salvation and some have been soundly converted. A deeper hunger for God and His righteousness has been created in the hearts of many. On Sunday, February 6th, every seat was taken and new faces were seen. The Sunday previous, four came to

the altar for salvation and three were saved and the other is still seeking God. One young man, the first night he attended came to the altar and surrendered to God. Pray for Bar Harbor that there may be a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit and many souls be born into the Kingdom of our God. —*Edwin P. Anderson, Pastor.*

EVANGELISTIC

We are glad to announce that Evangelist F. Isensee, who is well known to the Word and Work readers, is planning a trip East for the last part of the summer and early fall and would like to hold meetings in some of the New England Assemblies. He is affiliated with the Assemblies of God. He is willing to serve any Assembly for entertainment and a small offering to pay travelling expenses in his car.

NORTH BERGEN, N. J.

Special Meeting on Mar. 21st. Rev. T. J. Jones of England, Speaker. April 2nd. Young People's Rally. Spring Convention, March 30 to April 5th. incl., Miss Marie Wilson, Speaker, and April 6th., through the 10th., E. District Supt. Flem Van Meter, Speaker.

Beulah Heights Pentecostal Church.
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PITTSBURGH, PA.

Evangelist Zelma Argue has just closed the most wonderful revival with the outpouring of the Spirit, Pittsburgh has ever known. Over thirty received their baptism in the Spirit and a number of backsliders were reclaimed as well as souls seeking salvation. Never has there been so many receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the history of the Pittsburgh work. It was a thorough revival with every individual and department of the church receiving a new touch of Fire. Pittsburgh has always been a hard field to get results and Miss

Argue's campaign is all the more wonderful because of this fact. She has a rich, God anointed ministry that will bring results in any church fortunate enough to obtain her services.

CLAREMONT, N. H.

Reporting victory in my soul and also that the Lord is working in our midst. Just recently God saved four of our older boys and they are now on the firing line for the Lord; studying His Word and praying that the Lord will fill them with His Holy Spirit. We are also having some strangers attend the Sunday evening services which are evangelistic. God is dealing with souls and we are praying for other young men and women here who know the way but who will not pay the price as yet. We know that with constant prayer the Lord will surely persuade them in the only true Way.

We are expecting to have street meetings in the spring time and this will prove a great blessing to the young people and also an asset to the church and a help to the community, as it is the Word of God that can really do a good job at "cleaning up" and eliminating sin.

—*Fred Smolchuck, Pastor*

WEST HARTFORD, CONN.

Evangelist Stanley Comstock, nationally known revivalist and musician, will conduct revival services at the Hartford Tabernacle, Warren Terrace and W. Beacon Street, West Hartford. The special services will begin April 3rd and continue through the month, every night at 7.45 except Mondays.

—*Roy Smuland, Pastor*

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But outside the sphere of our gloom, if we could only catch His voice, is One Who is addressing the multitudes, "What went ye out into the wilderness to see? a reed shaken with the wind?" The fears that seek to overwhelm a faithful servant in captivity are only comparable with Elijah's gloom beneath the Juniper tree. For even from such a place the angel of the Lord can raise him, renewed in strength, to send him to meet his God in yonder mountain. And if an executioner's axe is sent instead of a radiant angel, it will be all equally well, for we shall be hastened thereby into the presence of the Lord Who has seen beyond our doubts, and will reward us for all the service rendered.

Anti-Semitism

The German Jews are excluded from political, cultural and social life and from all leading economic positions. Anti-Semitism in Austria is going to develop under Nazi rule. In spite of the Polish government's effort to stop anti-Jewish outbreaks they are still continuing. The future condition of the Jews in Rumania is still uncertain. Several agitators have arrived in Palestine from Syria to stir up the Arabs against the Jews.

Church Union

The Protestant Episcopal Church invites the Presbyterian Church of U. S. to consider organic union with them, and plans to achieve this end at the General Assembly next spring. The Episcopal Church has become so much like the Roman Catholic that if the Presbyterian Church did unite

with the Episcopal it would be a decided step toward Rome and a preparation for Rev. 17.

DIVINE PROTECTION

We are told that the crown jewels in a certain European city lie exposed to view on what seems to be an unprotected table. One would suppose that burglars would soon carry off the rich booty. But the fact is, the table is not so defenseless as it looks, for a current of electricity is always being poured round it. Woe be to the hand that dares to touch! It would be instantly benumbed!

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A. C. Rasey, Kent, Ohio

I am sixty-four years old and was converted and gave my heart to God when I was only twelve years old. Between that time and my fifty-second birthday, I had joined eight different denominations in what seemed to be a futile attempt to find something that would satisfy the longing of my soul. I even tried to find God in Spiritualism and in Christian Science (so called, for I now believe that its very name is a misnomer since it is neither Science nor Christian). But God was leading me all these years and I still believed that there was a spiritual life above anything that I had ever experienced, and I was determined to find it.

Then about ten years ago my daughter and her husband asked me to go with them to hear a girl preach at the Pentecostal Church. I knew nothing about Pentecost. That was one denomination that I had not yet joined. So I went with them out of sheer curiosity, and that first night three persons gave messages in tongues. This was all very strange to me and I wondered why the minister allowed so many foreigners to disturb the meeting when no one could understand what they said.

But there was something about the service that fascinated me. The singing was beyond anything I had ever heard before. When the minister prayed I could feel a thrill that I had never before experienced. I saw that these people had something that I did not have and it was not very long until I had joined the church and was tarrying for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. I was, however, full of Spiritualism and Christian Science, and had used tobacco for forty-five years, so it took me five years to become so yielded to the Lord that He could clean me up and make my body a fit temple for the Holy Ghost to dwell in. But when the work was done, God baptized me according to Acts 2:4 with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

Just a word about tobacco:—after I had tried times without number to quit in my own strength, and had found myself utterly unable to do so, God took away the terrible craving in the twinkling of an eye and it has never come back. Praise the Name of the Lord.

After receiving my baptism in the Spirit, God led me to prove Him to see if He could provide a table in the wilderness, and if He could "supply all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ

Jesus." I had been in the building trade for thirty-seven years and had learned several branches of the business. I was not only a good carpenter but I could also plaster, paint, and hang wallpaper. We were then, however, in the midst of the depression and I, like so many others, had lost my job and could not find any work, even with my four or five trades.

I then made a covenant with God that if He would send me work I would surely give one-tenth of all I earned to Him. In just a short time I was offered the job of painting a house, and from that time on I have not lacked work. While others of equal ability were walking the streets I was having steady work and I have asked no man for work since God has been my advance agent and my advertising manager. Praise His holy Name! Hallelujah! How sweet to trust Him! It takes away all worry, all anxious thought for the morrow. When one job is done, He always has another waiting for me, and very seldom does one job conflict with another.

Some one asked me, "How do you stand up and keep your health and do the work you do at your age?" I can only answer that if God is able to send me the work, He is able to give me the strength to do it.

I was owing \$1750.00 on our home when I made my covenant with God and was practically forced to sell it and buy another place. I made this move reluctantly but am glad I did so as we now have our home clear of debt.

This last year (1937) has been a very busy year and I have saved enough to buy a new car which was needed very badly. My wife and I are learning to trust God more as the years go by. He gives us excellent health and we find Him a very present help at all times.

I have been asked by our Pastor, Rev. C. A. McKinney, to give my testimony to the world in tract form.

I do not boast of my ability as a writer and as I am not a fluent talker and am also timid about speaking to strangers, I feel I am not much account as a personal worker. Often I have asked myself the question, "What can I do for God Who has done so much for me?" But if this testimony may be the means of helping some dear brother or sister to a closer walk with God, or if God can use it to bring some unsaved soul to a saving knowledge of Jesus and His love, then surely

my life has not been lived in vain. Then shall I realize more fully than ever before that God can take the "weak things, the despised things, and things that are naught," and make them of some use when they are cleansed and made meet for the Master's use.

In closing my testimony I would like to urge every reader to watch his prayer life. Study your prayer life like David of old. Let His praise be continually in your mouth. Praise is comely and praise is acceptable to the Lord. Praise instead of plead. God knows your needs. Praise Him for what you have and trust Him to supply your needs when you give Him what belongs to Him. Some may say, "I can't afford to tithe. I need every cent I get." My brother, my sister, you can't afford not to tithe. God can make nine-tenths go farther than you can make ten-tenths go. You will surely pay it to someone. You will either pay it to God or you will pay it to the devil. Nine-tenths with God's blessing is worth more than ten-tenths without it. Play fair with God and He will make thy righteousness to shine forth as the noonday sun. Hallelujah!

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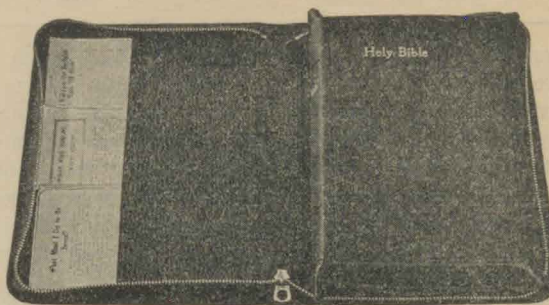
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