"AS IN THE DAYS OF NOE"

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (Matthew 24:36-39.)

That we are nearing the close of prophecy concerning the coming of the Lord (for that matter, if you would believe it, every sign pointing to His second coming has now been fulfilled, or under direct fulfillment) is only further evidenced by fulfillment of the above scripture in the world today.

"As in the days of Noe." This takes us back to Genesis 6:5-7, where a brief, but deep meaning discription is given of humanity at that time, followed by the pronunciation of God's wrath upon the world—the flood—being grieved that He had ever made man. Here is what is said of mankind in general, at that time: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

This gives in brief, a graphic picture of humanity—the awfulness of their condition before God. Wherein it states that wickedness had become great in the earth, it means no less than the fact that man had drifted FAR from God. This means much within itself; and further, even EVERY imagination of man's heart was ONLY evil continually. Just think of it—drifted so far from God—so deep in sin, that all the heart was thinking of now, was something of a sinful nature! There is a magnitude in this description that is possibly beyond human comprehension. No room, no time, no thought for God! Striving, devising, and continually reaching out for something of a sinful, lustful nature; inventing evil things; morality, modesty, and virtue having possibly given way to shame, vice and crime. The gods of lust, pride, greed, and pleasure, predominating peoples lives; God forgotten, and the flesh ruling. So when we look out upon the world today, we can see this evidence of just about such condition on every hand. While much religion is yet advertised in the world, yet there are thousands today, in our land, who use such for only a cloak! Nothing short of an evil mind could be promoting the great majority of styles, fashions, forms of pleasure, etc, that has millions in it's grips. Immodesty in real life and act, is accepted as quite the conventional thing today. Women and girls think nothing of appearing in public in indecent dress; smutty stories popular with younger set—both boys and girls; evil habits as drinking, smoking, also "petting," a common thing. The church (?) cannot be told any more from the world. Night clubs, roadhouses, auto camps, places for debauchery; infidelity fast taking hold in our schools; God practically left out of government affairs; oratorical essays on civic affairs, or non-essentials in a religious way, etc., replacing the real meaning of the story of the Cross in the pulpits; newspapers, books, magazines, filled with such immodest, vulgar, and obscene reading material and pictures—all this, and much more not mentioned, go to make up a vivid description of the world today—truly a picture of the intent of the human heart—nearing the point, surely, of evil intent, only. Then to the words of the text above—the words of our Saviour, pointing us to one of the signs of His coming—He compares that day with the days of Noah—that the world will revert back to the same standard of that day. Then to realize we (the world) have drifted back to that time, we only have to look about us, and realize in this one particular, how we fit into that description!

"For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark."

"Eating and drinking." Here are two signs which unmistakably pictures out the world today. First, there is a spirit of gluttony (Con't. on page 2.)
among this generation. Men of understanding proclaim we are digging our own graves with knives and forks, so-to-speak. Medical science will declare that a great percentage of deaths are caused directly, or indirectly, from stomach disorders. People who can afford such, are gorging on the richest and most highly flavored foods. And irregular eating is the rule of many. Then drinking, which thing plays so prominent a part in the lives of multitudes. Not only a clamour for strong drink as wines, whiskey and beer, but fancy “soft drink” concoctions are one of the industries of today. No; an uncommon sight to see boys and girls strolling down the streets with a fountain drink in a paper cup, “walking and sipping” as they go; or in a car. So along the streets, down the highways (as has been said of the latter)—hardly out of sight of one lunch and drink stand, until in sight of another! “Eating and drinking;” and hardly ever satisfied—just a continual craving for something along this line, it most seems. One of the controlling spirits of the day.

Then “marrying and giving in marriage.”

This statement does not refer to that old fashioned, godly state of matrimony—MARRIAGE, thank God—which is yet honourable in all, and the bed undefiled (Heb. 13: 4); but is evidently referring to that Godless, mockery form, practiced by thousands today, the result of a spirit of lust, so-to-speak—this kind of, “married today, and divorced tomorrow”—the kind, the spirit of which, is being held out to the world from the godly confines of the movie clan in Hollywood, and which just suits thousands of men and women today. Marriage vows, generally speaking, have lost their sacredness. With many, a “beautiful,” georgous wedding, with a church for a setting, and a preacher administering, is often, possibly, for just a show—keeping step with society. Not half so flourishing are the divorce proceedings—swear a few lies, or on slight pretense, get a divorce, pay a fat lawyer fee, and back to the church or some justice of the peace, and there hypocritically “vow” again, “until death do you part!” For Shame! In fact, Russia is far ahead of us in one respect—there is no religious hypocrisy practiced by them in marriage—just sign the register, take the “bride,” and so live until tired of each other—then sign another register—and divorced! No doubt but thousands in so-called Christian America, go through a marriage ceremony only because the law of the land will not allow them to live together other wise. The vows mean nothing to them—They KNOW there will be a divorce if, and when, they are ready for such! Biblical adultery thus has millions today within its grasp—married, then divorced and remarried while the first companion yet lives! And of this group are thousands professing salvation; and yes! right down among so-called Pentecostal peoples! For Shame. “Giving in marriage.” Parents allowing children to step into adultery traps; or maybe see son or daughter leading off into a marriage that promises nothing but trouble! a worthless, lustful companion.

So it is the spirit of the day which the Saviour is pointing out as to exist in the days preceeding His coming—that of a ravenous, craving, never satisfied appetite for food and drink; and that ungodly spirit that is causing so many to take merely mock vows of so-called matrimony. And with this goes that ungodly practice of birth control—a knowledge of which seemingly thousands of young boys and girls—as well as older ones—are fast becoming familiar. Families are on the decline. A “pooch,” or worthless dog having more place in many homes today, than a sweet, God-sent, little babe! Think of it! And again we say. For Shame! But so it is. In many instances at least, the family regulated to JUST the desired number—and that number often very small—the worst of which is too often is—because of the predominance of lust! and the way made clear for such by the means of murder, possibly! or pleading poverty; or, “just can’t be bothered with children”—to much society, or club work; or maybe just too trifling to care for them!

So a view of the world today, quite clearly confirms the fact we are now back to the days of Noah so far as these prevailing spirits concern—which in turn show us we are, by such, only nearing the day of the soon coming of Jesus, for “as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Then as sin grows worse, true saints of God are going to ery, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus.” Amen.

Just ‘Turn Loose’

A man on a dark night, rolling down a steep place where he had fallen, caught on a bush that was growing on the rocks, and held on with grimness and frenzy and despair. At length he weakened, let go and dropped—six inches! He was so near the bottom, yet didn’t know it. If we would just “let go” we have the assurance that underneath are the everlasting arms. —Gospel Gleaners.

"Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." —Matt. 24:3
“THE NIGHT COMETH”

According to newspaper report, the recent terrible flood disaster in California, cost an estimate of 175 persons killed or missing, and an approximate $65,000,000 loss in public and private property. This was surely a terrible calamity; but just such things are not to be unexpected. Pestilences are stalking the world today. We are living in prophetic days in this respect. Terrible accidents and happenings are growing more common. Trouble, turmoil, on every side, most. International differences seem to be almost at the “boiling” point at times. Never has the world been worse torn than now. Treaties between nations just mere scraps of paper, so-to-speak. Sword, disease, starvation, pestilence, etc., is taking a terrible toll in life and property. God is sending message after message—warnings—to this sin-laden world in these forms, of the impending great day of His wrath, and of the soon coming of His dear Son. But the world is paying but little heed—just rushing on to destruction, disregarding God, trying to have their own way. People who ever expect to get right with God, had best be in a hurry. The story has been repeated over, and over again; but some day, thank God, it will all be over, and then those who have gotten right with God and man, and who have stood the test, will outshine the sun. We, as a nation, seem to have been blessed in certain ways, when we see what is going on in other parts of the world—though we have felt keenly, a “fore runner” of some things; so let us never be deceived—no doubt if the curtain was rolled back, and we were given a glimpse of the under current now at work—just what the future holds for us—we might realize something. The test is coming OUR way sooner or later. In Germany now, a leading Protestant minister is under arrest, and

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Tonkawa, Oklahoma

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and saints everywhere;
Greetings in Jesus’ name:
I want to report victory in my soul. Saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost; and have a determination to go through with the Lord. I believe the race is almost run. In Matthew, 24th chapter, wherein the disciples ask the Lord what would be the sign of His coming, and of the end of the world, as He begun to answer them, the very first thing He told them was, “Take heed that no man deceive you.” He then went on to tell them of the things that are coming to pass in this generation. He then said in parable of the fig tree, when it “putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh;” and in next verse, “even at the doors.” Then in verse 34, He said, “Verily I say unto you. This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.” What generation? The generation that sees these things. Dear ones, I believe we are surely in the last days. We can see that wickedness is so great upon the earth. Verse 37 says, “But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the son of man be.” I don’t know how much more wicked men could become than they are today. I am glad I am saved, and looking for His coming. Amen.

We earnestly desire the prayers of all the saints.
O. S. Wood,
R. 1,
Tonkawa, Okla.

Advertising For God

This is a day when most every thing on the market is advertised. Let us ask ourselves the question, “Does our daily life advertise what God does for His obedient children?” (Bro. Arthur McDonald.)

In the beginning God created man a holy being. No wonder, then. His plan of redemption includes the lifting of man back to a state of holiness—or from his fall.

SISTER ANNA KIETHLEY

Anna Hall was born in Topeka, Kansas, on June 6, 1871; passed from this life at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Pearl Benefiel, near Bartlesville, Oklahoma, at 9:04 P. M., on February 9, 1938. Age, 66 years, 8 months, and 3 days.

In 1900 she was united in marriage to John Norton, to which union was born seven children, of whom five remain. They are: John Norton, and Clifford Norton, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Mrs. Pearl Benefiel, Mrs. Violet Payne, and Mrs. Jesse Clay, also all of Bartlesville.

Mr. Norton passed away in 1916. Later she was united in marriage to Willis G. Kiethley, to which union was born one child, Mrs. Ruth Bridges, of Bartlesville. Mr. Kiethley passed away on December 7, 1934.

Besides her two sons and four daughters, she leaves six grandchildren; and two brothers: Henry Hall, of Snohomish, Washington, and Harry Hall, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held in the Independent Pentecostal Mission, in Bartlesville, at two P. M., on February 13, being conducted by Sr. Nora Cooper, of near Bartlesville, and Bro. Charley Parks, of Pawhuska, Oklahoma. The song service was in charge of singers from the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith, near Ramona, Oklahoma.

The remains were laid to rest in White Rose Cemetery in Bartlesville.

—Contributed.

To the bereaved of this departing mother, sister, and grandmother, we again extend sympathy in their time of grief. May God comfort and bless each sorrowing heart among them.

—The Editor and wife.

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost—not in their sins, but FROM their sins, thank God

“... Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!”—Numbers 23:10.
THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER

Doctrine

We preach Christ, His birth, baptism, works, teachings, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and His soon coming. We teach the personality of the threefold Godhead, and contend that the very same Gospel in its purity and fulness as was delivered by Paul, and the other apostles, to the early church, is the only Gospel for us today.


SANCTIFICATION—Sanctification is that act of God's grace which makes us holy. It is a second, definite work, wrought in the heart with the Blood of Jesus [Heb. 13:12], by the Holy Ghost [Romans 15:16], through faith, Heb. 2:11; 13:12; 1 Thess. 4:3; John 17:15, 17, 22; 1 Peter 1:2.


The moment we receive the experience, we also receive the same sign, or Bible evidence, as did the disciples on the day of Pentecost [Acts 2:4], at the house of Cornelius [Acts 10:48], and at Ephesus [Acts 19:6]—that of speaking in other tongues [or languages], as the Spirit gives utterance. Note also Mark 16:17; 1 Cor. 14:12, 22.

HEALING FOR THE BOY—the Bible teaches divine healing for our physical bodies, just as it teaches salvation for our souls. Divine healing was purchased for us in the Atonement. Psalms 103:3, 5, 11:4; Matt. 8:17. Mark 16:18. James 5:14-18.


THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS—The return of Jesus will be just as literal as was His going away. John 14:12-3. Preparation for His return was the message He stressed to His disciples. Matthew 24:44; and such event was that which Paul looked forward to, and points us to. 1 Cor. 15:51-53. 1 Thess. 4:14-18.

WATER BAPTISM—Water baptism by immersion [single], in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, being preformed as the answering of a good conscience toward God, is unmistakably the form set forth in the Bible. The word "baptize," is taken from a Greek word meaning, "to dip." Jesus was baptized of John in Jordan. Matt. 3:15, 16; 28:19. Acts 10:47, 48; 22:16; 26:20.

THE LORD'S SUPPER—Jesus instituted the sacrament, or Lord's Supper, that we might thus "shew the Lord's death till he come." 1 Cor. 11:22-26. Luke 22:17-20.

WASHING THE DISCIPLES FEET—Jesus said, "If I, then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet. He also washed one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." John 13:14, 15. Teaching us humility.


THE GREAT WHITE THRONES JUDGMENT—All nations shall be gathered before the great white throne of God for eternal judgment. Here both small and great among men will be judged according to their works. Daniel 2:12. Matthew 25:31-46. Rev. 20:11-15.

NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH—The Bible teaches that this earth, which is polluted with sin, shall pass away, and that there shall be new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 2 Peter 3:12, 13. Rev. 20:11; 21:1-3.


Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt save thyself, and them that hear thee. —1 Timothy 4:16.

RESTITUTION—The Blood of Jesus will never atone for any sin that we can make right. We must have a conscience void of offense toward both God and man. Restitution means making the thing right—wherever we fail—taking back, or paying for, stolen articles, settling for goods obtained by fraud, etc.; paying up old debts, returning things belonging to others. 39:14-16. Luke 19:8, 9. Other confessions sometimes have to be made.

WAR—It is our fervent conviction, supported by the Word of God, our conscience bearing us witness, that we cannot take up arms against our fellow men, however great the provocation or however just the cause might seem: it being the teaching of the spirit of the Gospel presented by Christ in His Sermon on the Mount. Matthew 5:38-48. Mark 9:43-44, 45. Rev. 18:10-19. Heb. 12:14.

We maintain the highest regard for our flag and teach absolute respect for the flag and flag-carrying, and the laws according to Romans 13:1-7, and 1 Peter 2:13, 14, as long as it does not violate our conscience, for "We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29. We hold the unalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience.

TITHING—Tithing is an ordinance of God, Malachi 3:7-12. Some claim that tithing was under the law, and hence, is not a requirement today. This is an error in teaching. Men paid tithes long before the law was given. Gen. 14:20; 28:22. Than under the law the paying of tithes was imposed as the support of the priesthood and singers, who did the work (Nehemiah 13:10-14), which answers to the ministry of today. Now under grace, Jesus and Paul both teach regarding tithing. Matt. 23:28, 29; Heb. 7, 8.

And again, IF tithing was did away with at the end of the law, why is the penalty still being imposed upon the church for robbing God? We see the very things happening today in the joy of crop destruction that God promised through Malachi to rebuke, if His ordinance was kept. When a law is repealed, the punishment for violation is thereby automatically repealed. Think.

THE CHURCH—The Bible teaches that Christ's body is the church, and that we are members in particular. Ephesians 1:22, 23. 1 Cor. 12-27. We go unto the church through a spiritual birth. Ps. 87:5, 6. John 3:2 to 8. Note also Acts 2-47. This is not an organized institution—man-made organizations divide God's people, as clearly evidenced, among the many denominations today. God's plan is not for a divided and sectionalized Christianity, but that there should be but one group, and all working in harmony. "There is one body." etc. Eph. 4:4.
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WITH THE EDITOR

We are trying to "rush" out an issue before conference meeting, which is announced to convene at Newkirk, Okla., on Tuesday, April 5. Hence, only eight pages this time.

If you want to take advantage of testimony to "air your feelings" against some one, you need not send us such to publish. Such is not witnessing for God, but for Satan! Amen. Think we have a case like this on our hands right now.

The preacher who does not pay tithes, ought not relieve them from others.

When the time comes that a "singing" draws a larger crowd than a gospel meeting, it is good evidence of the trend of peoples' minds. Then just what about saints of God, therefore, giving their time to entertaining a crowd who are more concerned about something on that order than they are about the preaching of the Gospel? Think.

Some professed saints of God who accept and wear articles of pride, lest they offend the giver—just what about an offer of a cigar or cigarette, etc.—would they feel like accepting THAT, and using such, for fear of offending the giver?

Take Note!
Wander if a lot of young men professing the fullness of salvation were to backslide, if they would not go to wearing neckties with no "year of choking" from a buttoned-up collar! Hope this will be widely read and noted. Amen.

Some people can seemingly trust God for healing more easily than they can do something else the Bible also teaches. This may be easy to see into—it costs nothing by way of finance to trust God! For Shame. Truly God is merciful and long suffering.

We thank the Lord for a good thought recently gathered...If the individual's spiritual system is thoroughly saturated with 1 Cor. 13, then they are ready for, and can stand, any other part of the Gospel as it is preached to them—the adultery question, or any thing that to many, is a "hard saying." Amen. Such is like the physician giving the patient a good toning up tonic preparatory to a more stringent treatment!

If everybody had the victory, there would be but little trouble indeed, among professed Christians. And if people haven't the victory, just who is to blame! It can't ALL be laid on the other party. Amen.

A good remedy for lots of "ills" is found in Ephesians 4:1-3. Read it—study it; and if needed—apply it—it will work!

It is easy to keep one's hands out of the neighbor's corn crib, so to speak; but the tongue is the unruly member! But it can be bridled, thank God; and unless so handled, the Bible declares our religion is vain. (James 1:26.)

We are at a loss to know any difference as taught in the Bible regarding qualifications for one group of people to be living up to, in order to be caught away to meet the Lord, than any other group. All the teaching we know of, is the general teaching of being ready. So it appears to us, regardless of belief, that wherein one is spiritually qualified, they will be as accepted of the Lord as would some one else who, IF such be Bible (hope you get our thought), is walking in greater light. If Matthew 24:44 doesn't apply to ALL Christianity, then we know not what to think; and if the coming of Jesus, as taught in that chapter, is not the outstanding event of all Christianity, then we are at another loss. It seems to us that Matthew 25:1-13, holds the key to the situation. This, (necessity of leaving the oil, or type of the Holy Ghost) coupled with all other requirements touching our daily living, is surely an explanation of what being "ready" means in 24:44. Then on the face of this teaching (Matt. 25) we can hold out NO hope for any class seeking to get in after the coming of the Bridegroom. Amen.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. —Psalm 34:18.
REPORTS

Bro. L. L. Wheeler, pastor of Oak Grove church, near Scranton, Ark., reports a good meeting at New Hope school house, near Nauvoo, Mo., from Feb. 23 to Mar. 7. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Large crowds; good interest. Three claimed salvation; two the experience of sanctification. They asked for a return meeting.

Bro. R. M. Overstreet, leader of the work at Oroville, Calif., reports they are still going on with the Lord at that place; that the Lord was blessing in their services. Some had been saved since the camp meeting last summer. Bro. Overstreet was in attendance some at C. M. last summer in Arkansas. They expect to begin a revival about the last of May. He is retiring from railroad work at that time, and expecting to devote more time to the Lord's work. Their church announcement appears at this time.

Bro. Moon, pastor at Van Buren, Ark., reports they are having some good meetings of late. Seemed that God was smiling on His own. They are looking forward to the all day's meeting on Easter Sunday, and praying that God will meet with them in a great way. Expecting a wonderful time in the Lord.

Bro. Arthur McDonald and myself enjoyed a good visit with the saints at Mulberry, Kans., just recently. One night at Arcadia, and two services (Sunday) at Mulberry. Some good services; surely felt in God's will. Sr. Virgie Wesson has been ministering to the church at Mulberry since in December, and the Lord has been blessing. At present (Mar. 17) she is in a revival at Arcadia, near by, and is assisted by saints from Mulberry.

Bro. T. B. Ussery, pastor at Newkirk, again reports. Says they are in a revival there (March 9), with Bro. Woods, Bro. Mefford, (local preachers) and himself doing the preaching. The Lord had been blessing. One soul had claimed sanctification. The saints had been greatly blessed. A sweet spirit in services. They are getting ready for conference, which convenes there Tuesday, April 5, and praying God to give a good session; feels it will mean much to them at that place.

REPELS

Bro. P. A. Henegar, for several years pastor of his "home" church near Ramona, Okla., has resigned that capacity in order to feel more freedom in evangelistic work, and toward his duty as leader among us in looking after the welfare of the churches, and the work in general.

Bro. Henegar has faithfully served the little mission there as pastor all these years, and God has wonderfully blessed his labour. The work has prospered under the Lord at that place, until there is now a large band of saints there, and a place where the power of God is often manifested in blessing. His people—a place where a spiritual interest is yet in evidence, which means something before the Lord.

Bro. Henegar and family will continue to live at their home there.

May the Lord continue to bless the saints; and may Bro. Henegar's labours be fruitful unto God, and be blessed of Him.


Also Bro. Crutchfield informs he is not pastor at Lead Hill, Ark.

Bro. Ira E. Rice, formerly of near Scranton, Ark., but recently of R. 2, Coweta, Okla., has removed with his family to R. 1, Ramona, Okla., near the Mission, and will presumably serve the church since the resignation of Bro. Henegar. Bro. Rice was recently in a about a week's meeting with the saints there. The Lord blessed the saints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All day's meeting at Boyd school house, near Oakgrove, Ark., (about 12 miles northeast from Berryville) the fifth Sunday in May (29th.). Saints in general, and friends, invited. A general fellowship meeting. Come. Sr. Phyrne Hulsey, Oakgrove, Ark., is pastor.

An all day's meeting on Easter Sunday (April 17th.), is announced for Van Buren, Ark. This is to also be a fellowship meeting, with all who possibly can—both far and near—invited, and also urged, to attend. The Mission is located at 620 Washington St. (One block west from Main, near the north R. R. underpass.) Bro. B. R. Moon is pastor. As customary, dinner on the grounds. Come.

Conference meeting convenes at Newkirk, Okla., on Tuesday, forenoon, April 5th. Services at the Mission on Monday night for the benefit of ingathering brethren. Bro. T. B. Ussery is pastor. Address: 214 N. Pine St. Mission is on N. Pine—east part of town.

Camp meeting is announced to begin on Wednesday, July 20, at the same location as last year—White Oak community, near Harrison, Ark. Particulars in next issue, D. V.

REQUESTS & PRAYER

Bro. and Sr. Moss, of the Ray Community (Hulbert, Okla., R. 1.), are requesting prayer for the healing of their bodies. Let all the saints remember the request of these aged saints of God whom we have known for a long time. Known to many as "Uncle Pete," and "Aunt Alie," May God bless them much, both soul and body.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58.
Our Young People

Young People In The Bible

Young people have a place to fill in God's cause—to be a living witness for the Lord. And that term, "living witness," means, O, so much! and especially in these last days, wherein sin is so abounding on every hand, and such a spirit of immoral, immodest and genuine reckless activities predominating the lives of youth in general. Most any young person can testify in services to experiences in salvation—but what of the LIFE they are living? Are you a LIVING witness for the Lord before your associates, and the world in general? How about your personal conduct—your speech, line of conversation, habits, manner of dress—even your kind of associates—are all these things as "becometh holiness?" Are you so living in reality before those with whom you may be coming in daily contact—your employer, your school mates, or whoever it might be—that they will have reasons to believe you must "proffess to be a Christian," without you having to tell them so? Remember, "By their fruits ye shall know them." How about your association in "friendship" ways—your personal contacts, or correspondence—is your line of thought, your speech or manner of expression, as "becometh the gospel of Christ?" If YOU are measuring up to God's standard in these, as well as ALL other requirements of real Christianity, then are YOU a "living witness," indeed, for the Lord, thus filling an important place in His cause. So most anybody can testify; but it takes a real Christian to live the life.

Then aside from the first necessity of living the life, there are places of active service for young people in God's vineyard—even at times, right out on the battlefield, up in the front ranks, so-to-speak, for Jesus. Sometimes the very young are called to carry the Gospel; but in this, they, as well as older people, should be careful, and first make SURE of their calling; then not hesitate in obeying God's call; and by living humble, being careful, and obedient, what a blessing they can be in this great warfare against sin! Remember how that Paul told Timothy, a young minister of the Gospel, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." So young people can prove themselves before others by the life they live; and "others" had best not reject their ministry because of their youth!

(And what wonderful food for thought is found in Paul's exhortation here—"in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity," as pertaining to these things in the lives of young people. Go over each one carefully, and get the substance for a good message from each thought—just how much it means to the lives of young people today—living as a believer in Christ should live, regardless of age!)

Then aside from Timothy, there are other examples in the Bible wherein young people, so-to-speak, are found active labourers in God's cause. Take Samuel, for instance, who was predestined by his mother to God, and who began a life of service in the temple when just a little child, and at a tender age received a definite call from God. He continued on, and was a wonderful prophet.

David, later king over Israel, when but a "stripling," one came the giant on the battlefield for God. It seems the Spirit of God began to move upon Samson at an early age.

Joseph was an instrument in God's hands, beginning in boyhood.

Daniel was a young man when he first began to take a stand for God.

Then Paul must have been, comparatively speaking, a young man, when chosen of God, and while such a persecutor of the church. He is referred to as a "young man," at the time of the stoning of Stephen, which was evidently just a short while before his conversion.

And possibly Titus was of the younger class, by virtue of Paul's assertion to him, as unto Timothy: "Let no man despise thee."

And above ALL, think of our Saviour—how that He set about His Father's, and our Father's, business, when only twelve years of age! He is a definite example, that ALL should, in every tender youth, set out to live for God.

So there may be others on record in the Bible, whom we have not mentioned, who's early life was associated with God's cause; but these are sufficient to prove to us the practicability of young people's usefulness in God's plan, where the heart and life is completely surrendered to Him.

Then may God bless the dear young people everywhere, who are striving to live for Him. May their hearts be encouraged, their souls lifted up, their daily lives bearing fruit for the Master—examples of the believers, "in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity"—then shall they be "living witnesses" for the Lord, preaching wonderful sermons where ever they go, as it were.

Maybe some of you can find in the Bible, some other examples of youth in service for God. If so, let's hear from you. At any rate, let's have some more testimonies for the Lord. Tell of His wonderful goodness to you—how He has redeemed you from this world of sin and shame; and how He is now daily keeping you by power divine. God bless you. —Ed.

And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. —1 Sam. 3:19.
with no chance for freedom, according to report. This because of his having taken a stand against the reported state pagan religion of that country under Hitler. While in that country Catholicism is also under persecution; yet this only shows the prevalence of that spirit of oppression soon to rule the entire world, but no doubt with Catholism finally at the forefront!

So truly, “the night cometh.” Clouds of spiritual darkness gathering; and the sound of the storm rumbling out yonder in the not too far distance.

“And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.”

—Habakkuk 2:2.

Something The Devil Hates

The devil hates to see God’s cause prosper; he also hates to see men making sacrifices, or putting forth a real effort to be somewhere in services for the Lord; or to see one giving his time to service in God’s cause instead of labouring with their hands, whereas, as a matter of fact, such person may be needed to be out in meetings at that particular time for their own soul’s welfare—which should always be first in consideration.

O, the devil is terribly “work brittle!” many times—can’t hardly stand to see saints of God sacrifice a little time for the Lord; but his great “hustling around” is not for the purpose always, of helping promote the kingdom of Christ, though such “rustler” does sometimes “profess” to be a Christian!

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Bro R M Overstreet, Leader


A Bit of Advice

It is far from advisable for the pastor, or whoever may be in charge of services sometimes, to just “throw the bars down,” so-to-speak, and invite any one who “feels led,” to take charge of the praise service, for this gives Satan, himself, a chance to leap to the front with some genuine hypocrite, or some over zealous, or very out-of-place person, thus hindering an otherwise good service, or possibly bring actual reproach upon God’s good cause. We have learned our lesson along this line; now YOU can have a chance if not already “guilty” of profiting by a forewarning.

It is fine that we have a spirit wanting people to feel free, and to obey the Lord; but let’s not forget that God also wants us to use some judgment along the line. It would be nice if everybody would obey the Lord; but with some, they “take” their liberty, alright—but it’s not in God, by far!

ALL DAY’S SERVICES

VAN BUREN, ARK.,

EASTER SUNDAY

Conference Meeting

A Conference Meeting of the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith, will convene, the Lord willing, with the church at NEWKIRK, OKLA., ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5.

Let all ministers, and saints at large, who possibly can, attend. May much good be accomplished at this gathering of saints of God.

Bro. P. A. Henegar, Chairman.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."—Psalms 122:1.