WORLD EVENTS OF BIBLICAL VALUE

Upon report that an under sea craft had been sighted cruising off the Nova Scotia coast during the month of April, the royal Canadian navy was then making preparations to stretch a submarine net across the entrance to Halifax harbor. The submarine suspected, of course, of being a craft of an unfriendly nation. Submarines, and "nets" as in this event, are another fulfillment of prophecy relating to the last days. In Habakkuk 1:14, 15, we read in this respect:

"And makes each as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them?
"They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad."

Now reported as ready to begin regular service at any time in across ocean flights, a giant 74-passenger flying boat, the "Yankee Clipper," weighing 42 tons, has just recently made an 11,000-mile inspection trip over the Atlantic.

A new fighter-bomber plane has been reported as having attained the terrific speed of 575 miles an hour in a power dive during tests at Montreal, Canada.

Ordinary airplanes have become next to common-place things in the line of travel; and most important in military activites. Habakkuk saw this very thing in vision about 625 years B.C. It is recorded in his book of prophecy, 1:8-10—

"Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat."

"They shall come all for violence: their faces shall sup up as the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand."

"And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be as scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it."

The president of Boliva, in South America, just recently assumed dictatorship over that country, giving as his reason for doing so, that Boliva might be given an energetic and disciplined government. This is just another step among nations in preparation for world-wide dictatorship—beast power, as it is referred to in Rev. 13, &c.

It has been proposed, according to press report, by The National Conference of Palestine Land Redemption, that Jewish institutions throughout the world make available 10 per cent. of their real estate as security for loans to help develop Palestine.

At the present time, Great Britain is having rather serious trouble over the Jewish-Arab situation in Palestine. An uprising among young Jews in protest to England's plan for a Jewish state in Palestine, limiting Jewish immigration, giving Arabs voice in that matter at a future date, and placing the Jews in minority as to population, was staged recently, when they marched upon British offices at Tel Aviv, raising the Zionist flag, and destroying furniture. It is thought by some that England's attitude in the matter—that of showing favouritism towards the Arabs, as against the Jews—is because of a desire to have the aid of the Moslem world in the event of European war. In the light of prophecy, however, it matters not what attitude England, or any other nation, or group of nations, may take in the matter of the Jewish settlement proposition, one thing for sure, the Bible tells us in Proverbs 21:1: "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will." So just as God handled Pharaoh of old when He purposed to deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage, even will He come on the scene now at the proper time, again bringing deliverance to His people, verifying His promise made to them many centuries ago, that He would gather them out of the countries whither He had driven them (this long before, but because of, their rejection of the Christ as the Messiah), and again place them in their own...
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land, thus ultimately fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah 14:11—

"And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited."

God doesn't always work in a hurry—but He always works in time.

Just recently has been effected the long talked of merger, or union, of the three largest branches of the Methodist church—the North, the South, and the Protestant groups—into ONE Methodist church. To many, this may seem a wonderful move; but unless there be a return to some of the old-time Bible doctrines they one time taught, bring back the old-time, tear-stained altar bench, and the old-time shout is again heard in the camp, we are quiet sure this latest move, which has united about 8,000,000 people into one vast organization, has not accomplished anything of more than superficiaL value. In one known respect, did they further lower the Bible standard relating to the remarriage of divorced people, by agreeing in their uniting conference, held in Kansas City this spring, that Methodist ministers now be authorized to unite in marriage, the "innocent" of different accusations, whereas, the only grounds heretofore existing among them, permitting the remarriage of the divorced, was that relating to the "innocent" party in the question of adultery, alone.

According to press report, a Methodist preacher (his name was given), living at Topeka, Kans., sent letters last March, to other ministers of that church at the Kansas Methodist conference, at Independence, Kans., declaring his intention of quitting that faith, because he was expected to be unfaithful to his ordination vows. (He had been a minister 18 years.) His letters asserted that "it is common practice today, in the Methodist church, either to deny outright the most essential doctrines of the Bible or hush them up so that they drop into oblivion." As examples, he cited the doctrines of the virgin birth, resurrection of the body, and the second coming of the Lord. And further asserted, "Instead of preaching regeneration, I am admonished to teach the devil's doctrine that all men are brothers." Including, "I would be happier with another denomination or group. . . . May God help the Methodist church."

All the above with greatest respect to good Methodist people; and bear in mind that neither do we shield holiness folks when they do err from the truth. So we feel this Methodist preacher has possibly "pulled the cover" from off modern religion, in general. Just when have you heard a sermon on eternal punishment for the wicked? We remember when a boy, a little Methodist evangelist came to our town, and he could preach on torment in a manner that you could almost see the place! It stirred the heart of this, then wicked, boy—as well as others—until we was all but converted. He surely preached under an anointing from Heaven! But I'm afraid there is but little of this kind of preaching going on to-day within the boundaries of modern denominationalism, since ears have become "too polite" to hear a little plain truth; and since a college education is more of a requisite to a pastorate, or place in the evangelistic field, rather than the evidence of a work of grace in the heart, or the assurance of a call from Heaven to preach the Gospel. For Shame on such rot! Amen. No wonder the Bible speaks, in Ephesians 6:12, of "spiritual wickedness in high places"—there's nothing much in the modern pulpit to ward off such, but the rather, an incentive, for when the church stoops to a level with the world, the world can easily flow in!

A GODLY WALK

Elisha himself was, in life and spirit, the proof of his message. If a Christian worker is not so, he has no right to work. It is what we are, and not what we say, which does the most for God. We leave behind us, in every house we enter, some traces of God, of ourselves, or of the enemy. Some Christians cannot enter a house without leaving behind a wonderful consciousness of God's nearness; but some leave behind traces of their own personality—talent, will, energy, etc. Others leave a strange, terrible unrest behind them; they have served the enemy in sowing strife, bitterness, evil speaking, etc.

Let us never forget that our message is guaged by what men see in the messenger.

"And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually."

(2 Kings 4:9.)

---Sel. from Iowa Latter Rain.

Editor's Note: We do not know who is the author of the above; but we do know that God is the Inspirer. Seems to us as being about the best message, in as few words, as one seldom hears. It carries a real meaning. Read it again—study it!

"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." ---Matthew 7:20.
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YOUR GUIDE?

Just recently we heard a sister in the Lord remark to this effect—that she was quite a person to be guided by her own conscience in things as pertaining to our Christian living which thought gives rise in our mind to the question of whether we can rely upon such guidance too strongly or not; and the answer coming back is, I fear we can’t always do so, and be found in harmony with God’s will in all matters. So we might ask, Just how far can one go on this rule of order? Our feeble answer would be, Just as FAR as the Bible endorses or condemns the subject in question, for we hear the Saviour say in Matthew 4:4, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Therefore, it’s what “Thus saith the Lord,” and NOT our own feelings in the matter, that counts. If our conscience was intended to be our guide, then Jesus would not have stressed the fact of man living by EVERY word of God; and if all people would do this, we must assure you there would be somebody who would make a change in some respect of their daily walk. For illustration’s sake, there’s the individual professing the blessing of the full Gospel plan of salvation, but who is yet wearing their gold ring; or maybe using tobacco; or wearing some article of finery, etc., and saying in the meanwhile, “Well, if the Lord ever condemns me, then I’ll quit it,” meaning, that if their conscience ever tells them such was wrong, they would lay the thing aside. (And hear is a place where we most fall in line with Thomas, as concerning a certain class, at any rate!) But beloved, let’s remember this—if the Bible has a thing condemned, it is condemned already—you need not wait for further feelings in the matter as pertaining to YOUR conscience’ reaction. If the Bible is against the thing, whatever it might be, then such is evidence that that thing is contrary to God; therefore, remember the disposition of the apostle Paul in regards to such, how that HE said, “And wherein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.” (Acts 24: 16.) But it’s possible some do not search the scriptures very closely in certain events for fear they WILL find a written condemnation thereof relating to the thing they are indulging in—but the rather pleading “conscience” in the matter! Such pitiful attempt at self-justification won’t work, beloved—such would not be the fruit of an honest, sincere, God-fearing heart! Amen.

Just what does the word “conscience” mean?

According to Webster—

“The knowledge of our acts, states, or characters as right or wrong: the faculty, power, or principle which decides on the lawfulness, or unlawfulness of our actions and affections, and approves or condemns them; the moral faculty; the moral sense.”

That conscience, alone, cannot be relied upon as a guide in daily living, is evidenced by the fact the Bible teaches a difference in the conscience of some people.

On the one hand, there is the individual whose conscience is weak. He is too easily influenced. Paul describes such an one in 1 Cor. 8:7-12. He is emboldened to do the thing sometimes that he sees his brother do; and doing so, it might lead to defilement.

Then there is the individual whose conscience IS defiled. (Tit. 1:15.) Possibly this class could best be described as those who are given to some filthy habit or appetite, and who try to wrest the scriptures to justify the same! For Shame on such characters.

Then there is the class who have rejected the truth, turned down admonition, and followed false teachings, etc., until their conscience has become seared 1 Tim. 4:2.)—that is, they are so hardened, or calloused, spiritually speaking, that they are no longer affected by the knowledge of good or evil. go to most any limit, so-to-speak.

So of these different species of attitude held by as many kinds of people, is it not readily seen that such is not the rule of order God would have us go by, in the governing of our Christian lives? No, indeed. But to the contrary, He has given one course of conduct that applies to all—and that is the teachings set forth in the Bible. So when the question arises involving our “conscience,” the thing for us to do, is to search the Bible on the subject, and if the Word bears out our “feelings” in the matter, well; but if not, we had just as well acknowledge there is something wrong with our conscience, for the Bible is right; and by IT, and NOT our opinions, are we to be judged in that Day.

On the account of this one attitude held by many, is the progress of God’s good cause hindered.

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For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. —Romans 8:14.
Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide?

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The preacher may take the pulpit, and under the very anointing from Heaven, declare the Gospel, touching plainly on the mistake, or short-coming in somebody's life, and that person go away, saying, "It didn't condemn me; it doesn't bother my conscience!" Putting their "feelings" up against the Bible, and expecting, in the meanwhile, to reach Heaven some day! We would surely hate to be possessed of some people's "feelings" in this world; and above all, we would hate to be where an anointing from Heaven could not affect our attitude in some phase of our daily walk. Just what is the Bible for; and what the purpose of God-set teachers in the church, if God's plan that we let our conscience always guide us in the matters of right and wrong? This is a question that should have to be answered by every one holding to the theory of conscience guidance—and one that will be answered—for them—at the Judgment! Amen.

In all, the Bible speaks of the weak, defiled, seared, and the GOOD conscience; and of the four, it is easy to understand which would be the most reliable—and it as being supported by the Word, for it is the general teaching of the Bible, that the Spirit and the Word agree. While the weak conscience may in instances be classed in a degree as a "good" conscience, yet a good conscience, in the stricter meaning of the term, is one that is void of offence toward God, and toward men; and lastly—one that is subject to the teaching of the Bible in preference to self, when overtaken in error.

Please do NOT understand us to say there is NOTHING to a conscientious feeling. No, we do not mean that. We hear Paul speaking in Romans 9:1, "I speak the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost." Many, many, times have people been rightly led by their conscience. One thing for sure, if God is in our feelings, it will prove itself in the Bible light. But the thought we are here trying to imply, is the fact that conscience guidance alone, won't always work, UNLESS, as Paul says, it is witnessed to in the Holy Ghost; and we are sure the Holy Ghost will not witness to the teachings of false doctrine, improper living, or anything that is contrary to the Bible. So in substance, if the Bible won't bear out our conscientious feelings in a matter, there is something wrong with US, regardless of who we are, or what we profess.

So in conclusion, beloved, who is your established guide—your conscience, which might fool you, being subject to influences, and human temperament; or the infallable, NEVER changing, Word of God, though it cuts to the quick in your life, and teaches to the direct contrary in some of your ideas and views? In this, if your conscience is your guide, it will not be hard to understand just the kind of CONSCIENCE you have! Amen.

Don't forget your offering for the Tabernacle fund for the Camp Meeting!

"Women Professing Godliness"

When women folks (and "folks") is a permissible term, if you will look to Acts 5:16! come out to church, get up and testify to being saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and in the meanwhile arrayed in a dress with sleeves from three-quarter length, to no sleeves at all; possibly their hair "kinked," or "fussed" up in some manner—surely something's wrong—-they haven't all those blessings; they are too "heady" to take teaching along the line; or have never heard such taught—possibly their preacher not having the grace of God in his or her heart to come boldly along the line in this respect, as concerning things that accompany salvation; trying to please husband instead of fearing God; or possibly, wanting to live for God, but pride having just too deep a hold on them.

With some people professing holiness, the dress question is a minor issue; but in the light of the Bible, it is an important part of the Gospel teaching. If spiritual, surely you will agree, that inasmuch as God would have us to act like holiness, talk like holiness, we are sure that He wants us to LOOK the part of holiness! by virtue of such scriptures as 1 Tim. 2:9; 1 Pet. 3:3, etc. (Read them—again, as you've possibly read them many time before—then look up to Heaven, from whence they came, and there say, Yes, or, No!) And again, for the woman professing salvation to robe herself in a dress reaching from half-way, or practically up to her knees, then go out to the house of God, in the name of the Lord—or appear anywhere in public for that matter—though she be a good woman in

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other respects, one thing for sure—she hasn't the sense of shame that an unsaved modest woman ought to have, much less having the proper respect for God's good cause that a Christian should have! This may be a bit plain; but a little observation within the ranks will produce evidence that it's a subject that needs to be preached on—and not only that, but also obeyed!

Funny, isn't it, how strict we sometimes are along some lines, and HOW "easy" we are along some others! For instance—we would not extend much consideration to the professed sister among us, who persisted in wearing "bobbed" hair; but HOW "easy" some can get by with an ungodly short dress! and for all that, there is AS MUCH, or MORE scripture, against ungodly dressing, as there is against bobbed hair! Could YOU explain this? There is as much, or more Bible, directly against pride, immodesty, and outward adorning, as there is against cigarette smoking, ISN'T there? Yet pride gets by, whereas, we wouldn't stand for the cigarette smoking a little bit, would we! Why, if some one was to take the pulpit, or arise to testify, vigorously "working" a wad of chewing gum, it would be looked upon as terrible!—and might be the cause of a little remonstrance from some quarters; but how about a display of pride, foolishness, or immodesty in dress, under like circumstance—do they get a rebuking from the same source? Amen.

One of the great troubles within the ranks of God's good cause today—one of the reasons why true holiness has had to suffer so much—meet defeat at the hands of the enemy—is simply because the pro-

visions laid down for us in 2 Thess. 3:6, has not been carried out among us as it should! Instead of withdrawing from those who persist in walking in a disorderly manner, too often they are just carried along, so-to-speak, yielding an influence over the weaker ones, and setting a bad example for young converts, thus creating a situation that is sometimes hard to cope with; whereas, some, if properly given to understand that it meant for them to come clean with the Bible teaching along these lines, or else suffer the consequences according to 2 Thess. 3:6 (which in reality is the same as in Matt. 18:18.), such might move some to a lining up, where as it is, preaching has but little effect upon them. What benefit is a set of laws, if never enforced?

And again, it's funny how that some will wear silk hosiery—but my! throw up their hands in horror, so-to-speak, if some sister came out wearing a silk dress! NO!—they wouldn't wear a silk dress—that wouldn't look like holiness! but those silk stockings—"Well—uh?" Well, "What!" AMEN.

"THE BOOK OF BOOKS"

The Bible

The Bible is God's written word. It is a record of his Son; a record of God's people, and his dealings with them. It is inspired; holy men of old prophesied as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. It is historical, current, and prophetic. It records the success and failures of God's people. It is a guide from earth to heaven; a guide for worship, business, home, economics, trades, crafts, helps, and governments.

It is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our pathway; and yet it is hid to them that are lost.

It tells us how to treat our neighbor, our wife, husband, children, employer, employee, rulers, ministers, laity, the weak, the strong, elders, deacons, rich, poor, free, bond, wicked, righteous, the Godhead, and the Spirit of God.

Hard to understand; yet plain. Siret, sound, sharp, powerful; yet soothing, healing, precious, and wonderful.

It tells us how to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. How to be healed; and grow in grace. How to endure; how to strive; and tells how to pray, sing, testify, preach, fellowship, honour, respect, obey, judge, command, submit, and yield. It tells us how to weigh, measure; and suffer loss.

Without the Bible we could not prove our superiority over the animals. It tells of entrance into the world; how we progressed; and how the human race will meet its final end.

Let us honour it; read it; obey it; cherish it; hallow it; and defend it!

It is the Book of books—THE BIBLE!

Earnest Buckles,
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Anderson, Missouri.

The "Blindest" Person

As has been said, "The 'blindest' person, is the person who doesn't want to see." This is no doubt true of possibly many today, even professing holiness, when it comes to the Bible plan of supporting God's good cause—that of especially, paying their TITHES!

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. ---1 Corinthians 4:2.
Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond:

I've heart much of you people through the good saints of God; so thought I would take this opportunity to send in my testimony.

I certainly want to thank you for the Church of God, and say, plain facts, which are so badly needed in this day and time.

I am thanking God this beautiful spring morning for old-time salvation—something which the entire world can't make one doubt. Although Satan is trying with all his might, to destroy the power of our God, yet we know God's power is greatest.

I have belonged to the Baptist church for about five years. My husband was a Baptist preacher. We stood for that doctrine until about three months ago, at which time Bros. P. A. Henagar, and J. F. Atchley, were sent this way with the old-time Holy Ghost doctrine. I found there was a vacancy deep down in my soul, that had never been filled; a hungering for more of God. They preached a cleaning-up time. It was the cleanest gospel I had ever heard preached. I thank God for men who will stand and face a frowning world, and preach this old-time Gospel. Although, I well know but few will accept it. But I am praising His holy name today; and so glad I'm saved, sanctified, and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. I feel the opposition strongly against me, but thank God for the determination that I have in my heart to go all the way with Him. We are taught in his Word to put on the whole armour of God. I know it's going to take just that, if we stand.

I believe in restitution, now.

Praise God. I had some straightening up to do before the Holy Ghost came in. But what a blessing I did get by obeying God!

No unclean thing can enter into that City. I'm glad for the good highway of holiness; wouldn't exchange my experience for all the wealth of this old-sin-cursed world. And now with the whole world in such an uproar over this terrible monster, WAR, and sinners so unconcerned about their salvation, it makes one shudder to think of the outcome—

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jer. 8:20.)

"In your patience possess ye your souls." (Luke 21:19.)

And another thing—I'm glad I learned a few things on the line of dress. The way women and girls of our country dress, is a disgrace. Many are seen on our streets clad only in shorts, or in bathing suits. It's a shame! 1 Peter 4:14.

Pray much for myself and family.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Clara Pierce.
Box 56.
Forsyth, Missouri.

George West, Texas

April 15, 1939.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and all saints of God:

I wonder if there is room in the little paper for my testimony?

I feel good in my soul today; and have a greater determination to go on, and live for God. Am yet, saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, which is my teacher and helper.

I still love the old-time Gospel in its fulness. I want to go on with Jesus, and be ready when He comes, or calls.

I have four living children, whom I am trying to raise for God. One baby girl with Jesus; and I want to go to live as to meet her again, and be with her evermore.

I know we are living in the last days, as in 1 Thess., chapter 5, and in 2 Timothy 3:1-2, we read: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,--"

Read the next few verses, and compare these days with them all.

I desire that every saint remember me in prayer. Pray that God use me to His glory. And pray for my husband, that he might be sanctified, and receive the Holy Ghost—that God will make him hungry for the blessings---for I know it will mean much to be ready to meet the Lord.

A sister in Christ,
Mrs. Ida May Cook.
George West, Texas.

Unbecoming

Criticize us if you may—but it just doesn't look like real holiness to be "swigging down" a bottle of pop! There are plenty of ways for saints of God to partake of refreshments other than the kinds which besmirk a worldly atmosphere. Too much "bottle" influence now in evidence, anyway!

Something Else...

In addition to good thoughts expressed in Bro. Buckles' article on the Bible (page 5), there is something else, and it makes it very plain—it tells how saints of God ought to dress—in modest apparel—condemning worldly garb, outward adornimg, costly array, etc. This is a subject not appreciated by many; but it is necessary in observance, if we would follow Hebrews 12:14, in the fulness of it's meaning.

Read Bro. Earnest's, "Thoughts For Meditation," which is again appearing in the little paper.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. ---Proverbs 3:6.
CONFERENCE REPORT

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith, which convened at Newkirk, Okla., at 10 A.M., on April 10, 1939.

Conference opened with singing and prayer. Twenty one ministers, including pastor, present, together with congregation of saints from the laity.

A sweet spirit prevailed throughout the day. You who were not present, surely missed a feast of blessings, and soul-food from the Master’s table.

Brother B. R. Moon, local pastor, gave the opening address, followed by the song, “Where The Roses Bloom Eternally.” Bro. Moon then turned the services to Bro. P. A. Henegar, chairman, who brought forth a message from Ephesians, chapter 1. This was followed by singing, “Nearer My God To Thee,” led by Bro. Atchley, who then spoke from Heb., 13th. chap., and 1 Cor. 5:1-12.

Bro. C. S. Roberts next gave us an exhortation on, Forsaking one’s life for the Gospel.

Bro. (Uncle Joe) Gott gave in a testimony.

Bro. Loren Berryman next spoke, using for his theme, “Being Careful For Nothing.”

Bro. Wheeler then brought forth an address on, Unity among God’s people.

Sr. Sullivent, of Okmulgee, spoke on, The concentration of the Apostolic faith people.

Bro. Delmer Stone in an address on, Being true to God.

Bro. Earl Rice spoke.

Next was a message by Bro. Ussery, speaking from Eph. 5:11, 2 Cor. 6:14, and 2 Thess. 2:3-9.

Bro. Rice spoke on the three-fold plan of salvation.

Song.

A talk by Bro. Moon on, Eternal life.

Bro. John Norton, pastor at Van Buren, Ark., gave a report of the church at that place; and how he felt God in his moving to that place, to take charge of the work.

Bro. Eagen, of Pitcher; spoke of the fellowship of God’s people.

Bro. Atchley then led the songs, “The Life Boat,” and, “Just Leave It Alone.”

Prayer.

Fifteen minutes recess. Time, 1:45 P.M.

Called to order again at 2 P.M., with song, “He Prayed.”

Bro Autry Davis expressed himself in endorsement of conference; and that he desired to be ordained at a future time.

Sr. Sullivent gave a testimony on healing.

Sr. Ruby Steele expressed herself as having faith in the ministers of this movement; and stating this was the best conference she had ever attended; also voiced herself as against the fashions of the world.

Sr. Scaggs speaks about the preachers being plain spoken, and not leaving people in doubt as to what they stand for.

Sr. Isbel King testifies concerning a clean life.

Sr. Mefford gives testimony on trusting God for healing.

Bro. Ben Gray gives testimony on living for God.

Sr. Fry testifies; also Sr. Lemmings;

Bro. Lemmings speaks of enjoying conference.

Bro. C. S. Roberts expresses himself as being present to help others.

Order of conference was now changed.

Opened for business.

Bro. Atchley brought before us the need of a tabernacle for Camp Meeting purposes, beginning this season. After a discussion, it was suggested by Bro. Wheeler that we buy a tabernacle for this purpose. Bro. Atchley asked for the approval of conference on this proposition, which was given. And the following became pledged:

Bro. Pierce

" P. A. Henegar 2.50
" Wilson Henegar 2.50
" Wheeler 2.50
" Alexander 2.00
" Gillhouse 1.00
" Green 1.00
" Cleo Atchley 1.00

Sis. Scaggs 5.00

" Gwen Huffstetler 2.50
" Sullivent 2.00
" Ruby Steele, and 2.00

" Isbel King 2.00
" LaRue Roberts 2.00

Total $67.00

Pastors and leaders were asked to take this matter up with churches where they labour, and send all offerings to Bro. J. F. Atchley, Route 4, Harrison, Ark., by the 20th. of June, this year. A “fly,” 40x60 ft., was decided upon.

A ten-days Camp Meeting, with free table as usual, seemed to meet with the approval of conference; and date of Camp Meeting to be published.

Call for ordination: Bro. Clyde Eagen placed application for ordination in future.

Next was a request to read 1 Cor., 13th. chapter.

Offering of $3.40 was taken for publication of these Minutes.

Conference came to a close at 3:50 P.M., with singing, “When I Get Home,” and an old-time handshake. Many expressing what the day had meant to them. Several of the speakers—in fact, most every one—was anointed, and thus gave out the Word of God. Surely this day will not be forgotten; and may we meet again at the Camp Meeting, to enjoy the divine presence of God, and the fellowship of His saints. We wish these Minutes could tell to the readers the reality of the Spirit of God that was enjoyed this day.

Bro. P. A. Henegar, Chairman,
Sr. Beulah McLaughlin,
Acting Secretary.

Don’t forget your offering for the Tabernacle fund for the Camp Meeting!

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! —Psalms 133:1.
THE APOTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER

Doctrine

We preach Christ, His birth, baptism, works, teachings, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and His second 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. 11:13-12; 1Thess. 4:3; John 17:15, 16; I John 1:7-1; Peter 1:2. BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST—The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the gift of power upon a clean, sanctified life. Luke 24:19; Matthew 3:11; John 7:38, 39; 14:15, 16, 17, 26. Acts 1:5, 8.

And when we receive the experience, we also receive the same sign, or Bible evidence, of our new birth, Jesus given to us the right to pass over the day of Pentecost [Acts 2:4], at the household of Cornelius [Acts 10:46], and at Ephesus [Acts 19:6]—that of speaking in other tongues [or languages], as the Spirit giveth utterance. Note also Mark 16:17; 1 Cor. 14:21, 22.


THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS—The return of Jesus will be just as literal as was His going away. Acts 1:9-11. John 14:3. 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. 4:15-18.

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 unmistakeably the form set forth in the Bible. The word “baptize,” is taken from a Greek word meaning, “to dip,” and was used, of course, of the water baptism. In Jordan. Matt. 3:15, 16; 28:19. Acts 10:47, 48. Mark 16:16. 1 Peter 3:21.

THE LORD'S SUPPER—Jesus instituted the sacrament, or Lord's Supper, that we might thus "shew the death of the Lord till He come." 1 Cor. 11:25-29. Luke 22:17-20.

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


Upon authority of Matt. 24:6-8, by virtue of recently past, and now current events, the world has already experienced several of the determinations spoken of in the above verses, or the great tribulation period, which is to be climaxed by the three years and six months reign of the beast power prophesied to us in Rev. 13.


THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT—All nations shall be gathered before the great white throne and judgment. Here both small and great shall be judged according to their works. Daniel 12:2. 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. 20:11-15.

AN ETERNAL HEAVEN, AND AN ETERNAL HELL—The Bible teaches that hell is as eternal as heaven. Matthew 25:41-46. The wicked shall be cast into a burning hell—a lake of fire burning with brimstone forever and ever. Matthew 24:31; 25:41. Mark 9:43, 44.


Romans 7:2, 3.

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 God and men. Restitution means making the thing right wherein we have wronged our fellow man—taking back, or paying for, stolen articles, setting free from slavery, paying up old debts, returning things borrowed, etc. Ezekiel 33:14-16. Luke 19:8, 9. Other confessions sometimes have to be made.

WAR—It is our firm 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. Also Rev. 13:10. Luke 18:18-20. Heb. 12:14.

We maintain the highest regard for our flag and teach absolute respect for the laws and officials of our country 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, it is not a requirement today. This is an error in teaching. Men paid tithes long before the law was given. Gen. 14:18; 15:19. Under the law the paying of tithes was imposed as the support of the priesthood and singers, who did the work (Nehemiah 13:14), which answers to the ministry of today. Ephesians 5:25. Jesus and Paul both speak regarding tithing. Matt. 23:23; 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 nations for robbing God? We see the very things happening today in the way 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 1:23; 1 Cor. 12:27. We get into the church through a spiritual birth. Ps. 87:5, 6. John 3:3 to 8. Note also Acts 2-47. This is not an organized institution—man-made organization that divides God's people, as clearly evidenced among the many different denominations today. God's plan is not for a divided and sectionalized Chris­tianity, but to be united, and that should be but one group, and all working in harmony. "There is one body." etc. Eph. 4:4.

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

I do not know what shall befall me in the future—I do know what the past has been; but this we do know—that if we live right, the future is founded upon the promise of God, even as has been the past!

And concerning one of the outstanding questions of the day—that of the necessities of life—we do have the sweet assurance given us in Isaiah 31:16, for the man “that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly,” etc., that “bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.” These two elements will sustain life; and best of all—THIS promise, direct from God, is just as real, and sure of fulfillment, as ANY promise He has given us in the Bible.

Now in the foregoing, beloved, let it be understood that what we shall have to say, is not intended as any undue criticism of our government or its chief executives; but the rather, pointing out the evident danger of professed children of God failing Him, and the possibly subsequent danger that awaits those who may follow on in alliance with relief projects, and of various kinds, etc., until the time, if, and when, we shall go under the power of absolute dictatorship, which, to our feeble understanding, based upon the teachings of the Bible (Rev. 13th, and 17th chapters, etc.), is sure to come.

First, let us say, that one of the outstanding admonitions in the Bible is, faith in God; and as such, this has been a paramount teaching of those of the Apostolic faith since the beginning of the latter rain dispensation, dating back to 1901. In this respect, devout people of God have launched out for Him in many ways, and have seen His promises put to a victorious test. Loved ones have been brought back, in sickness, from the very jaws of death; others have crossed on Over, shouting the victory!—trusting God to the very end; despite stout men who have made the sacrifice, frail young women have stepped out by faith, their only bank account being Philippians 4:19, crossed the briny deep, and penetrated the jungles, or invaded the dark centers of idolatrous worship, carrying the blessed story of salvation to those in heathen darkness, their labours being blessed of God; others have quit sinful occupations, trusting God to make the way for them, to find Him providing honourable, upright employment. And so on, time nor space necessary to set forth the reward for faith exercised rightly before God. But the thought upon our hearts, is this: In view of the fact that God has so wonderfully blessed those who have put their trust in Him; how that faith has been preached from the pulpit, and received with joyous acclaim; and of some of our older ones—let our minds go back to the trying days of the World war—what faith in God meant then! and how careful and fearful we were about partaking of this and that—let us think! of all these things, and then note a condition now existing, wherein a test along the line of meat and bread, so-to-speak, is facing many!

Briefly, and to the point—does it portray the spirit of the true (Con't. on page 10.)
Apostolic faith—to be more explicit, the faith of Jesus—to be seen standing in line, with a sack under your arm, when the commodity truck (government relief) rolls in! We're afraid not! We hear the Psalmist David say, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." If such taking "relief" isn't close akin to begging, just what would you call it? You may fall out with us for saying it, but people who are professing old-time salvation, and then "holding open the sack," to be filled with relief supplies, are only evidencing that there is something wrong somewhere—and it's not with the promises of God, either! Some will stoutly stand for the doctrine of divine healing—which thing is right—possibly criticise some one who weakens along this line, and who resorts to the arm of flesh—calls in the doctor—but who, themself, when hunger begins to stare them in the face, will do no less than turn to the arm of flesh—get on the relief roll, and be thereby found doing the same—turning to the arm of flesh in the hour of trial. So of the two, there is but little, if any difference, so far as trusting God is concerned. Some may say, "Yes, but my children—I can’t think of them getting hungry." Well, for all that—did you ever see your child suffering pain, or a burning fever, and you held on to God—got more in earnest, until victory came? Why not the same faith and determination in the face of hunger, as in the face of death? Possibly you one time testified that you were going to stand for God if it taken your very life; and doubtless some have stood some severe tests along the line; but now, in a time of trial over food for the family, your faith weakens, and you resort to a means that you would have one time condemned! Is God not the same in the face of hunger, as in the time of sickness? Beloved, one thought we get along the line is this: If we can’t have a little faith in God in a time like this, but fail, resorting to something that is evidently contrary to the principles of the faith for help in time of need, just how can we expect to stand the test when the real trying time comes, wherein no man can buy nor sell, except he have the mark, the name, or the number of the name, of the beast? Think. But possibly somebody will advance the theory that the present relief set-up IS God’s plan for supplying our needs in a time like this. To this we can’t agree no more than we can accept the theory that medicine, a product of His creation, is His plan for His people in time of sickness. And futhermore, to make more plain the fact that the relief proposition IS NOT God’s plan for HIS people, we are sure that if such WERE the case, they would not have to virtually take a pauper’s oath to get that relief! Neither would HIS plan be a strong “spoke” in a political wheel! Amen. People surely need to be very careful. I am afraid that some are crowding the truth very closely when they “sign up” to the fact they have no other means of making a living! This sounds like close on to denying faith in God—lining up with a proposition contrary to Biblical principles—whereas, His promise is to supply ALL our needs (Phil. 4:19:); and surely, intelligence would agree with us that His plan for doing so, would be ONE without question, and above reproach! And we can’t associate the spirit of Christ lined up contrary to the observations of David in Psalms 37:25; nor “signed up” under a pauper’s oath, so-to-speak, when God is yet able to make a way, even where there seems to be no way, for the individual who is in earnest, and is sincere before Him—willing to suffer a little, if need be—both literally, and by way of persecution—rather than partake of the questionable, or reproach the good cause of Christ.

Then as a climax to the situation, we see this danger: people will give in a little here, and a little there—weak on this thing, and that thing; “sign up” to this and that, until, if not careful, when the real testing time does come—the beast power in it’s fullness—they will not have the grace—resisting power—to refuse, but will line right up with the rest of the world, and take the mark, so-to-speak. It may be with them like the man in the ditch, drunk—he didn’t start out for that place—had no intention of going that far with his liquor—but drink by drink finally led him there, just the same! So beloved, when we are weakening before God, letting down on the standard, there is one thing for sure—we are NOT growing in grace! a thing we are going to each need an abundant portion of, if we really stand the trials and tests of these last days. We need the faith and determination as was manifest several years ago by that good sister in the Lord, with whom wife and I are quite personally acquainted, who, when her child was dangerously sick, and the ruling there to the effect that you had to have a doctor in the sickness or you couldn’t get a burial permit, went before God in that earnestness, declaring that she was going

"And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah." —1Kings 17:16.
to trust Him—that she would not call the doctor, if she had to bury her little boy in the back yard!—and the result—God wonderfully healed her child; and he’s alive today, with the blessings in his life, grown, married—a Christian home. Don’t you know that mother is yet glad that she stood those few hours of test for the Lord! Remember, trials do not last an any thousand years!

So beloved, before this race is finished, we may have to exercise a little of the faith of Daniel, and the three Hebrew children. Surely, such as these did not suffer trials just for their own sake, but in a manner permitted them to serve as a lesson to you and I—that we fear God above all, with no uneasiness about putting our trust in Him, to live, or to die for Him.

The world is fast being “whipped” into line for submission to the oncoming beast power. This power is being preceeded by dictatorship. And that such form of government is now battling right at our very doors, is plainly evident. With all due respect, the “third term” talk concerning our present chief executive, whether it ever materializes or not, doubtless has a meaning of deeper intent than merely breaking a precedence of over 160 years standing. He is of the type that would possibly best fit into the American picture. We are of a little different type over here—don’t bend so easily to force, but quiet pliable sometimes in the face of enthusiasm prompted by promise! And the present relief set-up is, in our estimation, a proposition that is only gradually ensnaring the unsuspecting into position of becoming government subjects. Already has the old-time American morale of independence and self support been broken down among thousands, and they seem content to be as little birds in the nest-wide open mouths, for the government to fill! And in this relief proposition, is a strong political machine being built. And while pressure is being brought to bear now in some quarters relating to farming and commerce, yet it is in a milder form, possibly, and moving a bit more slowly, than in the European situation; yet just a few more high American ideals to be broken down; when a few more of the old patriotic type pass off the scene; then will we find our-
EASTER SERVICES AT NEWKIRK, OKLA.

Dear Bro. Bond, and readers of the little Messenger:

We are thanking the dear Lord for the wonderful Easter service He gave us. It was a day not soon to be forgotten; and one to which we can look back to, and thank Him for, time and again.

On Saturday night before, there were some thirty dear saints from different places, who had come to be with us; and we had a most wonderful service that night, the Lord coming on the scene in the old-time way. The Mission was filled, and everybody feeling good. Bro. John Norton, pastor at Van Buren, Ark., led the praise service, God giving victory. Bro. Atchley, pastor at White Oak, near Harrison, Ark., brought forth a wonderful message from the 114th chapter of Revelation.

Then following a good night’s rest, we met together on Sunday morning, with people gathering in from many places, with up-lifted hearts, to enter the day for the Lord.

The forenoon service was given to song and testimony, in which God surely blessed—songs and testimonies ringing true to the glory of God. At the close of the praise service, a wonderful message was enjoyed, Bro. Henegar, of near Ramona, and our Conference Chairman, doing the preaching. The services came to a close with each one feeling up-lifted in their soul.

At this time we were dismissed for the noon hour, and a fine dinner was served, with about 200 partaking of this old-time act of sociability and hospitality.

After the noon hour, we were assembled again for the afternoon services, which was given over to the visiting ministers to speak, of whom there were about 22 present. Wonderful thoughts on the Word was heard and enjoyed by all. Services came to a final close around 4 o’clock, many being compelled to start for home at that time, but with the majority remaining over for the night meeting.

At the night service, the Lord again was in our midst, and did wonderfully bless in the song service. Bro. Cleo Atchley, of the White Oak band, led the praise service, after which Bro. Wheeler, pastor at Mulberry, Kans., brought forth a touching message to those of God’s people needing a deeper walk. An invitation was given, and the altar was filled with those who wanted deeper experiences. A wonderful time around the altar, which brought to a close, the services of the day, with the most yet remaining over for the Conference Meeting that had been announced for the following day—Monday, which was also a wonderful time, and enjoyed by all.

The services then following on Monday night, seems was the most blessed of all, the saints realizing our gathering—together was drawing to a close, with all obeying the Lord. This service lasted until almost midnight. Spiritual singing as never before, by the choir, after which Bro. Ottis Green, of the White Oak Saints, led in the testimony meeting, with God blessing every one; following this, a special song by the male quartette of White Oak; then an inspiring message to the saints by Bro. Loren Berryman, of Colorado, that they endure, and be faithful. This then brought us to a final close of the two day’s special gathering.

This time of assemblage of God’s people, which was surely enjoyed, will long be remembered by the dear saints as they look back over the day for God. And let all who know the worth of prayer, pray if the Lord tarries, and we be permitted to live, that we can look forward to another good meeting next Easter season.

Yours in the Lord, for a clean, straight Gospel.

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THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

(Bro. Earnest Buckles.)

Are you professing religion under an assumed name?

Some folk “appear” so humble, that a spirit of self-conceit is manifest.

The close place is not at the Pearly Gates; but at the Judgment!

Does the Bible thrill you? or do you find condemnation there, and close its pages?

If some folk intend to travel the clean way, they need to take along some “fuller’s soap!” (Mal. 3:2.)

There are two ways to die as a soldier—one, a hero; the other, a traitor.

A mixture of sacredness and foolishness, is more disgusting than just plain foolishness!

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. —Psalm 119:105.
ARE YOU FREE?

We are rather beginning to wonder if saints of God—and preachers especially—ought not to be coming out a little plainer and stronger on the coffee question. (Some of the “addicts” want it good and strong, don’t they?)

Coffee has it’s habit-forming quality, the same as does tobacco, alcohol, or narcotics. It is merely a first step in the line of stronger nerve sedatives. It surely has a grip on some people, and that right in the face of such Gospel teaching as John 8:36, which says, “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”

People who are nervous, fretful, head-achy, and such like, if they fail to get their coffee, are sure lacking THAT much of being absolutely free, aren’t they? Here is Paul’s position in such things as would involve the coffee question—“but I will not be brought under the power of any.” (1 Cor. 6:12.)

Are YOU under it’s power? You might say, “O, I could quit it just any time.” Well, why don’t you—and that from the heart—if for no other reason, lest this “liberty” of yours be a stumblingblock to a weak brother, and he finally says, “If Bro. ‘So-and-So’ can use it, so can I.” And he begins to imbibe, and it gets it’s “grip” on him—then what have you done! Made another addict of the person whom Christ would have to be free! Is this walking charitably? Read 1 Cor. 8:9-13; Rom. 14:15.

Were it not for it’s disgusting side, the situation would be most humorous, wherein the individual has to “maneuver” around to get a little of their “nippy” when company was on hands, and before whom they didn’t have the nerve (and we’re sure God would not be giving grace, publicly, or privately) to use it openly! Having a “hard” time! Amen. Such makes us think of the individual professing salvation, and addicted to the old pipe—how he has to keep an “eye out” over the hill, so-to-speak, while trying to smoke, for fear the preacher might come along suddenly, and catch him! Well, “brother,” such is embarrassing to the preacher, also; he has to run up on such a scene; and possibly he sometimes rather make a noise of some kind, to give warning of approach, that the “brother” might have time to “clear the decks;” and possibly has there been more than one coat pocket burned by the hasty cramming away of their “comforter”—the preacher so close, they didn’t have time to “knock the fire.” Afraid we wouldn’t get too much enjoyment out of the thing we had to use on the sly. Had much rather see people open and above board, than slipping around on the quiet—there is much more honour before God in the same.

If people can’t live their life before saints of God, with a good conscience, how can they expect to stand in the Judgment?

There is the true story of the woman (a saint of God, known to wife and myself) who was so deeply concerned over the possible spiritual welfare of the old colored lady that worked for her, who professed salvation, but yet used tobacco, that after “auntie” passed away, this sister was earnestly seeking God to try to feel whether or not it was well with “auntie’s” soul the tobacco question bothering her—when she afterwards related, while in prayer, her OWN COFFEE appeared before her as BLACK as “auntie’s” tobacco! And needless to say, she quit her coffee!

So as far as some are concerned, the coffee question, as some other questions relating to holiness, may seem of small import; but nevertheless, it is of sufficient weight to have a bearing, both in the light of the scripture, and in the estimation of good saints of God. One of the tenents of true holiness is, freedom from every thing of a habit-forming nature; and if this does not include coffee, it would have to be proven that coffee has no such qualities. Coffee has no real food value; is not necessary as a beverage; is used more as a stimulant than anything; is therefore a needless expense. Some are so addicted to it’s use, they would suffer a shortage of wholesome food stuffs on the table for their children, in order to have a supply of this habit-forming, and quarrel-basis product, on hands, for no doubt many a good wife has received a real “grouches” on the hands of a grouch-infested husband, when he came to the table, and there found the coffee wasn’t strong enough to “backfire” against his tobacco-soaked appetite!

Some will possibly use tobacco, as they claim, to relieve, or ward off, “heart burn;” whereas, if they would leave off their coffee, with it’s caffeine, and caffieic acid (resembling tannic acid an acid used in certain form of tanning leather!), maybe their “heart burn”—which, after all, is only a stomach rearrangement—would get well of it’s self!

But for all this, you will occasionally find some coffee “saints,” or, possibly some tobacco “saints;” but let them be in a degree, tolerant of each other, for after all, it may be a kindred desire prompting each—the one’s meal isn’t complete without IT; and as for the other—his meal is hardly complete unless IT follows!

(Wonder what would be some’s table drink, if the Lord should be a personal guest there, as He sometimes was in the days of old? Seems as this kind of an imaginary test ought to settle the question for all who are really sincere.) Amen.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. —Isa 55:2.
REPORTS

JUNE 27, 1939.

As we understand it, Bro. Usery and family moved to Drumright, Okla., on Memorial Day, to assume the pastorate there. Srs. Ruby Steele and Isibel King, who had been with the church for over a year, and whose sojourn had been blessed of the Lord, felt the time had come for a change in their labour. May the Lord bless their efforts in whatever field they may be called; and also, may God bless and prosper Bro. Usery in his new charge. He has been for some time past, with the little band at Arkansas City, Kan.; and we do hope the way will be made for the good people there, that they will be able to carry on for the Lord at that place. Pray for them.

Sr. Viola Ashburn, of Oklahoma City, closed a revival meeting at Boyd school house, near Oakgrove, Ark., on Wednesday night, June 14. Report from there to the effect three saved, and one sanctified. Well taken with the preaching. From there to Jones school house, across the line in Missouri. Good interest being shown there. Sunday School at Boyd was "doing fine."

Bro. Loren Berryman and family, of Colorado, was reported in a revival at Drumright, June 12. No one saved as yet.

Bro. Wheeler was in a short season of services at the Mission near Ramona recently. Busy time; crowds small.

Sr. Sullivan, of Okmulgee, was with us here at Center Mission for 14 nights just recently. No visible results, yet another opportunity has gone down on record concerning those who failed to heed. Bro. Wheeler, family, and sister, were with us one night.

Sunday, June 18, was an unexpectedly blessed day with us. Saints were with us from Tulsa, Sapulpa, and Okmulgee. The dear Lord knows when we need encouragement. God bless each of them. May they, and others, come.

We are yet praying for this place. Precious souls here under conviction—yet the enemy has been working so hard. A good Sunday School, of four classes, with an attendance of 40 to 50, and sometimes more. Help us pray God's will be accomplished here in spite of the enemy. We need your help. Amen.

Under date of May 16, Bro. John Norton, pastor, Van Buren, Ark., reports—Sr. Virgie Wesson and Bro. Ira Rice held a two weeks meeting. One saved; two reclaimed, and one of them sanctified. The saints greatly benefitted. Bro. Autry Davis (near Scranton) came Tuesday, and stayed until Sunday night, the 7th. Meeting closed on this date, with sacrament services and feet washed.

May 22—Bro. Ottis Green, for the White Oak band, near Harrison, Ark.: Have been having some good services at White Oak. One prayer meeting night, there was one I saved, 4 sanctified, and 5 received the Holy Ghost; and since then, 3 or 4 more have received the Holy Ghost just in prayer meetings. The saints are surely doing fine. Good altar services.

Bro. Atchley, pastor at White Oak (near Harrison, Ark.), reports in early part of May, from a place called Log Hall, near Red Rock, Ark., a wonderful meeting. A new field. Had only been there two weeks; 25 brightly saved; 20 to 32 in altar last few nights; building 60 f. long, and filled each night; hadn't seen a meeting like this in years—like old times. He also requested we make mention of tabernacle fund in this issue—had to have offerings in by June 20; but sorry we are too late for that date; however, we are sure all offerings can yet be used to the glory of God. So send them in!

May 22—Bro. B. R. Moon, pastor at Newkirk, sends in a report from that place to the effect that God was wonderfully blessing in a special way—that the saints had most all of them prayed through to victory; some claiming a better unity among them now, than for a long time; people coming out, who had never came before.

Corpus Christi, Texas

June 21, 1939.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and all the saints scattered abroad;
Greetings in Jesus' name:

Glad this morning that I am still enjoying the blessings of God. Have resigned the pastoral work at Edna, Tex., and am in a revival here.

We sure do need help in south Texas, as I am the only active preacher of the Apostolic faith there; and I can't fill all the calls for help in this country. So any one who can come and help, will be appreciated; and I know God will bless. So I do hope and pray God will move on some good preacher to come to south Texas; and that they will obey God.

Let's not have a beat out trail to certain churches, and let others suffer from lack of help, thereby having respect of persons.

Pray for me and mine, that we may do the will of God.

As ever,

James Moon,
2558 Ruth St.,
Corpus Christi, Tex.

Don't forget your offering for the Tabernacle fund for the Camp Meeting!

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

Keep Your Eyes On The Cross

This admonition should be stressed more today, than ever before.

In this terrible time of perplexity, “men’s hearts are failing them for fear;” and even Blood-bought Christians are overcome by Satan to the extent they get their eyes on every one possible, but themselves and Christ. Oh, there are so many discouraging things to see, if we but look for them. Surely, that must be one of the easiest ways to lose the victory.

We see this one doing this, and another doing yet worse.

Some sister comes to us with a scandal on this brother, or that sister; and before she is gone from sight, a brother comes, bringing more gossip to pour into listening ears. And thus on and on it goes, until we have heard some outrageous story on all those in whom we had placed confidence. Is THIS all true? We begin to consider. Yes, it could easily be so, but we hope it isn’t. We can always find lots of fault in even our best friends, if that is what we want to do. Try it, if doubtful. Alas, we keep inquiring about this gossip we have heard, until we get enough evidence that we can’t help believing the things we have heard. Our confidence has been shaken, and we’re tempted to conclude—but NOW it’s time we MUST flee! It would be fatal to go beyond this line which we are now facing. Wake up! We KNOW God is real; and that there ARE a few yet living true to Him.

Many of us make mistakes; and our faults usually look the worse to those who do not understand, or know our intent. God knows. Let’s leave everyone else in His hands, and get our eyes on Jesus. Of course, we can’t be a hermit; but God will reveal the things we should do for our brother. Let us be careful. God is not the author of confusion. And when we feel the urge to do something, let’s first “try the spirits.” and be sure we are in God’s will. Remember, there is the Bible way to deal with those who persist in walking disorderly; and also the proper ones to attend to this. If there’s a word of encouragement we could speak, or a proper admonition we could offer, let’s do that; but otherwise, “Keep your eyes on the Cross.”

God has mercifully made a plan wherein we will only have to answer for our own life. Let us not try to make the way burdensome to ourselves by trying to live a life over which we have little or no control. We don’t help ourselves, or the other person, when we do so.

Think what peace we could know, if we never heard any of the faults of others. We can have that peace by “Keeping our eyes on the Cross.” Let’s never repeat the gossip we hear, unless it is to the one on whom it is told. We can feel clear in our soul, and possibly God will help us forget it more quickly.

A number of seamstresses are beginning the work on one of the most beautiful creations in ages. One particular seamstress is simply overjoyed with the idea. A vision of that beautiful finished garment is before her eyes all the time. She can hardly wait to see it in reality. If it were possible, she would like to get it all finished in five minutes! But it will take much patience and skilled labour to create such a charming garment. Each person must do her part well, or the accomplishment cannot be made; and one can’t do another’s person’s work. The garment must be made step by step, and in order.

The seamstress who is so very interested in this project, is tempted to have nothing more to do with it, when she sees some making mistakes, for she thinks it will never be the garment she sees in her vision. Yet she has her place to fill. She cannot fall down, because there’s no one who can substitute. There’s nothing left to do, but perform her duty well, and let the others take care for their part. By watching someone else, she finds she can’t even do her part well. Neither does it help to talk about the faults of others among the group, unless she talks directly to the ones who need to improve.

We, as Christians, are very enthusiastic, and looking forward to the time when the beautiful church shall become the Bride; and too often we are so eager for it to be a perfect church—without blemish—that we try to MAKE everyone else live just as carefully as we think they should. In so turn-

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. ---Philippians 4:13.
ing our interest on others, we lose sight of ourselves, and can’t see that we’re drifting far from perfection, also.

We simply cannot do another’s part—live his life; neither is anything gained if we become offended when our brother doesn’t measure up to God’s Word, and we almost give up over the same.

God surely is calling for those who will keep their part done up well, and leave all the other to Him and the one to whom it has been assigned. When we come to this conclusion, our troubles will be fewer, and the church will be perfected more quickly.

“Keep you eyes on the Cross,” if you would be saved. Just think what Peter suffered by getting his eyes on the trouble around him, and off of Christ.

Just think what the Cross means to us—where the price was paid for our redemption: O think, young people! What if the sacrifice had not been made? Oh, that young people, older people—every one in the entire world—would “look to the Cross,” and enjoy its protection from Satan’s snares, grief, pain, and all that sin brings.

“Look to the Cross,” and find joy beyond expression: peace and love that the world can’t give; neither can it take them out of our hearts—while our eyes are ON THE CROSS!

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If people can’t trust God in sickness, they ought to be careful how they testify when all are well!

The really sanctified mother is not going to dress her daughter—large or small—in the “go-naked” style of dressing so prevailing today. Neither would the right kind of a father stand for such!

THE THING MOST NEEDED

Some are no doubt greatly concerned over the question of just WHO will compose the Bride; and WHEN, and HOW, such body of people is going to be caught away to meet the Bridegroom, WHEN, and in WHAT manner. He shall appear; whereas, a matter of fact, the thing that SHOULD concern them MOST, is the question of whether or not THEY are worthy to be of that number, and ready to meet Him when He does come! “Preparedness” is the message the Bible stresses. “Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh,” is the warning Jesus left us in Matthew 24:44; and in Matthew 25:1-13, He sets forth the parable of the ten virgins, showing us in substance, just what “being ready” means—that to be able to, “go ye out to meet him,” means that first, we must be “virgins”—pure; holy; in the spiritual sense, sanctified; and this means much, indeed, when we consider just what a sanctified life refers to. And then next, it is here pictured the ABSOLUTE necessity of such an one (sanctified) having “oil in their vessels with their lamps;” and “oil,” as you know, IS a type of the Holy Ghost, all the way through the Bible; hence we have the picture of what being “ready” means—it means for me to be saved from a life of sin; sanctified wholly, regardless of how the enemy opposes that experience! and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and walking in all the light that God has shed across my pathway!

You may wonder why we stress, “sanctified wholly.” We do so because it is Bible doctrine. We hear Paul admonishing already saved, or converted people, in 1 Thess., chapter 5, to do certain things, and concludes with this promise from God to them (v.23.), “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” If THAT was the doctrine taught in the EARLY church, WHY is it not the doctrine for US of today, if we are willing to admit that Paul preached the Gospel in THAT day as a DIRECT revelation from Heaven! A good time and place to do some thinking, brethren. Amen.

So we are sure, beloved, the thing most needed, is not a perfect understanding of the routine of events concerning the coming of the Bridegroom for the Bride; but that which should first concern us, is the warning message of preparedness—do we love our enemies? are we unsprinkled from the world? have we the real Holy Ghost in our lives? are we walking in the light, etc.? We hear the words in Revelation 19:7, “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.” Now the question—Are we ready? If so, I am sure God will take care for the rest, and that without the loss of one, regardless of our previous lack of understanding. Amen.

ANSWERS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL QUESTIONS


“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” Revelation 22:12.