

HERALD of HOPE

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A messenger of salvation, healing, comfort, good cheer, and encouragement to the poor, the needy, the unsaved, the sick, the afflicted, the heavy hearted, the distressed, the discouraged, and to all who are in need of blessing and comfort from on high.

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Jesus Saves — Jesus Heals

"...And there shall be famines,..." Matt. 24:7.

"...And there shall be famines and troubles:..." Mark 13:8

"...And famines, and pestilences;..." Luke 21:11.

"And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence among them,..." Jer. 24:10.

"In famine He shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword..." Job 5:20.

"...Neither shalt thou be afraid..." Job 5:22.

"And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace;..." Job 5:24.

And There Shall Be — FAMINES

Many centuries ago the greatest prophet who ever lived, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, described in great detail the most critical period in all of man's existence. He was referring to events immediately preceeding the end, or consummation of this present era of human history. His answer came in response to His disciples question, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world," or as another version translates it, "The end of the age." Matthew 24:3.

Jesus spoke of several major events that would signal the beginning of this troubled period. After He mentioned false prophets and wars, came a third significant indication, "... and there shall be famines ..." Matthew 24:7.

The Black Horse of the Apocalypse: In Revelation 6:1-8 we read of John's vision of the four horsemen. Each of these is a symbol of the judgments that will be inflicted upon rebellious humanity in the not-too-distant future! This message is one of the most frightening in all of the Bible. Christians need to be informed and prepared for what lies ahead.

Past Famines: Historical famines are, by definition, "cyclical famines," meaning that they are caused by unusual weather conditions, plagues, animal or insect infestation or a similar interruption of normal cycles. These cyclical famines are far different from the "structural famines", which the bulk of mankind is experiencing today.

Even righteous Abraham suffered temporarily from such cyclical famines (Gen. 12:10). When Canaan's rains failed, he went to Egypt for food. In the days of his great-grandson, Joseph, the rains and rivers everywhere failed for seven years, "... and the famine was over all the face of the earth." (Gen. 41:56).

The historical books of the Bible speak frequently of "a famine in the days of David", "a sore famine in Samaria", or a "great famine was throughout the land". (II Sam. 21:1; I Kings 18:2; Luke 4:25). One very graphic incident is described in II Kings 6:25-29: "There was a great

famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver (about \$50), and the fourth part of a cab (a pint) of dove's dung for five pieces of silver (about \$3)."

Famines in the Dark Ages: Between A.D. 1050 and 1350, severe famines struck all known lands, becoming especially severe in Egypt around A.D. 1065 and 1200, England around A.D. 1314, and all of Europe during the "Black Death" of the 1350's.

Around 1065, the combined ravages of war and drought caused a famine in Egypt which must have rivaled in severity the seven-year famine under Joseph, approximately 2800 years previous. During the famine of 1065, a single cake of bread sold for about \$40 (modern equivalent), eggs, \$30 a dozen, and a bushel of grain for more than \$50.

The desperate Egyptians even resorted to cannibalism. Butchers of men actually "fished" for their victims. Shrieking victims were "hooked" and cooked, then sold on the open market.

In England under Edward II, a great famine struck in 1314. Food was so scarce that even the king had a hard time securing food for his table. Men ate dogs, horses, cats, and human babies as well. Thieves and cannibals were arrested, but when a new criminal was thrown into jail, he was quickly seized upon by the starving inmates and literally torn to pieces for food.

Famines since 1845: In 1845, the entire potato crop in Ireland rotted from an unexpected blight. Ireland was as dependent on potatoes as many Asian nations are now dependent on rice as a main staple of life. The hunger was so severe that the death toll in Ireland was between 200,000 and 300,000. A great number emigrated to England and America, thousands died on board the emigrant ships. Ireland, a great nation of 8.3 million people in 1845, lost 2 million people to death and emigration in just five years. Even today Ireland has but one half of her peak population of 1845.

China is another land in which periodic famines strike unexpectedly, with severe famines in 1906 and 1911.

Russia has also suffered much from famines in recent history. The war-caused famine in Leningrad killed more people by starvation than the United States has lost in all its wars.

Ominous Weather Patterns: There's been a change in the weather — and from all indications it may hinder man's efforts to feed earth's hungry billions. Over the last few decades, climatologists have noticed a marked cooling trend emerging from their masses of meteorological data. Temperatures peaked around 1945 and have been dropping ever since.

Some scientists now suspect that the earth may be on the way back to a "mini ice age" like the one that lasted from the late Middle Ages until the beginning of this century. The signs of this advancing global cold front are widespread. In 1972 and 1975, cooler weather was the major culprit behind the Soviet Union's devastating crop failures. Growing pack ice around Iceland has made life more difficult for local fishermen. England has lost nine days from her growing season since the early 1950's. And during the winter of 1971-1972, scientists noted a 12% increase in the size of the Arctic ice cap.

This cooling of the earth's climate has also prevented moisture-laden equatorial air from reaching the badly parched African Sub-Sahara region. The extended drought that followed was responsible for the massive famines which began there in the early 1970's, and which still continue.

Recently, on the church page of the

In This World

In this world we shall be tested
So 'twas promised by the Lord
But good cheer is also given
In the pages of God's Word

It was through much tribulation
We should enter Heaven's rest
Where the soul finds peace and comfort
In the kingdom of the blest

Precious Jesus-Only Savior
Friend of Sinners - Made the way
Into God's eternal presence
Tempted, tried, the same as we.
St. John 16:33 - Rev. 7:14 - Heb. 4:15
Yesterday - Today - Forever

Heb. 13:8

The God of yesterday helped me
And He is still with me today
And He'll be the God of Tomorrow
For He promised His presence always
H.J.S.

Chattanooga News-Free Press a headline article appeared which stated, "Hunger still taking heavy toll internationally". Following are some quotes from this article: "One out of every eight people on earth is hungry most of the time. In many countries, up to 40% of the population is malnourished. Between 1957 and 1976, developing-world imports of military goods grew from \$5.4 billion to \$9.3 billion (in constant dollars). In the developing world, there exists one soldier for every 250 people, but just one doctor for each 3,700. Sixteen percent of the world's children are malnourished. Over 600 million people live on incomes of less than \$50 per year. Even under conditions of rapid economic growth, 470 million people

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To Our Readers and
Prayer Band

Dear Ones in Christ:

First of all, may I apologize to our many friends of the Herald of Hope for our inability to regularly send out issues of this publication. It seemed that a combination of run-away inflation of prices, fear, reduced incomes, unemployment and the general instability of our economy made necessary a readjustment of our fiscal policies. I believe, though, that a careful re-appraisal of our present situation and additional prayer effort as well as strong faith in God will make further retrenchment unnecessary.

The work of God must continue to expand and be able to face any new challenge that comes our way. The re-dedication of the church of Jesus Christ to a yet unfulfilled ministry will help us to hold fast to the unchanging hand of God and make us sufficient for any test or trial.

Many have written or asked us concerning our local radio broadcast. As you may know, we were on the same station five mornings each week for approximately twenty-eight years. The time was prime time: 7:00 to 7:15 a.m. At the end of this period we were informed that the station was re-scheduling the early morning broadcasts, and that we had been assigned the time from 6:15 to 6:30 a.m. We were not consulted regarding this time change, merely notified that this would be our future time slot. Of course, this was a real body-blow to our radio work for we only had the one broadcast for local contact with our many friends and this meant we would probably lose most of our early morning listeners. However, we tried to carry on with greatly reduced income for approximately another two years, but with very limited success since the economy was against us and we had lost most of our faithful listening audience. So, the inevitable happened, several months ago after about 30 years of broadcasting over this station and in the face of constantly mounting deficits, we reluctantly gave notice that we must terminate. So that is the whole story. We are now reaching out in other directions to carry out the great commission. We will endeavor to keep informed our many friends who have faithfully stood with us these many years. Do let us continue to hear from you. We will be going forward through the medium of the printed page to carry the Good News to the ends of the earth.

This too is good news. There is a quickening of Gospel tempo throughout the world. If you have your finger on the pulse of revival today, you will rejoice with us. Revival and renewal fires increase, even in areas torn by revolution, strife and famine. God's people are hearing the clarion call to greater sacrifice and consecration. Let us all continue to pray "until He rains righteousness upon us."

If you have need of special prayer, we will pray with you. God is still the God of miracles. The effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much. We are willing to pray for you. Will you pray for us? There is much work to do for the enemy is strong, but the God of battles stands with the faithful. We go forward on our knees. May I enlist your support for the work of intercession? Darkness is fast spreading over the earth and the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

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For Christ and Souls,
H. J. Smith, Editor

PRAY WITH US

• Los Angeles, as well as all of our other great, crime-cursed cities, surely needs a special moving of God. Pray that it may come quickly.

• Pray that there may be more volunteers for our Los Angeles telephone prayer band. So many of our former faithful prayer warriors are now in Evangelistic and Missionary work and our ranks are sorely depleted.

• For divine guidance essential in dealing with those who come for help to the "Old Pisgah" Home and Tabernacle here in Los Angeles. Many are bound by alcohol or drugs. Some have severe mental problems.

• Inflationary problems are many. Food, utilities, postage prices increasing very fast. We serve many. Much prayer needed.

• Volunteer workers are still needed for the "Pisgah" Farm Community in Tennessee: carpenters, painters, plumbers, farmers, furniture refinishers, etc.

PRAISE THE LORD
WITH US

• Through a faithful friend of Pisgah we now have a new Chevrolet crew-cab pick-up truck for the Los Angeles work.

• For additional farm equipment we now have for the Pisgah Farm prayer community in Tennessee.

• For the many who are praying through to new Christian experience at our Christ Faith Mission Mountain home. The Lord is especially blessing among the various language groups.

• For the wisdom and divine guidance He is giving to deal with the many problems of these days.

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will be living in absolute poverty in the year 2000. More than three-quarters of the world's inadequately nourished people live on the Indian subcontinent, in Southeast Asia, and in sub-Saharan Africa. As many as 800 million of the earth's poorest people do not get enough to eat each day and many more suffer from specific varieties of malnutrition. More than half the children around the world are afflicted by hunger and malnutrition and the many diseases that result.

Men and brethren, now that we know by many signs that the end-time is upon us, what shall we do? Pray — Pray as never before for the needs as we see them, until the world shall have a spiritual awakening greater by far than anything men have ever seen or experienced. Has He not said that "In the last days" He would pour out His Spirit "upon all flesh". Then shall man's spiritual need be met.

But — is this all we should do? No, we must give, we must share; for how else will men know that we have been with Christ and learned of Him.

Finally we should be willing to go, to the ends of the earth if needs be, to comfort and bless the lost, the hungry, the dying. My friend, do you really love the Lord? Then you will be obedient to the heavenly vision. Many, many today are in the "valley of decision" and the day of the Lord is at hand. We must work while it is day. The night cometh. The coming of Christ is at the door. Tribulation darkness is fast closing in. What we must do, let us do quickly.

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Education

by Frederick C. King

Many Americans today are asking the question, "What has happened to our youth?" They are referring, of course, to the great number of American youth who smoke marijuana, take drugs such as heroin and LSD, indulge themselves freely in promiscuous sex, and are actively engaged in the Communist revolution to overthrow the government of the United States and to bring in a Socialistic, anit-Christ slave state. The terms: honesty, hard work, morality, rugged individualism and character mean nothing to many of them. They are disobedient to parents and have no regard for law and order. They show no appreciation whatsoever for this wonderful land of America which they have inherited through the blood, sweat and tears of millions of fine Americans who carved this mighty Empire out of a wilderness, to say nothing of the millions of faithful Americans who fought and gave their very lives to preserve the freedom of this great Republic.

Now, what has caused youth to take this attitude? How has this unfortunate condition come about? Because the curricula of the educational system is no longer based upon the knowledge and wisdom of the Bible which is the Word of God. Abraham Lincoln said, "The philosophy of the classroom today is the philosophy of government tomorrow." George Washington said, "True religion affords government its surest support. The future of this nation depends upon the Christian training of the youth. It is impossible to govern without the Bible." America heeded George Washington's words of wisdom for about 150 years, and then swapped the successful Bible-based educational curricula for the modern insanity known as the John Dewey inspired so-called "Progressive Education".

Now, what was Dewey's philosophy and what is this so-called "Progressive Education"? Dewey was an agnostic, a materialist, and a socialist who taught that there are no absolutes. Dewey held that all truth is relative, and that standards are constantly changing as philosophers question their validity. In other words, he believed in situation ethics. Dewey taught that the acquisition of knowledge and information is actually quite unimportant. He said, "Not knowledge or information, but rather self-realization is the goal."

Now, that's a good one. That is a most profound statement coming from him — self-realization. If one is not a born again Christian, how can one possibly understand self-realization? And Dewey was an agnostic. Dewey taught that a child should study only those subjects in which he was interested; that one subject was not more important than another subject. Dewey emphasized the "life adjustment" program by which the individual adjusts to the society in which he lives. What if society itself needs adjustment? As Shakespeare's Prince Hamlet would exclaim, "Ah, there's the rub!" Now, that is the goal of education as far as Dewey is concerned. He feels that everyday experiences teach children far more than an organized curriculum which lays stress on the acquisition of knowledge and information.

Well, now, what is the result of this

Liquor And Our Youth

ATLANTA (UPI) — Three out of four college freshmen are regular drinkers and the most effective way to curb the problem is to educate young people about the hazards of alcohol, Georgia Tech's dean of students says.

Dean James Dull told a Senate committee Wednesday that "something good is coming out of all the attention given the anti-cigarette campaign," and a similar effort to make drinking seem less attractive probably would be as effective.

Dull told the Senate select committee on the drinking age that "three out of four" college freshmen — some of them only 17 years old — are regular drinkers. He said Tech does not have many alcoholic students, but that the institute's clinic sees about three students a week who have been injured while drunk.

"The college is getting three out of four students who are already drinking when they come to college," said Dull. "I'm talking about brand, spanking new freshmen — 17 years old, some of them."

Sen. Joe Thompson, D-Smyrna, the committee chairman, plans to introduce a bill next year to raise Georgia's legal drinking age from 19 to 21. Thompson sponsored the bill that raised the age from 18 to 19.

When Georgia lowered its drinking age from 21 to 18 eight years ago, "it was one of the poorer things that happened" to the state's young people, Dull said.

He said there has been a "trickle-down effect" with young adults buying booze for their juvenile friend.

"With this kind of 'trickle-down effect,' what used to be happening at 18, 19 and 20 is now happening at 16, 17 and 18," said Dull.

Dull said raising the drinking age back to 21 "might favor the stumbling block theory — that is, alcohol would become harder to get, the more stumbling blocks you put in the way of purchasing it."

But he said the long-term solution lies in educating the young people about the hazards of drinking.

"The real answer is to do what they did with cigarettes," he said. "We need an educational program to change their thinking about this thing."

He said 60 percent of the freshmen smoked cigarettes in 1960 but the figure fell to 20 percent 10 years later, due to the government's anti-smoking campaign following the 1963 surgeon general's report linking tobacco to lung cancer and other diseases. By 1980, Dull said, the percentage of freshmen who smoked had fallen to 9 percent.

so-called "Progressive Educational System"? Well, at an age when English and European children are studying the human capillary system, and are discussing the 1st and 2nd laws of thermodynamics, our youngsters are raising pollywogs on the classroom window sill and are pretending to keep store. This is what is known as "learning by doing". As a result, we have produced tens of thousands of high school graduates who move their lips as they read, and cannot write a coherent paragraph. Their spelling and penmanship are atrocious. Students today are given by their teachers Socialism as a philosophy, moral de-

Haven of Hope In Hollywood

Bob walked out of a children's home in St. Louis, Mo. on the day President Reagan was shot. He walked all day. He was on his way to Hollywood to become a star. When he got here, at age 16, he saw the porno theaters, the hookers, the young boys like himself standing on street corners, waiting to be picked up.

"I wasn't going to do that," he said. He wasn't going to do that, until he got hungry enough.

Cindy, a good-natured redhead, checked out of a "mental health place" near her home outside of Huntsville, Ala. at age 19 and made her way to California. "I wanted to be a star. I think I'm a comedian," she said. Cindy spent the last four years as a prostitute.

Scott was 15 when his parents kicked him out of their house in Louisville, Ohio last June. He went to Texas where he got a job in construction through some friends, "But they were into alcohol and drugs and I was getting high every night," he said. So he came to California, but couldn't find a job. A man who later turned out to be an ex-con picked him up off the street, fed him, bought him clothes, made passes at him, and then threatened his life when he refused to go to Phoenix, Ariz.

Bonita decided that 19 years in Watertown, S.D. was enough. She and a girlfriend started hitchhiking to Denver. They met some guys, split up "so we could get rides easier," and she never saw her friend again. The boy she was hitchhiking with disappeared one night while she slept and she hitched rides to California on her own. Bonita was lucky. The last man who gave her a ride helped her find Centrum.

It is an organization right in the middle of Hollywood — the dirty, dangerous, drug pushing, sexually abusing, lost-dream Hollywood.

It was begun in 1977 by Kleg Seth, 39, who was himself drawn to Hollywood with the desire of making an impact, a Christian impact, on what he calls "Hollywood's delusion," the image that all your dreams will come true if you can get to this Land of Oz.

"My only claim to fame is that I was casting director for 'The Cross and the Switchblade,' a Christian film set in New York City," said Seth.

But with the help of major churches and foundations, and juvenile court judges who refer runaways to Centrum, Seth has established three houses just off Hollywood Boulevard where young men and women who find themselves lost, abused, afraid and hungry can find emergency shelter.

Centrum also took over the Lifeline 24-hour emergency phone that had been run for years by the Hollywood Presbyterian Church.

Centrums's safe houses are for males and females under 35. But no one is turned away in an emergency. If Centrum can't help, they find someone who can.

Seth's duties include transporting sick transients to hospitals, getting

bauchery as a way of life, and nihilism as a goal.

If our youth are to be saved, if America is to be saved, the educational system must return to a curricula which is based on the knowledge and wisdom of the Word of God - the Bible. God promises to save us and heal our land IF we meet His conditions. Now,

runaways to the airport to go home, temporarily hiding young prostitutes from their pimps or battered wives from their husbands.

"They can stay for a few days or a few months," said Seth, "but there's no coming and going. Our purpose is to expose them to a strong Christian environment. We try to shut out the outside world while they're here."

Bonita described her life in the women's house: "We read Christian books, listen to Christian music, watch Christian TV, study the Bible, pray, and clean the house."

Does she think she's being brainwashed? "I'm getting my brain cleaned," she said.

"No one joins Centrum, except the staff of 12 who live in the houses and take care of the people," said Seth. "We don't want people to stay here. We endeavor to get them moving, but in a direction where they're not going to go back and get into trouble."

"We don't do anything on our own. We always contact the parents," said Don Noonan, 40, ex-convict who runs one of the men's houses. "Young people today are looking for honesty and sincerity," he said. "Truth is in the gospel and they're ready to accept that. They've found out everything else doesn't work. I've been where they are, the penitentiary, drugs. A picture of what Christ can do to change their lives is standing in front of them."

"Some of them, within 24 hours, come to an understanding of what it means to have a relationship with God," said Seth. The steady diet of Bible studies, prayers, Christian songs and movies may be one reason. But Seth says the main reason "is the love and concern they see on the part of the staff. We have rules and discipline and they can see the people here care about them."

Many of those who come to Centrum hear about it on the street, from evangelists, juvenile court attorneys, the police, or the telephone company, which has a list of emergency shelters.

"We need to be more effective in reaching the lost before the pimps, exploiters, pushers or religious deceivers draw more young people through their doors with offers of shelter and food, only to enslave them," said Seth.

Anyone can get into a Centrum house, "if they're in trouble and sincere about wanting to get their life together," he said. "We want to open them up to considering that there is a God who loves them, and that they can have a new life. Many of them have no concept of a loving God; they've never been loved by anyone."

"I was standing at a bus stop and I saw a car go by with a sign on it that said, 'Jesus loves you, no matter what,'" said Cindy. "I thought, 'Oh sure.'" But she saw one of the flyers Seth had left on the street, listing the Centrum number. "After I'd been here about a week, I decided I really want to commit my life to what God wants me to do. He's healed a lot of the hurts."

what are His conditions? "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14.

May God in His mercy help us. "Our help cometh (only) from the Lord." Psalm 121:2.

Blest Handkerchief

Our authority for sending these handkerchiefs is based on the Word of God as found in Acts 19:11,12, "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." If it could be done then, why not now? Elijah was a man of like passions as we, yet he prayed and God heard and answered him. God will hear and answer yet today.

Paul said, "It is no more I, but Christ." We can also say, "It is no more I, but Christ." To Him be the glory. Do you want to add glory to His great name? One way you may be able to do this is to get the poor, sick, and discouraged ones, the devil-ridden ones, to write to us in a brief way, describing their case or situation. We will pray for them and send them the handkerchief, and our paper. We are sure that God will bless you in doing this as you do it in His Name.

Please do not fail to read the Gospel tracts that are enclosed in the letters. They are sent for your benefit and better understanding. Read prayerfully the Scripture references and we are sure that you will be greatly benefited, for it is the entrance of the Word that giveth light.

Please do not send for handkerchiefs without giving the name of the person, their disease or trouble. We send them out, not only for the healing of the body and casting out demons, but also to take the place of laying on of hands of the elders for special blessings, as well as for power for service when elders are not available.

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

NOTICE!

In view of the fact that the writers of the testimonies sent to us have sometimes been bothered by those writing to them for help, which they are unable to give in most cases, we have decided to omit their names and addresses.

HUSBAND RECOVERS

My husband is in the hospital and doctors said they could do nothing more for him medically. God Almighty has answered prayer. After five weeks of intravenous feeding he is now on solid food for eight days. Thanks for praying.

A.M.C., Los Angeles, California

SALVATION

We are saved now two months passed. When we read of your Herald of Hope magazine distributed to us we were much touched. Can you send us copies of Herald of Hope in Jesus's name. We need encouragement more from you.

M.J. and J.R., Uganda, East Africa

STRENGTH DURING OPERATION

I received your letter and handkerchief via mine sister. I appreciate it very much, thank you also for praying. It was really strength for me during mine operations, and also for a speedy recovery. Here I send you a donation.

E.A.R., Curacao, N.A.

GRANDSON HEALED

A year ago my grandson had a serious accident and we thought he was going to die. I asked you to pray for him and he recovered and is fine, which is a miracle.

R.H., Long Beach, California

CANCER TEST NEGATIVE

Thank you for praying for my daughter. She was supposed to have an operation. She had a lump on her hand and one on her breast which was always bleeding. She went to the doctor. They X-rayed her breast and her womb. They found everything negative. The lump on her womb is gone and they could find nothing in the breast. The biggest miracle is one morning she left for work and the lump was still on her hand. When she came home that night the lump was gone. Praise God!

A.L., Bronx, New York

GALL STONES REMOVED

Enclosed is a little donation in thanks. My husband underwent a gall bladder operation and suffered for ten months, losing appetite and weight. But later through a miraculous help had three stones removed without an operation. Thanks and praise be the Lord. He is fit now.

Mrs. B.P., Port Dickson, West Malaysia

FEELS FINE AFTER PRAYER

Thank you, Jesus, for healing me. Could not write. Was in hospital and I know your prayers answered as was after I sent my letter to you. I am feeling so well now.

Sister H., Fairbury, Nebraska

SON HEALED

About two and a half years ago I called about my six year old who the doctors told me might die. He had aplastic anemia, a deadly disease. I was so discouraged this night, and when the gentleman prayed with me, heaven really came down. His blood was tested recently and that little boy is doing just fine and is now back in school.

S.D., Pacolet, South Carolina

GRATEFUL

I am only too happy to share my income with you. My only regret is I can't give more and more often. I do pray for God's blessings every day on meeting your every need. I am looking forward to the new issue of Herald of Hope.

A.F., Los Angeles, California

HEALED THROUGH HERALD OF HOPE

Your paper had meant so much to me over the years. I received it down in Southeastern Kentucky before I ever came here. My family has had several healings through the paper. Our son was healed with cholera when my mother laid the paper on him and prayed.

E.H., Moscow, Ohio

PRAISING THE LORD AT 90

I do praise and thank my Blessed Lord for keeping me and prolonging my life to this blessed age of 90 years. Halleluah . . . The joy of the Lord is my strength. I am in perfect health, spirit, soul, mind and body. Christ in me the hope of Glory. Thank you for your blessed anointed paper and the glorious testimonies of answered prayer.

G.U., East Orange, New Jersey

PASSES DRIVING TEST

I have been taking driving test for about one year and I always fail. I wrote to you and had your paper and blest handkerchief. I started going to church and prayed, "Dear God, please be with me." . . . and He was . . . I passed my test. I am happy going to church. Thank you for praying.

Mrs. M.G., Birmingham, England

"SHALOM"

I thank God for the privilege of being able to have had fellowship with the saints there at the Mission. I pray that God will meet the needs of all who come through those gates. He has surely opened my eyes again to the bodily needs of the hungry, naked and homeless human beings — even in this "rich" country, as well as their spiritual needs.

G.W., Perth, Australia

GETS GOOD JOB

I wrote sometime ago asking you to pray for my daughter to get a good job. Thank the Lord she has a good job. Thanks for praying for her.

L.J., Waycross, Georgia

HEART & BLOOD PRESSURE HEALED

I've been receiving your wonderful magazine for a good many years. It has been a great help to me. My blood pressure is good and I don't have to take heart pills. I've been taking them over twenty years. The doctor says I don't have a heart condition. I thank God and Herald of Hope.

L.P., Lafayette, Alabama

FINDS HOME

Sometime ago I wrote you asking you to pray that the Lord help me to find a house, and the dear Lord certainly answered the prayer. I found a house and moved into it. Praise be to God.

V.F. Yorkshire, England

ANSWERED PRAYERS

Thank you so much for praying for me. I got answers to my prayers. Praise God from whom all blessing flow.

B.C., Detroit, Michigan

GETS JOB BACK

I wrote asking you to pray that I would get my job back at the hospital. Thank God I got back at the hospital on 3 to 11 shift and I love it much better.

P.L., Winter Haven, Florida

BURNS HEALED

Three years ago my son was burned in a house fire. Fifty-three percent of his face and body was burned. At that time a lady prayed for my son. She also broke demon spirits in my home. Just like she said, my son was healed. The skin came back on his face and body in a nice way. God bless all you saints.

E.H., Los Angeles, California

LEG HEALED

My right leg swelled and continued to swell. My doctor gave a very big name to it. According to him there was no known cure. I wrote a prayer request to Herald of Hope. A miracle happened. It was all over. May glory be to God.

E.A., Lubbock, Texas

NO MORE PAIN

Enclosed offering for your work. You really must have prayed for my healing, for God touched me and I have no more pain or problems from the accident. God is so merciful and I love Him.

D.F.S., West Covina, California

LAB TEST OKAY AT 81

I called in for prayer as I was going in for a lab test and the doctor said it was all okay. He expected the worst as I have gotten thinner, but I am almost 81 years old.

L.C., Arcadia, California

LEG HEALED

Praise the Lord! My cousin did not need skin graft surgery on her leg as it healed completely. Now she is back home. Thanks for your prayers.

H.J., Santa Ana, California

CAN SEE BETTER NOW

Your prayers are good. I can see better now. They don't pain me now. May God bless you all. Sending an offering to you all to help in your work. God bless now.

C.N., Pontiac, Michigan

LUMP GONE

Sometime ago while taking a bath I felt a lump in one of my breasts. I sent for a prayer cloth, which I pinned over the spot, as I have a lot of faith in the power of my Lord. Before long the lump in my breast was gone. A Miracle!

E.M., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

COURT CASE DISMISSED

I wrote asking you to pray for me to be successful in a court case. I am happy to tell you that the case never reached the courts. The police decided to drop the matter. Thank you for your prayers and help.

G.M., London, England

BLEEDING AND FIBROID HEALED

I was suffering from bleeding, and went to hospital for a scrape. They say I had fibrites. I write to Herald of Hope for blest cloth and rest it on my chest. My bleeding stop. I was discharged by doctor for my fibrities is so small that they are not affected no more. Thank God and thank you for my healing and prayers.

E.G., Birmingham, England

PRAISING GOD

Praise God. Praise His Holy Name. I wrote you about my eyes and my head, and that I would get a job, and that someone would sponsor me. The next day after I got your letter, I got a job and a sponsor, and my eyes are not as dark as they used to be. Thank you for your prayers. I am so happy.

L.G., Bronx, New York

STOPS DRINKING

I wrote you a few years ago and asked you to pray for me to stop drinking whiskey. I was drinking a fifth a day. After I got prayer from you, I quit drinking over 5 years ago. Praise His Wonderful Name.

A.B., Grand Rapids, Michigan

HANDS HEALED

I received the healing cloth you sent me, and I am wearing it on my body. My hands are back to normal since I have been wearing the healing cloth.

F.S., Patriot, Ohio

SAVED AND FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST

I want to write you to tell you prayers have been answered for me. I wrote you to pray about my boy and his wife. They got saved and filled with the Holy Ghost . . . the one that was so bad to drink. Thank you for your prayers.

R.R., Shuqualak, Mississippi

USES PAPER FOR HEALING

I thank Jesus for healing my body. I use your paper in many ways for healing. I had a pain in my right foot. I put a piece of the paper in my shoe. I got healed. I put it on my back . . . no more back trouble. You are doing a great work through Jesus Christ.

J.N.L., Houston, Texas

REJOICING IN GOD

I have good news for you. I claim my salvation. I have never been so happy in my life. I am very rich in glory. Please tell your people He can supply all their needs. I will always send help to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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FINDS APARTMENT

I have now changed my address and I feel I should let you share with me as you were asked to pray for me to find an apartment. Thank God.

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DELIVERED FROM SMOKING

Several years ago I wrote you for prayer for my husband to be delivered from cigarettes. Praise the Lord he is delivered. Thank you for your prayers. God answered and now he can't stand the smell of one today.

H.W., Bannerdale, Arkansas

SON HEALED AND SAVED

I wrote for a healing cloth and prayer for my son. Praise the Lord for his wonderful power. He is home from the hospital — saved and healed of a nervous condition.

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MIND AND NERVES BETTER

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O.C., Long Beach, California

LUNGS HEALED

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J.W.L., Mulberry, Florida

AT 93 RENEWS DRIVER'S LICENSE

My husband, age 93, in answer to your prayers had his driver's license renewed recently. Praise God.

F.H.L., Slater, Iowa

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Mrs. H.R.H., Palm Desert, California

HEALTH BETTER

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W.B., Bolton, No. Carolina

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I put one of your peace papers under the cement at the front door of our home and prayed that God would touch the soul that walked over it — to be saved and healed. It worked. My family is going to church and quit drinking.

V.L.P., Brilliant, Alabama

NO CANCER

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I.J., Paddington, England

Once There Was A Country

— *That was great, — because it was established on righteous principles.*

— *It was strong, — because of it's high moral standards.*

— *It was both loved and feared because it was blest of God.*

From the time when our forefathers fled from tyranny, coming to this country in their pitiful little ships, they prayed. For the most part they were God-fearing individuals who wanted to find a land where in freedom, they could worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. They worked together and shared the blessings God gave them, not forgetting to set aside special days of thankfulness and worship. They trusted in God, and the Holy Bible and it's teachings became the basis for government, finance and personal relationships. They feared God and learned to be honest and upright in their ways and dealings. They were great souls because of Holy principle.

Our parents shunned immorality for there were strong family ties of loyalty and purity. The home was the bulwark of this new nation and they stubbornly and righteously guarded it's moral principles. Parents loved and guarded their children and in turn children honored their parents. God was not only revered in their churches, but worshipped in their homes. These righteous principles and moral standards caused them to walk unafraid and confident before their enemies.

Those who were envious of their successes feared them, for they realized that God was with them. These people were motivated to help the poor and downtrodden in other lands, and God's favor was lavished upon this land.

In the early years of our country, our nation passed through two great periods of revolution and civil strife, but God was with us for at the end the union remained indissoluble and strong. She also, in defense of righteous principle, was embroiled in two great world wars as well as several lesser upheavels and periods of strife. Now we are again coming into days of grave danger as we face threats from without, as well as from within. The families and homes of America are now in jeopardy. Crime, immorality, infidelity, drug abuse, drunkenness and spiritual lethargy are everywhere in evidence, and to add to this, the spectre of world-wide communism is rearing it's ugly head in every part of this globe. Our days of danger have now become critical days.

If we are to survive this period, what are we to do? First, we must know God personally. Also, we must understand our enemy - what is his purpose? What are his plans? God has helped us in days gone by and we must call upon Him as we have done in the crisis of the past. God remains the same. We must cultivate a new, fresh relationship with Him, beginning with repentance and earnest supplication for His mercy. The pattern is given to us in Joel 2:17-18, "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: Wherefore should they say among the people, where is their God? Then will the Lord be jealous for His land, and

pity His people."

We must remain militarily strong, for such preparedness will act as a strong deterrent to our enemies who do not know our God, but who understand well the power of munitions.

Also, we must take a greater interest in the affairs of state and acquaint ourselves with the spiritual qualifications of our leadership. We must see to it that we have Godly spiritual men in every branch of our government, so that we will have strong assurance of not being betrayed to our enemies.

We must become more zealous for the Lord of Hosts, and take a personal and spiritual interest in all those about us. We are to become "Watchmen on the wall". We cannot afford to be less for the day is far spent and the night is at hand. Let us faithfully consider the word in I Peter 4:7, "... the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer."

Last, but not least, we must realize that we are about to face additional great difficulties. The end of the age is upon us, and fearful sights and great signs are already in evidence. The economy of the world is near a state of collapse, and runaway inflation is rapidly destroying the purchasing power of world currency. Even the elements are on a rampage, "The sea and the waves roaring". (Luke 21:25.)

Though tribulation is at hand and the coming of Christ very near, we must not be slack in caring for the end-time work that is our responsibility as Christian believers. "... our sufficiency is of God." II Cor. 3:5.

God will not fail us. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matt. 24:35. "... All the promises of God are yea, and... amen" to those who believe. (II Cor. 1:20).

So let us look up and continue to trust in God. He has never suffered defeat, and He has promised to be with us unto the end.

Suicide Rate Among Jail Inmates

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The suicide rate among the nation's 200,000 jail inmates is 16 times greater than in a city of comparable size, a study commissioned by the Justice Department said today.

Coincidentally, the study was released four days after John W. Hinckley Jr., accused of trying to assassinate President Reagan, failed in a second attempt to take his own life while in prison awaiting trial.

The study, undertaken by the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives, said there were 419 suicides in 1979 in county and local jails. In cities of 200,000 people, the study said, suicides average one about every two weeks.

The study said the profile of the typical jail suicide is a 22-year-old white single male who has been arrested on a Saturday night for drugs or alcohol.

How Close is America's Judgement?

The following news item was run in newspapers across America a few months ago.

Martin Container Service (a garbage removal company) of Wilmington, California, was instructed to remove a 20-foot-long container from the Medical Analytic Laboratory, Inc.

Here is what it contained: Medical waste and hundreds of fetuses, some more than five months developed with expressions on their faces. The fetuses, pathological lab specimens, cancerous growths and confidential records of patients from San Francisco, Sacramento and Missouri were stacked eight feet high in the metal container. According to the San Pedro, California, New-Pilot, patient names were printed on the plastic jars containing the fetuses, which were preserved in formaldehyde.

The large fetuses, weighing more than three pounds, were in one-gallon, ice-cream-type containers. The smaller ones were in jars marked dentures.

What does the Bible have to say about this type of loose morality (legalized abortions) that permeates today's society?

God made a covenant with Abram and promised his descendants the land that the Canaanites possessed (Genesis 15:18-21).

Why would God take away a land (present-day Israel) from one group of people and give it to another group?

The answer is simple. God took the land from the Canaanites because of their abominable sins (Lev. 18). God was so wroth with these people that He even commanded their destruction (Ex. 23) and swore that never a person of this type character will ever dwell in the future house of the Lord (Zech. 14:21).

What gross violation of God's morals had He detected to command such calamity on the Canaanite people?

Today, the spade of the archaeologist has uncovered a sound reason for the severity of this divine decree. In recent excavations at Gezer, home of the Canaanites, (Jos. 16:10), under the ruins of a high place built for the worship of the goddess of Ashtoreth, an enclosure 150' x 120' surrounded by a wall was found. Here the inhabitants held their religious festivals. Great numbers of jars containing the remains of children were found under

the debris. The whole area proved to be a cemetery for newborn babies.

Imagine that, civilized Americans partaking of the same sins (legalized abortions) that triggered the Canaanites destruction!

"That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been" (Eccl. 3:15).

Wake up America! God has destroyed nations for your same sins and He will do it again.

Israelis in Lebanon

No surprise. The Bible predicted over 2,500 years prior, that Israel will eventually possess Lebanon.

Israel invaded Lebanon June 6, 1982, with the announced aim of pushing PLO guerrillas 25 miles north of the border to keep their artillery out of range of Israeli civilians in Galilee. The Israeli leadership says their intent is not to occupy any Lebanese territory.

But, Jeremiah 30:3 not only predicts that the Jews will repossess the land of Israel in the last days (as they have in this century), but it also predicts they will possess the same land their fathers (Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, etc.) possessed. This land includes Lebanon. It was desired by Moses (Duet. 3:25), and assigned to Israel as her northern border (Duet. 1:7, Josh. 11:16-17 and 12:7), although not all of it according to Judges 3:1-3.

At this writing, Israel is holding the southern section. Intense pressure will surely be applied by the nations of the world for a quick Israeli withdrawal. This may or may not occur at this time. However, the Bible is plain. Ultimately, either now or in the near future, Israel must fulfill the Prophetic Word by not only occupying, but reclaiming most of Lebanon. "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:18).

Messiah Coming?

It is reported that there has been found in Palestine a plant by the name, Zelaff. In the morning it brings forth leaves, at noontime it is blooming, and in the evening it has ripened seeds. In the Talmud it is told that at the coming of the Messiah, such a plant would be found in Palestine (Jewish Hope, L.A., California).

"I'M TIRED."

JOHN WESLEY travelled two hundred and fifty thousand miles on horseback, averaging twenty miles a day for forty years; preached forty thousand sermons; produced four hundred books; knew ten languages. At eighty-three he was annoyed that he could not write more than fifteen hours a day without hurting his eyes, and at eighty-six he was ashamed he could not preach more than twice a day. He complained in his diary that there was an increasing tendency to lie in bed until 5:30 in the morning.

WHEN WE DIE, WE LEAVE BEHIND US ALL WE HAVE AND TAKE WITH US ALL WE ARE.

that God will send Christian workers to witness and pray for these young, first time offenders)

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WE WERE THERE

I suppose that most of us have at sometime or another indulged in what we considered to be wishful thinking concerning a journey to some far off place in this interesting world of ours. I guess I, too, have been guilty of such; for many times I had thought how nice it would be to visit the lands of the Bible and to walk at least once where Jesus walked and performed so many of His miracles.

I really had no plans for such a trip, but just a few times desired to be there. Then one day there came to "Old Pisgah" in Los Angeles a group from the Mount Zion Fellowship, in Jerusalem. These young people were from a church in Richmond, Virginia, which also had a camp near Ashland, Virginia. Sisters Ruth Heflin and Susan Woodaman and the others encouraged us to come to Israel and visit their work there.

It seemed that God was with us in the acceptance of their kind invitation, for at once the Lord began to provide the means for such a journey. We noted that this year the Jewish Passover celebration came at the same time as the Christian memorial of the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. We thought how wonderful it would be to celebrate them together in Jerusalem.

It seemed now that the days hurried by and it was no time until provision had been made to care for the Christ Faith Mission, Herald of Hope ministry at "Old Pisgah" here in Los Angeles, and my wife, Sarah, and I and Tom Coleman, one of our faithful workers, were on a Delta Airlines jet on the first leg of our journey to the Holy Land. We stopped for a few days at our Pisgah prayer community near Pikeville, Tennessee, and then an overnight flight from Chattanooga, and Atlanta, Georgia to Frankfurt, Germany, where connection was made with an El Al plane to Tel Aviv. From the airport it was about one hours journey by Sherout (an Israeli jitney) to Jerusalem, where at the Mount Zion Fellowship we received a royal welcome.

Our friends lost no time in acquainting us with various points of interest in and around Jerusalem. Many times we visited the Mount of Olives which lay across the Kidron Valley to the east, where Tom was given residence and where some of the daytime meetings and Bible studies were held. My wife and I stayed at an apartment next door to the Halcyon House (where most of the daytime prayer and night services were conducted.) On Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights the regular meetings were at St. Peter en Gallicantu (the Church of the Cock Crowing). This Franciscan Cathedral on Mt. Zion was made available to the Fellowship for several years until recent date.

Jerusalem is so filled with sights of historical interest that time and space in this publication would not permit more than a brief mention of many of them. We visited King David's Tomb, the Upper Room, the Garden Tomb, the Wailing Wall, The Way of the Cross, etc. We passed through various gates of the Old Walled City. In the City of David, a number of important archeological digs are now in progress.

We made two trips from Jerusalem to Bethlehem which gave us a little more time to see the main points of interest, which included the Church of

the Nativity. The last time we visited there some kind of a community celebration was in progress, and we were in the downtown plaza when all the church bells began to ring. It certainly was a bedlam of sound, but something I am glad I did not miss. Of course, we visited Herodian - the site of the castle and desert outpost of King Herod. From its great height in the wilderness of Judea he could see the road to Bethlehem as well as the approaches to Jerusalem beyond. It is said that after killing the children of Bethlehem as he endeavored to destroy the baby Jesus, this wicked King Herod became mentally affected, thinking that everyone was trying to kill him. Legend has it that he even murdered his own two sons for fear that they would some day take the kingdom from him.

On this same trip into the wilderness area as we traveled toward the Dead Sea, we stopped at the ruins of a community of the Essenes. This religious group had fled from the Roman legions to escape certain death. In the nearby area many scrolls have been found hidden in caves, which give further insight concerning life in this troubled period.

As we traveled up the Jordan valley we stopped briefly at the ruins of Jericho, this city which was destroyed by the Lord when Israel first made their entry into the promised land after their escape from Egypt and their wilderness wanderings. Further up the Jordan valley we saw many irrigated fields and collective farms where Israel is now living off the land once more. We continued north to the sea of Galilee, a beautiful place indeed. We came into this area in the last part of the barley harvest and we remembered well the Bible story of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz. In fact, scripture came alive to us every day as we saw new things.

We spent a night in Tiberias at one of the faith homes of the Mount Zion Fellowship. As this home was on the hillside above the Sea of Galilee, we remember that we could look across the sea toward the mountains of Moab and see the Golon Heights area of Israel and the lights of nine different Kibutz' (collective farms) which the Israelis had opened in that desolate mountain region after its take-over by the Israeli army. Our young driver took us to the top of Mt. Tabor (a dangerous drive indeed with narrow road and many switch-backs). Here we prayed in the Church of the Transfiguration on the part of the mountain where it is thought that Jesus prayed with His disciples, and Moses and Elijah came and talked to Him. (Matt. 17:1 and Mark 9:1-8). From these lofty heights we looked out on the valley of Megiddo where the last great battle will soon take place.

We visited Nazareth and the seaport of Caesarea. We stood before the ruins of the temple in Capernaum and remembered the words of Jesus spoken against this city: "Thou art exalted to Heaven, thou shalt be cast down to hell." (Mark 11:23 and Luke 10:15) Today there is not city there, just a fenced-in ruins; a tourist attraction.

First hand knowledge of the Bible Lands takes on new significance as we near the time of the end, and the spotlight of Bible prophecy begins to clearly show us the things which are soon to take place. Let us search the scrip-

The Choice Is Yours

by Amy S. Taylor

Names and places have been withheld so as not to involve anyone else but to emphasize the two visions. Also to show how God gives to each person a choice as to what their eternity will be; one of dire suffering without God or one of joy and contentment in His Kingdom.

A young woman in her early twenties, whom we will designate as Nancy Goodman, had finished college and was very avid for the things of God.

She held a position with a Christian Educational Organization which took her over a large part of the U.S. holding Seminars and giving Lectures before various groups and organizations.

During this time Nancy had the opportunity of becoming the wife of a very wealthy man.

Having come from the background of meager circumstances this offer made a strong appeal. The gentleman was quite urgent, but Nancy held back because she was praying about the matter and wondering, if she married this man with his beautiful home, servants, cars, etcetera, could she win him to be a Christian?

Finally, the day came when she must give her final answer. She prayed desperately, asking God for clear guidance as to what she should do.

The following night God gave her a vision. In this vision she found herself on a small bit of land surrounded by a sea of hot black lava with great flames of fire leaping up on every side.

In this sea were countless people of all types, who had fallen in and could find no way of escape. Their screaming and crying was frightening and blood-curdling. The little island upon which she was located was slippery, and she kept slipping down toward the sea. Every time she would try to climb up higher she would slip farther down toward the sea.

She began to realize that God was talking to her and that if she chose money and pleasure for her life this would be her eternity.

Finally, she threw up her arms and said, "God, take him. Take him and his money - all I want is you." Immediately the vision faded and she had perfect peace. She knew what her answer would be to this man and quickly put it into action. She also knew that God had given her a small demonstration of eternity in hell.

Some score and a half years later, we find Nancy, a widow, in a small home

with two teen-age children, a boy and a girl.

In the providence of God, the little girl, at fourteen years, a dear little Christian, contracted a serious disease and in three days God took her home.

This was such a shock to Nancy, left alone, her son being in the Navy, that it was only by the prayers of friends and relatives that she recovered and realized that her little girl was in a better place with Jesus.

A few months later her son finished his term in the Navy and returned home where he quickly decided to accept a position in Los Angeles where he could work part time and also attend classes at the University in college graduate work.

Nancy then felt that her work was finished - her little girl in heaven and her son on his own, entirely independent and many miles away.

In this despondent attitude of uselessness she took pneumonia and went into a coma. It was then that God drew back a curtain and she saw a most beautiful land. There was a quiet stream of blue water shimmering in the light with scattered trees along the edge bearing ripening fruit. In the background were flowers and beautiful buildings and a sound of heavenly music, blended with the singing of the birds.

Near the stream were happy children playing and dancing. She saw her own little girl there. Happy faced people strolled along the pathways.

From the beauty of this background, the voice of God spoke to Nancy. "Would you like to come over here now, or to go back and finish your work?" She answered, "If I have work to do then I will go back and finish it." The curtain closed.

A few months later we find Nancy teaching a large Ladies Bible Class, which she continued to teach for eighteen years. She is now four score and ten, rejoicing in God's goodness, finishing her work here and looking forward to her future in that beautiful land with loved ones gone before.

ROUND TRIP

A Christian woman was once talking to a servant of Christ about the assurance of her safety in the Saviour, and said, "I have taken a single ticket to Glory, and do not intend to come back."

Whereupon the man of God replied, "You are going to miss a lot. I have taken a return ticket, for I am not only going to meet Christ in Glory, but am coming back with Him in power and great glory."

Sel.

tures daily, as we are exhorted in St. John 5:39: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify on me."

We trust we shall have more to share with you concerning this overseas journey in a future issue of the Herald of Hope.

FAITHFULNESS

OLD FAITHFUL is not the largest geyser, nor does it reach the greatest height. Nevertheless, it is by far the most popular and well known. Its popularity is due mainly to its regularity and dependability. You can count on OLD FAITHFUL. Nothing in life can take the place of faithfulness and dependability. Brilliance, genius, competence - all are subservient to the quality of FAITHFULNESS.

There is no flash, splash, or sensationalism to faithfulness - just the old hum-drum that may even be considered a grind. But did you know that God does not promise a reward for great talent, success, or popularity? BUT HE HAS PROMISED A REWARD TO THOSE WHO ARE FAITHFUL.

LIFE IS LIKE A GRINDSTONE, and whether it grinds a man down or polishes him up depends on the stuff he's made of...

ANOTHER CHANCE

A man named Pater stumbled bad,
Lost all the love he ever had;
Fouled his own soul's divinest spring,
Cursed, swore, and all that sort of thing.
He got another chance, and then
He reached the goal of God-like men!

A boy goes wrong, the same as he
Who fed swine in the far country.
He seems beyond the utmost reach
Of hearts that pray, of lips that preach.
Give him another chance and see
How beautiful his life may be.

Paul cast the young man Mark aside,
But Barnabas his mettle tried,
Called out his courage, roused his vim,
By expressing confidence in him.
Then Paul, near death, longed
for one glance
At Mark, who had another chance.

King David, one dark day, fell down,
Lost every jewel from his crown;
He had another chance and found
His kingly self redeemed, recrowned.
Now lonely souls and countless throngs
Are lifted by his deathless songs!

Far-fallen souls, arise! Advance!
Ours is God of one more chance!

Author unknown.

SELF-ACCUSED.

I pointed my finger in scorn one day
At one who had fallen along life's way.
But then, as I noticed, what did I see —
Three of my fingers were pointing at me!

— Eugene Lincoln

WHEN?

WHEN are You coming back, dear Lord?
You've been away so long!
I search the skies more often now;

These signs cannot be wrong.
Your children seem more restless, Lord,

Than they have ever been.
There seems to be more urgency
To bring the lost ones in.

I've such a hungry longing for
Something I can't explain,
Like wanting to be home again
So much it's almost pain.

I hunger and I thirst, dear Lord;
I long to see Your face.
I'm homesick for my final home,
Eternal resting-place.
When are You coming back again?
This is my prayer, my song:
Come quickly! Oh, Lord Jesus, come;
You've been away so long.

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Our world is burning, and most of us
keep playing games.

Secretly do good deeds when no one is
watching.

If you pay too much attention to the
things money can buy, you might lose
the things money can't buy.

World's Largest Biblical Library

New York, — The American Bible Society, possessor of the world's largest collection of Bibles and related Biblical documents reports that at the end of 1980 the library contained nearly 39,500 volumes in 1,615 languages. Dr. Ivan Nothdurft, an officer of the Society, said this represented an increase of 24 new languages in the Scripture collection, some with such exotic names as Mixteco and Silacayoapan, Pangutaran and Samokubo. "The new languages indicate that God's Word is being made available to more people everywhere, and that we fully intend to carry out the Biblical mandate to carry the Good News via the medium of Scriptures to the four corners of the earth," said Miss Alice Ball, an ABS general secretary.

Recent figures reveal, however, that more than 80 million people representing 2000 languages and dialects still do not have at least one Portion of Scripture available to them in their own languages. Miss Ball noted that the library contains more than 6,600 reference volumes available to scholars for translation work, adding, that the work of translation is now going on in more than 750 countries of the world.

"We are urgently trying to meet a deadline to translate and publish Scriptures for New Readers in all of the major languages by 1985, including a full range of Portions (one complete book of the Bible) and Selections. This will enable the readers to move toward the use of common language translations," she said.

The United Bible Societies, the worldwide fellowship of autonomous Bible Societies of which ABS is a member, is exploring the potential for communicating the Biblical message through nonprint media and developing appropriate Scripture materials. "We want to assist the reader to understand the meaning of the Biblical text by including helps in all Scripture publications, especially introductions in Portions and Selections, while at the same time avoiding notes or comments of a doctrinal nature," she said.

It was noted that nearly 1,000 microfiche items had been added to the reference collection making it easier for scholars to draw upon the extensive ABS archives. Other figures revealed that last year nearly 5,000 visitors passed through the Society's library from 41 states and 51 countries and were able to see the fragments and copies of the Dead Sea Scrolls and facsimile of the Washburn Bible.

The American Bible Society was founded in 1816 by a group of distinguished clergymen, statesmen, busi-

nessmen and educators in New York City. From the outset it was intended as a laymen's organization, and it has remained that to this day. ABS is a servant of all churches, denominations and agencies and is not in itself a church. It provides the Scriptures that churches throughout the world need for their preaching, teaching and witnessing ministries. It does not itself attempt to interpret or teach the Word.

Over three billion copies of the Word have been distributed by the American Bible Society since 1816, and that includes Bibles, Testaments, Portions and Selections. In one recent year (1979), ABS was responsible for the distribution of 109 million copies in the United States and 150 million overseas. The Society relies heavily on dedicated voluntary workers in the U.S. and other countries.

Dr. Elias P. Boudinot — a former President of the Continental Congress, and chief architect of the new venture (when it was first formed) — was elected the Society's first president. One of its early vice presidents, John Quincy Adams, was a former President of the United States. John Jay, the nation's first Chief Justice, was the Society's second president.

Scriptures are both given free and sold. It has always been a belief of the American Bible Society that if the Scriptures are to be fully appreciated, some investment should be made in their purchase based on the need and the ability to pay, no matter how small. And so a small price is asked, a price that is never above what it costs to produce and distribute these Scriptures. No profit is made; on the contrary, large subsidies are required, and the source of these is the contributions of individuals, churches and other institutions. These subsidies are because there are hundreds of millions of people in the world who cannot afford even these modest asking prices. The average wage earner is some 80 different countries earns less than a dollar a day, and that must go to feed hungry mouths, and clothe and shelter the family. It leaves little or nothing, even for something as important as the spiritual "food" of God's Word. Such people are given Scriptures free.

The American Bible Society distributes Scriptures in between 400 and 500 different languages, and also supplies to the Armed Forces. In 1835 the first Scriptures for the blind were made possible. These days, people with impaired vision can also get the Word in large print, on cassettes, tapes and records. Then too, there are Selections designed especially for the sick and other shut-ins, for urban, counseling and other outreach ministries.

I'd Rather See a Sermon

I'd rather see a sermon
Then hear one anyway;
I'd rather one would walk with me
Than merely show the way.

The eye's a better pupil
And more willing than the ear;
Advice may be confusing,
But example's always clear.

And the best of all the preachers
Is the man who lives his creed,
For to see good put in action
Is what everybody needs.

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BEYOND THE SUNSET

Should you go first and I remain,
To walk the road alone,
I'll live in memories garden, dear,
With happy days we've known.
In Spring I'll wait for roses red,
When faded, the lilacs blue.
In early fall when brown leaves fall,
I'll catch a glimpse of you.

Should you go first and I remain,
For battles to be fought.
Each thing you've touched along the way
Will be a hallowed spot.
I'll hear your voice,
I'll see your smile, tho blindly I may grope,
The memory of your helping hand
Will buoy me on with hope.

Should you go first and I remain,
One thing I'll have you do:
Walk slowly down that long, long path,
For soon I'll follow you.
I want to know each step you take,
So I may take the same.
For someday down that lonely road,
You'll hear me call you name.

The shell must break before the bird
can fly.

Advice To Preachers...

FEED THE SHEEP instead of trying to amuse the goats. The less knowledge and piety a church has, the more clubs, societies, oysters, ice cream and fun it takes to run it, and the faster it runs from God.

— Sermon Builder.