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## Jesus Saves — Jesus Heals

"And Jesus called a little child unto Him . . . and said . . . Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:2-4).

"Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5b).

"For I say . . . to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith" (Rom. 12:3).

"But whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister; and whosoever will be chiefest, shall be servant of all" Mark 10:43b,44).

### Who Is Greatest?

Cora L. Vinal

"At that same time the disciples came unto Jesus, saying, Who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, and said . . . Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:1-4).

Jesus was oftentimes misunderstood and despised. His teachings were foolishness to the worldly-wise ones of His day. And so it is today. The natural man is prone to honor the person who has reached a prominent place in society and is highly successful and influential. But God is pleased to honor the one who honors His name and has perfect confidence in His faithfulness. Who, then, is greatest? If the disciples had known how greatly Jesus had humbled Himself to become man, and if they could have foreseen the sufferings of the Cross, they would have been ashamed to ask such a question. But Jesus uttered no stern rebuke. He set a little child before them as an example of the beautiful simplicity and sincerity that belongs to the kingdom of God. For there will be no "big I, and little you," in the presence of the great King.

In Rom. 12:3 the believer is admonished "not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." As in the natural realm the towering redwood tree is wonderful and magnificent, so also the lowly unpretentious violet has its own peculiar fragrance and loveliness. And as one star differs from another star in glory, so each member of the body of Christ has its own distinctive place and usefulness. And our heavenly Father prizes the less-honored believers that are serving Him faithfully in humble fashion, even as He prizes the more talented ones that are witnessing boldly to the greatness of His power. And the one who bends low to lift up a fallen brother thus manifests a measure of greatness, even as the one who contends earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. Each one has his own particular calling to fulfill.

Jesus said: "But whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister; and whosoever will be chiefest, shall be servant of all" (Mk. 10:43b,44). Jesus loved His disciples. He also ordained them, and gave them power to cast out devils, and to heal the sick, and to do mighty works in His name. But He also enjoyed the quiet hospitality of the home in Bethany, and was well-pleased with Mary, as she sat at His feet and listened eagerly while He revealed spiritual things which have never been recorded. Wonderful are the ways of our Lord! And which can be considered the most outstanding mark of greatness, the faith of Abraham, or the patience of Job, or the devotion of Ruth, or the leadership of Moses, or the Psalms of David? Who can tell? But one thing is sure, every one that has attained unto spiritual greatness has had a price to pay. It has cost something of self-denial, and the loss of worldly friendships, and the crucifying of every carnal inclination and desire.

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering . . . and above all these things put on charity which is the bond of perfectness" (Col. 3:12-14). Someone may ask, What does all that amount to? It amounts to something well-pleasing in the sight of

### What Is Success

It is being able to carry money without spending it;  
Being able to bear an injustice without retaliating;  
Being able to do one's duty even when one is not watched;  
Being able to keep on the job until it is finished;  
Being able to accept criticism without letting it whip you.

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God. It puts the very essentials of spiritual greatness on exhibition. Oh, certainly the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith are of great importance, but the building of a Christlike character is important also. The converting of multitudes to Christ is a noble task, but the conforming of those souls to the image of Christ, by prayerfully upholding them, and by faithfully instructing them, is a commendable task also. The apostle to the Gentiles was a pioneer missionary beyond compare, but he wrote some of his most constructive and helpful epistles while enduring untold hardships as a prisoner in Rome. He had no ambition to become great, but rather to fulfill his ministry in the fear of God, and in constant self-effacement and humility.

"And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully" (2 Tim. 2:5). Another translation reads: "And if any one takes part in an athletic contest, he gets no prize unless he obeys the rules." No crown! No prize! His great efforts are all for naught if he disregards the regulations and strives unlawfully. And so it is in the spiritual realm. No one can attain unto a place of great honor unless he is obedient to the teachings of God's Word. He may seek to excel, but if he has taken unlawful advantage of some other person, or if he has offended some weaker brother, and has not sought forgiveness, he is unworthy to be crowned. For it is written: "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law" (Rom. 13:10). Just that simple! And it is the "more excellent way." Surely it is right to seek God's highest and best, but not by human zeal or natural ability, but by the faithful leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, "The flesh profiteth nothing." Therefore the truly great person is the one who acknowledges his utter dependence upon God. Whether it be the director of some large religious organization, or the little known layman in some small community church, the one who worships God in the Spirit, and who is also deeply concerned about the spiritual welfare of others, that one is the best example of spiritual greatness. For we read: "Be kindly affectioned one to another in brotherly love, in honor preferring one another . . . continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality" (Rom. 12:10-13). But someone may say: Our church needs to be remodeled and redecorated. And that may be true. But is it not far more important that the life of the believer be refashioned and his languishing spirit be renewed? Oh, possibly the pews may be old-fashioned, and the hymn-books may be wearing out, and many other things may need attention. But the time is short, and the Spirit may be grieved because of the leanness of soul, and the lukewarmness of spirit, and the unkind feelings toward one another. And while the world is striving for human greatness, why not strive for the kind of greatness that has no mixture of per-

### Living Our Hymns

The singing of a hymn should be a great experience for us — it can be a prayer, a testimony, a praise, an invitation to others.

Someone has written some interesting comparisons on the hymns we sing:

We sing SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER and content ourselves with ten or fifteen minutes a day.

We sing ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS and wait to be drafted into His service.

We sing O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES and don't use the one we have.

We sing THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS but do not come when it is raining.

We sing BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS and let the least offense sever us.

We sing SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS, and gripe about what we have to do.

We sing MARCHING TO ZION, but fail to march to Sunday School and Church.

We sing I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY and never mention it all year.

sonal ambition, nor pride of life, nor self-exaltation, nor any such thing?

"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" (Isa. 57:15). Strange how God delights to fellowship with the lowly-minded ones. Strange how He measures the spiritual greatness of His children. Strange that Christ should set forth a little child as an example of greatness. Strange how He takes notice of little things; such as the kind word, the tears of compassion, the cup of cold water, and the many other humble ministries of right motives, and of unselfish consideration of others, and of single-hearted obedience. His judgments are unsearchable, and His ways are past finding out. And it is written: "Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (1 Pet. 5:5b).

How wonderful that grown-up men Can have a childlike heart again, And be made new ere life is done By simple faith in God's dear Son.

And souls long-time from God estranged Can have their lives completely changed; And thus be saved from sin and strife To pass from death to endless life.

### Eight Rules For A Happy, Holy Christian Life

1. Consecrate (set apart) your life for your Lord. Tell Him you lay yourself, your all, at His feet. You have been bought with a great price and belong to Him.

2. Criticize yourself every night before retiring. After you have done this, sincerely and honestly, you will not have much time or heart for criticizing others.

3. Confess your sins daily. Start the day with a clean record. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful . . . to forgive us our sins." Don't flatter yourself by thinking that you have not sinned, for the sins of omission are just as great, and often greater, than the sins of commission.

4. Commit your way unto the Lord. Practice the habit of following His leading every day. He knows the way; you do not. HE CANNOT FAIL.

5. Be content with your lot. "Godliness with contentment is great gain." It is not what you have, outside of Christ, but what you are that counts.

6. Cast your cares upon Him. You will have cares, but you need not carry them, for "He careth for you."

7. Covet earnestly the best gifts. He knows what gifts to give and when and how to bestow them.

8. Be concerned for the souls of people. What other reason would He have for leaving us here? You are His witnesses!

Remember, you belong to Christ. In everything that you do, do it to honor and glorify Him. Draw nearer to Him daily so that at the end of this year you will be living closer to Him than you are right now. This will make a happier, holier Christian life.

### The Law of Harvest

A man rocked a boat to see if it would tip. It did!

O laborer stepped on a nail to see if it would go through his shoe. It did!

A man looked into the gun to see if it was loaded. It was!

A woman looked into a patent medicine booklet to see if she was sick. She was!

Last June a helper smelled escaping gas and lit a piece of oily waste to find the leak. He found it!

A young girl kept late hours to see if it would really injure her office work. And it did!

A young man tried drinking to see if it would make him act like a fool. It did!

God's Word says, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap." You cannot afford to play with sin. If you do, you will reap the terrible results.—Sel.

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To Our Readers  
And Prayer Band

As the material for this issue of our publication is being gathered together, we are also busy making plans for another Herald of Hope Crusade in the island of Jamaica. We are scheduled to begin these revival meetings in Kingston, on May 8. The services will continue for two weeks. Much prayer has already gone up for this nation-wide effort and we are believing for an outstanding move of God. If you receive this announcement in time, will you pray with us to this end?

We also have had an invitation to conduct meetings in British Guiana, but so far the will of the Lord is not clear concerning this. Please make this a matter of earnest prayer.

On April 5 my assistant pastor, Doug Bjerke, met with an unfortunate accident at the Mountain Home. While endeavoring to start one of the cars, there was a gasoline explosion which seriously burned his face, arms, and chest. God was very merciful to him and to us and spared his life. At this writing, his burns are almost all healed, and we trust that soon he will be as active as before in the work of the Lord.

The Lord has made it possible for the drilling of two additional water wells at our Christ Faith Mission Mountain Home. With this additional water supply, we will be able to further develop this Camp Ground and Christian Retreat as we have desired to do for so long. A building program will call for more finances so again we ask you to pray with us for sufficient funds for development.

Have you been praying with us for the Christ Faith Mission Orphanage and Children's Home in Mexico? The enemy seems really determined to destroy this work if at all possible. Prayer has stayed his hand thus far. Please continue your intercession for this Mexican work. A revival is greatly needed at the Orphanage Church and consecrated, faith workers are also needed.

Our meetings continue each night at the "Old Pisgah" Tabernacle. From the prayer tower of "Pisgah Home", (adjoining the Tabernacle), the radio broadcast goes out each week-day morning at 7 over station KGER in Long Beach. We are seeing God do some wonderful things in our regular services and we wish that all of our readers could visit us.

May we ask your prayer especially for our Literature Work. As usual, we have more requests for Christian Literature than we are able to supply. This always grieves our heart but all we can do is our best. Our workers sacrifice much to send the gospel out. Some of our faithful workers use a part of their own small income to purchase tracts, these are always needed when letters from our readers are answered.

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

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## For Young People

1. When choosing entertainment. "Abstain from all appearance of evil." I Thessalonians 5:22.

2. When going on a date. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:19-20.

3. When ridiculed for witnessing. "And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." Acts 5:41.

4. When working at home. "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth." Lamentations 3:27.

5. When instructed by parents. "Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." Ephesians 6:1.

6. When taking a test. "Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly." Hebrews 13:18.

7. When speaking of others. "To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men." Titus 3:2.

8. When participating in sports. "And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned except he strive lawfully." II Timothy 2:5.

9. When insulted for doing well. "For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? But if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God." I Peter 2:20.

10. When choosing companions. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" II Corinthians 6:14.

11. When planning the future. "Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me." Psalm 119:133.

12. When thinking unclean thoughts. "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure . . . think on these things." Philippians 4:8.

God has a plan, a most marvelous and successful plan . . . for YOU! He earnestly desires to work out this plan in your life. Don't spoil the plan!

## Double Wedding

At 2:00 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, March 26, H. J. Smith, Editor of The Herald of Hope officiated at a double wedding at which time his son, James David, was united in marriage with Cheryl Nadine Maier; and one of his twin daughters, Viola Elizabeth became the bride of John C. Hoover.

Because of limited facilities here at "Old Pisgah" the wedding ceremony was held at the First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena, California. About 550 guests were present. A reception followed in the church fellowship hall.

Bro. Smith's son and his wife have already moved to Newcastle, Wyoming where they will live in his old home place in the Black Hills. The daughter and her husband have taken up residence at the Monte Vista Home here in Los Angeles, about 3 blocks from the Herald of Hope Office.

## Called Home

Brother Leonhard Milke, one of our faithful ministers here at "Old Pisgah" was recently bereaved of his dear companion. Ruby Milke went to be with her Lord on March 2 after a prolonged illness and invalidism of nearly 3½ years. Bro. Milke has referred to these last 3½ years, during which time his beloved wife was incapacitated and needed almost constant care, as being the happiest years of his entire 40 years of married life. They seemed to grow closer together as she neared the time of her home-going.

Brother Milke has been Sunday School Superintendent here at "Old Pisgah" for a number of years and also speaks regularly at the Tuesday night service. Pray for our brother and his family.

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## A Presbyterian Awakening?

(Editors note — We have endeavored from time to time to report to our Herald of Hope readers, events or trends which we considered spiritually significant. The following was recently published by The Presbyterian Lay Committee, Inc.)

"An increasing number of Presbyterian laymen are becoming disturbed over the direction the United Presbyterian Church leadership has been taking in recent years.

They recognize the tremendous activity on the part of Church leaders to reconstruct the broad social patterns of society. At the same time they realize that the Church is failing in its more basic mission, namely, to reconstruct and guide spiritually the lives of individual men, women and children.

They behold many of the clergy and some lay persons attempting to speak for the church as a corporate body committing it to one side or the other of whatever political, social and economic issue they happen to see fit. Examples go all the way from endorsing political candidates to a position on rent control, slum clearance, urban renewal, Federal aid to education, mass transportation, international policies of the State Department, civil rights, the draft, the war in Viet Nam, educational freedom and almost every controversial issue that arises.

While all these civil affairs are pre-occupying the time and energy of our Church leaders, laymen behold an increasing negligence on the part of the Church concerning the fundamental mission of the church — the conversion of men to a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Redeemer; the instruction in the basic tenets of the Christian faith.

Accordingly, a committee has been organized by a group of lay leaders who are active in the United Presbyterian Church, many of whom are Elders.

The purpose of this Presbyterian Lay Committee is to encourage Presbyterian laymen to put a stronger emphasis on the church's mission of spiritual leadership, to put greater stress on the basic teachings of the Bible as the authoritative Word of God, to become better informed on the issues being considered by the presbyteries, synods and the General Assembly and to discourage public pronouncements by the United Presbyterian Church as a corporate body on political, economic and social issues."

Following is a statement of objectives, as well as a discussion of the more serious issues involved.

1. To put greater emphasis on the teaching of the Bible as the authoritative word of God in our seminaries and churches.
2. To emphasize at every opportunity the need for preaching the gospel of Redemption with evangelical zeal and to stress the need for regular Bible study and prayer.
3. To encourage ministers and laymen alike to take their place as individuals in society and, as led by the Holy Spirit, to become involved in the social, economic and political problems of our time and to assert their position public as Christian citizens on all such matters.
4. To discourage pronouncements by Church leaders speaking for the Church as a corporate body on political, social and economic issues.
5. To provide an adequate and reliable source of information for laymen on the issues being proposed for consideration at General Assembly and other judicatories in order to enable laymen to express an informed position.

The work of our Committee will be carried on within the Church and within the existing organization of the Church. It will not function as an outside group seeking to change or in any way oppose the stated religious purpose and tenets of the United Presbyterian Church. Rather, it seeks to arouse lay members to the need for more active Christian witness right in their own churches and communities.

We are convinced that the Church has been diverted from her true mission, through public pronouncements and political activity in civil affairs. We believe that the one effective way of establishing the kingdom of God is by the regeneration of individual men through the preaching of the Gospel of reconciliation. There is a desperate need for the Church to manifest her faith in God and thus develop further her spiritual power. The mission of the Church is to call all men to redemption and only as she redeems individual people will society be effectively transformed.

Those spokesmen currently engaged in such public pronouncements and political action may believe this is the way to have the Church influence the moral

## Congregation Burns "Worldly" Items

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. (EP) — Following their church service on a Sunday evening, the 100-member Haynes Memorial Baptist Church gathered outside on the gravel parking lot to watch the burning of a TV set, roulette wheel, packs of cards, several pairs of dice, and more than 100 pairs of shorts and skintight slacks.

The Pastor, the Rev. Ed Taylor, says the people began to be convicted of the worldly items when some two dozen attended a campmeeting in Myrtle, Miss. There about 2,000 Baptists were gathered for a week of "preaching, singing and fellowshiping."

During the burning, the pastor quoted frequently from Acts 19. He admitted that "a few people around here think we're going crazy, but I tell our people that if they call you a fool, remind them what it says in I Corinthians 4:10: 'We are fools for Christ's sake.'"

issues of our day. They may be sincere, but we are convinced that they are mistaken.

Christ refused to become a political Messiah or purely a social reformer. The kingdom of righteousness and justice was to be established by conversion to Jesus Christ and not by political coercion with the Church acting as another political pressure group.

The last fifty years have witnessed a growing effort within the Church to act as a corporate body in efforts to influence government and people in economic, social, and political affairs instead of first converting men to Christianity and then encouraging those men to fill their individual roles as Christians in civic affairs. While the Church has been devoting much emphasis in the area of social action, the fire of moral deterioration has been burning with increasing intensity. There is much evidence in history that in proportion to the Church's engrossment as a corporate entity with social, economic and political matters, her evangelical mission and moral influence is weakened. We believe it is time to change the policies currently being followed by our Church and to follow the plan of Christ and the Apostles.

Many Presbyterian Laymen are becoming increasingly aware that among men with whom they come in contact and even among the Church membership, there exists little knowledge of the basic claims of Christianity. Yet the basic tenets of Christianity are an absolute necessity in permanently elevating spiritual, moral and social life. Surely the time has come to vitalize the basic beliefs of the Church and make them effective in the lives of individuals and society. Relief from the burden of sin, and the strength to overcome temptation, a cohesive power to keep the family together, communion with the living God and reconciliation to one's neighbor regardless of race or creed are desperate needs of the human heart. Only the Gospel message of salvation can fully meet these needs.

The authoritative message of salvation, which has power to change the hearts of men, is declared by the Holy Scriptures. But men who doubt the full integrity and authority of the Bible soon lose confidence in its message. Time is given to study "about" the Bible while knowledge of the Word itself is neglected. Even our seminaries so minimize Bible teaching that the importance of the Scriptures is often left in doubt. We believe strongly that the Church must proclaim anew the written Word, inspired of God as the only rule of faith and life. The words of the Westminster Confession of Faith need attention: "The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture; unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit or traditions of men."

If our pulpits are to speak with authority to the people in the pew, our theological seminaries must graduate young men convinced that the Bible is the authoritative Word of God. We must be reminded that only through the Scriptures may there be any sure knowledge of Christ as the living Word. Men will not obey the message of the Bible unless they are convinced that the Bible is the revelation of the will of God. People are hungering and thirsting for an authoritative message of salvation. Those who compromise the authority of the Bible as a mixture of truth and error will fail this generation.

We believe that the fundamental purpose of the Bible is to tell men how they may be restored to a living fellowship with God. This is effected by faith in

## A Free Methodist Receives

While pastoring the Free Methodist Church in Yucaipa, California, I engaged the pastor of our San Pedro, California church, the Reverend Willard Beede, for revival services. The last day of the meeting he received a telephone call that a man in his church had suffered a stroke and Rev. Beede was needed immediately. I agreed to close the revival for him. After that I heard no more from Rev. Beede.

Conference time rolled around that year, but because I had been transferred from Yucaipa to our church in Pomona just at that time, I was unable to attend. Naturally, I read with interest the appointment list and found to my amazement that Beede's name did not appear. This was especially strange because he was a pastor with the Free Methodist Church for over twenty-five years. I was certain something unforeseen had happened. I made inquiries among my fellow pastors but couldn't get a direct answer. Finally, I learned that one of Rev. Beede's church members was doing some painting at the camp grounds. Mrs. Johns and I drove there, found the man, and asked him what had happened. He was plainly distressed.

"Oh, Brother Johns," he answered, "I wish that you hadn't asked about Rev. Beede . . . it is terrible! He received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire and is speaking in tongues."

"What's wrong with that?" I questioned. "It is in the Bible!"

"Yes, I know that," the man answered, but Free Methodist ministers are forbidden!"

I pondered this in my heart because the Scriptures warn us "to forbid not." I turned to Mrs. Johns and said, "Let's go to San Pedro and find out first-hand what has happened."

We returned home for our youngest son "Chip" and headed toward San Pedro . . . naturally "Chip" had his fishing pole — the area is well-known for great deep sea fishing. We located Rev. Beede and, far from being in a dejected state, found him praising the Lord. I asked him to tell me about his experience.

### First Hand Account

He explained that while attending a meeting in Riverside conducted by David duPlessis he had experienced a most wonderful communion with Jesus. He told how God had been doing great things in his life since then.

"Oh, Brother Johns, it is wonderful," he exclaimed. "I am going to give my testimony at a meeting of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in Anaheim next week and I want you to come over and hear it."

I told him I would be happy to attend, and the next week I made my way to Anaheim.

After listening to the testimony of my good friend, the invitation was given for those who wished to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Several went forward but I just couldn't! It sounded good to me, but I was selfishly thinking of my appointment as associate pastor of a fine new church which also had a junior and

Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, who died on the cross for our sins. The Apostle Paul declared, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3). This blessed fact of reconciliation to God must be proclaimed not only by the pulpit but must be witnessed to by Christian laymen.

Men need to be confronted with the knowledge of the Triune and Sovereign God, their lost estate and the need for repentance. They need to know about the covenant of grace, the vicarious atonement of Christ, and justification by faith alone. They need to be inspired by the news of the glorious resurrection, the hope of the life to come, and become strengthened in confident fellowship with the living Christ who alone can change a man's life. These are but a few of the basic beliefs of our Church which need to be proclaimed with conviction from the pulpit and vitalized in the lives of men.

By the grace of God we are dedicated to Christ's Church. Our goal is to encourage every preacher, every officer and every layman of the Church to re-affirm belief in the Bible as the Word of God, to encourage a return to Christ as Redeemer, to emphasize again serious and intensive Bible study and prayer, to seek the power of the Holy Spirit in all things, and to help re-establish the evangelical zeal of the Church. We are committed to the belief that only in this way will the Church bring about a permanent change in society."

(Any one desiring further information concerning this move among the Presbyterians should write to, Suite 1404, 200 5th Ave., N. Y., N. Y. 10010)

## Reading The Menu

Some people treat God's Word like the man who continued reading the menu, while the food was being placed in front of him. Each course was removed, and another brought, while he continued reading the menu. Finally, the meal was over; and he found that he had read the menu, and missed the meal.

Oh, the power of the Holy Spirit in a fully surrendered life. What is the limit to the possibilities of that power? The will of God only.

Give your life to God, He can do more with it, than you ever could.

Today is the day of our stripping. Our dress parade will come later.

senior high school. I decided it would be better to leave things as they were.

After the meeting Woody Johnson, the chapter president, approached me and told me that Rev. Beede was to be the principal speaker at their next meeting and asked if I would come and introduce him.

### Return Visit

I went to the next meeting and following the introduction, settled back to enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and prayer. Again, the invitation was given and many people went forward to receive the Baptism. Still feeling the same way about this experience, I sat down at a table and started a conversation with Ralph Wilkerson, pastor of the Christian Center in Anaheim.

While we were talking, Woody Johnson opened the sliding doors enclosing the prayer room and asked Rev. Wilkerson and me to join him. As we did we noticed a man sitting in a chair with his arms folded. I recognized him as one of those who had gone forward to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. He appeared to be arguing with them. I thought it strange that a person who just a moment ago had presented himself as a candidate for the Baptism was now putting up an argument.

When Rev. Wilkerson started dealing with the man, I just stood by; but as Pastor Wilkerson opened his Bible and started to explain the Scriptures, the Lord began to open up my heart and mind. The man was still arguing, but I had reckoned with God. Simply and very child-like, I said, "Lord, if this fellow doesn't want it, and it is real, GIVE IT TO ME!"

The Lord seemed to say, "The sign of full surrender in any language, including mine, is raising both hands." I obeyed and surrendered! I raised both hands and God baptized me. When it seemed I could no longer stand the sweet, blessed ecstasy, I started speaking in a language I had never heard or spoken before. When I finished, I was on my knees, praising God with tears running down my cheeks that irrigated my dry spirit and soul. I knew then that God had allowed me to walk and talk with Him, just as the disciples had.

The next Sunday following a precious service at our church, the other pastor came to my office and asked, "What has happened to you, Rev. Johns?"

My reply was a weak, "Oh, nothing," but when he said he had noticed a great change in me, I felt led to tell him the whole story. I knew when talking to him that it would be better to give up my position than to get into any difficulties with the Church, because I loved them all. I have never met a finer person than Reverend Cutler, my superintendent. He is one of God's chosen vessels and it had been a great privilege to pastor churches under his leadership.

After I had resigned my pastorate in Pomona, the door finally opened for me to take charge of a little "skidrow" mission in Oakland, California — a little mission with a big ministry! What started as a little "store-front" building is turned into a large gospel center. Eventually, we will house over 100 men; not only will we be able to give them the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, but feed, clothe, lodge and render medical-dental services, plus vocational training. A program of Bible study will help train those dedicated to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ to become mission workers.

I know statistics are cold but in about a year at the Oakland Peniel Mission Center there have been over 600 won to Christ, many physical healings, many baptized with the Holy Spirit, and several liberated from demonic obsessions. Through the power of the Holy Spirit in my life I have seen the mission accomplished.

## Please

When writing to the HERALD of HOPE ALWAYS write your name and address clearly on the outside of the envelope.



## 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 blessing, as well as for power of 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.

### TONSILS HEALED

I suffered from bad tonsils for nine years. Praise God, He has healed me.—St. Andrew, Jamaica, W.I.

### GOD UNDERTAKES

Three weeks ago, I wrote to you about serious pains and swelling of the legs, hands and knees. I had been to the hospital without any success. Then I wrote to you asking for prayer. Now I can walk and attend work as usual. I thank God.—D.S.O., Nigeria, West Africa

### HAPPINESS

I feel great happiness within my soul. Thanks be to God and all who prayed for me.—G.O., Manchester, England

### JESUS, THE SAME TODAY

I want to tell you that I enjoy the Herald of Hope so much, and I thank the Lord for people that pray and believe. About 45 years ago I sent for an anointed cloth to Pisgah Home when Bro. Yokum was still alive. After the cloth was on me for about three days, I was delivered from sin, bad habits, and all. Praise God. Later I received the Holy Spirit and have been rejoicing ever since. — Rev. M.G., Monroe, Washington

### RETURNS HOME

My parents wrote to you for prayer that their daughter would return home. Through the grace of God she has returned to us.—Miss H.B., St. Mary, Jamaica, W. I.

### FOUND PEACE

I must say thanks for your prayers for me. I have found the peace that I sought for in God. I have found the joy, and I can feel the presence of God with me all the day long.—C.G., Camberwell, England

### ANSWERED PRAYER

I wrote and asked you to pray for me concerning a court decision, and I am happy to tell you the Lord heard and answered prayer in our behalf. We thank Him. — Mrs. G.A.O., Atlanta, Ga.

### PAIN GONE

I had a terrible pain in my stomach; I just put the blest cloth where the pain was and in a few minutes, it was all gone. Thank God for your prayer band and gospel message. — M.F., St. Margaret Bay, Jamaica, W.I.

### CHILD HEALED

Right after the hospital had given my son his second spinal tap, I called you up for prayer. He had meningitis. I can never forget the dear lady who immediately interceded for me. She was so confident and assuring that by the time she was finished, there was no doubt in my mind that God had heard her prayer. I was unafraid and happy because I knew that my son was better. They never found the bug of meningitis, and soon he was attending kindergarten.—Mrs. L.S., Brooklyn, New York

### PAISE THE LORD

I placed the prayer cloth on my husband's neck when he was sick and the next day he went to work. It is marvelous. Praise the Lord.—Portland, Jamaica, W.I.

### GOD IS GREAT

I want to thank the dear woman who prayed for me the night I called the "Herald of Hope" as I was in pain and much distress with arthritis in my right hand. Thanks be to our wonderful Lord, the pain left. How great God is! If we would only trust Him more.—Mrs. E.B.,

### DOING FINE

The Lord is so good to me. I want to thank you for your prayers. I am doing fine and can eat anything I want.—O.T., Birmingham, Alabama

### DESIRES GRANTED

I wrote, asking your group to pray for me that I might get my teeth fixed. I also asked you to pray that I get my drivers license and car. I have all of these through your prayers. I thank you very much.—J.L.R., Sumter, S.C.

### WORDS OF CHEER

I have received your letter. Thank you for your kind words; they have cheered me a lot. I got a job a few days before I received your letter.—O.V.H., Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

### GETS DESIRED JOB

I am from Jamaica. I do not know how to thank you all for your prayers. God is really wonderful. I asked you to pray for me that I might obtain employment in Canada. Thank God I passed the test and am now in Canada working.—M.D., Montreal, Canada

### RECOVERS QUICKLY

Some months ago I wrote to you after finding out that I contracted T. B. during my nursing. I asked you to pray for me. Thank God, I was able to leave the hospital in four and a half months. Thank you very much for your prayers.—M.J.S., Birmingham, England

### HEADACHE PILLS NOT NEEDED

I asked you to pray for my head and neck, and I haven't had to take a headache pill since. I give Jesus all the praise.—E.M., Huntington Park, Calif.

### HEALED OF HEART TROUBLE

I have been receiving your prayer cloth and Herald of Hope paper, and it has brought great healing for my 12 year old son who was at the point of death with heart trouble. Now I first give thanks to God and then you dear ones for his healing. — Mrs. E.B., Old Bottom, Jamaica, W.I.

### GASTRIC INDIGESTION HEALED

This is to let you know that I suffered for many years with gastric indigestion and went to the doctor several times but got no relief. A cousin told me to write and ask you to pray for me. I received your blest handkerchief and I can say, praise God, I no longer feel that pain.—C.B., London, England

### ENJOYS RADIO BROADCAST

Thank you for deep dedicated Radio messages. Your prayer in the morning puts God's arms around every one; this includes me. Thank you.—M.L.L., Los Angeles, California

### PEACE IN HOME

Thank you very much because there is peace in my home that I never knew before.—D.M., London, England

### RING WORM DISAPPEARED

I am a regular reader of the Herald of Hope, and I am thanking God for His wonderful healing power. I had been suffering from tropical ring worm for four years, and I asked your prayer band to pray for me. Thank God I am healed; they have all disappeared. — D.B., Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

### FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IMPROVED

I wrote you some time ago when I was in great financial distress and couldn't rest or sleep at night because I was so worried. I am thankful that through your prayers which God has answered, things are better in every respect. God bless you.—Mrs. C.B.T., Kansas City, Missouri

### VICTORY IN JESUS

I had arthritis pains in my knees and hand. I could not put on my clothes or do anything for myself. I saw the doctor for a year and I did not get any relief. But thank God my daughter wrote and asked you to pray for me. Before I received your prayer cloth, I could use my hand and walk. Thank God I can go to church again and do anything for myself. Also my husband is going on in victory and my children are doing well.—Mrs. I. B., Barbados, W.I.

### QUITS SMOKING

I wrote you last year and requested prayer that I might quit smoking. I am glad to say through prayer and the help of God Almighty, it has been almost a year now since I smoked.—P.W.M., Arden, N.C.

### PAIN IN HIP GOES

One morning I got up and while preparing to go to school, I suddenly felt a pain in my hip. I went to school but the pain came on more and more. When I came home, my sister told me that a letter was there for me from you. I opened it and was so glad to see the blest cloth which I immediately put on my hip. I am happy to say on the second day I could not feel any pain. God is good.—V.W., Antigua

### HERALD OF HOPE — A BLESSING

Thank you for your prayers to the Lord on my behalf, also for the tracts and blest handkerchief. My health has been greatly improved. About a month or two ago while I was reading your magazine, the words were so fittingly placed that when I reached a certain part the Spirit of the Lord came upon me and I burst out in tongues. I thank God for you.—A.A.F., Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

### PASSED STATE FINAL

I have been successful in my State Final Examinations. Thanks for your prayers which have sustained and consoled me through those hard working hours.—G.L., London, England

### ANSWERED PRAYER

I sent in a prayer request to sell my place. The Lord heard and answered prayer and my place has been sold.—T.J.B., Canoga Park, California

### PROTECTED FROM DEATH

I got a job one week after I wrote my last letter. Since then I was standing at a bus stop waiting for a bus and was singing "God is real in my soul." Suddenly a Land Rover crashed into the bus-stop killing a young lady on the spot and up rooting the bus stop. I was thrown twenty-five feet over a gully. I sustained a fractured left arm and cuts and bruises to other parts of the body. Two other persons died and several others were injured. The miracle is that I was standing next to the lady that was killed instantly. God was showing me how He is real in my soul.—H.S., Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

### SUCCESSFUL

I wrote to you a few months ago asking you to pray for me when I was taking my nurses exam. I must let you know I have been successful.—F.H., Prescott Lanes, England

### PEACE COMES

The devil was tormenting me day and night, and I could not overcome him. The Lord impressed me to write to the Herald of Hope and explain my condition. I knew you started praying for me even before the prayer cloth came for things made a change. Thank you, Jesus. Peace came into my mind and heart.—Caruthersville, Missouri

### SUCCESS IN EXAM

Your prayers have been heard, God has answered them. Thanks and glory be to Him for His great mercies. The results of the exam I took are out, and I am successful.—D.C.D., London, England

### BLEST CLOTH ARRIVES AT PROPER TIME

Last December I was involved in a motor accident returning from work, and it was the same week that I received your letter with a blest handkerchief inside. When this accident happened, I took the blest handkerchief and put it on my right foot which was broken and prayed. It was a miracle to see the foot straighten immediately.—P. N., Nigeria, W. Africa

### PAINS DISAPPEARING

A couple of months ago I wrote you to pray for the pains in my neck, knees and the severe ache in the lower part of my back. As soon as I received the blest cloth from you I put it on my chest and things started improving. I am so grateful that I could find no words adequate to convey the depth of my feeling.—E.A.A., Accra, Ghana

### CRIPPLE HEALED

I am healed by the blood of Jesus. I was crippled and could not walk, but Glory be to God, I am now walking with a stick and I know I will soon be walking normally again. Thanks be to God.—B.R., St. Mary, Jamaica, W.I.

### HEADACHE GONE

I thank God for you and for the Herald of Hope paper. It has been such a blessing. The headaches I asked prayer about, have not come back.—Mrs. E.H.,

### HEART IS HEALED

I thank God very much that I am now able to do something for myself. My heart is all right. Through your prayer, God has taken away the sickness from my heart.—A.W.S., General Stores M/S Liberia

### HEALED AND WORKING

I give God thanks for His healing power. I remember I wanted to walk and could not, I wanted to sit up and could not, no strength, my whole body was like stone. I prayed three times a day, asking Him to take the breath out of my body because the pain was too much for me. No Doctor could help me. Thank God, I am working now, and I must give God all the glory.—A.F., Birmingham, England

### IMMEDIATELY WELL

When I received the handkerchief my sister's son was seriously ill. I put it on his chest and prayed for him and immediately he became well.—A.S., Accra, Ghana, W.A.

### EAR INFECTION HEALED

I want to thank you for your prayers. I am feeling so much better. The infection in my ears is completely gone and also the heaviness in my chest.—B.C., Whitefish, Mont.

### BABY DOING FINE

I wrote a few months ago asking you to pray for me and my unborn baby for I had lost two others. Thanks be to God, I've had my baby and she is doing fine.—J.E.D., London, England

### PRAYER AVAILS

I am thanking God for His mighty healing power, and thanking you for your faith in praying with me. I have found wonderful blessings ever since I am uniting myself in prayer with you.—M.H., Bath P. O., Jamaica, W.I.

### DIABETES DISAPPEARING

I am very happy to write to you. My sugar is going. I can walk about better than before. Thanks for your prayer.—W.S., Port Morant P.O., Jamaica, W.I.

### PASSES EXAM

I asked you to pray for my success in university entrance exams. Miraculously, God who sees in secret has done it. I was among the few selected.—E.B.K., Accra, W.A.

### WONDERFULLY BLESSED AND HEALED

Since I last received your letter I have been wonderfully blessed and healed. My husband and myself are very happy now, praise God, and our family is fine. My soul was extremely and immensely blessed and edified by your article, "How a Song was Born." It really made me feel ashamed of myself and I fell down before God and asked His forgiveness, because I realized how much I had sinned against Him.—Mrs. E.M.H., Staffs., Eng.

### RECEIVES DRIVER'S LICENSE

The first time I took the driver's test I passed the written test but failed the driving test, and the patrolman issued me a 60-day learner's permit. Monday, I went back and took the driver's test again. That morning I pinned the blest handkerchief to my clothing. I had been praying also. After talking so very unkind to me before a room full of people, the patrolman said, "I'm going to give you this license. So your and my prayers were answered. — Miss S.C.B., Corinth, Miss.

### QUITS SMOKING

I thank you for your prayer for my mother-in-law. She has stopped using snuff and tobacco ever since you prayed. I don't know just what to do to thank the Lord for it.—Miss G.C., Savannah, Georgia

### SON'S COMPLAINT HEALED

I wrote to you about my son, asking you for prayer, and thank God his complaint is healed. Jesus has answered prayer.—Mrs. M.S., Birmingham, Eng.

### AILMENT ALL GONE

I wrote you a month ago telling you of my complaints, and by your prayer I am healed. Heart trouble is gone, kidney trouble and swelling feet healed.—R.C., Jamaica, W.I.



**RECEIVES BAPTISM AND IS HEALED**

I asked you to pray for me to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Thank God, I have received, and am also healed.—Evang. O.E., Ahonda, W. Africa

**JOB PROMOTION**

I wrote you a few weeks ago asking for your faithful prayers and find there is a change for the better. I even got a promotion on my job.—Mrs. R.F., Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

**HOME SAVED AND BLESSED**

Sometime ago I requested prayer for a man and wife whose home was being broken up on account of his drinking. Thank God for taking that desire for drink out of him and saving him. He and his wife are back together and everything going good and sweet. I had slipped the blest cloth in their pillows and the desire for drink left him that night. He said that he felt so good the next morning that he imagined he felt like the prodigal son did when he went back home to his father. I was so overjoyed as he talked to me, knowing that God had answered your prayers and worked a miracle.—Mrs. G.H., Dalton, Ga.

**QUITS DRINKING**

My father has quit drinking. I can't explain to you how thankful I am to God.—I.P., Coleville P. O., Jamaica, W.I.

**THANKFUL**

I will even live to thank you because it was through your daily prayer for me when I was sick that I am able to breathe the air of this day.—B.E., Odot, Uyo, W. Africa

**OBTAINS HOME**

Thank you for your prayers. I sent and asked you to pray that I get a home, and I got it. Praise God!—Mrs. L.B., Jamaica, W.I.

**SAVED AND HEALED**

Sometime ago, I asked you to pray that God help us to get saved. God provided a team from your ministry to visit this area, and we were saved and healed as you prayed.—V.L., Tobago, W.I.

**SALVATION**

Having read recently one of the Herald of Hope, I saw that I was a lost sinner. I am glad to say that I have settled the old account, and I am now rejoicing in a full and free salvation.—D.I.B., St. Thomas, Jamaica, W.I.

**SAFE CHILDBIRTH**

I asked you to pray for me because I was going to the hospital to have my baby. Well, everything turned out just fine. I have a son that weighs 7 pounds. Thank God, and thank you for your prayers.—Mrs. D.Mc., Clarkton, N.C.

**CHILD TALKS BETTER**

Thank you for praying for my little girl. She can talk much better now. Also, since I received your blest handkerchief I go to church every Sunday, and each day I remember you all in my prayers.—A.O.B., Birmingham, England

**BLESSINGS OF GOD**

Thanks for sharing my burden. I can assure you that I can feel that it has been lifted. Things are going smoother; my daughter and her Dad are reunited and she is in a job at our hospital. The pain in my ankle is much easier. Thank God.—Nurse Una Challenger, Barbados, W.I.

**PASSED EXAM**

I must certainly thank you for your lovely letters and prayers on my behalf. I have passed my exam and must say that it was your prayers that did it. Thanks be to God.—E.S., London, England

**STOPS SMOKING AFTER 30 YEARS**

I want you to know that after smoking cigarettes for over 30 years, I put your Herald of Hope on my pillow and asked God's help; and I haven't smoked a cigarette since. God bless you.—M.K., Detroit, Mich.

**PAIN IS ALL GONE**

I was so glad to receive your blest handkerchief. I placed it on the affected spot and praise be to God the pain is all gone.—D.C., Bristol, England

**VOICE SPOKE TO HER**

I was in pain with my left breast; I could hardly touch it. There was a big lump in it, and it started to swell. I was fretting when a voice spoke to me saying, "Where is the Herald of Hope." I placed it on my breast with prayer. The pain is gone. Praise God for healing me.—Mrs. F.E., St. Thomas, W.I.

**NO MORE PROBLEMS**

Things turned out just fine, praise God, in answer to my problem I wrote to you about some weeks ago.—B.R., Trenton, N.J.

**WOMB TROUBLE HEALED**

I wrote and asked prayer for me that I would be healed from womb trouble. I believed God could heal me. As I sent away the letter, all fear left me. When you answered me, you sent me a tract with these words: "Resist the devil and he will flee." As I read the Words of God, I believed them and claimed the promises of God. I am feeling very well. Praise God.—A.P., London, England

**HUSBAND IS CHANGED**

I must say that your prayers have given me courage to go on with the Lord, witnessing for Him. I also want to let you all know that my husband is changing. He is not drinking so much and most of the time he comes in sober.—M.E.S., Trinidad, W.I.

**FAMILY IS BLESSED**

I asked for prayer a few years ago. The Lord has blessed me and my husband and children, and He is still blessing us. We are buying our own home now, and doing fine.—Mr. & Mrs. E.B., Milwaukee 12, Wis.

**SON SAVED AND FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST**

I wrote to you sometime ago, and asked you to pray for my son who was unsaved. I want you to know he received the Holy Ghost two weeks ago. He really got a wonderful experience with the Lord.—Mrs. W.J., Oakdale, La.

**SAFE DELIVERY**

I must thank you all for praying for me. I had a safe delivery and my baby is growing well.—Mrs. M.R., Jamaica W.I.

**DRUNKARD SAVED & BLESSED**

I had written to you a few months ago and asked you to pray for my sister and brother in Oregon. My sister's leg is healing very nicely from the rusty bolt injury; and after twenty-five years of alcohol, my brother has quit drinking and has a wonderful job. Praise be to Jesus Christ our Saviour who has done wonders.—Mrs. J.M., Eminence, Mo.

**TERRIBLE PAIN HEALED**

Some months ago I wrote to you asking for a blest handkerchief that I might be healed of the terrible pain in the back of my chest, which my doctor said was "catarrh." Thank you all so much, it is indeed a miracle. I am healed.—Mrs. O.L., Leyton E. 10, England

**NO OPERATION NEEDED**

Your kind letter and anointed cloth came in a dire time of need. My husband took critically ill last Sunday on our way to Sunday School and Church. I had doctor for him on Monday. The doctor rushed him in an ambulance to the hospital. Doctor thought they would have to have surgery. But praise God, he didn't have to have an operation. God's hand was upon him. In three days every bit of pain, misery and sickness was gone.—Mrs. C.H., Ottumwa, Iowa

**GOD'S BLESSINGS**

Help me in praises to God for answer to prayer. We are now living in our own home and my husband is back in a job at sea, and God is blessing us both. How much we ought to thank God for His lovingkindness!—Mrs. H.H., St. Barnabos, W.I.

**HAS GOOD JOB**

I was in a bad way, no job and no money to pay my rent and other bills. I wrote you to pray for me. Thank the blessed God, I have a good job. I go to the sea-shore in the summer with the people I work with. A friend gave me your blest Herald of Hope, and I wrote you and I have been happy ever since.—Mrs. L.M., Philadelphia, Pa.

**PRAYER ANSWERED**

I have had an answer to my request for prayer. Thank you all so much for praying.—E.S., London, England

**GETS DRIVERS LICENSE**

I wrote for prayer for my brother and I that we might get our drivers license. We got them. Thank you for praying.—S.J., Alpine, Ala.

**NO MORE ASTHMA**

I am happy to say thanks for your prayers; I am getting along fine. No more asthma. You sent me a blest cloth, I laid it on my chest, and prayed. Praise be to God I have accepted Christ as my personal Saviour.—E.U.J., Trinidad

**CHANGED PERSON**

There are no words to express my joy. I received your blest handkerchief and papers. As soon as I received it I placed it on my head and ten minutes after I was a changed person. The headache disappeared, palpitation of my heart was gone, and I felt no more dizziness.—S.F., Santo Domingo, Dom.

**PAIN GONE**

I was suffering with a hard pain in the right shoulder and neck. I placed the blest cloth on me and I was completely healed. Praise God.—L.C., West Indies

**MANY PRAYERS ANSWERED**

God has answered many prayers for me. He has blessed me with a lovely apartment, a good and wonderful husband, and my teen-age daughter has been employed by a hospital in walking distance to our home. I gave a friend the Herald of Hope to place under her father's mattress in the hospital. He was on the critical list and the Doctor said he had only 8 days to live. The Lord has healed him through your wonderful paper.—E.S., Chicago, Ill.

**GOT A JOB**

I am not feeling any more discontent over my job. I am feeling very happy. I feel great help from your prayers. Thanks very much.—W.H.

**DAUGHTER SAVED**

Your prayer for my daughter to be saved has been answered. Praise God. Thank you for your prayers.—B.D., Jamaica, W.I.

**FLU AND COLD HEALED**

I was sick in bed with the flu and cold; but when I received the blest handkerchief, I put it on my side. I thank the Lord for raising me up.—M.S., Shreveport, La.

**EXAM PASSED**

Thank you for your prayers. My little daughter passed her scholarship exam. Thank God.—E.J., West Indies

**HAD HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE**

I wrote asking you to pray for me as I was suffering from high blood pressure. Thank God He has answered prayer.—P.B., London, England

**NEED SUPPLIED**

I was expecting a baby and I asked you to pray that I would have a safe and quick delivery, and also pray for me that the Lord would open a way for me to have the money needed. I was able to have the money to pay my bill and I have a six pound baby girl. We both are doing fine.—C.M.S., Somerville, Texas

**GOT WORK AGAIN**

Our prayers have been answered. Praise God I have gone back to my old work. I thank the Lord for what he has done for me.—N.C., Kingston, Jamaica

**NEEDS NO OPERATION**

We believe wonderful things can be done through prayer. Thank you for praying for me concerning my eyes. I was going to be operated on, but since I read your paper and tracts and had prayer, wearing the blest cloth, the Doctor said I didn't need an operation. Praise be to God for your prayers.—A.W., England

**GETS HOUSE**

I wrote to you for prayer that I would get a house and thanks be to God I got it.—R.M., Jamaica, W.I.

**HEALTHIEST PATIENT**

You prayed for our daughter. She is married and expecting a baby. We had concern about her health, so we called you. Her medical report came back good and the doctor said she is one of his healthiest patients. We give all the credit to God, and praise Him for the answer and for you dear ones who prayed. We enjoy the radio program and the Herald of Hope. May the Lord bless you.—Mrs. N. M., Baldwin Park, Calif.

**SAFE DELIVERY**

Thank God the delivery of my baby boy was the easiest birth I had and it amazed the doctor that neither my baby nor I needed a blood transfusion for I was so ill with toxemia.—Mrs. M.R., Bristol, England

**RHEUMATISM HEALED**

Nine years ago I had sciatic rheumatism and I placed the Herald of Hope paper on my hip and prayed. God healed me, and I have not had it since. Praise His Name.—Mrs. C.M., Austin, Texas

**SUCCESSFUL IN EXAM**

I wrote to you recently to ask your prayer for my examination. Praise God I have been successful.—Kingston, Jamaica

**RIBS HEALED**

My husbands ribs are healed through the help of your prayers and blest handkerchief. Praise the Lord.—B.T.

**RECEIVES MUCH BENEFIT**

I have received much benefit from your prayers and tracts.—L.W., Jamaica, W.I.

**ANSWERED PRAYER**

I receive the Herald of Hope regularly. The trouble I had with headaches has left me and my nerves are much better. Thank you for your prayers.—E.K., Had-don Heights, N.J.,

**REUNION**

I asked you to pray for my sons who wouldn't unite with one another. I am very happy that all three live as one now, eat together, and use each others cars. What a joy. Praise God for the reunion. God is good.—L.H.

**PASSED EXAM**

Sometime ago I wrote and asked you to pray for me that I would be successful in passing my examination. I have now passed. The Lord has done great things for me where of I am glad.—S.B., London, England

**WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

This morning as I heard you on the Radio, I was impressed to stop what I was doing and write you this note. We hear you regularly and are praying for you and your workers.—Z.D., Pasadena, California

**PRAYER GIVES COURAGE**

God bless all of you. We do love the Herald of Hope. Thanks for the morning broadcast; it is a big help to hear you pray for all especially the young; it gives them courage as they leave for school.—Gradma Lewis

**SUCCESS IN EXAM**

I requested prayer that I would be successful in my examination. Thanks be to God I was successful.—L.C., Jamaica, W.I.

**LEGS NO LONGER HURT**

My husband is so much better. His legs no longer hurt since he put the prayer cloth on. Praise God, He is so wonderful.—B.T., Waresboro, Ga.

**FINDS PEACE AND COMFORT**

I have received your letter and your paper which has been a blessing to my soul. Ever since I received your letters, I have had peace and comfort in my soul.—M.B., London, England

**UNITED STATES BOUND**

I asked you to pray for me that I may get to go to the United States of America. Someone has sent to tell me that she is trying to get me to come up. It must be God's work. No one but God could have done it.—I.C., Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

**FINDS A BLESSING**

Thank you for your prayers and the wonderful messages in the Herald of Hope. I don't often hear the broadcast because of the hours I work. But I have called in for prayer many times and always have found a blessing.—Mrs. A.C., Pasadena, Calif.

**CHEST HEALED**

I wrote to you sometime last year when my husband was sick with his chest and I was very worried. My husband is well now and he has a new job. God has worked things out for us marvelously. I am now thanking all the wonderful people who prayed for us.—H.H., London, England

**SAFE DELIVERY**

I wrote asking you to pray for me that I may have a safe and easy delivery. I certainly had it; thanks be to God, the great deliverer.—P.T., Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

**HUSBAND'S HEART HEALED**

Thank you for the Herald of Hope papers you have sent. We do love them, and as we give them out we pray that a soul may be won. Praise the Lord, my husband has been healed. His heart is normal and the gall bladder trouble that started is also healed. Thank you for your prayers.—F. & M.C.

**ENJOYS RADIO BROADCAST**

God bless you for your encouraging radio messages each day. The radio messages each morning help us through each day.—Mr. & Mrs. R.B., East Los Angeles, Calif.

**EXAM PASSED**

I requested prayer on the behalf of the 1st Jamaica Local examination, and thank God I have been successful.—R.M., Jamaica, W.I.

**EXAMINATION SUCCESSFUL**

I wrote to the praying band when I was about to sit for my examination last May. The result of the examination was successful.—J.T.C., London, England

**EASY DELIVERY**

Forty-nine years ago I had one of your anointed cloths for easy child birth, and the baby was born without a pain.—H.C., No. Carolina



## Good Character

Perhaps the majority of people do not realize the worth of a good, clean, spotless character. So many of our young people today, both boys and girls, do not give too much serious thinking as to the value of a noble name, backed by a clean record. Somehow, it seems, that the majority of them think that if they keep up with the average crowd in worldliness, fun and folly, indulging their appetites in that which gives them temporary pleasure, they are riding on the crest of the tides across the sea of life.

Character is what we are, not what we may appear to be, or what people think we are. Some people may try to make their fellows think they are far better than they are; cleaner than they are; finer in principle and uprightness than they are; far better in heart and mind than they are. It may be possible to deceive others, but no one can fool and deceive God. Deception is just as much known to Him as truth, purity and holiness.

Character is what we are when no one sees us. If deep in the mind and life there are unclean thoughts that are harbored from day to day; or secret sins that no one knows about; or low aims, plans and purposes, then that constitutes the character of one's life. If, in the inner chambers of one's mind, heart, soul and spirit there is love for God, love for mankind, clean and godly thinking, aiming and planning, along with deep honesty and prayerfulness, this constitutes a good character.

No one can bestow good character upon another. He may give wealth in dollars, or material substance otherwise, but he can't give real character. Suppose one could choose between wealth in money, or wealth in character, which would the average person take? No doubt they would take money. However, the most thoughtful, considerate, honest, sincere, foresighted, would choose character. Good character is far more valuable than riches, fame, honor and earthly glory. When anyone dies he has to leave all his money and wealth behind, for it is impossible to take it with him; but when one dies who is spotless in character, through the cleansing, purifying, sanctifying blood of Christ, he takes his character with him to cherish and possess forever. Good character is moral excellence. Bad character is immoral degeneracy. Good character, made possible by the grace and power of God, may be spiritual excellence. It is more precious than diamonds and pearls, silver and gold, rubies and gems.

It may take a lifetime to build sublime character, but it can be destroyed in a very short time. Just yield to the devil and he will do the work. He is the enemy of all good character. By his wiles and deceit, by his cunning and lies, if listened to and yielded to, he can ruin any life.

Young people, parents, everybody, — character, excellent and noble is yours to keep, or, if you choose, it is yours to surrender to the devil. We build character by honest, careful, clean, prayerful living, or we by sin may mar and destroy it.

Let me advise every boy and girl, seek a good character above all pleasure-seeking, worldliness, pride, vainglory. Let no temptation to commit sin or to run with the devil's crowd, defeat you. Cherish a pure character above education, above social attraction and prestige, above fun and folly. Cherish character far above the company that would drag you down to their level in lust, degradation and demoralization. Let the world know that you are not for sale at any price. Mean it, stick to it.

## Character

Character is what you are,

Not what you seem to be;

And what you do to make or mar  
Remember God doth see.

Character that is sublime

Is more than riches great;

It blesses ev'ry land and clime,  
And guides the "Ship of State."

Men of might and strength of will

Have built upon the right;

Their place in life they nobly fill

And make the world more bright.

It isn't pomp and splendor,

Nor fame that makes a life;

It is God's love so tender

And grace for all the strife.

Character is never bought,

Though cheap it can be sold;

In all that's good it must be sought;

Obtained 'tis more than gold.

—Walter E. Isenhour, Minister,  
Taylorsville, N. C.

"Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."

Philippians 4:5.

## Barriers To Answered Prayer

By A. B. Simpson

An insuperable barrier to answered prayer—is the spirit of strife and bitterness. "When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: . . ." (Mark 11:25). "Let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour" (Zech. 8:17a), is the message of the Prophet Zechariah to the people of the Restoration as he teaches them the secret of God's blessing in their critical trials.

Job had to pray for his very enemies before God could turn his captivity, and banish from his heart every particle of bitter feeling towards the men who had tormented him through months of sickness, with their ignorance, misconception and offensive interference.

And when he did, God turned his captivity and restored him to more than his former blessings (Job 42: 10).

One reason why the disciples could not claim the casting out of the demon from the suffering child was that they had disputed by the way which should be the greatest.

The spirit of cherished animosity, lurking prejudice, sullen vindictiveness, or cold disdain, will as effectively obstruct our intercourse with heaven as a speck upon the crystalline lens of the eye will obstruct our vision, or the crossing of wires of the electric machinery will leave us in darkness.

There are a great many crossed wires in the Church of Christ, and the consequence is dark hearts and mournful cries: "Hath God forgotten to be gracious?" (Psalm 77:9a). ". . . How long wilt Thou be angry against the prayer of Thy people?" (Psalm 80:4).

Just this long, brother: "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." (Matt. 5:23,24).

The spirit of prayer is essentially a spirit of love. Frequently when we are at some crisis of prayer, and very much is hanging upon God's answer — perhaps life itself, or something more precious than life—we find ourselves confronted with just such a test as this. Some one will be thrown across our path, where all the strength of the natural heart, with its dislikes, prejudices and self-will, will be laid hold of by the enemy to hinder our victory.

Oh, let us remember at such an hour that we cannot hurt another by our irritation or retaliation, but we can deeply wound ourselves, and hinder the blessing of God. In the presence of Infinite Love, no breath of hate can live one moment.

It is especially with respect to this matter of love that the Apostle John speaks of our heart condemning us in prayer, and above all other things, it is perhaps that which we are most likely to overlook, and God is least likely to pass by (1 John 3:11-24). "The greatest thing in the world," as Professor Drummond so happily styled it, "is love," and he truly says, "it is the one business of life to learn it."

Beloved, is lack of love hindering your prayers?

Can you think this moment of some brother or sister from whom you are wrongly estranged; some person whom you treat with studied harshness, neglect, perhaps disdain, or possibly with injury or injustice; some word that you have spoken against your brother, and which you should not have spoken, even if true?

Is there some word against your brother to which you have listened, and never should have heard except in his presence; some cherished suspicion, criticism, or judgment where you have no business even to think evil? (1 Cor. 13:4-8). May God help you, if you are not already on the way, to discover some cause of unanswered prayer.

## Losing Your Temper

Losing the temper takes all the sweet, pure feeling out of life. One may get up in the morning with a clean heart, full of song, and start out as happy as a bird, and the moment he is crossed and gives way to temper, the clean feeling vanishes; and a load as heavy as lead is rolled upon the heart. Be the master of your temper and you hold the key to joy and contentment.

## God and Us

Augustine had the deep insight to know that "without God, we cannot; without us, He will not." Here is the perfect balance between God's sovereignty and man's freedom. God will never surrender His sovereignty, neither will He coerce man's will.

## When Jesus Prayed

To a true believer, Jesus is a wonderful Saviour. To that man who has hungered and thirsted after righteousness, Jesus has become the mighty Baptizer with the Holy Ghost. He is also a great healer to multitudes today. But in addition to the one who has brought men into such marvelous light and experience, Christ has set an example of faithful prayer that we would do well to emulate. What do the scriptures say about the praying of Jesus?

In Mark 1:35 we read these words, "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." Some things are striking about this example of prayer. First, it took place early in the morning. I firmly believe that there is no better time to seek God than when the day is new; before the cares and responsibilities of the day bear down upon us. To meet God in the early morning is to assure ourselves of His presence all through the day. Next, Jesus went into a solitary place. We need to get away from people at times and find strength in God alone. The presence of men tend to exact from us more than we can afford to give. Only when we meet God in that solitary place early in the morning will we be able to meet the challenges of the day.

Not only did Jesus seek the face of His Father alone in the early morning, but in Mark 6:46,47 we read, "And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray. And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land." We need God in the even time as well, to enable us through prayer to tie together the experiences of the day and prepare ourselves for a restful night. We need a commitment of the days activities else we become prone to carry our burdens with us through a night of fitful sleep.

We cannot overemphasize the necessity of solitary communion with God. People draw much from all of us, and we need to replenish our supply of everything that is needed to make our life a continued blessing. People are sick today, and we should try to help them, but we must not come to them with empty vessels. We need to be filled with God. We can experience restoration, rejuvenation, inspiration and power in that place of solitary communion with Christ.

Some times we may feel pressed out of measure, and more than a short time of prayer is needed. Jesus had such experience for in Luke 6:12 we read, "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." If there was need of all night vigils in Jesus' day, surely today we also need such. How long has it been since you waited upon God and prayed the whole night through? Will it be necessary for earth-shaking judgment to be visited upon our land before we realize the value or necessity of all-night prayer meetings? God help us. Sometimes I think we are a sleepy lot, and not altogether conscious of the dangerous days in which we live. But I feel we shall learn very soon the value of nights of prayer. May God have mercy upon us all.

We need the prayers of those we love, and sometimes their presence also. In Luke 9:18 we read, "And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him; and he asked them saying, 'Whom say the people that I am?' It is a wonderful thing to know the blessing of faithful prayer partners. If one can put a thousand adversaries to flight, the Bible declares that two can gain the mastery over 10,000. Let us band together in prayer, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, but so much the more (the scripture admonishes) as we see the end approaching. As the shadows lengthen and tribulation draws near, we need to learn the true meaning of that scriptural admonition, "Pray without ceasing, . . ."

Jesus one day faced the ultimate test. It was in Gethsemane that these things recorded in Luke 22:41,42 took place. Let me read them just now. "And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, 'Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.'"

There are some things in life it seems we just cannot escape. At such time, Gethsemane becomes real. Jesus thus prepared Himself for the cross, and when He came out of this place of prayer He was ready to become a perfect Saviour. My Christian friend, we too must at times pass through the garden, but the Holy Spirit helped Him, we too shall be helped. As angels ministered unto Jesus in the place of prayer in His time of need, we too can expect divine assistance in our hour of great need. Don't despair, my friend, though the days become dark. Prayer will always prevail and God will

## George Mueller

Asked as to how much time he spent in prayer, his reply was: "Hours, every day, but I live in the spirit of prayer. I pray as I walk, when I lie down, and when I rise and the answers are always coming. Tens of thousands of times have my prayers been answered."

"When once I am persuaded that a thing is right, I go on praying for it till the end comes. I never give up! Thousands of souls have been saved in answer to my prayers. I shall meet tens of thousands of them in heaven. The great point is never to give up until the answer comes. I have been praying every day for 52 years for two men, sons of a friend of my youth. They are not converted yet, but they will be! How can it be otherwise? There is the unchanging promise of Jehovah, and on that I rest."

"The great fault of the children of God is, they do not continue in prayer; they do not go on praying; they do not persevere. If they desire anything for God's glory, they should pray until they get it."

"Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13,14)—Triumphs of Faith.

## Five Conditions Of Prevailing Prayer

1. Entire dependence upon the merits and mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the only ground of any claim of blessing. (See John 14:13,14; 15:16)

2. Separation from all known sin. If we regard iniquity in our hearts, the Lord will not hear us, for it would be sanctioning sin. (Psalm 66:18).

3. Faith in God's word of promise as confirmed on His oath. Not to believe Him is to make Him both a liar and a perjurer. (Hebrews 11:6; 6:18-20)

4. Asking in accordance with His will. Our motives must be Godly: we must not seek any gift of God to consume it upon our lusts. (1 John 5:14; James 4:3)

5. Importunity in supplication. There must be waiting on God and waiting for God, as the husbandman has long patience to wait for the harvest. (James 5:7; Luke 18:1-8) — George Mueller.

## Something To Pray About

A flood-tide of immorality, rottenness and corruption is engulfing our nation as never before in its history. From Washington down to the lowest strata of human society, we see this creeping paralysis of corruption eating at the foundations of our government and society, our churches and our homes. The old fashioned morality of the Puritan fathers is taboo. Christian instruction of children in our homes (in many Christian homes) is a thing of the past. Mother and father are too busy earning dollars to care for the spiritual welfare of their children. It is left to the schools or the Sunday schools, if children attend Sunday school. With religious instruction and patriotism barred from the schools of our land . . . what can we expect but a flood-tide of juvenile delinquents. Children are growing up with no sense of moral values. Crimes committed by youngsters today are of such sadistic violence and cruelty that unless America puts the Bible back in our schools, in our churches and homes we are on the edge of a precipice and of our nation's downfall.

Corruption of government, religion and homes preceded the downfall of Rome and other ancient empires. We are wondering if it is already too late to avert God's judgment of our sinful and wicked nation.

Only a revival of true religion with an awakening conscience of moral obligations and values can avert God's judgment upon us. Children of God, pray for our nation as never before, earnestly, effectually and plead God's promises for a Heaven-born revival to sweep our land.—Selected.

A Christian is a **mind** through which Christ thinks, a **heart** through which Christ loves, a **voice** through which Christ speaks, a **hand** through which Christ helps.—Selected.

What the Christian does with his time, his treasure, his talent is a fair test of his devotion to God.

draw near and His grace shall be sufficient, Jesus not only prayed for Himself, He prayed for us also, and that prayer shall surely be answered. We shall be helped. We shall be kept. We shall some day be with Him eternally.

— Herald of Hope Broadcast.



## War Time Miracles

For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto THEE, because thou hast put thy trust in me, SAITH THE LORD.  
Jeremiah 39:18

It is not the purpose here to dwell upon the cause or result of this present world wide unrest in these last days when "nation shall rise against nation" (Matthew 24:7). This article is intended to encourage the Christians who might be called in a national mobilization and eventually find themselves in danger zones.

Our Bible tells so many stories of divine protection and deliverance in times of warfare throughout the days of the Israelites. Miracle working exploits by those who were right in God's sight and put their trust in Him. There was Gideon, David, Jonathan, Jehoshaphat and many others.

In the story of Moses and the Children of Israel, during their journey we read of the many times God protected them from enemies. Also gave them water and food when famine threatened. Before they left Egypt, God told Moses to inform the people that the "I AM" hath sent me unto you, . . . and "This is my name forever, and this is my MEMORIAL UNTO ALL GENERATIONS." (Exodus 3:14,15).

The word "memorial" means "reminder" and here God reminds the reader that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrew 13:8) All generations. In other words we are reminded that God will continue to perform miracles as long as man is on earth.

It would take volumes to record all the miracle working exploits of deliverance for those who put their trust in God during the wars of this generation. This article will give a brief outline of some outstanding miracles that have come to the attention of this writer during the first and second world wars. May they give assurance to the reader that God is no respecter of persons (Col. 3:25) to those who abide in Him. (St. John 15:7).

(1) In the first world war there was Sergeant York, a devout Christian, facing a machine gun emplacement by himself, completely cut off from his company. He captured 57 Germans single handed. Not one shot touched him.

(2) Two hundred British soldiers were cut off and facing a trench of 1,700 Germans. A Christian officer in charge took the matter to God in prayer and suddenly a vision appeared across the battlefield. Thousands of ancient English archers on white horses with bows and arrows were facing the German trenches. They were all stricken with fear and surrendered without a shot being fired.

(3) Another small company of allied soldiers were facing one of the first gas attacks before masks were issued. The commanding officer was a Christian. A sudden change of the wind sent the gas over the German troops who perished in their own invention.

(4) A submarine, in a raging typhoon off the coast of Japan, was hit by enemy fire. As it was filling with water and slowly sinking, a sailor prayed to God for deliverance and vowed to serve Him the rest of his life if he reached home port. The sea became immediately calm and in due time he reached San Pedro, California. That sailor since became well known on the west Coast, as Happy Meade, the Skid Row Mission worker.

(5) During the second world war there was a praying mother who had two aviator sons who were shot down. One over Germany who fell into the hands of an angry mob that was clubbing him to death. A German officer came to his rescue and brought him safely to a hospital. About the same time the other son was shot down over Japan. As his captors were making ready to execute him, a Japanese officer took him to a hospital. When this son recovered, he was given a job as interpreter till the war ended.

"He made them also TO BE PITIED of all those that carried them captives." (Psalms 106:46).

(6) We have the story of a boy caught in the boiler room of his torpedoed tanker. He was the only one of 27 souls that came out alive. A reporter asked how he did it. He replied, "I was trapped with flames all around me and creeping nearer. I recalled how my mother used to pray for everything. I felt I should ask God to get me out of there, so I prayed. All of a sudden those flames parted in such a manner that I was able to make my way to an opening and jump overboard."

(7) A Marine officer escaped from a prison camp in the Philippines and spent 27 days in jungles and shark infested waters. Finally making his way to Australia in a homemade canoe, he was asked how he made that hazardous trip and kept his bearings without instruments. He simply and earnestly told his listeners

## It Happened In London

Paul, the apostle, encouraged young Timothy to "Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2). It is the Word of God that is the power of God unto salvation. We are to preach the Word.

One Sunday afternoon a man came into Spurgeon's Tabernacle in London and went to the top gallery, as far back as he could. His life was ruined by drink and Godless living, but he wanted to hear the preacher that his brother had talked about.

The atmosphere of the Tabernacle convicted him. He felt that he was unfit to be there so he remained in the back of the gallery and leaned against the wall. Several people invited him to sit down but he refused. He said to himself, "I am unworthy to be here. I'll stay as far away as I can."

To his surprise Spurgeon announced his text that morning: "And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God, be merciful to me a sinner." Then Spurgeon said:

"You that stand farthest off in the Tabernacle, and dare not sit down because you feel your guilt to be so great, you are the man God sent me this morning, and He bids you come to Christ and find mercy!"

The Spirit used the Word to pierce that man's heart. . . . and he was instantly converted to Christ.

On another occasion, Spurgeon was to preach in a new building that was not yet completed. He visited the place early in the week to test the acoustics. As he stood on the platform he called out, "Behold, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world!" A carpenter in the upper gallery heard that verse and was immediately convicted and came down and was converted.

Preach the Word!

## Men Who Go Alone

"Each time a hungry man knocks at my door,

I see a child with table neatly spread  
In white for him; and someone whom he loved

To pour his milk and slice the crusted bread.

For wandering men were one time little boys

Whose mothers loved them as I love my own,  
And held them close and dreamed as mothers do—

Oh, God, be kind to men who go alone."

that he left the navigation up to God.

(8) A soldier was cut off from his company one night in the Solomons. He climbed to the top of an ammunition dump to escape reptiles and wait for daylight. A Japanese bombardment broke loose, shells exploding on all sides but none hit that pile of ammunition. After regaining camp next day, he told his buddies how he prayed and sang about Jesus all night, believing God for protection.

(9) A Christian sailor told me how his ship was hit by a submarine. While he and some shipmates were tossing about in the water, this submarine crew started to shoot and one by one his companions were picked off. In the meantime, this sailor kept claiming the shed blood of Jesus to cover him and he was eventually rescued.

(10) Millions have heard the amazing story of Eddie Rickenbacker. Lost at sea on a raft with others for 17 days. They believed in divine protection. A sea gull landed on their raft, which they caught and used for bait to catch all the fish they needed. In answer to prayer for water, God sent showers when needed. Today this man is head of the Eastern Air Lines and orders Bibles to be placed in all planes within reach of each seat.

(11) The story of Lillian Thrasher and the orphanage in Egypt during the second world war is one of the greatest examples of God's power of deliverance in modern times. Blockades and submarine activities finally shut off food supplies for the thousand orphans. The day came when starvation threatened. At the same time, an English transport was heading through the Mediterranean to a nation that suddenly severed diplomatic relations before the transport arrived. Orders came to alter the ship's course and dock in an Egyptian port. There the huge food supply was transferred equally between the orphanage and the Egyptian relief depot. That food covered the emergency till the regular line of supplies was open, some weeks later.

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

—F. Isensee

## Facts To Consider

There is an innate hunger for God in the hearts of people everywhere. The world around us gets more complicated and presents a multiplicity of problems to the average man. Unable to cope with these, he turns to God and if he does not find a satisfactory answer to his quest for God, he becomes an easy prey to diabolical and atheistic ideologies and systems.

There is no way of getting away from the fact that very soon in India even the few of the older generation that have been under Christian influence, and have had at least some contact with Christianity, will be replaced by a younger generation which has been through schools where Scripture teaching is forbidden — a generation completely ignorant of the Truth. As someone has said, "Evangelism must start afresh every morning." Also the number of literate persons has increased by 200 million in the last 25 years. There are more people reading today than in any other period of history. The number of literates grows steadily. It is said that each week the schools and literacy campaigns produce one million new literates. At this rate, it is supposed that within the next 25 or 30 years illiteracy will have vanished from the earth.

Ideologies and systems other than Christianity are capitalizing on this situation and making their bid for men's minds. Each year the Communists spend \$3,500,000.00 for literature, sending one ton or more to South America daily, and 70 tons per month to Africa. The Jehovah Witnesses produce 15 tons of literature daily and distribute it in 166 countries in more than 100 languages. The other False Cults are doing all they can to equal this tremendous output of soul-damning literature.

Friends, in the light of these facts, what are we doing, and what will we continue to do, to give the living Word to a dying World? — Sel.

## The Pattern For Our Life

We have not been cast here upon this earth as driftwood on the shore of a mighty ocean. Neither are we here by chance or by fate. Our life is part of a divine plan. I believe this sincerely and therefore I read with new understanding Exodus 25:40, where God speaking to Moses said, "And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount." Undoubtedly there is a divine plan for our life. We would do well to seek God until we find it. "If any (one) lack wisdom, (the Bible says) let him ask of God . . ." God, who is rich in mercy unto all that call upon Him of a truth, will not withhold any good thing from those who walk uprightly."

There is a danger, as stated in I Peter 1:14,15 of our going in the direction of all flesh. Here we read, "As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation." We could not very well call the old way one of ideals, although it definitely is a way known by most of humanity. Remember, the Bible declares that "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is the way of death." We are not to lean to our own understanding, but rather to seek God's perfect plan.

What is the beginning of this divine plan? What is the heavenly basis for the pattern of our life? Let me read you Romans 12:2. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Transformation is God's plan for every life. Not merely building upon old foundations. Not a human code of morals, of ethics or conduct, but a life transformed by the power of God.

The revised rendering of 2 Corinthians 3:18 states the position so clearly this way, "And all of us, as with unveiled face (because we) continued to behold (in the Word of God) as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; (for this comes) from the Lord (Who is) the Spirit." Seeing Him who is invisible and knowing Christ who was God manifest on earth, understanding what is God's will for my life through The New Birth, and being taught by the blessed Spirit of God, I am being brought into that desired place, pleasing to God, to others and to myself as well.

My friend, have you found God's pattern for your life? If not, why not seek His face today?

— Herald of Hope Broadcast

## Except The Father Draw Them

"No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him:" — John 6:44.

Herein are several great truths. Jesus Christ declares that His heavenly Father sent Him into the world. He did not come of His own accord. The authority and power of the Father were back of Him all His days on earth. As everywhere else, Jesus also marks the distinction between Himself and His Father. He is not the Father; neither is the Father He. He never speaks as if they were two manifestations of only one Person. The manifestations of each are distinct from the other. And the manifestations of the Holy Spirit are distinct from the Father and the Son. Here is given also a positive assurance of the resurrection of everyone that comes to Christ. Hallelujah for the hope!

Jesus Christ did not coax people to come to Him. He did not gather crowds by flattery, by fawning, by tricky schemes, by carnal strategy, by announcing catchy themes, or by dedicating songs over the radio. He declared simple, plain, instructive truths. He said what the Father bid Him to say — nothing less and nothing more. The Father drew the people to Him and caused those who chose to follow Him, to believe. We say the same thing today. No man comes this separated way, except the Father draws him. They who resort to other means to get a hearing except the pure Word of God, gather a motley, shallow, unstable following. Carnality responds to carnality. Unreality and superficiality obtain corresponding results. When we preach the Word, we can depend upon God for lasting results, which will be our crown of rejoicing in the coming ages.

## An Astonishing Revival

The most astonishing story I've heard about Indian revivals has come from missionary Birger Johanson who ministered in South America, among the Mataco Indians. He ministered many months among them, in 1942, but saw no visible results or signs of repentance. In view of this lack of response, he announced that he would leave them in a few days and return to his original field about 200 miles away. He said, "On the last day, Sunday night, when we had the last meeting, I explained to them that never more would they see my face, because they had shown no interest in the things I had taught them during those months so full of hard work. I prayed the last prayer. My heart was so burdened I thought it would burst of sheer grief. All of a sudden I opened my eyes and noticed that an Indian of the Toba tribe had come to the front, and I noticed, too, that tears were streaming down his face. During 24 years among the Indians, I had never seen any of them shed a tear!"

"This Indian began to pray, 'Lord Divine, have mercy on us!' Within a few minutes the whole multitude of 2,300 Indians were standing up and saying the same prayer."

Missionary Johanson did not know what to do, but he threw himself upon the ground and began to cry. This weeping and praying by the Indians continued all night until sunrise, when they went to their homes. During the period that followed, 2,000 Indians were converted to Christ.

No sermon is ever quite a success which leaves men satisfied with themselves.

## Something For You

A young man sat in "death row" of the penitentiary awaiting his execution. A host of townspeople, because he had had a good record prior to this murder committed, signed a bushel of petitions for his release.

The governor consented and writing out a Pardon, placed it in his pocket, being dressed in the garb of the clergy. As he approached the death cell, with this yellow paper which meant pardon, life, and freedom, the young man screamed in rage, "Go away, preacher, I have had seven of your kind already. I want none of this religious stuff." "But, I have something for you," pleaded the governor to no avail. Several times he begged a hearing.

Having left the screaming lad alone, the warden approached. "I see the governor was to see you." "The governor?" gasped the lad. "A piece of paper, quick!" he begged. It was in vain. The governor merely wrote on the back "Case closed. No longer interested."

The young man died, not because of his crime, but because he refused the pardon.

God today, offers a pardon. The sin has been paid for on Calvary. We accept or reject.



## The Poets Page

## My Get Up and Go

My get up and go has got up and went.  
How do I know my youth is all spent?  
Well, my get up and go has got up and went.  
But in spite of it all I am able to grin  
When I think of the places my get up  
has been.

Old age is golden, so I've heard said,  
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed.  
With my ears in the drawer, my teeth  
in a cup,  
My eyes on the table until I wake up.  
Ere sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself  
Is there anything else I should lay on  
the shelf?  
And I'm happy to say as I close my door,  
My Saviour's the same, or perhaps even  
more.

But really I don't mind when I think  
with a grin,  
Of all the grand places my get up has  
been.  
Since I have retired from life's competi-  
tion,  
I busy myself with complete repetition.  
I get up each morning, dust off my wits;  
Pick up the paper and read the "obits."  
If my name is still missing, I know  
I'm not dead,  
So—I eat a good breakfast and go back  
to bed.

—Lillie Buffum

I'd face this day  
With gloom and despair  
But I've a Lord that  
Does take care.  
He watches over me  
When I sleep,  
And gives me wisdom  
When I seek.

## Who Will Take Grandma?

Who will take Grandma? Who will  
it be? All of us want her, I'm sure  
you'll agree!

Let's call a meeting; let's gather the  
clan; let's get it settled as soon as we  
can;

In such a big family there's certainly  
one willing to give her a place in the  
sun!

Strange how we thought she'd never  
wear out, but see how she walks; it's  
arthritis, no doubt.

Her eyesight has failed; her mem-  
ory's dim; she's apt to insist on the  
silliest whim;

When people get older they become  
such a care. Yes, she must have a  
home, but the question is where?

Remember the days when she used  
to be spry? baked her own cookies, and  
made her own pie?

Helped us with lessons and tended our  
seams, kissed away our troubles, and  
minded our dreams? Wonderful Grand-  
ma! We all loved her so!

Isn't it now dreadful she's no place  
to go! One little corner is all she  
would need;

A shoulder to cry on; her Bible to  
read. A chair by the window, with sun  
coming through;

Some pretty spring flowers still cov-  
ered with dew. Who'll warm her with  
love so she won't mind the cold?

Oh, who will take Grandma now that  
she's old?

They talk about a woman's sphere  
As tho it had a limit

There's not a place in earth or heaven,  
There's not a task to mankind given,  
There's not a blessing or a woe,  
There's not a whisper, yes or no,  
There's not a life, a death, a birth,  
That has a feather's weight of worth,  
Without a woman in it.

—Kate Field

## If

by Nettie Ann Reese

If Jesus made the stars above,  
And keeps each in its place,  
Can He not save me by His love,  
And keep me by His grace?  
If He can keep a little bird,  
High on a treetop limb,  
Cannot I trust Him with my life,  
And yield it all to Him?

## God

Absolutely tender!  
Absolutely true!  
Understanding all things!  
Understanding you!

Infinitely loving—  
Exquisitely near—  
This is God our Father,  
What have we to fear?

## Secret Service

If the shut-ins all united  
In one voice of common prayer—  
What a ceaseless shower of blessing  
Would be falling everywhere!

Though so weary, and oftentimes helpless,  
They can wield a mighty power,  
Lifting up their souls' petition,  
To the Saviour, hour by hour.

They can importune the Father,  
From the "secret place" and then—  
In the quiet and the stillness,  
They can hear Him speak to them.

Never soldier in fierce conflict,  
Could a higher honor bring,  
Than the "Shut-in" who's performing  
"Secret service" for the King.

—Clara Howell

## Sickroom

My prison cell is open at the top,  
And so I do not care  
That guarding walls press close, and that  
there are

No doors nor windows there.  
My prison cell is open at the top,  
And far and far away  
Beyond a billion million teeming suns  
I let my fancy stray.

For from my bed, as I look upward, the  
Rectangle of my walls  
Becomes for me a magic open frame  
Through which God's splendor falls.  
And so His glory fills my little room!  
I do not mind at all  
When walls press close. And some day I  
shall hear

At last His clarion call,  
"Come home, My bride!" And swift as  
light, I'll soar

And leave this prison cell:  
And my small room, wide open at the  
top,  
Will be an empty shell!

## Pilgrim Of Earth

Pilgrim of earth, who art journeying to  
heaven!

Heir of eternal life! child of the day!  
Cared for, watched over, beloved and for-  
given!

Art thou discouraged because of the  
way?

Weary and thirsty, no water brook near  
thee;

Press onward, nor faint at the length  
of the way,

The God of thy life will assuredly hear  
thee,

He will provide thee thy strength for  
the day.

Break through the brambles and briers  
that obstruct thee,

Dread not the gloom and the black-  
ness of night;

Lean on the hand that will safely conduct  
thee,

Trust to His eye to whom darkness is  
light.

Be trustful, be steadfast, whatever betide  
thee;

Only one thing do thou ask of the  
Lord—

Grace to go forward wherever He guide  
thee,

Simply believing the truth of His Word.  
—The Bible Standard.

## My Sufficiency

He guided by paths that I could not see,  
By ways that I have not known;  
The crooked was straight and the rough  
made plain,  
As I followed the Lord alone.

He was better to me than all my prayers,  
He was better to me than all my fears;  
He made a bridge of my broken hopes,  
And a rainbow of my tears.

He emptied my hands of my treasured  
store,

And His "covenant love" revealed;  
There is not a wound in my aching heart  
But the balm of His breath has healed.

Oh, tender and true was the chastening  
sore,

In wisdom that taught and tried,  
Till the soul that He sought was trusting  
in Him,

And nothing on earth beside.

Some pray for sun, and some for rain  
And sometimes both together.

I pray for sunshine in my heart,  
And then forget the weather.

—Sunshine Magazine

Oh, blest are they who walk in love  
They also walk with God above,  
And when man walks with God again,  
There shall be peace on earth for men.

## Golden Nuggets

Being overcome with envy is like run-  
ning into the ocean; the deeper you go  
in, the harder it is to get out.

Ambitious church leaders have chained  
millions of God's precious people to their  
tread-mills for their ambitious programs,  
and building Towers of Babel.

Most folks who wake up famous  
haven't been asleep! —Sunshine Maga-  
zine

Enter into the garden with Me.

The measure of a truly great man, is  
the courtesy with which he treats little  
men.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ALL ABOUT  
THE TROUBLE IN THE CHURCH JUST  
ASK SOMEONE WHO HAS NOT BEEN  
THERE FOR SIX MONTHS.

When a fellow falls in love with him-  
self, it is certain he will not have any  
competition.

"Man is made from dust, and dust that  
is stuck on itself is MUD."

... Cheerful people, the doctors say, re-  
sist disease better than the glum ones.  
In other words, surly bird catches the  
germ.

Beware of apostates who call them-  
selves apostles.

Don't brag; it isn't the whistle that  
pulls the train.

Are you a part of the solution or a  
part of the problem.

The Lord will multiply the loaves and  
fishes, but He needs heavenly waiters.

Many people who review their illnesses  
are really giving an organ recital.

Knowledge beyond believing. I John  
5:13.

Guard well thy thoughts for they are  
heard in heaven.

The less men think, the more they talk.

When you speak to a person, look him  
in the face.

If you must speak your mind, then  
mind how you speak.

When you are average, you are as close  
to the bottom as you are to the top.

How can you be optimistic, with a misty  
optic?

It's nice to be important, but it is more  
important to be nice.—C.M.P.

You can look at a man's head, but not  
into it.

If at first you don't succeed . . . you  
are running about average.

## GRACE

Everything for nothing for those who do  
not deserve anything.

Continual cheerfulness is a sign of  
wisdom.

The fly that buzzes loudest usually gets  
swatted first.

No man has a good enough memory to  
be a successful liar.

—Abraham Lincoln

Prophecy is the utterance of God out-  
side of your own will or volition.

—A. Murray.

A hard-boiled egg is yellow at heart.  
Don't brag.

It is not work that kills men, it is  
worry. Work is healthy; you can hardly  
put more on a man than he can bear.  
Worry is the rust on the blade. It is not  
the revolution that destroys the machin-  
ery, but the friction.—H. W. Beecher

A soldier was asked, "How did you like  
the army?" He replied, "They didn't ask  
me!" (Obedience is all that is required).

An angry man opens his mouth and  
shuts his eyes.

Speak well of your enemies. You prob-  
ably made them.

Know all you say, but don't say all you  
know.

There are only three "gets" in this  
thing: either get in, or get out, or get run  
over.—Rev. H. Poteat.

## A Scripture Shower

"The heavens declare the glory of God;  
and the firmament sheweth his handi-  
work." Psalm 19:1

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall  
inherit the earth." St. Matthew 5:5

"Blessed are the merciful: for they  
shall obtain mercy." St. Matthew 5:7

"But when thou doest alms, let not  
thy left hand know what thy right hand  
doeth." St. Matthew 6:3

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not  
want." Psalm 23:1

"Say not thou, I will recompense evil;  
but wait on the Lord; and He shall save  
thee." Prov. 20:22

"Death and life are in the power of  
the tongue: and they that love it shall  
eat the fruit thereof." Prov. 18:21

"For the Lord himself shall descend  
from heaven with a shout, with the voice  
of the archangel, and with the trump of  
God: and the dead in Christ shall rise  
first:

"Then we which are alive and remain  
shall be caught up together with them in  
the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air;  
and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

"Wherefore comfort one another with  
these words." 1 Thess. 4:16-18

"Servants, obey in all things your mas-  
ters according to the flesh; not with eye-  
service, as menpleasers; but in singleness  
of heart, fearing God." Colossians 3:22

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily,  
as to the Lord, and not unto men." Colossians 3:23

"Every man according as he purposeth  
in his heart, so let him give; not grudg-  
ingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a  
cheerful giver."

"Being enriched in every thing to all  
bountifulness, which causeth through us  
thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:7,11

"There went virtue out of Him, and  
healed them all." —Luke 6:19b

"He shall see of the travail of His soul,  
and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge  
shall my righteous servant justify many;  
for He shall bear their iniquities." —Isaiah 53:11.

"But I am the Lord thy God, that di-  
vided the sea, whose waves roared: The  
Lord of hosts is His Name." —Isaiah 51:15.

The world wants good mixers, God  
wants good separators.

## Translating The Bible

We are our epistle written in our  
hearts, known and read of all men.  
2 Corinthians 3:2.

A miner, with the marks of coal dust  
still evident on his face said to a Bible  
Society translator, "I'm very interested  
in what you've been saying because, you  
see, I'm a translator of the Bible." The  
speaker was surprised. Anyone looking  
less bookish it would be hard to find,  
but, of course, he remembered that Carey  
of India began his life as a cobbler in a  
village. How was the translator working  
at the coal mine? He expressed his sur-  
prise. "What, you a translator? Into  
what language, may I ask?" "I'm busy  
all the time translating the gospel into  
daily life."

We can all be translators in that sense  
of the word whether we're good at lan-  
guages or not. That language of action  
speaks the clearest of all and is under-  
stood by people of all nationalities. —Sel.

## Found In An Old Bible

When thou redest what here is writ,  
Let thy practice second it;  
So twice each precept read shall be:  
First in the Book and then in thee.

We can't all be apostles, but we can  
all be epistles.

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