

HERALD of HOPE

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

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"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is goods for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High. Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder. Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

"The Touch of Jesus"

By James Check

Reading in Matthew, ninth chapter and eighteenth verse (Matt. 9:18) we see as it were a house draped in mourning for the daughter of the house, who the father told Jesus "was even now dead" but "come and lay thy hand upon her and she shall live." In the natural life had ceased to exist. Every nerve was dead and life had fled from every atom of flesh in the body. The silence of the tomb existed. Death was on hand with all its ravaging and destroying power. That father could have called all the wise men and all the doctors in the world. The whole human race could have been summoned with all their physical and mental forces. They could have done nothing more than the mourners who were already present "making a noise." So far as these people might have been concerned, death could have flung a shout of victory over the heads of all of them. Death had pre-eminence over all, except a man who sat at meat in a certain house talking to some Pharisees about the people He had come down to that country to help—the sinners and Publicans (for the Pharisees and scribes as a class had hatred and murder in their hearts toward Him).

These sinners and publicans knew they needed help. They just loved to come and sit down at the dinner table and eat with Him and hear Him talk about the kingdom of heaven. The light of Hope had begun to dawn upon

them. The ruler, the father of the daughter, had caught a glimpse of the Day Spring from on high so He came bouyed up in this hope and said "Master, if you will only touch her, she shall live." Oh the power of the mighty Christ! When He touches, "it shall be" life instead of death, joy instead of mourning, health instead of sickness.

The electricity that Benjamin Franklin began to find out about and was so largely developed by Edison could only find conduction through certain substances, but this heavenly electricity, this infinite power of the risen Christ can force its current through any avenue and kill by its presence the work of the enemy and make alive that which God desires should live. When Jesus came He brought life with Him. In His being was a great pressing fountain of life. When he touched the dead body of the child, by taking hold of her hand, every nerve tingled with life and every particle of flesh was animated. The heart began action again, pumping blood to every part of her being, sustaining life imparted by the touch of the Master's hand. In times past when you have been sick, your body burning with fever and racked with pain, you know how much you appreciated the coming in of friends who loved you. As they spoke out of the gentleness and solicitude of that love stirred in their hearts by your condition, you were soothed. Their voice and touch brought comfort to you, but not a cure.

Dear troubled heart, are you sick today? Are you discouraged? Have you come to the place where you don't know how to go on? Are your faults and failures in life crushing you? You just don't know what you are going to do. Your strength is almost gone, despair is gripping your heart. There is

no relief in tears any more. Unutterable anguish takes the place of word expression. Troubled one, we bring you the message you need. We can tell you of the fountain where you can find relief for your tired, disease-wrecked body, peace and soothing for your tortured mind and weary soul. It is the fountain opened to the house of David for sin and uncleanness and to all that are afar off.

It was not to the pool of Siloam to which they came but once each year and only the first one in the pool could be healed, but to the broad sparkling healing life-giving streams that flowed from Calvary. It is the touch of Jesus the Healer and Saviour. His touch upon the heart that is sinking in despair thrills with delight. There is new vision. The whole being pulsates with joyous expectancy. He touches a dead situation which causes it to be energized with His power and become alive with God-ordained activities. Business men, you need Christ in your home and you need Him at your place of business. Farmer, you need Jesus at your side on every square foot of the ground of your farm that your feet may press. Student, you need Jesus at your study table. Soldier, you need Jesus on the march or in the barracks. Sea captain, you need Jesus to go with you and your passengers for the seas are at His command. He can guide you, dear ones, whoever you are, into the right way, and if there is no way, He can create a way by the touch of His hand.

As I was passing along a country road down in North Carolina many years ago, I looked to my right, a few yards away, and there I saw a most beautiful flower. It was so attractive I almost ran to the place where it grew. I looked at its wonderful colors

and immediately I wanted to take it home with me so that everyone there and all who came there might see its loveliness. Where it grew were standing the gnarled oaks, the sapling and the shrub. Leaves were scattered around which had fallen in the years past and lay in all stages of decay possible with a sprinkling of the autumn painted leaves which had recently fallen from the trees. I took but little notice of all these. It was the lily upon which my attention was riveted. Almost one half of a century of autumns have come and gone since then but the mental picture of that precious lily has never left me. There is one called the Lily of the Valley, the One altogether lovely, the Man who died for us and is the resurrection and the life. There are multitudes who are lost, who are in trouble, who are hopeless, sick and dying that need to get a vision of this Man of Calvary, in whom alone is life. What these dear ones need is the dynamic touch of His hand. He touched the ruler's daughter and life sprang into that body like a flash. He touched the blind man's eyes, and the sightless eyes were immediately alive with seeing and able to portray to this man's brain a picture of everything within the range of His vision.

As Jesus talked to Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus road, He touched his heart with a burning love that made him sing praises at midnight regardless of a lacerated back and a bruised body. The vibrations from their songs and praises were so powerful that it moved the heart of God to shake that old jail at Philippi as a child's play house might be shaken by a giant. Everybody was made free but the jailer. He was so bound by fear and conviction he did not know what to

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If you are interested in the Gospel message being sent out and in clothing the naked, write to us. We want to see many hearts rejoicing in the love of God and comfort brought to bodies in these lonely out of the way districts.

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do; he was going to kill himself. Paul cried out quickly before the jailer could harm himself, saying "Do thyself no harm, we are all here." The jailer then cried out "What must I do to be saved?" The answer came, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house." Jesus met the jailer that night and revealed Himself to him. The contact this man had with Jesus wrought wonders in His life. He and his household were saved and baptized that same hour. Afterwards the jailer brought them into his house and set food before them and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

We read in the Word that the Lord stands as a refiner. Dear readers, are you going through trial hard to bear? Are you under the whip of the persecutors hand? Are you confused and puzzled by complex situations and problems you are not able to solve? This doubtless is the touch of His hand upon your life. He wants to bring you to the place where you will be patient and gentle in trials and have that burning love that He alone can give toward those that are persecuted and turning everything over to Him, letting Him make a way out of the confusing situations and solve their every problem. Let me beg you not to rebel against this loving hand. The Lord has promised to give beauty for ashes and joy for mourning. Let the fire burn on the altar of your heart until the old self life, with its plans and building and all the detestable things which we have never been able to rid ourselves of is burned to ashes. Then shall the Master's hand sweep across the altar of our hearts, brushing away the ashes. Then shall He take His rightful place on the throne of our hearts, ruling in peace and righteousness. As He then touches the sick with our hand, they will be made well, and as He speaks through our lips in the power of the Holy Ghost, men will be powerfully

convicted and outstanding conversions will be the result, and when demons are commanded to come out, they will obey and the possessed ones go free. Wherever we go, the saints will be revived, and there will be the shout of the King in the camp. When these things take place, you can look for the cruel hand of opposition "for they that live godly shall have persecution." As you and I go on in faithful service to God with the blackest clouds of persecution lowering until we seem to be enveloped in their midnight darkness, remember the promise, "I am in the thick darkness," and that this great trial is but the touch of the Saviour upon us. We are just having fellowship with Him in suffering. What an exalted position! What a magnificent office to have fellowship with one, who by the sacrificial touch of His hand, has redeemed a whole world from sin! Believer, will you give Him your best that you may receive His best for you? Unbeliever, will you let Him touch you that you may be made every whit whole?

To Our Readers and Prayer Band

First we want to give a note of thanksgiving. God has heard prayer and blessed the February-March issue in a greater way than any of the past issues. Different ones have come to us from various places throughout the States and told us how the Lord was using the paper for His glory in salvation, healing, and comfort of the people. One lady came in and told us of what a wonderful things had happened to her. She was so overjoyed at the marvelous way God had worked that she did not know how to express herself, and what we have seen and heard encourages us to press on. Another sister came from Indiana to visit here in Los Angeles and was in one of our meetings. She told of an extraordinary case. A nine-year-old boy, insane, in such a wild condition that he would bite the enamel of the bed as he lay tied down to it. A blest handkerchief was placed on his body and he became perfectly normal. Another miracle was also wrought in the same family, and she made this remark: "I could tell you of many more cases if I had time to do so that took place through the paper and handkerchief ministry in that town." We are so thankful for the way God has worked.

OZARK MOUNTAIN WORK

In our previous issue of the *Herald of Hope* we mentioned that land had been given for the gospel work in the Ozark Mountains. Since that time God has wonderfully developed the work, for which we thank Him. There is a revival going on in three different places. We have had calls from thirty different places for gospel works to be started. We want to build a tabernacle on a six-acre tract of land on Highway 62 which we have secured. It is located between Cotter and Mountain Home. This latter town is the county seat of Baxter County, Ark. The tabernacle will be located where Highway Number 5 and Highway Number 62 cross, about 4 1/2 miles from Mountain Home and 6 1/2 miles from Cotter. Later we expect to establish an orphanage also and make this point the headquarters for the work, but God will have to open the way for any advance to be made.

The Lord seemed to give us a mental picture, or somewhat of a vision, before the land was given of a place which would be headquarters and where we could hold meeting for the immediate neighborhood and all within reach of there and also with accommodations for the headquarter

workers and also evangelists and workers going to outlying communities. It would serve as a home for them when they needed rest and where the love of God would control.

I was acquainted with the Pisgah Work under the supervision of Dr. Yoakum, and I shall never forget those days, for the charm of the work was the love of God ruling in our midst. The Sunday congregation would begin to gather about 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning for the afternoon service held at 2:30. I can yet see the faces of the people gathering with joyous anticipation of having fellowship with the dear folks that came to the meetings. Of course they knew they were at home, and when the dinner bell rang, they could go in and eat. My experience in that work gave me an understanding of the power of the love of God as I had never seen it before. We are praying and looking to see this same condition brought into the work and home in the Ozark Mountains. "With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible." Mark 10:27. Those of us who have been down in this district have been peculiarly drawn to these people because of their big-heartedness and willingness to co-operate. From all the writer can understand about the general conditions of our country, you may look for a more speedy development in industrial enterprise and commercial achievement in Arkansas than in any other state in the Union. Much of the resources of this state are lying untouched, hence the prospect of a speedy development. In anticipation of all this there should be a sounding forth of the true gospel message in the mighty power of the Holy Ghost.

Yours in His love, James Cheek

Anyone writing in regard to the paper or the handkerchief or any counsel you may feel led to seek because of reading the *Herald of Hope*, address Herald of Hope, Box 68, Highland Park Station, Los Angeles, California.

Macedonia

(Concerning this article write only to Wm. F. A. Gierke).

An urgent appeal for consecrated, sacrificial, and competent pastors and evangelists to minister the word of life in over 25,000 towns and villages throughout the United States that are without gospel privileges.

I have received many appeals from God's neglected and starving sheep in such communities for workers to meet their spiritual needs, as well as offers from workers expressing a willingness to supply that need; and the purpose of this article is to bring together two groups that this great need shall be met.

Let us discuss this important subject under three divisions.

1. The urgent need in view of present day conditions.
2. The qualifications of workers to meet such a need.
3. The responsibility of the community for the maintenance of the worker.

1. The urgent need in view of present day conditions:

A few statistics will prove the fact of the prevailing apostasy. Out of a world population of nearly two billion, only one third have heard the gospel story and only 10 per cent of that one third are counted Christians, and of that 10 per cent only a small fraction know anything about experimental salvation.

Thousands of empty church buildings have been converted into roadhouses, poolrooms, saloons and dancing studios.

Seventy-five percent of the young people and children in the U. S. receive no religious training of any kind, and less than 40 per cent of the children of Sunday School age are found in the Sunday School or church.

2 Thess. 2:3, 2 Tim. 3:5, 4:3, 4, Mt. 24:37, 39, Lk. 17:26, 30.

2. The qualifications of workers to meet such a need. Isaiah 62:7.

The gospel ministry is not merely a means of earning a livelihood, but of carrying out the Great Commission (Mt. 28:18, 20, Mk. 16:15, 20) and thus expressing our love for God and our passion for the souls of the lost.

Christian worker, what are your expectations in connection with the ministry? Are you looking for an easy place? A good paying church without troubles or problems to settle? Are you going to continue to rob God of the fruits of your prospective ministry by waiting for that call from that ideal church? Or are you willing, like many of God's most successful servants of the past to live on meager fare, share the lot of the poor, and instead of depending upon others to arrange your meetings and offerings, exercise faith in God and prove His power by standing on Phil. 4:13, arranging your own meetings, and trust God for a congregation and support? Mt. 10:7, 42. Recently some friends felt the call of God to minister to the spiritual needs of the neglected regions of the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas and they spent all of their own money first, then God undertook and how marvelously He answered by providing a \$400 truck, electric washer, refrigerator, furniture, clothing, etc., more than the truck could haul. Many prospective workers lack faith in God and an anointed eye to see the precious fruits of such a ministry. Learn to lean upon God instead of always depending upon others; dare to step out on His infallible word of power and authority; prove Him if He will not still confirm His word thru us with signs and wonders, so we can bind the power of Satan and loose his victims from his defiling touch and become a fruitful instrument in God's hands to meet the needs of this present hour.

3. The responsibility of the community for the maintenance of the worker.

1 Cor 9:14 "Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the gospel should live by the gospel."

I have received many urgent appeals for preachers, but upon inquiry about the prospects of support for workers, I have either received no reply at all or a plea of poverty and utter failure to recognize the important truth of this scripture provision. Are you anxious for a worker to meet the spiritual needs of your community? Then you must also recognize your responsibility regarding his support. Mal. 3:18, 12, 2 Cor. 16:1, 2.

In conclusion let me suggest a few things for you to do till a worker can be secured to meet the spiritual needs of your community.

1. Gather all likeminded, interested people into a real prayer-fellowship, asking God to supply a spiritual shepherd of His own choosing. Mt. 9:36, 38.

2. Secure a place of worship, a home, empty store room, or church.

3. Start a Sunday school and church service, secure some songbooks, appoint the most competent among you to conduct the services, teach the classes, lead the singing, testimony, read the word, give a short message, etc.

4. Secure promises and pledges for the support of a pastor or evangelist from those who are really interested in the spiritual welfare of the community so as to encourage prospective workers, who are willing enough to serve but lack means of paying their fare and are often unable to support themselves.

If you are a minister of the gospel and willing to serve God in a neglected community, or if you are in such a community looking for a shepherd to supply the spiritual needs of your community, you are invited to address me on this matter and I shall be very glad and count it a great privilege to render any helpful service in this connection.

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No Defeat

By Mrs. James Cheek

To those who put their trust in God there is no defeat. In Psalm 46 we read, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea."

As we stand on the shores of the great Pacific and watch the boisterous waves come rolling in, we behold the mighty workings of an all-powerful God. It is He who speaks to the turbulent waters saying, "Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further; and here shall thy proud waves be stayed." Job 38:11.

Just as God has spoken to the raging billows of the deep, He speaks to the enemy of our souls. In Isaiah 58:19 we read, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." No enemy can stand before the presence of the Almighty God. He stands ever ready to defend those who put their trust in Him, and not one of them has ever suffered defeat. It is true that many times the battle is fierce and there seems to be no way of escape; but those who rely on God have the blessed assurance that He can and will make a way when there is no way. All down through the ages men have dared to trust God even in the darkest hours of temptation. We read in Isaiah 50:10 "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of His servant that walketh in darkness and hath no light? Let him trust in the Name of the Lord, and stay upon his God." If we trust when all seems dark, He will surely meet us. It is in these dark hours of seeming defeat that God is pleased to arise and scatter our enemies. Read Psalms 68:1. The enemy can move only as God gives him permission. It is God's plan that His people should be a tried people, and since it is true that tribulation worketh patience, should we not glory in tribulation?

We have the promise that He will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able to bear. Read I Cor. 10:13. If we fully trust Him, He always meets us just in time. Many times I have proved this to be true. One evening after a hard day's work, I walked home; my heart was heavy and I felt bewildered and greatly burdened. I had met a preacher who had endeavored to cause me to believe I was fanatical. The enemy said to me, "This is a man of God, and you are surely wrong." Fortunately I had learned to pray and so I walked into my room, closed the door and fell upon my knees. These are the words that I said, "Oh God, can it be possible that this preacher is right? Lord, I want to know the truth; if I am wrong show me." Suddenly I saw in a vision Jesus seated by my side holding my hand, and this is the scripture He gave me, Fear thou not for I am with thee: be not dismayed for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea I will help thee; yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10. Oh the joy that came into my heart! And from that day I have never doubted that there is a highway of holiness over which nothing unclean can pass, and those who would travel this sacred highway must be willing to face the accusations and the scoffings of the devil and his followers. Shortly after this incident this preacher was found to be a traitor.

Oh, for the faith of our fore fathers who dared to take God at His word and walk by faith. We see faithful Noah stepping out on the promises of God and believing for seeming impossibilities, while the world looked on in scorn and unbelief until the flood came and took them all away; but to this faithful man of God there was no de-

feat. God according to His promise saved Noah and his household. Read Genesis, chapters 6, 7 and 8.

Abraham looked not at the things that were seen; but at the things that were not seen. He staggered not at the promises of God and although many times He waited long for their fulfillment, he still believed, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Did Abraham suffer defeat? No, not one of God's promises failed. Read Genesis 15.

Joseph, when a boy, had many visions of his future usefulness; but it was a dark time in his life when by his brethren he was sold into Egypt and there imprisoned, yet in spite of his seeming defeat, his unflinching confidence in the God he served, held him in the darkest hour. Joseph never faltered or failed and in due time God highly exalted him. Read, beginning at chapter 37 in Genesis.

The prophet Elijah met with many difficulties. When he fled from King Ahab, it may have seemed that he was suffering defeat; but this seeming defeat was only leading him on to a greater victory. The all-seeing eye of God was upon him, guiding him every step of the way and later we see him on Mount Carmel, where, in answer to prayer, the fire fell and consumed the sacrifice, causing the people to confess that the God of Elijah is the living God. The four-hundred false prophets were then destroyed. Elijah again prayed and the rain fell from heaven and watered the earth which had been parched by drought for three years and six months. I Kings chapter 18. Lord, give us more Elijahs who will by faith wade through difficulties and trust God until sin is uncovered and a mighty outpouring of the spirit falls from on high, refreshing multitudes of hearts which have long been parched and dry.

One can imagine that things looked rather discouraging to dear old Daniel when word came from the king that he must not be seen praying to his God for a season; but Daniel did not falter, for rather than deny his God, he chose to face the den of lions. Was he defeated? No, God met him just as he meets every honest soul that dares to trust Him.

The three Hebrew children suffered no defeat when they faced the fiery furnace. We hear them boldly say, "Our God, whom we serve, is able to deliver us and He will deliver us; but if not, be it known unto thee, oh King, that we will not serve thy God nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." Although the furnace was heated seven times hotter than usual, God met them and there was not a hair of their heads singed and no smell of fire was on their garments. Read Daniel 3.

Perhaps no other man has ever gone through a greater test than Job. His trial was prolonged and the battle was fierce; but Job stood true to the end. His wealth, his children and everything that he had except his wife were taken away from him, and yet he fell upon his face and worshiped God, saying, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." The devil being greatly enraged because of Job's faith in God, by God's permission made another desperate thrust at him by afflicting him with boils from the soles of his feet to his crown. What a picture as we see Job who a short time before was blest with health and wealth, now sitting in ashes scraping himself with a potsherd while his wife, who should have stood by him in his humiliating affliction, told him to curse God and die. In all this Job sinned not with his lips; but we hear him say, "Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" In other words shall we accept the good things that come from God and not be willing to accept the evil that he permits to come our way. Job set an example that has proved a blessing to multitudes of tempest-tossed pilgrims. Though afflicted,

CHRIST FAITH MISSION WORK
Christ Faith Mission Work is an outstanding work in Los Angeles for the help and care of helpless women and children. We are asking our readers to encourage Mother Green and her workers in this work.

The work consists of three places in the city, the headquarters known as Echo Home at 6026 Echo Street, the girls Mission at 337 1/2 So. Hill Street and a general city Mission at 102 Winston Street and the Mountain Home which is especially spoken of on the front page of this issue under the head, To Our Readers.

Sister Amelia Vernon, who has traveled with her husband Brother Frank Vernon, in evangelistic work in different places where the Herald of Hope goes has the oversight of the women and children's work under Mother Green. Anything concerning these branches of the work, address Mrs. Arglee Green or Christ Faith Mission, 6026 Echo Street, Los Angeles, California.

despised and forsaken, we hear Him say, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." Please read the book of Job. Oh, for the confidence in God that Job possessed in this terrible hour of darkness when it seemed that everything had failed. But God had laid a bound over which Satan could not pass. Job's life must be spared, and when the battle was fought and the victory won, the latter end of Job was blessed more than the beginning; besides greatly increased wealth he had seven sons and three of the fairest daughters of the land, and there were added to his days one hundred and forty years. Does it pay to trust God in the time of seeming defeat?

When Jesus, our blessed Lord, carried the heavy cross up Calvary's hill and there on Mount Calvary suffered those cruel nails to be driven into those precious hands and feet, it was a dark hour and it seemed that all was lost. Even the disciples were heard to say, "We thought He was to be our King; but alas, all hope has fled." He was taken down from the cross cold in death and laid in the tomb, but see the glorious victory that followed. At God's appointed time **THE GRAVE OPENED AND HE CAME FORTH, CONQUEROR OVER DEATH, HELL AND THE GRAVE.** In Him there is no defeat, for He holds the key to every difficulty and we need not fear to follow Him.

Many times we do not understand when we must face the temptations of life, but in these dark hours of seeming defeat, let us place our trembling hand in His and move forward, for victory is ours, and we shall not be defeated. Weeping may endure for a night; but joy cometh in the morning. His eye is over the righteous, and His ear is open to their cry.

This morning as I awoke, the beautiful sunlight was streaming in at my window while outside the little birds were singing their songs of praise to the great Creator who daily provides for them, and as I listened the consoling words of our blessed Lord were brought to my mind. "Ye are of more value than many sparrows." God loves us and He is pleased when we trust Him.

Lord I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur or repine;
Content whatever lot I see,

Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
I remember reading the story of a little blind girl, who was placed by her father into the arms of a strange man. The father, somewhat surprised at the look of contentment on the child's face said, "My dear, you do not know the man that holds you, and why are you not afraid?" A smile swept over the child's face, and she replied: "No, Father, I do not know who holds me, but I know you know." Do you think that this father would have permitted evil to come to his trusting child? No, at the risk of his life he would have defended her. God's Word says, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him."

Shall we not suffer hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, knowing that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory which shall be revealed in us? Romans 8:18. God is all-powerful and He is saying to the enemy, "Come so far and no farther." He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and those who put their trust in Him, know no defeat, for when He hath tried them they shall come forth as gold.

Healed By His Stripes

By Mrs. C. Nuzum

1 Pet. 2:24 says, "By whose stripes ye WERE healed." You, who this moment, are suffering from some disease, were healed—fully, perfectly healed of that disease—yes, of all diseases, when the stripes were laid upon Jesus. But one says, "I was not yet born—how could I be healed before I was born?" Oh, the all-wise God, who knows all the future as well as He knows the present, looked down the ages and saw you, just as you are this moment, and saw that disease you now have; and in His Almightyness, He took it and laid it on Jesus. Matt. 8:17 says, "Himself took our infirmities (our weaknesses) and bare our sicknesses." We cannot understand this, but we MUST BELIEVE it, because the God Who cannot lie and never makes a mistake, tells us so. I cannot understand wireless telegraphy, but I can believe in it, and send a message by it. Paul says Godliness is a great mystery (something that cannot be understood), but if we just believe and obey, we shall get just what God promises.

When Jesus said on the cross, "It is finished," every sin was atoned for, and every sickness that was then or ever would be, was healed. Then God tells us how to get that healing, that Jesus wrought out for us, into our own bodies. Mark 16:17, 18 says that those who believe shall lay their hands on sick people, and they shall recover (not may be so or sometimes, but they "shall recover.") Why lay the hands on them? Because it is with the hands that we pass things to people. Jesus wants the healing He finished passed to the sick ones, and believers are to do it—any believer—all believers are to do it.

Rev. 22:17 says, "Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." He says, "take freely," without earning it, being worthy of it, or paying for it. "Freely" also means as much as you need or want, without stint or limit. Jesus has brought it, and paid for it, and offers it all as a free gift to all who will meet the conditions, and take it. But how shall I take what I cannot see, feel or handle? To take is to believe, and what you have asked God for (now, this very moment) enters your body and goes to the sick, weak, sore, painful, diseased or injured part of your body, and heals you fully, completely, this moment. God's unchanging law to all people is that they shall have all they truly believe for. He does not say He will do as you see, feel or experience, or even pray, but He does say it shall be as you believe. God never fails to give us all we truly believe we receive; but we believe so very little, that when He gives us all we believe, it is very, very little. God says if we would believe, He would show us great and mighty things. Because He is Almighty, everything is as easy for Him as breathing. Nothing is hard for God, and doing the great things is in keeping with His majestic greatness, and shows forth His glory. Leprosy and cancers are as easy for Him to heal as a headache or cold. He only waits for people to live for Him, and believe His promises.

If we would keep in mind His Almightyness, we could have faith for the great things as easily as for the small ones. It will not do to believe you will receive what you ask for; that is only hope. Faith says, "It was done when Jesus was scourged, and all I have to do is to take it," and when you take a thing you have it, whether you see it, or feel it, or not. 1 John 5:14-15 says that if we ask anything according to God's will, we know we have it now, not will have it. It is God's will to heal us, because He says in Psa. 103:3 that He healeth all our diseases. So you can know that you have the healing, when you ask for it.

Then God says, "Hold fast that thou hast." How are you to hold fast? By never once doubting that you are healed. Satan will tell you that you are not healed, and you may still feel all the old pains, and see all the old symptoms, but you hold fast by refusing to even listen to Satan's lie, and refusing to believe what you see and feel. Stand firmly on God's Word, and obey Him by calling those things which be not as though they were" (Rom. 4:17), which means believe you have something you cannot at all feel. Continue to say to God, "O God, Thou hast said I was healed when the stripes were laid on Jesus, and hast told me to take it, and hold fast to it, and I do, and I have it, even though I cannot feel it. I will believe Thy Word, and not my senses or Satan's lie."

I have gotten wonderful victories by repeating hour after hour: "By whose stripes ye were healed," and saying, "O God, Thou hast said it. It has to be as Thou sayest. This sickness that hurts me so was healed by Jesus. It is in Thy Book, and Thou wilt honor Thine own Word. It shall cease to be, because Thou hast said Jesus healed it."

God says He has exalted His Word above

His Name, and as you hold His Word up to Him, and will not cease, He never fails to do exactly as the Word says. One translation of Psalms 50:23 is, "Whoso offereth the sacrifice of praise glorifieth God, and prepareth a way whereby I can shew Him My salvation." Healing is salvation from disease, and it was done when the stripes were laid upon Jesus, and it enters your body when you take it. Then if you will praise God with all your heart because it is done, you prepare a way so that God can bring the healing out, so that you can see, feel and enjoy it. Oh, let us take what is so freely offered, believe it enters and heals when we take it, and praise and rejoice that it is done, and thus prepare a way that God will never fail to use to let us see it. Isaiah 60:18 says that His gates shall be called praise. God comes to us through the praise gates. Keep them open.

GOD HEALS

THE BLESSED HANDKERCHIEF

There is no charge for the handkerchief but when sending for one, or expecting a reply to your letter, please send enough to cover postage and stationery. It is more convenient for us to use our own stationery and regulation handkerchiefs. In some cases we have had to pay excess postage on account of having to return large handkerchiefs.

Please do not send for handkerchiefs without giving the name of the person, their disease or trouble. We send these handkerchiefs, not only for the healing of the body, casting out demons, but also to take the place of laying on hands of the Elders, for spiritual blessing, and for power for service.

One Saturday night when we were going to hold a meeting we pinned a handkerchief to our underwear, on our chest; this handkerchief had been sent to us in a letter without any mention of why it was sent; the faith of the Son of God in me appropriated it for this special use and God wonderfully blest in the service that night.

We believe that this practice might have originated from the testimony that the woman gave, who touched the hem of Christ's garment and was healed. We have heard testimony given that here in Los Angeles there was a person who touched the coat of a godly man as he ministered to the sick and needy, and was healed.

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; he prayed and God heard and answered him; God will hear and answer you and me.

Paul said it is no more I, but Christ; we say it is no more I but Christ. To Him be the glory. Do you want to add glory to this 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.

Paper Applied

Praise the Lord I was able to get a copy of the Herald of Hope. I want to thank God for healing my daughter of her stomach ache and fever one night; I laid the paper on her stomach and the next morning all pain and fever had disappeared, just like a miracle. Thanks be unto God.
Mrs. George S. Dee Philippine Islands

Freed From Demon Oppression

I truly want to thank you for the anointed handkerchief. My Mother laid it on my head and we prayed; she told me something dropped from my lap. You people knew what was wrong as God had told you. I believe I had evil spirits also; well, thank God they are gone.
Mrs. Jean Sorenson Erie Pa.

Milk Leg Healed

I received the blest handkerchief and the paper; my milk leg was healed before your letter arrived, thank the Lord. Hallelujah! He is so wonderful, I cannot begin to express my thanks to the Lord. He is so mighty and strong. I am getting closer to Jesus each day I live and hope to be at rest with Him some sweet day.
Marie Qualls Avinger, Tex.

Constipation Healed

I sent in a request for you to pray for my little girl and to send a handkerchief. She was bothered with constipation in the worst way, and ever since she has had the blest handkerchief she has not had one bit of medicine for constipation and she has not been troubled with it at all. I surely thank the Lord for healing her.
Mrs. John Mayer Stockton, Calif.

A Terrible Complication Healed

About a year ago I sent for a blest handkerchief. I had a tumor, kidney trouble, irritated bladder, and afflicted female organs. I wore the handkerchief, and God has healed me; today I am stouter than I have been for a long time. I am so thankful for what the Lord has done for me.
Mrs. Jesse Young Protem, Mo.

Saved From Drink

I see so many good things in the Herald of Hope. Pray that God will have His way in my home. You prayed for my son sometime ago when he was drinking so bad, and now he does not drink any more.
Mrs. Ed. Girdner Princeton, Mo.

Epileptic Fits Taken Away

God has done wonders through the blest handkerchief for me, praise His name. My son-in-law was delivered from his constant nose bleeding, and my grand-son from epileptic fits.
Mrs. E. Martinsen Bellingham, Wash.

Delivered From an Evil Spirit

Two years ago this month a friend of mine passed away and a few nights later something struck me like an electric shock on the right side of my spine, so powerful I almost fell out of bed; I thought it strange and began to feel like I was not myself; then I realized what it was—an evil spirit, fascinating and alluring—and I knew where it came from, as several years before I was saved, I had fooled with spiritism, and many other of Satan's cults, from which God for our Lord's sake delivered both my sister and myself and saved our souls. I talked with the Lord quoting from the 91st Psalm—"there shall no evil befall thee"; I could not pray but only repeat this and other promises of our Lord; for three nights in succession this evil spirit came back. By standing on these promises, wearing the blest handkerchief, and prayer, I have been completely freed from this evil spirit. All glory and praise to our dear Lord who said—"When the enemy comes in like a flood, I will lift up a standard against him."
Mrs. Aurora Props Eaton, Ind.

A Miracle Wrought

A few weeks ago I sent for an anointed handkerchief for someone at Salem, in the State Hospital, and through it God worked wonderfully. In less than one week she was paroled to her Aunt in Tacoma. It was truly a miracle from the throne of mercy, praise His most holy name.
Rose Kern Portland Ore.

Husband and Wife United

I asked for prayer for my son and his wife who were separated and at this time I want to glorify God for answering prayer so wonderfully. He worked in a most marvelous manner and has proven Himself true to His promises. I am so thankful to our Savior.
Joe Littrell Naylor, Mo.

Received The Holy Ghost

By reading your tracts and getting in touch with you I have the Holy Ghost. I have trusted God for twenty years for the healing of my body.
Mrs. Edna Johnson Florala, Ala.

Slept on Handkerchief and Was Saved

I am the Sister who was healed so wonderfully of rupture two years ago. My sister-in-law slept on one of the blest handkerchiefs, and she was gloriously saved. I have received all of your papers since they were first published, and they have been a blessing to me.
Mrs. H. Maxwell Pico, Calif.

Kidney Trouble Gone

I praise the dear Lord for healing my body many times, and just recently when you sent me the blest handkerchief all my kidney trouble disappeared. I also praise the Lord for healing my eyes; it seemed as though I was almost blind at times, but since I requested prayer, I can see better than I have for a long time. I praise the Lord, for He is real—"I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."
Rose Lindstrom Wathill, Nebr.

Healed of Tuberculosis

Aside from my requests I would like to tell you that my Mother, as I believe you know, was healed of tuberculosis about two years ago after receiving one of your blest handkerchiefs. Praise God, He is able.
Doris Jean Poad Cleveland, Ohio

Snapped Back Into Place

A short time ago I asked you to send me a blest handkerchief and to pray for the healing of my hip which was fractured over four years ago, and there was never a day when it had not pained me. After I received the handkerchief it felt better, but the day before yesterday it snapped back into place; it sounded like a stick breaking. I feel like a new person. Praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power.
Helen B. Freer Spokane, Wash.

Instantly Healed, and the Fire Fell

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Received the blest handkerchief for which I praise God; it came just in time. I was in bed with the flu, and when they brought it to me I could feel the healing power; I

just began praising God, and I was instantly healed. Hallelujah.

Our church seemed to be so dry, and I began taking my handkerchief with me when I went there; praise God, the fire has been falling ever since, bless His name forever.
Mrs. Fred Smith McLean, Tex.

Asthma Healed

My Mother was healed of asthma by the Lord through your prayers; also she wrote to you about my husband's father, and now he is wonderfully saved and knows God more than he ever has; he has got such wonderful blessings.
Mrs. Roy L. Jones Molalla, Ore.

Knee Cap And Other Ailments Healed

I received your welcome letter sometime ago. I sent a handkerchief to be anointed and prayed over for my leg and other ailments, and thanks be to Jesus my leg is now all right. I had a dislocated bone close to the knee-cap, bad for about eight or nine months. When I put the handkerchief on, the pain was so bad I could hardly sleep at all. The Lord tested me for a time until finally one morning when I got up, the pain was all gone. Praise the Lord. By His stripes we are healed.
Rose Ferguson Indianapolis, Ind.

Healed From State Hospital

Thank you for your prayers. Mary, who was in the State Hospital for fifteen years, is now out of that place and home with the folks who had placed her there; they are going to keep her. You told me that you had sent a handkerchief to her, so I know you have prayed for her.

(Second report, received recently). Mary is so happy, I saw her about two weeks ago; she is still wearing the little handkerchief and has lots of faith. Our Lord answered prayer, praise His name, all the glory is His.
Mrs. Della Ratzlaff Wichita, Kans.

Delivered From Pain

I want to thank God for now He has touched my body. The pains that I had in my organs are all gone, and there is ever so much less pain in my back, which was bruised from a fall I had six years ago. It pained so much that I was beginning to fear a cancer had set in, but praise God! He has healed me.
Mrs. Harry Johnson Cheyenne, Wyo.

High Blood Pressure and Pellagra

Praise Jesus! I have been healed of pellagra and high blood pressure, have not been sick since I received the blest handkerchief and placed it on my chest. The Lord also healed my little girl.
Mrs. Robert Wickliffe Hamilton, Tex.

Quickly Healed

I received the handkerchief and applied it to Sister Hill's eyes, and they were instantly touched by our Lord, in fifteen minutes she could see to walk around her bedroom and put her things in order; before that she was unable to walk unless I led her, and neither could she see the electric light when lit. She was so happy; now she can take care of herself and help me. Glory to God, we praise our Lord for His wonderful goodness.
Mrs. John D. Baker Vernonia, Ore.

Saved of Double Operation

I want to thank God for praying people and I must tell you how God answered prayer for my grand-daughter. Her tonsils and adenoids were so diseased and her hearing was affected, her mother took her to the clinic, but the child was so frightened she would not let a Doctor near her. The clinic advised that the family physician might gain her confidence and remove her tonsils; so the following week they took her and the child marched right up and opened her mouth with no fright at all; the Doctor said her ears were clear, tonsils and adenoids perfect, and no operation was needed. All thanks and glory to our Lord Jesus.
Mrs. H. Maxwell Pico, Calif.

Sore Place Healed

The Lord has answered prayer. A sore place that I have had continually for almost a year and a half has been healed, and I have been free from pain since I requested prayer.
Mrs. R. Bohlmeier Shipman, Ill.

Asthma Healed in Worst Stage

I met a colored woman at Terry, Miss., who told me that some time back she had asthma in the worst stage, and after getting in touch with you, and following your directions, she became healed.
Mrs. Holcomb Jackson, Miss.

Double Healing

I sent for a blest handkerchief and I am praising the Lord for healing my eyes, I felt like I could not open them, but they are all right now; also my stomach and back are all right too. My husband was healed of appendicitis one evening on the street. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord for His healing power.
Mrs. Paul Brennenman Tyrone, Pa.

Anemia Healed

In March I had pernicious anemia, was very sick. I want to praise the dear Lord for my recovery. The Lord healed me through the blest handkerchief and I trust everything to the hand that was nailed to the cross.
Mrs. William Parry Yorkville, N. Y.

Healed of Female Trouble

I was so bad when I wrote to you for prayer and the blest handkerchief, I was in so much pain it was hard for me to stand on my feet. I laid the handkerchief on in faith in Jesus and I was healed of all my female trouble. God hears and answers prayer, all glory to His name.
Mrs. J. L. Newman Tampa, Fla.

Corns Taken Away

You sent me a handkerchief last winter for my daughter, she had corns between her toes and was hardly able to wear her shoes to school; the trouble made her cry so I said why don't you put the handkerchief in your shoe? In less than a week the corns were all gone and have not returned. We thank the Lord for His goodness.
Mrs. Anna Robertson Portland, Ore.

Dying of Cancer

The Lord Healed

I have been healed many times for which I thank God. Last November I was dying of cancer; five Doctors said nothing could be done for me. I received an anointed handkerchief and put it on in Jesus' name; five days later the cancer passed and I am well and praising God. Last week I wrote for another handkerchief as I had a small place on my left side which itched continually day and night; I tried to pray but the itching hindered me, nothing seemed to stop it. The handkerchief was received and I put it on in the name of Jesus, and I was healed instantly, the place has not itched since. I cannot express my thanks for such a wonderful Savior.
Mrs. Lena Hicks Hazlehurst, Miss.

Desire For Tobacco Taken Away

It has been sometime since I sent for the blest handkerchief for my husband to be relieved of the tobacco habit. I am praising the Lord that He has delivered my husband from that habit. He never even craves it; it seems so wonderful, for he had used it so long.
Mrs. Ed. Barker Walthill, Nebr.

Back and Kidneys Healed

I received your anointed handkerchief some months ago. I might say I have no trouble in my back, and my kidneys were healed; have had no trouble since, for which I praise Him. It seems to me in my busy life I do not praise my Lord and my Master enough for all the blessings I receive.
Lillian Frayne Portland, Ore.

Convulsions Stopped

I sent for a handkerchief for my daughter a few months ago; her affliction was convulsions. She has not had one since and has gained in strength and weight. Praise our Great God.
Mrs. Jessie G. Vaughn Bemidji, Minn.

Eyes Healed and Growths Taken Away

I wrote for the blest handkerchief last November for my eyes. I wore it and prayed, but my eyes hurt so much that I could not seem to get the victory until the middle of January; since then they have gradually improved and now they seldom bother me at all. The large knot that was growing on my left eyelid is entirely gone. I praise God and give Him all the glory, for I know He has done this for me.

I also found that handkerchief on a growth on my daughter's foot; it turned black and came out in about three weeks.
Mrs. Freida Fateley Fredonia, Kans.

Saved From Hospital

By Laying on Paper

My brother was very sick, but by faith he used the Herald of Hope by placing the paper on his head, for he had suffered headache so much that we were about to put him in the hospital. Hallelujah! We got victory through the Herald of Hope and prayers to our most merciful Lord and Savior.
Dolores Ramos Philippine Islands

Healed When Paper Was Used

I thank God for the healing of my body. I was suffering with sick stomach, which I had begun to think was a cancer. I received your paper and laid it on my stomach and asked God to touch my body; the pain and sick feeling all left me, and I have not had any trouble since. Praise the Lord.
Mrs. J. W. Turner Sugar Grove, Ky.

Hemorrhoids Healed

I want to praise the Lord for the blest handkerchief I received in April; I was healed of a very bad case of inward hemorrhoids with which I had been afflicted for twenty-nine and a half years. God truly operated on my body, I have had no symptoms of the affliction since.
Mrs. J. E. Brooks Lone Pine, Nebr.

Saved and Healed

Doctors Found Cancer Healed

About a year ago I sent to you for one of your anointed handkerchiefs for a man with a cancer. He was over seventy years of age, and the Doctors had given him two months to live. They had put this man in the hospital to build him up for an operation, he was in the hospital three weeks, and the fourth week I received your handkerchief and put it on his body in the mighty name of Jesus. When they took him to the operating table, the Doctors found that the cancer was healed, and in the fourth week he was discharged from the hospital, completely healed. We give God all the glory. T. E. Moffitt Winnipeg, Man., Canada

Growths Removed

I can report good news for you in regard to the last little handkerchief you sent me for the growth on my face; blessed Jesus, He removed it, and no earthly physician had to touch it. Six months have gone by, and it is still healed. Mrs. W. A. Scott Tacoma, Wash.

Protection and Healing

I am wearing my blest handkerchief, and I know I have been given strength from our heavenly Father. I was in bed with septic sore throat at the time I received the Herald of Hope, and my dear baby and little Paul did not get it, so I know my prayers were answered; I nursed my baby all the time too. Mrs. Ralph Millhouse Newcastle, Wyo.

Healed When Given up by Doctor

My little brother had such sore eyes he had to be kept in dark rooms five or six weeks. God has healed him. Sister Edwards was healed of typhoid fever after I had requested prayer; she was very near death, given up by the Doctors. She is well and able to work. We thank and praise God. Arlice Scott Haynesville, La.

HEALING AND OBEDIENCE

Last January my eyes were very bad. I also suffered in other ways. I was not willing to completely obey the Lord. At last I decided to obey the Lord. When I did, I was healed and am still healed. Praise His wonderful name. Mrs. D. H. Watne Burbank, Calif.

Healed of Low Blood Pressure

The Lord has healed me. I can do my work without getting tired and I feel like a new person. I was healed of low blood pressure and female trouble, I never suffer any more, for which I praise God. Mrs. Claude S. Musick Berwind, W. Va.

Shoulders Neck and Spine Healed

I want to thank your prayer band for praying for my shoulder sometime ago. The Lord healed my shoulders, neck, and spine, praise His holy name for ever. One Doctor said it was a perfect job. Nothing left undone when Jesus does the work. Mr. G. H. Deshner Meadville, Pa.

Goiter Taken Away

I must thank you for the blest handkerchief you sent me, and I thank God for healing me of a goiter and swelling of the glands. I have used the handkerchief many times, and the Lord healed me, praise be unto Him. Emma Januschewski Ainsworth, Nebr.

A Real Miracle

Several months ago you wrote me a most helpful and comforting letter—I also received anointed handkerchiefs for my husband and myself. God has wonderfully saved my dear husband; his health also is much better. It is a real miracle that such a proud heart has at last been changed to a God fearing, Jesus loving one. Praise His dear name. Mrs. H. Cowgill Pasadena, Calif.

Heart-trouble Healed

I want to thank you for the blest cloth you sent sometime ago; I was healed of heart trouble, and I am thanking the Lord for healing me. Jack McGuire Fallsville, Ark.

Healed and Kept

About a year ago I wrote asking prayer for our Minister's wife, she had dropsy and asthma; I am glad to report that the Lord healed her and is keeping her healed. Praise His holy name. Mrs. I. O. Green Van Wert, Ohio

Paper Applied

In April I wrote asking for a blest handkerchief and you answered my letter, but failed to send the handkerchief, so I applied the Herald of Hope, and I am much better; my lungs no longer ache and hurt like they used to; my throat is healed, the Doctor said so. I love Jesus and praise Him all the time. Clarabelle De Soto Olive View, Calif.

The Always-Present Christ

By Josephine E. Turnbull

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20.

Who is this that thus speaks? Who is he that can make such a claim? As we look at the preceding verse we read, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.'" Oh, who is speaking—declaring himself omnipotent and always present? This is the One whom these eleven listening disciples had seen mocked and scourged and crucified as a weak man in the hands of rough, cruel enemies. This is He whose wounded, dead body had lain three days in the tomb. But this is He who had risen out from the tomb, whom no power of earth or hell could hold in death. This is He whom we love and worship—this is Jesus, Son of God, who calmly and positively declares His omnipotence, and His constant, abiding presence to that worshipping, some-doubting group, vs. 17. And reader, to which part of that group do you belong—the worshipers or the doubters?

Jesus had made Himself of no reputation (He had emptied Himself, R. V.) had taken upon Himself the form of a servant, was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father, Phil. 2:7-11.

Ah yes, without a shadow of doubt He could stand forth in His resurrected body and say, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. and, Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." The devil could not come to Him with an "if thou be the Son of God." He was proven to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead, and every claim He makes is a true claim.

Between these two marvelous statements of His "all power," and "always presence" comes His great command to go and teach all nations. This commission every true believer receives from Him. It does not mean that every Christian is openly a minister or a missionary, but it does mean that if we are to know the reality of His "all power" and "all presence" we must in some way be connected with His program to get the message of life to all people. The self-centered, selfish man or woman is not in a position to claim these promises of Jesus.

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." Think of the "always" of your life—the days of sorrow. Think of the routine of daily life, often monotonous and wearisome, and put over against it all this glorious and comforting promise of our Lord—"I am with you all the time, always!"

When Jesus spoke these words He was speaking to those who were living at the beginning of this age—this age of grace; but looking down thro' the centuries of this age He said, "I am with you even unto the end of the age." That is where we are today, close to the very end of the age. And what a time it is! We are aware of end conditions—the apostasy, the fierce struggling of the nations, the unrest of individuals, the breaking down of morals, lack of conscience, etc., etc. Put in all the awful things you can think of, make it as black as you will, Jesus

says, even then, even unto the end of the age I am with you.

All thro the Old Testament we find the Lord promised especially to be with those to whom He gave difficult tasks. To Moses He said, "Certainly I will be with thee." Ex. 3:12. And we notice Moses, faithful, old Moses, 120 years old, talking to Joshua in the sight of all Israel, telling him with that assurance that comes to those who walk long with God, that in the stupendous task which is before him of leading the children of Israel across Jordan into the promised land, "The Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee nor forsake thee." Deut. 31:6-8. And later, when Moses was gone, the Lord says to Joshua, "As I was with Moses so will I be with thee." Josh. 1:5. Joshua knew full well how God had been with Moses. What a promise now for him to receive from his God!

Through Isaiah we read, "I will be with thee." "I will not forsake thee." "I will be with thee when thou passest thro' the waters, and thro' the rivers they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest thro' the fire thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." "What!" you say, "Waters and fire if God is really with us?" Yes, but He hath said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee, so that we may boldly say, The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Heb. 13:5, 6.

But in these words of Jesus, "Lo, I am with you always," there is a deeper meaning, a more intimate, vital connection with our inner life. It means more than guidance and protection. What is He saying? How much may we scripturally claim in this promise? He is saying, I am with you as the living, all-powerful Christ, having gone down into death for you, having met the enemy of your souls, the old master who had the power over your lives. I am the slain Lamb of God for you, but I am alive now full of power to be connected always with your life. The "with you" here, in the light of New Testament teaching, means "within you."

"I am with you," then, the Redeemer Saviour, the One who has dealt with your sin, taking it away by the cross, Col. 1:14; purchasing you by my own shed blood, I Pet. 1:18-19. You are mine, I am with you always as your Complete Saviour from sin. I am with you, within you, the Conqueror, the great Victor, the One who overcame the devil, that determined foe of all mankind. Not only as the One who did conquer is He with us, but as the One who daily conquers in us. He is our conquering life. As such He is our Lord, the One who dominates and controls our lives. Self has to move and give Him the inner throne of our life. Then we can speak the words of Rom. 8:37, "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." We are not fighting the enemy in our puny strength. We have the Conqueror of the ages within us. One day I saw some boys getting ready to torment a smaller boy, a frail boy. The enemy boys had stones to throw and were running in a threatening way to attack. Just then the big brother of the small boy appeared, and he quickly ran behind him, completely hiding behind the strong, big brother. In an instant the foe fled—not a stone was thrown. In Him, our Christ, we conquer; our lives are covered from the enemy by His great conquering. Then we read Rom. 8:35-39 and say, "Amen!"

He is with us as the One who loves us, the loving, understanding Companion, Rom. 8:37. Not as the one to condemn us, to pick flaws and misunderstand us; but as the One who truly loves us, who lifts us up above the shadows; with whom we may constantly commune. "I will sup with him and he with me," is the promise He makes to anyone who will let Him have this "within always" relation. I am within you as your strength,

your health. I am the life, Jno. 14:6. If He has all power in heaven and in earth, He has power over disease. We may count on Him as our Healer and our daily strength. He has compassion today, as He is within us, life for spirit, mind and body, the mighty Enabler for every task. Phil. 4:13. He is within us always as our peace, our righteousness, our wisdom, our sanctification, patience, courage, love—everything holy and victorious that we need. I Cor. 1:30; Col. 2:9, 10.

He is within us, our hope of glory. Col. 1:27. What is your hope of glory? Is it your holiness, your self-sacrifice, your anything? No! It is this all-powerful, all-present Christ. He is not within you silent, indifferent, asleep; but as active, loving, potent—the most real One in life.

How does all this become actual? By the power of the Holy Spirit and by faith. It is not merely theory—it may become fact. Jesus meant it to be fact when He spoke His promises. As we read the Acts and see the Apostles, these men who heard these marvelous words of Jesus, after the Holy Ghost was poured out upon them, they were not grieving for the physical presence of Jesus. They knew He was alive; they knew He was with them, in them by His spirit; and they moved out in happy, confident, fruitful service, and joyous certainty. They had Jesus in His heavenly presence in a far deeper sense than they had ever known Him in His physical presence. He was so real and powerful to them they could tell all sinners there was remission of sins in His Name. They could tell the lame to rise and walk in His Name. They knew He was with them every moment, with His all-power in heaven and earth. And so may we know the same today. Jesus' words have lost none of their meaning. The Holy Spirit has the same blessed ministry making Jesus Christ real to hearts that believe and count on Him, and yield to Him in heart and life. Always, always, He is with us—and will be even unto the end.

Wife and Husband Made Well

I am writing to let you know that through your prayers God has touched my body and made me whole; also my wife has been healed. For five years my wife had been suffering with some sort of disease that appeared on her hands, preventing her from doing her work around the house; but, praise God, she is now healed and has not got a mark left. Hallelujah. Joseph Midura New York City

Cataracts Healed

I am thanking God for what He has done for me; my eyes are healed. I had a cataract or a growth coming over my sight and I could not see to work. The Doctor examined my eyes and said I would have to have an operation but God has done the work. I am so thankful to God for what He means to me, and I thank you for your prayers and the anointed handkerchief. R. L. Baker Shamrock, Tex.

Tumor Gone

I want to thank you for your prayers and the blest handkerchief; my sister was healed of a tumor. The Doctor told her that she would have to lose weight in thirty days and then he would probably have to operate. I did hold on to God with you all for her healing and when the time came the Doctor could not find anything to operate on. I thank the Lord for her deliverance. Vesta Walton Oroville, Calif.

Healed of Cancer

My daughter wrote to you sometime ago for prayer and a blest handkerchief for me, I had cancer on my nose; I want to thank you for praying for me and give praise to the Lord for healing me. Mrs. Jeff Siau Newton, Tex.

Wonderful Healing

Last March my husband was very sick with the flu; he would cough until his nose would burst out with bleeding. I thought he would die; I sent to you for prayer and he was instantly healed, praise God. I also sent for a handkerchief for my arm and now it is healed, and I can use it. I have been healed of high blood pressure; my fingers were drawn down close to the palm of my hand; I called on the Lord and wrapped the Herald of Hope around my hand, and in a few minutes my hand was straight. I give God all the praise. Mrs. R. L. McCurdy Heidelberg, Miss.

WHO IS SHE?

By Cora L. Vinal

"Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" (Song of Solomon 6:10).

"Who is she that looketh forth as the morning?" In these days of various kinds of temptations and inventions designed to hinder a life of whole-hearted devotion to God, who is she that looketh forth as fresh and wonderful in her faith as the dawning of a new day? as eager to support the cause of righteousness, and as confident concerning things to come, and as heart-cheering and inspiring as the morning?

Who is she that gracefully and hopefully takes her humble place in this world of sin and untold misery, and looks at all things through the rose-colored glasses of faith with a beaming countenance? Who is she that arises from the awful shadows of the night of sin, and presses on through untold difficulties with an ever-increasing assurance that certain and eternal victory is as sure to come as noonday follows the morning?

Who is she? and is she still watchful and hopeful? Has she truly survived the bloody persecutions of the past, and is she able to withstand the pressure and the snares of modern times? Is she still looking forth from the heavenly view-point of the resurrected, exalted Son of God? Is she still persuaded that it is better far to keep on in the pathway of the just than to turn back into the darkness and fear of the night?

Oh, beloved and blood-bought church of Jesus Christ; once so zealous, once so fearless, once so separated from the world, once so divinely anointed and endowed with the Holy Ghost: which way is thy face turned, and what is thy real purpose of heart toward God today? Are thy garments still spotless, and is thy heart still pure, and beating true to Jesus Christ, and is everything in readiness for the eternal sun-rising?

"Who is she . . . fair as the moon?" Who is she that is ever reflecting such heavenly grace and dignity, showing forth the beauty of the unseen Christ in all His irreproachable and glorious loveliness? Who is she, so in union with her risen Lord that His shining forth is made known in her common earthly walk and daily conversation?

Who is she so abandoned to the will of God that she can say at each new problem and turn in the road, "Not I, but Christ"? Not my pleasure, but His bidding; not my opinions, but His Word; not my selfish ambitions, but the reproach of His cross; not to be somebody great, but to count it all joy to suffer for His name's sake?

Oh, church of today, tell if you can, who is she, and where is her dwelling-place? Is she still in vital contact with her great living head? Can the Spirit still whisper precious secrets of divine love into her willing heart, saying, "Thou art all fair, my love; and there is no spot in thee"? Or in these words, "My dove, my undefiled, is but one: she is the only one of her mother; she is the choice one of her that bare her."

Surely it is right to expect that the Bride of the Lamb will have the nature of the Lamb, and that she will be found worthy of the Lamb, conformed to His own image, "without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing."

"Who is she . . . clear as the sun?" from the rest of creation, and yet so absolutely necessary to the enlightening and saving of judgment-bound souls as the church of Jesus Christ? She is God's most particular workmanship. She is God's most peculiar treasure. She is the purchase of God's most sacrificial expenditure. She is

the outstanding miracle of miracles, begotten by the vicarious sufferings of the Son of God, and quickened and raised up together with Him to a most blessed place of communion and authority.

Oh, church of Jesus Christ, dost thou know indeed that thy destiny is supremely glorious? Dost thou realize that the day is nearing when thy sun shall never more go down, and thy light nevermore be dim or transitory, but one glad never-failing flood-tide of life and happiness? And dost thou ever weigh the value of one soul saved out of the wreckage of the old Adamic creation to share in the joys of that eternal kingdom? Dost thou dare to step out from the formalities and lukewarmness of this present day profession of Christianity where thy shining forth will be as clear as the sun, and where thy testimony will be as the light of life to those that are walking in darkness?

Who is she with a character as firmly established, and as distinct, with an influence as far-reaching as the sun? Who is she so separated and different "Who is she . . . terrible as an army with banners?" Who is she that stands out as the only body of people in the world that can set up their banners in the name of Jehovah of Hosts? Where else can be found a people or nation that would dare to hold aloft such an emblem as this, "The Lord our Righteousness?" Or make such a bold declaration as this, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me?" Or go forth singing a song like this, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

When Israel journeyed through the wilderness, the nations about them were stricken with fear because of their God-given favor and prestige. And throughout all dispensations past, great men and mighty men have been made to tremble and quake by the powerful, pointed preaching of God's holy Word. When the apostle Paul stood beside Felix, "and reasoned of righteousness, and self-control, and of judgment to come, Felix was terrified." And in the days of John Knox, Scotland's fair lady was moved with fear because of one man's power to prevail with God.

And some may recall how that men in deadly fear attempted to climb the pillars of the church building in order to save themselves from dropping into the fires of hell while the great Spurgeon discoursed concerning the certainty of coming judgment. And so many instances have been known where strong men have become as weak as water, and the opposing enemies of Christ have suddenly become as harmless as babes, or have fled in mortal fear for no visible reason at all. Surely when God arises to the defense and support of His Church, no power of men or demons can prevail in any wise whatsoever.

Oh, church, once so mighty in the conflict, once so able to prevail in prayer, once so clear in thy testimony, once so separated unto God, it is no time to give up the fight. It is no time now to turn to the ways of the world. It is no time now to neglect the precious and priceless things of God. The victor in the battle will soon be eternally crowned. The last enemy will soon be forever destroyed. The day of hatred and fear, of distress and sorrow, will soon be ended. And the great numberless multitudes of the saved of all nations will be gathered home to enjoy the blessedness of God's eternal kingdom. Now is our day of opportunity. Now is our day of preparation. Now is our time to get well acquainted with the Lord of glory. Precious, wonderful days of grace and mercy. Oh, gentle, pleading call of the Spirit of God. Oh, soul without God; oh, soul in a great conflict with temptation and trouble; now is the time to seek help from above; now is the time to make sure of eternal life.

And especially you who have never known Him, and you who are in great affliction and distress, take the first opportunity to seek His face in humble confession of need. He cares. He saves. He forgives. He strengthens. He desires to be known with a great desire. And He will stand by unto the end of the journey.

MIRACULOUS MINISTRY

Sister Elizabeth J. Dabney is the wife of a minister of the gospel. She and her husband live in Philadelphia, Pa. Some nine years ago, Elder Dabney was sent by his church into a very wicked part of the city of Philadelphia where the vice and crime of Sodom reigned. Sister Dabney, seeing the impossibility of their situation, resolved to give herself to prayer.

She made a vow to the Lord that if He would prosper her husband's work and save the sinners of that locality, she would give herself wholly to prayer; praying in the church three successive days of every week for three years; and for two of those years she would remain in the church during the three days and nights praying and also fasting.

Elder Dabney, seeing that Sister Dabney was led of the Lord, consented to this unusual sacrifice and the praying and fasting and sleeping on the floor of the church began.

As soon as Sister Dabney began to fast and pray, the Lord began to work. Sinners flocked to the meetings. Twice it was necessary to move into larger quarters, and finally God gave them a building of their own.

One morning as Sister Dabney entered the church for her usual three days of prayer, the Lord told her audibly to go home. She remonstrated that it was her time to pray; and the Lord told her that the time of her vow had expired. She looked in her purse for the date of her vow and found it expired that day! As she returned to her home it seemed to her that the trees, and the birds and everything that she saw sang to her: "You have kept your vow! You have prayed through!"

On reaching her home the Lord sent her to the basement. She went with much fear. She saw a wonderful light streaming out of the coal-bin! Then a spigot of oil seemed to open in the ceiling and the oil of the Lord poured over her completely encasing her. And then the Lord spoke: "My servant, you have prayed through, you have kept your vow, and now I have come to bless you!" He told her that wherever she would go and pray, sinners would be saved and souls would be delivered and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire; and that as she prayed, He would supply all her own needs and also the finances of the churches where she was working; but if she added style and programs and collections for herself to her service, He would lift her anointing. Then a band began to play in the coal-bin and she began to dance! And there in the basement, in the heavenly light radiating from the old, black coal-bin, and to the strains of the heavenly music coming from out its depths, she danced with joy before the Lord until the heels of her slippers came off!

Drunk on the wine of the Spirit, she made her way upstairs and fell at her husband's feet as he entered the house. He thought the long fasting and abstinence had killed her. He layed his hand on her to pray, and an electric current went through his arm and body and he too began to dance! "She may be dead," he said, "but God is in it!"

In a short time Sister Dabney arose, and they wept together as they re-

counted the sufferings of the past three years; how she had hungered and thirsted for food and sleep during the long continued fast; and how often he had been tempted to forbid her to pray and fast longer; and how God's grace had triumphed for them both.

Sister Dabney wanted to try out her heavenly gift at once, and suggested that she go to the worst places she could find, pool halls, theatres and saloons, and pray in them, but her husband said: "The church where you have suffered is the first place for you to receive the blessing of the Lord: I will go away on other business for the Lord and turn the church over to you for three weeks." The next day he left the city and Sister Dabney went to the church to see how the Lord would work; and as she prayed some High School girls came in and before they left, five were saved and three baptized with the Holy Ghost! After that at every meeting sinners were saved and souls were delivered and baptized, as the Lord had promised her.

When Elder Dabney returned and saw that she was truly a chosen vessel of the Lord, he said to her: "I cannot keep you for myself and my church; go wherever God leads you and pray souls out of bondage."

So for the past six years Sister Dabney has been going from place to place all over the country and wherever she goes souls are delivered and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

And Elder Dabney? He stays on alone in Philadelphia, doing the work of a pastor and evangelist in his church, keeps up the home, entertains visiting ministers and sends Sister Dabney a letter nearly every day, strengthening her hands in the Lord and encouraging her to go forward! What heroic self sacrifice! Surely this is a man among a thousand!

And their only son, John Dabney, how has this sacrifice affected him? Like his father, John is in full sympathy with his mother's ministry. The president of the university from which John has just graduated, gives this testimony, that among the 10,000 students he has dealt with, John Dabney excels them all; and he asks, "How did you ever bring up a boy to be like John in this evil day?"

And Sister Dabney? Her consecration is real; it is the same that it was six years ago. She continues to follow the directions outlined to her by the Lord. She dresses with the utmost simplicity, she eats only one meal a day; she does no visiting, and no sight seeing; she takes no collections for herself but gives generously to all the needs of the church where she is working. She talks very little, but when she does open her mouth, it is with wisdom and "in her tongue is the law of kindness," and she continues to "pray without ceasing" and the Lord continues to bless her ministry wherever she goes.

So the words of commendation in Proverbs 31:28-31 are peculiarly adapted to her: "Her children (natural and spiritual) arise up and call her blessed and her husband, also, and he praiseth her . . . Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates."

CORNS TAKEN AWAY

You sent me a handkerchief last winter for my daughter, she had corns between her toes and was hardly able to wear her shoes to school; the trouble made her cry so I said why don't you put the handkerchief in your shoe? In less than a week the corns were all gone and have not returned. We thank the Lord for His goodness.

Mrs. Anna Robertson Portland, Ore.

Prevailing Prayer

Once more prayer has prevailed and I am free from the thyroid disturbance that was causing so much anxiety. All praise to Him.

Mrs. E. Schaumburg Oakland, Calif.

Delivered From Appendicitis

Sometime ago I sent for prayers and a blest handkerchief for my husband, he had appendicitis. Praise the Lord! He has been healed.

Mrs. Hugh Lovell Ozark, Ark.

Three Important Questions

By Evangelist Wm. F. A. Gierke

Every intelligent person, interested in the origin, purpose and destiny of man, must search for a satisfactory answer to these three questions:

1. Where did I come from? (Origin of life)
2. Why am I here? (Purpose of life)
3. Where am I going after I finish here? (Destiny of man)

How can we find such an answer? Neither human philosophy, speculation nor scientific exploration will furnish such an answer, but Divine Revelation alone. Man's lasting happiness will depend upon a satisfactory solution and answer to these three questions.

1. Where did I come from? Am I the product of evolution or of the creative act of God? Evolution has shipwrecked the faith of millions who have put their trust in demon-inspired philosophies instead of the sure word of the living God. Listen to His word of warning in Col. 2:8.

"Beware lest any man spoil you thru philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of man, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Weymouth translates this passage as follows: "Take care lest there be any one who leads you away as prisoners by means of his philosophy and idle fancies, following human traditions and the world's crude notions instead of following Christ."

Many of the world's greatest scientific scholars have rejected the theory of evolution as an absolute impossibility and are acknowledging the scriptural account of the origin of man in Gen. 1:26, 27, and Gen 2:7.

Any reputable chemist will tell you that the same 16 chemical elements are found in both man and the soil, which is positive proof that God formed man of the dust of the ground. Gen. 2:7

God created man as a mature product. Our first parents were created as full-grown man and a full-grown woman with capacity to reproduce themselves and not as babes necessitating their growth to manhood and womanhood.

Gen. 1:11, 12 shows us God's plan of creation for man, animals and plants. All were created with the capacity to reproduce themselves from the time of their creation. Let God be true and every man a liar.

The theory of evolution degenerates man into bloodthirsty beasts, robs him of the nobility of creation, of faith in His God, of every moral standard, makes him pitiless, deadens his conscience and inspires a belief in the survival of the fittest, and causes his moral and spiritual death, as demonstrated in the brutal slaughter of our young manhood on the battle fields of the warring nations.

2. Why am I here? Am I created for a definite purpose and if so, how can I find out about it? God's plan and purpose in the creation of man is fully revealed in the Bible, which is His blueprint for the lives of His creatures. Only once in His earthly life did Jesus blast any created thing. Why did He doom to perpetual barrenness the fig tree? Mt. 21:17, 22. Not because it bore wild or poisonous fruit, but foliage only and no fruit at all.

The law of nature and life is that what we don't use, we lose. Capacity itself is lost thru disuse, while its diligent exercise enlarges and ennobles it. The curse of eternal barrenness will fall upon the soul which has done

nothing with its opportunities upon earth. Mt. 25:30.

Nothing can survive unless it is in harmony with God's plan and purpose of creation. God had a definite purpose in mind for every created thing. God's purpose in the creation of man was to provide for Himself companions for Holy Fellowship and Communion in the Holy Atmosphere of Heaven. Just as a tree can only grow in its element, the soil, and a fish can only live and grow in its element, the water, so man can only grow in Christ and fulfill the purpose for which he was created. Outside of Christ man is dead in trespasses and sins, Eph. 2:1, 3, and must be born again. (John 3:3, 7).

Examine these passages of scripture and answer your own question of

WHY AM I HERE?

Ex. 19:5 Israel, a peculiar treasure unto God above all people. 1 Chron. 16:8 "To make known His deeds among the people." Is. 43:21 "This people have I formed for myself, they shall show forth my praise." Jno. 15:16 "Chosen that ye should go and bring forth fruit." Rom. 9:17, 20 "To show forth His power, and declare His Name." Eph. 2:10 "Created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Col. 1:10 "To walk worthy, being fruitful unto every good work." Rev. 4:11 "Created for His pleasure."

3. Where am I going? The destiny of man is far more important than his origin. Many spend years speculating about the origin of man, but are not interested in where they are going when they finish their earthly existence. God created man after His own image and likeness, and he was happy and contented as long as he was in communion and fellowship with His God. But when the power of choice God had given man was tested, man fell thru listening to satanic slanders against God, doubting God's word and love, looking at what God had forbidden, lusting for that which God had prohibited, and disobeying His plain commands.

As a result of the fall sin, sickness, death, and all the heartaches that flesh is heir to were introduced. Rom. 5:19, 12. Thru sin man died a spiritual death, was dead in trespasses and sins (Eph 2:1-3) and doomed to eternal separation from God and eternal punishment in the Lake of fire. (Lk. 16:19-31, Rev. 20:11-15). But the mercy of God has provided a way of escape for every sinner thru the New Birth (John 3:3, 5, 7), conditioned upon repentance, the door into Eternal Life. Jesus, the Son of God, accomplished four things for every repentant sinner.

1. He died to save us thru the acceptance of His finished work upon the cross of Calvary. 1 Cor. 15:1-3.
2. He rose from the dead to justify us, which means to be reckoned righteous in the sight of God. Acts 13:39.
3. He lives to intercede for us, Heb. 7:25, and thus meets our every need for spirit, soul, and body.

4. He is coming again to bless, reward, and glorify us. Mt. 25:14-30.

God has given us the power of choice, and every man needs to remember that there are two Masters, God and Satan, who are seeking to control us; they both seek embodiment to carry out their purposes thru us. There are but two classes of people in God's sight, the saved and the lost, the believers and the unbelievers; and there are but two destinies, heaven and hell, and you, my dear reader, have the power to choose as to where you will spend eternity. The storm clouds are approaching; God's judgments are falling upon a God-rejecting world, and there is still time to accept His gracious invitation to get aboard the Gospel Ship bound for the harbor of peace with Jesus, the Divine Pilot aboard. Won't you kneel right where you are and accept Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as your personal Savior and thus escape and flee from the coming flood of God's wrath?

THE YIELDED LIFE

By John L. Bray

Dwight L. Moody was once walking alongside a river with a friend of his, when the friend made this statement, "The world has yet to see what God can do with a man fully yielded to Him." Moody said, "By the grace of God, I'll be that man." And today we can look back and see how God used Dwight L. Moody in His plan to save men and women from their sins. Moody was willing to pay the price; he was willing to let go of self, and to "let God"—to completely yield himself and to show that there was yet a God in Heaven who could save unto the uttermost.

The greatest instrument in the hands of God is the life that is yielded to Him. A life that is filled with thoughts of this world, and a life that would rather serve self than God, is by no means one that God is going to work through. God wants the life that wants God to have it. A life that wants self to rule, that wants self to have full sway, that wants to work out its own plans, is not the life that God is going to bless.

A life yielded to God is a Christ-centered life. Such a life seeks to do God's will and to banish thoughts of self that would conflict with that will, for the Christ-centered life is the life of Christ manifested in us. Jesus Himself said, "I came not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me." A yielded life lets God work, lets God live, and lets God have His way in it.

There is joy in the life that is yielded. The Christian who has completely turned his life over into the hands of God has taken his eyes off the things of this world, and looks to God above. Thank God, a life yielded to Him and filled with the Holy Spirit cares nothing for the things of this world. They have no place in his heart. The life so yielded puts itself down—down at the feet of Jesus, and the lower down it puts itself, the higher it can see, until at last every thought and every desire centers around Christ Himself. The reason why Christians do not have the power and the presence of God in their lives as they should have is because they have not come to the place where their lives are fully yielded to Him. There is a great difference between the ordinary Christian and the one who is yielded to God. The Christian who is yielded to God can be found sometimes early in the morning, and sometimes late at night, on his knees praying to God. Throughout the day words of harshness or ill feeling are not heard to fall from his lips. When he talks to someone, the presence of a holy life is felt. A concern is in his heart to see people saved. Wherever he goes, and whatever he does, the beauty of holiness is seen in his life.

A yielded life brings forth a holy life. Real holiness comes only through the power of the Holy Spirit, and thus enables him to be guided and dominated by the Spirit Himself. When so many times a person looks back on his life and sees his mistakes and sins, he sometimes wonders, "Should I go on? Can I really live the Christian life?" But each time there comes a small voice saying, "Yield yourself to God." And whenever that life yields itself to God, then God fills with His Spirit, takes possession of that life, and gives power to live according to the will of God.

God wants us to give ourselves not to a work, but to an occupation, not to a field of service, but to HIM. Not that He does not want us to have a special work to do for Him, but rather, that ourselves should FIRST be

yielded to Him, so that He can work out His plan in our lives.

There are those who will give money, time, and talent in the service of the Lord, yet in their hearts they know that they have not completely given THEMSELVES to God. God wants US, and until we ourselves are completely given over into the hands of God, to do His will instead of ours, we have not come to the place that God wants us to be. God wants us in His hands, to mold, to make, to use us. It takes a life yielded to Him to be in this place.

"Wilt Thou Revive Us Again?"

By W. C. Moore

No work for God can prosper except it be supported and defended by definite, believing prayer.

It is Revival or ruin so far as the spiritual life of the individual Church is concerned.

And revivals are born in prayer and only flourish in a prayer atmosphere.

It is very important to have Group Prayer Meetings at the Church regularly, and to attend these services just as faithfully as the usual church services.

For a work to be successful, not only must the Gospel be preached in the power of the Spirit, but God's Word must be obeyed, and God's continuous help must be maintained by the persistent prayers of His people.

It was prayer that gave birth to the revival that came to the battleship North Carolina as she lay in the harbor of New York. To quote John Shearer, M. A., in "Old Time Revivals," "Her complement was about a thousand men. Among them were four Christians, one being an Episcopalian, another a Presbyterian, while two were Baptists. They met in the retired part of the ship below deck to pray, but as they knelt there their hearts were so filled with the joy of salvation that they burst into song. The strange, sweet strains rose to the decks above, and their ungodly shipmates came running down to mock and to scorn. But the mighty power of God gripped them and their derisive laugh was changed to the cry of penitents!

"A most gracious revival broke out on board the battleship. Night after night prayer meetings were held and conversions took place daily. Soon they had to send ashore for help, and ministers joyfully came to assist.

"A large number were added to the various churches and the battleship became a veritable House of God! The North Carolina was a receiving ship from which men were constantly drafted to other ships. The converts of this revival was thus spread throughout the navy. A revival convert is a burning brand. The holy fire spread rapidly from ship to ship. Wherever they were, they started a prayer meeting and became a soul-winning band. Thus ship after ship left the harbor of New York for foreign seas each carrying its band of rejoicing converts, and the fire of God was borne to the ends of the earth."

"Wilt Thou not revive us again: that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?" Psalm 85:6.

"It is time for Thee, Lord, to work; for they have made void Thy law." Psalm 119: 26.

Healed and Baptized in Holy Ghost

We received the blest handkerchiefs, and in a short while my companion, Ten Tannehill, received the Holy Spirit. I was also healed of a pain in my shoulder, which had bothered me for sometime. The Lord is able to heal if we will only have faith in Him; praise His name.

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GARMENTS SPOTTED

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"Christ . . . loved the Church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious Church not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such things but what it should be holy and without blemish." Ephesians 5:25-27.

Christ, the Bridegroom, is coming soon. He is coming for a Bride without spot. Garments spotted by the flesh are not found in the spotless wardrobe of the Bride of Christ (Psalm 45).

We are in too solemn times to gloss things over. In revealing personal responsibility for readiness for the Coming of the Lord, the Word of God is searching and challenging. "Behold I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." (Rev. 16, 15).

This is a day of sudden happenings. The Lord is coming quickly. There is to be a sudden catching away of them that have made themselves ready. "No man," warns Dr. Pierson, "can afford (in these days and hours) spiritual sloth, for the pace of world events is at lightening speed; a decade of years now sees changes that a century did not witness in the time of Alexander the Great, or a thousand years in the days of Abraham." To delay at a time like this in getting right and keeping right with God is nothing short of perilous. We place ourselves now in jeopardy if we have one thing between us and our Lord. Without holiness no man shall see the Lord. "Watch ye . . . pray always . . . that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man." (Luke 21:36).

Our lives must be cut to the pattern of God's Word. Wise virgins are now zealously trimming their lives according to the Word of God. This is a time when our motives are being investigated. We are being searched down to our last word. The blood of Jesus Christ brings us into the Kingdom but the crowns worn in the Kingdom are won by implicit, unswerving obedience to the Word of God. "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:10).

Our love-feasts today are blighted by spots (Jude 12). There is much unreality in our profession. We pray without expecting answers. This sham and unbelief are not only experienced in our prayers but in our testimonies. They are loaded down with orthodox phraseology. But they are lacking in real, vital conviction. Sacred things are spoken glibly. We preach consecration without experience backing our words. Now is the time to let the Lord search through our prayers, search out our lives and go through our service. Otherwise all this hay and stubble will be burned as by fire. If the plumb-line of God's Word doesn't hang plumb with our lives, if we are coming short of His standard of holiness, if there is unreality in our experience, we need to implore Him NOW to put His hand upon us and purely purge away the dross. These are days, by our obedience or disobedience to the plain commandments of the Word of God, that we are either gaining or losing a crown. We may not be appointed to wrath, but by our very actions we Christians may incur it. Remember

Lot's wife! Escaping God's wrath in Sodom, she incurred it on the Plain. Her obedience caused her to escape God's judgment of fire and brimstone on Sodom. But her disobedience on the Plain brought upon her the judgment of salt.

At his Coming Christ presents to Himself a glorious Church without spot. "Blessed is He that watcheth and keepeth his garments." Spots are a sign of impurity and unholiness. There is the spot of disobedience. This was Jonah's spot. He was unwilling to do what the Lord asked him to do. The Lord asks us not to judge people. We go right ahead, condemning and censuring people we do not like or who offend us. We must get off the judgment seat. We can never go from any judgment seat upon which we are sitting over our fellowmen into translation glory.

The Lord commands us to love our enemies. Do we love those who have wronged us and made us suffer? It is not enough that we do not retaliate. It is not enough that we try to love our enemies and to be kind to the unthankful. Like the Lord we must be tender in our pity and compassion and merciful to the unrighteous. The meek and lowly Jesus is the divine pattern for our lives. God is waiting for us to purge and purify ourselves and cleanse our garments from these spots. He is dealing with us sharply now along these lines of overcoming. He wants us to rid ourselves of these spots.

Another unsightly spot is unforgiveness. Indulging in an unforgiving spirit will keep us from being ready when Jesus comes. We cannot say we cannot forgive, for if we cannot forgive others we forfeit our right to even expect the Lord to forgive us (Matt. 6:15, Eph. 4:30, 32).

Woe unto us if our garments are spotted by the flesh! An unbroken spirit is an ugly spot. We should be afraid to have our own way. It is far better to submit to others whose way is not so good as ours, and break in the hands of God, than to indulge in self-will. "Let your yieldness be known unto all men," (Phil. 4:5). The Lord is waiting to deal with our strong, hard, stubborn nature. We can't afford for one moment to want our own way. If we have not broken in the hands of God, we had better cry unto God for grace to submit and yield utterly before it is too late.

Achan's garments were spotted with covetousness. "Covetousness is idolatry." Covetousness is selfishness. It is wanting things for self. It is setting aside the Lord's command to seek FIRST the things of God. This unsightly spot is found on the garments of many so-called Christians. If we are going about building our own houses, holding our own property, and leaving the NEEDS of His work go unmet, there is going to be a fearful accounting in that day when all our works are to be tried as by fire.

Ananias and Sapphira had their garments spotted with pretense. It cost them their lives. If this spot or any other spot is on our garments, it will cost us high too. Martha's spot was anxiety and fretting. Other spots are unbelief, pride, jealousy, fear, evil-speaking, evil communications, false witnessing, tale-bearing, etc.

Are our garments spotted with the flesh? Let the Spirit search us NOW. If God sees any spot in us He will show it to you by His Spirit. "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent." (Rev. 3:19).

Eliesar's choice of Rebekah as the Bride of Isaac is a type of the selective work of the Spirit now in progress in choosing for the Heavenly Isaac a Bride. This work of the Spirit, felt rather than seen, is today everywhere going on in yielded hearts, transforming, quickening to overcome, that Christ might be glorified in us and we in Him (2 Thes. 1:12).

Scholars assert the word translated

"Overcomer" in the third Chapter of Revelations is really "conqueror." Thus the Lord divides the membership of the Seven Churches into Conquerors and Conquered. In conquering self, the world and the devil the Lord has given us His Spirit to help our infirmities (Rom. 8:13). If now we will only commit our needs of heart, purity and holiness to the Spirit in a definite, unwavering trust, He will mortify the deeds of the flesh and will work in us to conform us to Christ's death and quicken us into His likeness. Many of us are failing by trying ourselves to mortify the old life. The spirit will do it, as we under the Blood of Christ, yield ourselves to His mighty working. Victory is never attained by struggling, but by trusting. By simple faith give yourself to His keeping and be kept from sin and self by the power of God through faith.

The Efficient Life

Acts 1:4

The Baptism of the Spirit; the endowment of power; the anointing; the Promise of the Father, are all one and the same. This Pentecostal gift was foretold by the prophets, repeated by John and Jesus and was intended to be the possession of the church through all time.

This "Promise of the Father" is not that gift of the Spirit by which men are converted. Every sinner has the Spirit to convince him of the truth, to convict him of sin and to point him to Calvary. Every true follower of Christ has been born of and is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

This promise of the Father is not that gift of the Spirit by which men are sanctified, though it is all the work of the Spirit. Sanctification is seen in the even tenor of one's life. If a Christian can suffer injustices and endure insults without resenting them; is always kind and long suffering, it is a good evidence of his sanctification.

"The Promise of the Father," while it includes sanctification, is a special anointing for service and is productive of marvelous results, as witnessed on the Day of Pentecost.

It was not intended to be merely an Apostolic blessing. See Acts 2:39. That it was intended for all who would meet the conditions cannot be doubted in the face of multitudinous testimony that comes from many lands. J. Walton entered the ministry with scarcely a common school education and in poor health. He broke down several times. After receiving this gift, he labored incessantly without weariness, and never held a service without conversions. Mr. Moody held four services a day for five months, being super-naturally supported in the same way. The laymen think it is not for them, but for the ministers, and the ministry thinks it is only for some evangelists, and so the devil is cheating the Church out of its Pentecostal blessing.

Father Carpenter was an old man who had his name on the church record, but like many others he was only a cipher. He sought and obtained the Baptism. A new fire was kindled in his heart which burned with a passion for souls. Meetings were held by him in school houses and halls, where convicted sinners rushed to the altar for prayers. After his death, his pastor said he had led ten thousand souls to Christ.

Spurgeon once said it was the privilege of every Christian to enjoy all that the apostles ever enjoyed.

A woman asked Mr. Moody if she could have this gift. He said he knew no reason why she could not. She said: "I need it. My husband and children are all unsaved, my S. S. class of girls are worldly and giddy." She

shut herself in her room with God until the fire fell. In six weeks her husband, her children and five young ladies in her class, of the seven, were converted; and Mr. Moody said that as the result of that one woman's quickening 500 souls were added to that church that year.

Say, Brother, is such a blessing promised? If you read your Bible you know it is. Then what a loss to be without it. I am convinced that the rapid propagation of the Gospel depends upon this more than upon anything else. Then God's children will speak with new tongues. It may not be in different languages, but our testimonies will be on fire of the Holy Spirit—not wild fire. Be sure you get the genuine and not the imitation. Jesus depends upon these tongues of fire to convince men of the truth and convict them of sin. Satan does not care for great cathedrals, rented pews, high sounding organs, operatic choirs, literary essays, and a formal service, but tongues of fire stir him up. What could the disciples do without them? Jesus gave them an endowment of power everytime He sent them to preach. "The fire of the Spirit burns up all that is light weight, chaffy, unsubstantial, the desire for light reading, the twaddle of the times, gossip and nonsensical talk."

The Holy Spirit is a mighty energizing force and we should pray that He may be enthroned as the great central fact and force of the militant church. "Archimedes defeated the enemy by burning the vessels in the harbor of Syracuse. He focused the rays of the sun upon the ships and they went up in flames." We need to bring the divine power to bear on human need and the plans of the enemy will fail. Those who pay the price get the power. We have just as much of God and His grace as we live for. In these awful times when wicked men are waxing worse and worse, and are something the arch-fiend himself cannot overthrow. We are so busy we don't take time to obey the command: "Wait for the promise of the Father." We need to tarry on our knees till something happens. Our machinery needs lubricating. We, too, often get dry, rusty and snappy, with sometimes a hot box. The anointing relieves the friction, wear and tear. Then it is a good thing to have religion enough to stir up the devil, but it takes more not to let the devil stir us up, but to keep sweet always, with a shine on our face, whether under fire or while praying for our enemies. It makes us feel "a divine pull," drawing us upward, and it will keep on until it pulls us into the haven. As we have already seen, it prepares us for the efficient life. God is today using many a weak, illiterate man to rescue the perishing. Nelly Hall seeks this blessing then goes back to her home in Sweden and in six weeks, 1500 souls are converted in her meetings.

The great want of the church is an overwhelming visitation of the Holy Spirit. We are paralyzed by our doubts; live too close to the world, think too much of entertainment, spend more time playing games, gossiping and at picture shows than we do seeking the kingdom of God.

If we had the Pentecostal blessing we would have all the joy we could contain and be centers of great spiritual influence and power, while mighty revivals would be everywhere. I wish that all who follow Christ might make a full and definite surrender of ourselves to Him with the understanding that the sole object of our lives from this on might be the glory of God in holy living and the salvation of souls. When we get into the right attitude to the Holy Spirit, He will not keep us waiting.

Yours till the Lord's return.

—Free Tract Society

I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.