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Jesus Saves — Jesus Heals

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"And if I go . . . I will come again . . ." John 14:3

" . . . He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father." John 14:12

"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." John 14:14

"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 . . . and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord . . ." Philippians 2:9-11

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John 14:18

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

By CORA L. VINAL

1. IF I GO I WILL COME AGAIN" (John 14:1-25).

Our Lord must have been deeply moved as He sat with His disciples around the Passover table so long ago in old Jerusalem. The time of His departure was at hand. Judas had already gone out with a devil-inspired determination to betray Him. And Jesus knew that His beloved disciples would be left as sheep without a shepherd. He knew that the next few days would be a time of great sorrow and temptation. These men believed in Him. They had left all to follow Him. They had watched Him perform many mighty miracles. They had accompanied Him as "He went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil." But in a few short hours they would see Him led away as a criminal to execution while a misinformed and excited mob would cry, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" And so sought to prepare them with these words: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me." Or in other words: "Do not despair. Do not cast away your confidence. Do not give up to grief or discouragement. Believe in Me whatever comes to pass."

And then He continues: "In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." No one but the Son of God could have uttered such words. He alone could encourage them to look beyond the cruel stripes, and the death of the cross, and the darkness of the grave, to that promised heavenly country. And those matchless words have comforted the hearts of troubled and earth-weary believers from that day until now. For Father's house is a place to be greatly desired. It will provide ample room for all, and will afford peace and security to all. It will be a delightful place prepared for His own children.

One morning the writer, upon awakening early, offered this prayer for her oldest brother who was seriously ill with a heart condition: "Lord, what is your highest thought for my brother? What is for his best good?" And immediately the answer came: "No burdens yonder. Not a single care." He had preached the Gospel for many years, and now the time had come to cease from all earthly labors, and rest. What a comfort to know that he would have an eternal abiding-place in Father's own house. Amy Carmichael, that dedicated missionary to India, has referred to that wonderful place as "Father's own country." And surely it will not be a restricted area like some earthly community; but the redeemed ones will have freedom to enjoy the wide expanses of beautiful scenery, and the delightful associations unspoiled by hatred or strife.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." And to be with Jesus will be the crowning joy of all. And even here upon earth, though the dwelling-place be ever so humble, yet if Jesus is present, all is well. And to be with Him in that land that is fairer than day will be wonderful beyond description. But the question is, are we ready to hail His coming with gladness? Are we sure that our sins have been washed away in His precious shed blood? Are we sure that our affections are set upon things above? Our Lord is not coming for an indif-

ferent, worldly-minded church. He is coming to receive unto Himself "a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy, and without blemish."

2. "IF YE SHALL ASK ANYTHING IN MY NAME, I WILL DO IT."

The work which our Lord had begun must be carried on after His departure. He was about to lay down His life as a sin-offering for this judgment-bound world. But that was not the end. The people of this world must know about it. His disciples must take over and be His witnesses to all nations. How could they ever do it? Jesus said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father." What is the answer then? How would they be able to accomplish greater things than He had accomplished? How would they be able to get their prayers through to bring great and mighty things to pass? How would they be able to face the unbelieving scribes and Pharisees, and the hard-hearted despots of the Roman government? And how would they be able to go to the uttermost parts of the earth and stand up against the opposing powers of darkness? Jesus gave them the answer: "Because I go to the Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

What an uplift, and what an encouragement, to know that Jesus is in heaven, there to appear in the very presence of God for us. It should cause every believer to press forward anew. And then added to that, Jesus said: "If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it." And that is something beyond what human beings could ever ask or think. For the name of Jesus is all-powerful. It is the name greatly revered by angelic beings. It is the name which God the Father delights to honor. For God "hath highly exalted Him, and hath given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:9-11). And that time is fast approaching.

But now we have a priceless privilege. Even in these mortal bodies, with our limited understanding, we can offer our petitions in the name of Jesus, and expect an answer. That is, if we are abiding in Him. It is not sufficient just to add His holy name to our oft-times unholy petitions. We cannot bombard the throne of God in the name of Jesus and expect to have our own selfish plans promoted, nor our own ambitions fulfilled. But if we honor His name in our daily lives He will honor our prayers. If we confess His name before men He will confess us before the Father and the holy angels. If we are devoted to His cause He will plead our cause. If we take our place with Him crucified He will grant us to share in His favor, and finally in His everlasting honor and glory.

3. "I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS: I WILL COME TO YOU."

This is the third great promise in this wonderful chapter. And it is also to the believers. Jesus said: "If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth . . . for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." Another Comforter! And how greatly the disciples would need that kind of spiritual help. And how greatly the church needs that kind of spiritual endowment in these difficult

Christ With Us

By GEORGE MULLER*

"I am with you alway." Matt. 28:20

Let us seek to enter into this truth. It not merely applies to spiritual matters, but to all with which we come in contact in the body.

If sickness overtake us, it is for our blessing and profit,—there is no other end for which God sends it to His children but to do them good at their latter end. What are we to do? Tell Jesus, "Lord Jesus, Thou seest my pain, my feebleness, my weakness,—be Thou my Helper, my Physician. Wilt Thou help and succour me? Show me what Thou wilt have me to do—help me habitually to roll my burden on Thee." What will be the result? We shall see how pitiful the Lord is. We may have to ask again and again, and wait, but we must ask Him to give submission meantime.

Some people think life a burden, so do not wish to live. I have no sympathy with this, for I find life no burden. If we roll our burden on the Lord, and walk with God, and enter into what the blessed Jesus is ready to do for us; if we speak to Him, and put confidence in Him,—in the end we shall find every trial, without a single exception, has been for blessing and thank Him for all His dealings with us.

Another point,—the Lord Jesus is with us in our family position. The difficulties may be many and great, but bring them to Him, tell Him you do not know how to manage your affairs, and roll them on the Lord. Then in your business or profession, you are on no account to suppose that you are able to manage matters. To the end of our earthly pilgrimage we remain nothing in ourselves. But this is only one side. Jehovah, Jesus

days. Nothing else can enable the followers of Christ to keep going forward against the opposing forces of wickedness that are fast closing in upon this greatly troubled world. It is only by the indwelling Spirit of God that His redeemed church can go through triumphantly.

"I will not leave you comfortless." Is this a reality? Has the Comforter actually come to abide? Or is this a statement in God's Word that we know little about? If so, we can know. And if we would worship and serve God acceptably, we must know. Our Lord never intended for His children to struggle along by themselves. He has provided just the help that every believer needs. "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even

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Rest In His Care

By MARTHA SNELL NICHOLSON

Help me to place in Thy hands today The thing that my heart most fears— Tomorrow's anguish and bitter pain, Tomorrow's sorrow and tears.

Ease Thou my burden, and lighten my load,

Until only today is left; Soft comes His voice in the hush of my soul,

"O broken heart, and bereft, "My grace is sufficient for thee today; Pillow upon My breast

Thy weary head; in My circling arms Thou shalt find rest.

"Today I can meet thine every need, And today My love can fill

The echoing chambers of thy heart— Then rest, thee, and be still."

Be still and trust—tomorrow's tears May all be wiped away

By God Himself, O grieving heart, Thy Lord may come today!

is with us, provided we let Him come in to be a partner in our business, trade, or profession, and turn to Him for help. What is the result? Peace,—and our very business becomes food for our soul.

Thus traveling on through life, happy if we have Jesus with us, not longing to get rid of life, but ready to serve Him half a century more, or to be taken. But at last death comes, if the coming of the Lord Jesus prevent not. But the Lord Jesus will be with us in death. He was with us in health and strength, He is with us now when feeble and weak, even if the mental powers are gone. He has not left us. He has not forsaken us. He passes with us though the valley of the shadow of death. "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Oh, the blessedness of such a position!

But if you have not Christ you are alone, . . . and will be lost, and lost forever. See to it now, and then you will have Christ with you in life, and Christ with you in death. I have had Him with me,—for sixty long happy years I have had Him with me, and I am a happy man. Oh, the blessedness and happiness of it is unspeakable! Therefore seek Him while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near, that you may be happy for time and for eternity.

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In The Name
Of Freedom

"Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country."

This is the simple, non-denominational prayer which the United States Supreme Court has now ruled an offense to the Constitution. It was devised by the New York State Board of Regents and recommended for use in the State's public schools.

The Court decision is significant not only in itself but also as symptomatic of a broader move in the nation toward the rigid exclusion of all traces of religion in the public schools. We think this attitude bespeaks considerable confusion and no abundance of common sense.

Justice Black, writing for the six to one majority, contends that the New York prayer violates that part of the First Amendment which says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Specifically, he charges that it does establish religion.

Now if it were true that the prayer constituted an establishment of religion it would be a serious matter indeed. The authors of the Bill of Rights wrote the establishment clause because they understood very well the perils of state religion and the tyranny which can go with it—which in fact had driven many from the Old World to the New to find religious freedom.

But only a violent wrenching of language can produce the interpretation that the prayer establishes a religion. If one looks at its 22 innocuous words, it must be asked, What religion? Nor does it interfere with anyone's Constitutional right of free exercise of religion, including the right to practice no religion and believe in none. It is non-denominational; it is not mandatory in any school; no pupil is required to recite it.

It is simply one among innumerable official governmental references expressing what the Court itself said 10 years ago, that by and large Americans are a religious people. As Justice Stewart observes in his dissent in the present case, "to deny the wish of these school children to join in reciting this prayer is to deny them the opportunity of sharing the spiritual heritage of our nation."

If the majority opinion prevails, however, it must logically require the excision of all those countless other official references to God—such as in the Declaration of Independence, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Star-Spangled Banner, the words used to inaugurate the President, open the Congress and convoke the Supreme Court itself. Justice Douglas, concurring with the majority, seems to say it does and should apply to these and all the other official instances.

And that is by no means all. If the majority doctrine stands, then anything that smacks of religious instruction or the subtle imparting of a religious viewpoint in the public schools becomes suspect. Do not suppose this to be a fanciful exaggeration. Already the Bible is banned from some schoolrooms. Already a Florida court decision has declared school observances at Easter and Christmas to be unconstitutional, and similar efforts are afoot elsewhere. (Poor kids, if they can't even sing Christmas carols.)

As for banning the Bible, with its magnificent poetry and philosophy, that is but the bare beginning, since so much of our culture is Biblical in derivation. In Matthew Arnold's phrase, the main streams of Western civilization are Hebraism and Hellenism, and by Hebraism is meant the whole Judaeo-Christian tradition and ethic.

Shall we, then, uproot it? Out the window with everything from Dante to Donne, from Milton to Dickens? Or how can public-school teachers teach about Bach or Michelangelo, when the context is so inescapably religious? What is left of history?

Thus carried to its conclusion, the argument reduces itself to absurdity. That is why we would enter a plea for the exercise of a little common sense. Any actual attempt to establish a specific state religion is a danger that ought to be easily recognizable. But it is something entirely different to suppose that, short of unimaginable police tactics, teaching about religion can be divorced from the American education with which it is inextricably bound up as a central fact of our heritage.

Those who persist in such attempts had best take care lest, in the name of religious freedom, they do real damage to free institutions.

— The Wall Street Journal

"It is more blessed to be wise in truth in the face of opinion, than to be wise in opinion in the face of truth."

To Our Readers and
Prayer Band:

As we write this letter to our HERALD OF HOPE readers we are in a great Gospel Crusade in Kingston, Jamaica. The Lord indicated some time ago that we should once more travel to this Island and to its people we have learned to love, and hold another Salvation-Healing Crusade. Rev. Luke Summers, Island Overseer of the New Testament Church of God, very kindly arranged for us to use the facilities of the new headquarters Tabernacle in Constant Spring, a Kingston suburb. This new, modern building will easily seat 1,000 people. Elder B. H. Samuels is the pastor in charge of this fine work.

Notices were sent to our HERALD OF HOPE readers all over the Island and they are coming from every direction to have a part in this, their Crusade. This is more like a national camp meeting than a Gospel Crusade, for each night almost half the congregation is made up of new folk who have not been here before.

Accompanying us to the Island for their first trip, and to assist in the Crusade, are my mother, my wife, and my twin daughters, Viola and Vivian. This surely is a new experience for them all, but they love the people and the work of God. Brother Ted Whitesell, a Full Gospel Business Man from Glendale, Calif., also came to the Island with us to help in the prayer for the sick. Brother Ted has great faith in God and has been greatly used in the ministry of deliverance. He has an instruction and healing meeting each afternoon from 5:30 to 7:00, and then we follow at 7:30 with the nightly evangelistic service. Hundreds have responded to the invitation to make a decision for Christ and each night men, women, boys and girls have been coming to the altar in sincere repentance. Hundreds more have been miraculously healed of their ailments, their diseases and their infirmities.

At the same time we are here in Jamaica in this great Crusade, revival is in progress at the "Old Pisgah" Tabernacle, our home base in Los Angeles, California. Brother and Sister John and Elsie McAteer have been assuming the major part of the evangelistic responsibility in our absence.

The Christ Faith Mission Orphanage work in the Baha Peninsula of Mexico goes forward with renewed vigor. Recently the workers there were made to rejoice when two military barracks near Los Angeles were donated for the salvaging of building material for children's dormitories. The Lord sent in workers; and at this writing the lumber is on the way to its destination in Mexico. All glory and praise to God! We here wish to thank all those who are contributing toward this project to help the needy children of Mexico.

Are you praying for the various language editions of the HERALD OF HOPE? The Editors write that offerings have been very few. I am sure more prayer is needed. Offerings for these papers should be sent directly to the addresses listed in the second column of this page.

When I think about the thousands of dollars that must be forthcoming each month to provide the necessary funds to carry on our various HERALD OF HOPE enterprises, I cannot help but praise God for the way He moves upon the hearts of our readers to make possible the daily supply. May I here express my deep gratitude to our friends who, hearing the voice of the Lord, or being impressed by Him to give, quickly obey? Only thus are we enabled to continue with our God-appointed task of bringing spiritual enlightenment and comfort to many who otherwise would have no hope.

Please keep up the good work, my friends, and I am sure God will richly reward you for your faithfulness. Send your requests for prayers, your gifts and your offerings for this work of faith, to:

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H. J. Smith, Editor

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Keeping God's Secrets

By Bishop Dan T. Muse
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From the dawn of time God has revealed His plans for the immediate future, as well as plans for the ages of the ages, to God-fearing men whom He could trust to keep a secret. This is not only true in the general sense, but it is also true that God reveals to an individual (who will not betray His confidence) the things that may have a bearing on the life of the individual in the immediate future, as well as the months and years ahead. But the Christian must be trustworthy.

We read, "Surely the Lord will do nothing, but he revealeth his secrets unto his servants, the prophets." (Amos 3:7.) We also read, "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." (Ps. 25:14.) A secret is a sacred and solemn obligation between two or more persons. The thing God reveals to you may not necessarily be for public consumption. Unless He expressly grants you permission to impart the information to others, keep His secret inviolable.

One of the many benefits to be derived from the personal infilling of the Holy Spirit is to be found in the statement of the Lord Jesus (John 16:13), "He will show you things to come." Many good people deprive themselves of the benefits of such revelations, because they are too quick in the use of the tongue. I do not mean to imply that God will reveal everything relating to the individual's future. Yet there are many secrets of the future relating to the individual, or to the community, or to the church, that God desires to reveal to those of His followers who can be trusted to "keep the secret."

The inward urge to be the "first to tell" something is an evil, commonly, prevalent in mankind, and this "inward urge" is not absent from a large segment of the Christian society.

The operations of the gifts of the Spirit in the church are frequently retarded, and at times virtually eliminated from the local congregation, because of indiscretions of the tongue. Even so, if the Spirit grants an individual "spiritual discernment," and secretly reveals a situation needing correction, that does not necessarily mean for the matter to be paraded before the congregation and community.

"Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God." (Rom. 14:22.) If God graciously grants you the gift of faith, do not permit your ego to become inflated, resulting in egotistical strutting, and proclaiming, "I had my hands on the individual," or, "I prayed for this person, and the Lord heard my prayer and healed him." Let God have ALL the glory. It matters not who had their hands on the sick person — or even if, in the will of God, you did pray the prayer of faith — it was God who did the healing. The church would have more real power, and more God-given faith, if it kept humble and learned to retain inviolable God's secrets. God will not give His glory to another.

Do not become a talebearer revealing to others the thing God confided to you in secret. "Discover not a secret to another." (Prov. 25:9.) God says, "A talebearer revealeth secrets, but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter." (Prov. 20:19.)

If Satan discovers you are the recipient of the favor of God in possessing a secret from Him, he will utilize every tactic at his command to trap you into betraying God's confidence and revealing the secret. And the revelation of a secret may prevent its fulfillment. Jude informs us that the adversary endeavored to provoke Michael to reveal the secret place of Moses' burial. But Michael kept the secret locked in his own being and merely said, "The Lord rebuke thee, Satan."

Revealing God's secret can have tragic results at times. Take Samson for illustration. Satanic forces used a woman that appealed to the fancy of Samson, and following repeated efforts by this worldling to obtain the source of his power, Samson eventually succumbed to her pettishness and told her "all of his heart." (Judges 16:17, 18.) As a result he lost his power, came into disfavor with God, and suffered immeasurably for his folly.

If God lets you in on a secret that He is going to heal a certain individual — don't run like a race horse to tell others about it. Keep it to yourself. You may attempt to hide your folly in telling the Lord's secret with the excuse that you did it to encourage the faith of the individual; but likely your folly will prevent the healing of the individual. What havoc has been wrought by telling God's secrets. If you discover His secret to

The Word Amen

The word amen has had a curious history. It is Hebrew, taken over into the English language by translators of the Bible. From there it went into the Book of Common Prayer of the English Church, and when the Methodist Movement arose the little Hebrew word became an ejaculation of praise, to be used whenever needed as the response to the Scripture, or to the minister's statements or simply because of a feeling of happiness in the Lord. In the years since then amen has come to common usage by even the unreligious to express agreement.

Amen signifies true, truly, certain, certainly. Used in the Old Testament, it often serves to express much more than mere agreement. One authority explains, "By pronouncing it the listener associates himself with what has been uttered; he recognizes it as valid; he makes it his own; he is ready to conform to it." Thus amen is a vocal signature. By saying "Amen" the hearer becomes a signer of a compact. He puts his own name at the bottom of the page, saying, in effect, "These are my thoughts, and I will stand by them."

When the people said, "Amen," to the commandments given by Moses they agreed to follow them and to accept the consequences.

So we see that it is sometimes a dangerous thing for one to say "Amen!"

The word was used in the worship of the Hebrews to confirm a prayer, to underscore the solemn promise of a doxology. And in early Christian worship it was found at the end of prayers and doxologies, not as a signal that the prayer or praise was ended, but as the verbal signature of a congregation. "So be it" is the meaning of the Greek word used in these cases, but the translation from Hebrew into Greek, like all translations, weakens the force of the original. To understand the amen we must go back to the Hebrew.

Jesus used the word often, as quoted in the Gospel, and in some cases the newer translations get a more accurate rendition by the use of truly. A familiar phrase occurs often in the King James version, "Amen, I tell you that . . ." This is a particularly solemn formula which expresses the Christian affirmation to God. "The Yes of the Church echoes the Yes of God," says one commentator, "and this Yes is none other than Jesus Christ, whom the Apocalypse designates the Faithful Witness, the Amen, the True Amen and the final Amen."

A study of the word amen as used in the Bible leaves one with a feeling of awe and appreciation. It is truly a theological word, a word with meaning far beyond that which we usually comprehend. —Selected

"If we would have peace of mind and complete happiness in our lives, sooner or later we must come to the full realization that our relationship with God can never be divorced from our relationship with one another."

DON'T LOOK DOWN ON OTHERS, ONLY GOD SITS THAT HIGH.

another, it will be futile for you to sit back with an air of "I told you so," ready for the thing to happen. In all likelihood it will not happen.

When God let Abraham in on a secret that related to the destruction of Sodom, even though his nephew Lot lived in Sodom, Abraham did not send a runner post haste to inform Lot what the Lord had secretly revealed to him. Had he done so, Lot likely would have perished. Instead Abraham prayed—and Lot was spared.

Nehemiah was too wise to discover the secret he had from the Lord about rebuilding the walls: "Neither told I any man what God hath put in my heart to do at Jerusalem." And as a result Nehemiah built the walls and carried out all God had secretly put in his heart.

Some of us are too quick to tell others what God "hath put in our hearts to do," and as a result we meet up with insurmountable difficulties. Then we will more than likely face frustration in our efforts, and attribute defeat to the ingenuity of the devil. The truth of the matter is, we are personally responsible for the defeat by telling God's secret.

One of the difficult things is finding a person who is absolutely soundproof when it comes to keeping secrets. Many, many times Christians frustrate themselves by too freely using the tongue.

Are you trustworthy? Then do not permit the "urge" to be first to tell, nor the growing "ego" of self-importance, nor the cunningly devised traps of the enemy to pry your tongue loose. Keep God's secrets!

Deliverance From Prayerlessness

The greatest stumbling-block in the way of victory over prayerlessness is the secret feeling that we shall never obtain the blessing of being delivered from it. Often have we put forth effort in this direction, but in vain . . . If the question is put: "Is a change possible?" Our sighing heart says: "Alas, for me it is entirely impossible!" Do you know why that reply comes? It is simply because you have received the call to prayer as the voice of Moses and as a command of the law. Moses and his law have never yet given anyone the power to obey.

Do you really long for the courage to believe that deliverance from a prayerless life is possible for you, and may become a reality? Then you must learn the great lesson that such a deliverance is included in the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, that it is one of the blessings of the New Covenant which God Himself will impart to you through Christ Jesus.

Many a one has turned to his Inner Chamber under bitter self-accusation that he has prayed so little, and has resolved for the future to live in a different manner. Yet no blessing has come—there was not the strength to continue faithful, and the call to repentance had no power, because his eyes had not been fixed on the Lord Jesus. If he had only understood, he would have said:—"Lord, Thou seest how cold and dark my heart is: I know that I must pray, but I feel I cannot do so; I lack the urgency and desire to pray."

He did not know that at that moment the Lord Jesus, in His tender love, was looking down upon him and saying: "You cannot pray; you feel that all is cold and dark; why not give yourself over into My hands? Only believe that I am ready to help you in prayer; I long greatly to shed abroad My love in your heart, so that you, in the consciousness of weakness, may confidently rely on Me to bestow the grace of prayer. Just as I will cleanse you from all other sins, so also will I deliver from the sin of prayerlessness — only do not seek the victory in your own strength. Bow before Me as one who expects everything from his Saviour. Let your soul keep silence before Me, however sad you feel your state to be. Be assured of this — I will teach you how to pray."

In His infinite love, He longs to have communion with you every moment, and to keep you in the enjoyment of His fellowship.

Believe with your whole heart — there is deliverance from the sin of prayerlessness. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). In His blood and grace there is complete deliverance from all unrighteousness, and from all prayerlessness.

And how may the experience of deliverance be maintained? By daily, close fellowship with the Lord Jesus. Give Him time in the Inner Chamber to reveal Himself in His ever-present nearness, as the Eternal and Almighty One, the Eternal Love who watches over you. He longs to have fellowship with us every moment of the day, and to keep us in the enjoyment of that fellowship. This ought to be explained to every new convert: "The Lord loves you so, that He would have you near Him without a break, that you may have experience of His love." This is what every believer must learn who has felt his powerlessness for a life of prayer, of obedience, and of holiness. This alone will give us power as intercessors, to conquer the world, and to win souls out of it for our Lord.

Andrew Murray

NO ROOM?

"Our life is full," we say. We cannot be expected to give up one of our necessary interests. There is no more room. All the chambers in the inn are taken. The best we can do—for we are kind-hearted—is to arrange matters so that He can be housed comfortably in the manger.

Our manager is better than the one mentioned in Luke's Gospel. Instead of straw we have upholstered benches. Instead of a rude building we have one better than our own homes. We have it fixed up so that we really enjoy coming to it once a week, and meeting our Lord there . . . No one calls it a manger or a barn . . . But the church is a manger to Jesus Christ if we put Him there because we have no room for Him in our business, our society, our homes, our heart.

"Christian Victory."

No "Supposing"

Hannah Whitall Smith

The Presence of God is the fortress of His people. Nothing can withstand it. At His Presence the wicked perish; the earth trembles; the hills melt like wax; the cities are broken down; "the heavens also dropped, and Sinai itself was moved at the Presence of God." And in the secret of this Presence He has promised to hide His people from the pride of man, and from the strife of tongues. "My Presence shall go with thee," He says, "and I will give thee rest."

I wish it were only possible to make every Christian see this truth as plainly as I see it. For I am convinced it is the only clue to a completely restful life. Nothing else will enable a soul to live only in the present moment, as we are commanded to do, and to take no thought for the morrow. Nothing else will take all the risks and "supposes" out of a Christian's life, and enable him to say, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." Abiding in God's Presence, we run no risks. And such a soul can triumphantly say:

"I know not what it is to doubt,

My heart is always gay;

I run no risks, for come what will,

God always has His way!"

I once met with a poor colored woman who earned a precarious living by daily labor, but who was a joyous, triumphant Christian. "Ah, Nancy," said a gloomy Christian lady to her one day, who almost disapproved of her constant cheerfulness, and yet envied it—"Ah Nancy, it is all well enough to be happy now; but I should think the thoughts of your future would sober you. Only suppose, for instance, you should have a spell of sickness, and be unable to work; or suppose your present employers should move away, and no one else would give you anything to do; or suppose—" "Stop!" cried Nancy, "I never suppose. De Lord is my Shepherd, and I knows I shall not want. And, honey," she added, to her gloomy friend, "it's all dem supposes as is makin' you so mis'able. You'd better give dem all up, and just trust de Lord."

There is one text that will take all the "supposes" out of a believer's life, if only it is received and acted on in childlike faith; it is Heb. 13:5, 6. "Be content, therefore, with such things as ye have; for 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."

Touchy People

That interesting word "touchy" does not need to be defined. All of us know people to whom it applies, though most of us would indignantly deny that it applied to ourselves. Nearly everybody has some acquaintance so sensitive that they are likely to be wounded by the most casual remark. They take offense when the offenders have no idea what the trouble is.

Those of you who have been vaccinated recently had a little experience in being touchy. The small inflamed area on your arm made you reluctant to have anybody come near you. If a hilarious friend clapped you on the back, or a cordial one seized you by the hand, your mood was murderous. A sensitive spot, two inches in diameter, may transform the most amiable person into a misanthrope.

When a person is habitually touchy, it is safe to conclude there is an inflamed spot somewhere in the consciousness, an exaggerated self-esteem is continually getting bumped. A foolish regard for the opinion of other people makes the possessor most uncomfortable. Probably nothing makes one more touchy than a realization of his inferiority. That realization is a tender spot and he winces whenever anybody comes near it.

Are you touchy? Are you constantly getting your feelings hurt by little jokes, thoughtless remarks, indiscreet questions? If you are unreasonably sensitive, it is a good plan to find out why.—Selected

Get The Habit

Are you in the habit of saying "Thank you" to friends and others who do nice things for you? How rewarding are thankful words! They bring joy and encouragement to others.

A man said to a postman who brought the mail, "Thank you!" A friend, hearing him, asked, "Why did you say 'Thank you' to the postman? He is paid to bring you the mail, and sometimes he seems displeased to do it." "Why did I say, 'Thank you' to the postman? I thanked him not because of the kind of person he is, but because of the kind of person I am!"—Gospel Herald

Blest Handkerchief

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

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

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

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

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

NOTICE!

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

FREE OF BRONCHITIS

You were kind enough to post me a blessed handkerchief for my sister. I am most pleased to tell you that our doctor has twice stated this winter that she is clear of bronchitis. On the 12th of this month she will be 76 years old, and I can never in past years remember her free of bronchitis.—A.H., London, England

FINDS EMPLOYMENT

I wrote you to pray for me that I find a good job, as I am sole support of myself and five children, and thanks to God, I found a job and I am very pleased with it.—M.N., Miami, Florida

PEACE IN HOME

Thanks for your prayers toward my husband who started to keep another woman. From the time my letter reached your hand he went back to the woman's house no more, neither has the woman come back to my door. All the troubles went off in silence. I am glad for the peace in the home.—C.H., Seaford, Jamaica.

GOD A PRESENT HELP

My wife was suffering with an acute attack of gas and I telephoned for prayer. In one hour it was like she had never had the attack. — C.H., Los Angeles, Calif.

DELIVERED

I am in London from last year, and passed through a very terrible sickness. I did not believe that I would be able to live it out, and wrote to my Mother in Jamaica. She wrote to your healing mission and sent over one of your blest handkerchiefs to me and some of your leaflets, and by faith I am healed. I now send thanks and greetings to the HERALD OF HOPE.—L.P., London, England

CHURCH IS BLESSED

Through your prayers the dear Lord is richly blessing the believers here. Oh, praise His Holy Name! On Sunday night two were baptized with the Holy Ghost and others are still under conviction.—C.J.M.S., London, England

STOPS DRINKING

Sometime ago you prayed for a man called H.M., who was drinking a lot. Thank God, your prayers are being answered—he has stopped drinking. — Mrs. P.H., Portadown, Jamaica

NO HEART TROUBLE

I had high blood pressure and a bad heart. Since writing you I have had no more trouble. Thank the Lord, I am fine. —Mrs. M.W., Ripley, W. Va.

SAFE DELIVERY

I had written you for prayer for my daughter who was expecting a baby. She weighed only 72 lbs. The doctor said if she had one that weighed over 4 lbs. she would not live. She also had low blood. Her baby was born and it weighed 5 lbs. 10½ oz. and she got along fine. The baby is doing fine also.—Mrs. P. G. Waynesville, N. C.

APARTMENT RENTED

I asked you to help me pray for rental of my apartment. Happy to let you know that I have rented it to nice people. — Mrs. G.A., Kansas City, Mo.

EXAM PASSED

Please join me in praise unto the Lord who has answered our prayers and enabled me to pass the Third Jamaica Local exam.—L. M., Jamaica, W. I.

HEALED OF T.B.

Am so happy to be sending these few lines after reading the Herald of Hope. What great joy it brings to my heart in telling you God healed me of T.B. three years ago. Now I am well and back to work again, praising God always. Am very sorry not to have written you sooner to return my thanks after I had been healed through your blest handkerchief, but lost your address until a friend gave me a copy tonight.

GOD HEARD

Throughout my months of pregnancy I had been quite ill, and when the time drew near for me to have my baby I became quite fearful. I asked you to pray that God help me have an easy birth. He did work wonders, with the few labor pains I did have. I have four sons, and He blessed me with a sweet little baby girl.—Mrs. R.G.

DELIVERED FROM FEAR

God is a great deliverer—He has delivered me from fear. Thank God, he is good to all that trust in him. — N.F., Kingston Jamaica

LIKE A NEW PERSON

Thank God, your prayers have been answered. I am feeling like a new person now.—E.E.P., Jamaica, W.I.

AFFECTED SIDE HEALED

One night as I was reading the double page of testimonies in the Herald of Hope, I definitely felt the anointing of God was upon them, so when I retired for the night I tucked the paper between the covers of the bed. For several days I had had a very disagreeable sensation in my left side from my hip down, likely a nervous condition, and could not lay on that side. So, laying on my right side, that paper was over the affected part. Sometime later I awoke to find that in my sleep I had turned over and was laying in the very position I could not lay in before. That trouble has not bothered me since. — Mr. R.C., Campbell, Calif.

QUICK RECOVERY

I called you the first week in January and asked for prayer for my brother who had to have a heart operation and it was supposed to take many hours, but thank God, it only took 4½ hours for the operation and on the 20th of January he was discharged from the hospital, feeling fine. —Bronx, New York

HEALED OF HEADACHES

I am grateful to say that the Lord has healed me of the headaches I used to have, thank the Lord. Also the child I asked you to pray for, and for whom we also prayed, he can now walk. — R.M., Ponce de Leon, Cuba

FEET HEALED

After receiving the blessed handkerchief I looked up the verses printed on it and my Christ made me see and understand that my feet could be cured and that I could walk well again. I can now climb steps without holding on to the hand rail. — F.S., Houston, Texas

FEELS FINE

I am very grateful for your prayers and God, for He has cured me, and I feel fine now. — L. de C., Argentina

PAIN GONE

I am able to tell you by the grace of God that the pain in my face (and trouble) has disappeared. — L.C., Colonias Unidas

GRATEFUL

We are so grateful for a paper that is devoted to both the miraculous and holiness. So many tend to go to one extreme and omit the other. —Rev. F.H.I., Gospel Outreach, San Antonio, Texas

INSANITY HEALED

One of the healing cloths you sent was placed on an aunt who had been insane for many years. The aunt is now well. — R.G.B., Cuba

GOD IS WORKING

Please continue praying for me, for the two anointed cloths you sent have been greatly used for the healing of several people. — P.C.J., San Fernando, Tamps.

SAVED THRU HERALD

It has been three months since the Lord Jesus saved me when I got the Herald in my hands, through whom I do not know. — F. de R., San Fernando, Calif.

NOW TEACHING SCHOOL

I am the girl that wrote to you sometime ago, asking for your prayer to help me to finish school, and praise God, he has heard and answered prayer. I have finished and I am now teaching school. — C. S., Autryville, N. C.

CHEST HEALED

I wrote to you that I had a chest complaint for about 25 years. Recently, as I went to see my doctor and was x-rayed, he said there is no sickness in my chest any more, so I need not go to the hospital again. — C.K.A., Ghana, W. Africa

COMPLETELY RECOVERED

I am sure I asked for your prayers for my son who went through surgery and later was in an oxygen tent because of pneumonia. I want to thank you for your prayers. He is now completely recovered and says he feels fine. —Mrs. F.

EASY DELIVERY

I wrote you last year to pray for me as I was expecting a baby, and that the one before was 11 years old. Thank God, I gave birth to a baby boy without any trouble — it was the easiest time, also the quickest. —Mrs. M.C., Jamaica, W.I.

SAVED

My son-in-law, for whom you prayed, was saved February 25. Also we were able to buy a lot and build on it.—Mrs. P.F., Whittier, N.C.

PRISONER SAVED

In regard to my dear boy that got in trouble and had to go to the penitentiary, I asked you to pray for him that the Lord would save him. I had a letter from him and he has been saved, praise the Lord. —Mrs. R. W., Springfield, Mo.

RELIEF

I sent for a blest handkerchief and have used it twice on my lower lip that keeps cracking and bleeding. Since Sunday the lip has not hurt me. Also it is not swollen as previously. —C.T., Hesperia, Calif.

BLEEDING ULCER HEALED

I was miraculously healed of a serious duodenal ulcer several months ago. I am 69 years of age. I was preparing to go to church when I suddenly felt ill and hurried to the bathroom where I vomited more than a gallon of blood. I became unconscious. After another bleeding spell and unconsciousness, my wife phoned our family doctor and then phoned Christ Faith Mission, who prayed with her over phone. The doctor took me to the hospital. I began to feel better, and after several hours of examination, fluoroscope and x-rays, the doctors were surprised when they decided I would not need an operation. I was dismissed from the hospital in less than three days and our family doctor came to our home to treat me for a few days, then I went several times to his office, and was soon back at work. A year has passed and there has been no more stomach bleeding, and no symptom of any kind that I ever had an ulcer. My stomach is completely healed, and at my age it could only be a miracle of God's healing power. — C.D.S. Los Angeles, Calif.

CORN & CALLOUSES

I was suffering from corns and callouses on my feet. I could hardly wear shoes. But last night I put a healing cloth on my feet and went on to sleep. When I got up this morning I put on my shoes and walked to town. Praise the Lord. —Sister H., Tarpon Springs.

HEALED OF KIDNEY STONES AND JAUNDICE

Two years ago my wife was in a hospital with a serious case of kidney stones and yellow jaundice. You put her on your prayer list and I put the prayer cloth on her in the hospital and prayed, and she was healed completely. —F.G.R., Capistrano Beach, Calif.

BACK TO GOD

You prayed for my daughter — God heard and answered; she has come back to God.

FAMILY REUNITED

I wrote you to pray God to put my boy and his wife back together and for him to stop drinking. Praise God, he and wife went back together and he quit drinking the same day.—Mrs. G. S., Meridian, Miss.

PASSES EXAM

The Lord has answered our prayer. My son has been successful in passing the Higher School Certificate examination.—Mrs. V. A., Grenada, W. I.

T.B. GONE

I had T.B. for the last 13 months, and upon receiving the blessed handkerchief I pinned it on my chest, and now the surgery doctor tells me that all of the T.B. is gone and that I do not have to have an operation.—C. S., San Antonio, Texas.

MANY HEALINGS

Since the arrival of your handkerchief many have been healed — one a woman who had been living with her husband without issue ever since marriage is now a happy mother of a baby boy. — G. A., Enugu, Nigeria, W. A.

STOPS DRINKING

I wrote to you for prayer for my husband to stop drinking and, praise God, he stopped drinking. Your prayer has been wonderfully answered. —C. P., Gingerland, Nevis

BEST JOB

I wrote you a year ago, asking for prayer that I get in a good job, not working on Sunday, and thank God, I got the best job I ever had. —E. H., Chattanooga, Tenn.

PARALYZED FACE HEALED

My daughter-in-law was paralyzed on one side of her face. You sent a blest handkerchief, which she pinned to her pillow. Today she is completely healed. —Mrs. N.A.K., Columbus, Georgia

GOD HEALS AND BLESSES

The Herald of Hope papers and prayer cloths have been a blessing to my home ever since I started to receive them. As for my family, the blest cloths and Herald of Hope paper has brought them healing. My sister had a nervous breakdown and was about to be sent to an insane asylum. I pinned a blest cloth on her and also placed a Herald of Hope paper under her pillow and she began to improve immediately. After a couple of days she was up, and is well up to his moment. My father also had been sick and I did the same, and told him to read the Herald of Hope paper and to trust in the Lord for healing and he also got well without any other help. —L.S., Bocas del Toro

BROTHER IS FOUND

It was over 14 years that I did not know where my brother was. Since writing to the Herald of Hope I found out where he is. This gives me a firmer grip on Christ.—O.M., Jamaica, B.W.I.

MADE NEW

Thank you for praying for my husband. I know no doctor could have healed and made a new man of him. —M.L., Norwalk, Calif.

GETS DRIVER'S LICENSE

I asked for prayer that I would pass my driver's test — they had added so many new things that I was afraid I couldn't do them. I put the letter in the mail box and said, "Now I know I will pass if it's the Lord's will." I did the seven things that I was afraid of with the greatest of ease. Now I can drive to Church. —Mrs. C.E.M., Raleigh, N. C.

GOD IS BLESSING

I am reporting victory in Jesus' name for the little group of people out in Kingston, for whom you have been praying. Last week, four received the gift of the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues, and are now praising God with us. A man who was attacked by demons and was put in the asylum at Bellview, Kingston, is at home now, doing well.—A.S., Jamaica, W.I.

REDEDICATED TO THE LORD

This morning for the first time I listened to your Christian program and I enjoyed it so much that I rededicated my life to the Lord. —Mrs. C. C., Torrance, Calif.

HUSBAND SAVED

I wrote you for prayer in behalf of my husband's salvation. I put the prayer cloth on his chest and asked God to save his poor soul. I left it there, and it was about two weeks when my husband received the Lord into his heart and life, and today I am overflowing with joy to think how good the Lord is.—Mrs. L.D., Burin Bay, Nfld.

HEALED OF HEART ATTACK

My mother, aged 80 years, had kept in different health and was under treatment by our family doctor. One morning she complained of great difficulty in breathing. I rushed to fetch our family doctor. He pronounced her absolutely hopeless, from a severe spasm of the heart. In agonizing prayer I cried to the merciful Saviour, as my Mother was all I had and held dear among earthly things, I claimed God's promises. At 11 a.m. my mother regained consciousness and wondered what was wrong, as several friends were seated around her. I told her, and she desired me to read Psalm 41 and John 13:14, which I did, on my knees.

For five days my mother lingered between life and death, and though one night her condition worsened I comforted my relatives that Mother would live. God be praised, my Mother is now 81 years and 3 months and is more healthy and active than can be expected at her age. My mother and I are regular readers of your paper and can say we have a wonder-working Saviour. — A.E.A., Agra, India.

DELIVERED

I was sick from trouble of this world and the Lord stretched his hands and took me from the deep holes. Praise be the name of Christ, I am made whole. —C.M., Annotto Bay P.O., Jamaica

HEALED OF BRONCHIAL ASTHMA

Thank you for your prayers. My little grandchild got over the attack of bronchial asthma and is doing fine, thank God. —A.M., Los Angeles, Calif.

FREED

My accident case on which I asked your assistance in prayers has ended in victory. After having appeared before the court for the twelfth time I have been set free without paying even a penny. —M.N., Accra, Ghana, W.A.

MENTAL CONDITION HEALED

My prayer request was for healing of my father, 86 years old, who had a broken hip and major surgery for prostate and was recovering from both when he began having attacks with his mind. One doctor called it loss of mind due to age and a senile condition. I wrote for prayer for healing of this mental condition and that God would spare his life longer, if it was His will. Praise the Lord! The mental spells ceased. His mind is clear and good, and he is much better in general. —F.M., Wichita, Kans.

HEALED WHEN BAPTIZED WITH HOLY GHOST

When I was a Police Officer for 37 years and not able to attend a church service, I used to read the Herald of Hope and it was a great blessing to me. My dear wife was a brilliant musician and played in various churches in England and still plays here for the church. She will be 77 in July and is very active and fit physically. She was a very sick and ill woman until she received the baptism of the Holy Ghost nearly thirty years ago. Since then she is fit as a clock. —J.E.R., Wanganui, New Zealand

GOD ANSWERED

I wrote to you for prayer concerning a problem about my job. God answered. They trust me much more and I have exceeding abundant victory.

Also we had a sick calf, and I laid the Herald of Hope paper on the calf and prayed. The Lord healed it and it is now a nice, big, healthy heifer. —H.V.C., Mtn. Home, Ark.

INFECTION GONE

I asked for prayer cloth for my little girl. She had five urine examinations and they all showed infection cells. But when I received your cloth I pinned it on her and went for another test, and praise God, no infection at all.

—Mrs. K. R., Norwalk, Calif.

MIRACULOUS RECOVERY

In March, 1956, while driving, I was hit hard by a truck at an intersection. When taken to a hospital, the doctor's examination showed no signs of life, and I was "officially" dead. On my recovery, my chief physician (I had been unconscious 20 days and my son had engaged a staff of experts) told me that my recovery was miraculous. My left side was shattered—skull fracture, 18 fractures of ribs, 3 leg fractures and foot crushed. I now get around without crutches or cane. I am still active in the Lord's work, and take on a good deal of legal work. I'm almost 84. —P.B.F., Santa Ana, Calif.

SPREADING THE GOSPEL

The HERALD OF HOPE has burst upon us here as the first ray of hope in this sin cursed age. Please send more copies to me that I may have some part in spreading the Master's Kingdom. —C.L.A., Mineral, Virginia.

MIND IS WELL AGAIN

I am so glad to tell you my son is well again. His mind is well, praise God. What God does, he does well. —Mrs. C.

SORE FEET HEALED

I had been suffering for over eleven years with sore feet. There was no hospital in this parish that I did not go to, and not one could help me. Then someone told me about HERALD OF HOPE, so I wrote and received your blest handkerchief. I wore it for about a month, and I can tell you of the great relief that I have after eleven years. —K. G., Kingston, Jamaica.

HOME IS PEACEFUL

Thank you for your prayers. God saved my two daughters, re-filled the 18 year old one with the Holy Spirit and delivered her from a terrible nervous condition. Now our home is so peaceful. —M. L. D., Lockport, Illinois.

TRIAL OF FAITH

After two weeks more testing after I wrote you in March, I was delivered. It was the longest "trial of faith," along the same line that I can recall having in many years, and it is wonderful to be able to eat food instead of subsisting on special food preparations. —G. C. T.

PAINS GONE

I am healed of the large lump at my side and from the pains all over my body—through the use of your healing handkerchief and my faith in the Lord. —B. P., Kingston, Jamaica

HEARS FROM SON

My son, who was away and did not correspond with me, has been letting me hear from him now. Thanks for your prayers. —J. G., Kingston, Jamaica

WORK AND FOOD SUPPLIED

God has answered and made a way for my son to have work and have food for his children. —G. G.

QUITS DRINKING

On the way to the market, where I was buying drink, I met the drink seller and spent all for the drink. In the night I took my paper, the HERALD OF HOPE, and read. From that day till now I have not tasted any kind of drink. —J. O., Chantier, Aba, Africa.

GOD'S HEALING POWER

I have received wonderful blessing and help since I have been using your blessed handkerchief and reading your HERALD OF HOPE. I have been healed of a slipped disc which had me in and out of hospital and in bed flat on my back for a number of weeks. —C.E.M., Woodgreen, Jamaica

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE HEALED

I was suffering with high blood pressure and you said you would pray for me. A recent check-up showed no high blood pressure. —Mrs. O.G., Southampton, England.

MANY ANSWERS TO PRAYER

I wrote you to pray for my husband to get a job and move back and start paying on our home, and he is back. You also prayed for my 16-year old daughter to be healed of heart spells, and she is healed. Praise God. I also wrote you to pray for me to get money to go see my son who was in a hospital in Florida, and the Lord has blessed me with money to go see him three times since I wrote you. —Mrs. D.D., Auburndale, Fla.

STOPS DRINKING

Sometime back I wrote you for prayer for my son who was a drunkard in the worst stage. Praise the Lord, he hasn't been drinking since you prayed for him, and he has a good job now. —Mrs. K.C., Columbus, Ohio.

RECOVERED AND WORKING

I received the tracts and kerchiefs for my son that was sick in the hospital. We followed the instructions as indicated in your letters and, praise God, he has marvelously recovered and is now out working. —L.H., Gingeland, Nevis

SALVATION

I read your letter, and read it again, and forthwith laid everything aside and accepted Christ as my personal Saviour. Then strange things began to happen. I have been truly blessed in every way. My nervousness is much better, I have gained weight, have been blessed with money, and above all, I felt Christ accepted me right when I asked to be forgiven, and cleansed me from my sins. I asked Him to take away this drinking beer habit, which was ruining my life. My prayer was answered, for I have not touched any liquor since — the taste for it has completely gone. I feel as if my tongue has been scraped and cleaned. My whole life has changed in every way for the better. —Miss R.H., New Orleans, La.

HEALED OF MENTAL TROUBLE

My mother wrote for prayer for me because I was mentally ill for six months. Thank God for your prayers and the blessed handkerchief. I was completely healed through Christ Jesus. —B.J.W., Trinidad, W. I.

CONTINUED FAITH REWARDED

The conversion of my daughter and her husband really made an impression on our City, as they were well known. A short time later my husband gave his heart to the Lord and that really made a big impression on the city, as he was well known in the night club business. When they asked him why he didn't come to the Club to play cards any more, he told them he was saved and a changed man. As a result of their conversion, my sister gave her heart to the Lord, too. You, at the Herald of Hope, have helped me pray for years for my family's salvation and healing. After thirty-three years of walking alone and holding on to God and believing, when I least expected it, they all came to the Lord. —Mrs. B.W., Findlay, Ohio.

COURT DECISION

About 18 months ago I wrote you to pray for a friend whose husband had sued her for divorce and got custody of her three little girls. So now I want to tell you that she went back into court about a month ago and the Judge gave her complete custody of them. What happened, the other Judge died and a new one came in his place. —Mrs. W.S., Tatum, New Mex.

PEACE IN HOME

Your kind words of encouragement have reached my hands. I have seen a great change in my husband. There is peace and love in the home again. My baby had the whooping cough, and with faith I laid the blest kerchief on his chest. Thank God, he stopped the whooping and is much better now.

OBTAINS JOB

I wrote you sometime ago about a friend who was out of a job and in two weeks time he obtained a job and is still at it. Praise God. —D.C., Kingston, Jamaica

BLESSINGS

I wrote you in 1960. I have got a good job. My brother sold his home with no trouble. I have been on the job for one year. I am doing fine in working, which I wasn't able to do before. I know it was the prayers of you all. —E.P., South Haven, Mich.

SHINGLES HEALED

Thank you for blessed handkerchief. As soon as I received it I pinned it on my back, where the shingles were so painful, and the Lord healed me.

HEALED OF GALLSTONES

Two years ago I wrote you for a prayer cloth and God wonderfully healed me of gall stones. The doctor had said to have them out or another attack would come. I have never had a return attack. —Mrs. C.K., Tacoma, Wash.

SON RETURNS

I wrote to you for prayer for my son who was away for over ten years. Last Saturday night, when he called to the door, I did not know how it was—I just turned my eyes to God and said thanks to Him for His goodness to me! —M. S., Jamaica, W. I.

ALCOHOLIC SAVED

I sent you a prayer request for my son who was an alcoholic. You had scarcely received my letter when he broke his arm. But he has gotten to the Lord, for which I am so thankful. —Mrs. R. A., Cordell, Okla.

OUT OF ASYLUM

My sister is out of the asylum and healed. I do appreciate your prayers, and wanted you to know the good news. —M. B., Davyton, Jamaica.

CHILDBIRTH

I asked you to pray that the Lord would bless me with a little girl. I do thank Jesus for blessing me with a healthy little girl, and I had an easy and quick delivery. —Mrs. R. T., Orlando, Florida.

PRAISES GOD

I wrote you to pray that God would bless our home with children, also that we wouldn't lose our home, as we thought my husband would soon be laid off. Praise the Lord, we are expecting a child in September, and have lost neither his job or the house. —Mrs. E. J. J.

COMPLETE HEALING

I was a nervous wreck, had heart trouble and high blood pressure. You sent a prayer cloth, and God healed me of them all at one time. —M. W., Pilot Point, Texas.

DIVINE DELIVERANCE

Years ago, I entered a contest given by a local weekly paper, selling advertising space, etc. In the feverishness of the close of the contest, to obtain further credit I personally advanced payment of a client's advertising. Immediately upon winning one of the big prizes, (a car), the fact that I had made this advance payment bothered me. I requested that they eliminate me and let the prize go to the one next in line, but they said they couldn't do that. I felt like Judas when he had unsuccessfully tried to return the ill-gotten money. I sold the car for cash and gave away most of the money. But that didn't heal the situation, I was yet a sinner in my own sight, and it weighed on me. Heaven seemed like brass as far as an answer was concerned. For about six months I stayed away from the Bible, as it seemed only to convict me. At times the thought came, I will work and pay it all back, not knowing to whom I could pay it.

One Sunday evening a noted psychiatrist spoke at a local church. I decided to see him at his office, thinking I would eventually be unbalanced if I continued to be bothered in mind. He said, I had an overworked conscience, that most people have an underworked conscience. He put me through a psychoanalysis, consisting of many questions, delving into all parts of my life. It gave an "X-ray" picture of myself, showing up all capabilities, as well as faults. At the same time a complete physical examination was made. After a few weeks of this procedure, the psychiatrist produced his diagnosis and a list of thirteen recommendations, the last one being, "Use religion as a shock absorber." Being at the bottom of the list, I didn't pay much attention to it, and, beside, I had sought God with no seeming result. He also gave me a book called, "The Mind at Mischief," which I was told to read three times—"the first time, you read it; the second time, you understand it; the third time, you apply it." He also told me to go places—don't work all day and stay home at night, and to learn more than one thing. So I enrolled in night school. I went on dates, and was living a fast life comparatively speaking, and for the time being forgot my trouble. I felt so wise concerning the mind and its workings that I thought I would like to teach psychiatry.

But it was all artificial, and therefore fell through. When I came out to the West Coast my old problem continued to pop up again. I read the Bible and prayed, and at times I would be happy and on top, thinking it was solved, and in a few days down and depressed.

For about ten years this went on, and I wondered if my mind would ever be free. Isaiah 50:10 was like a guiding star: "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." This I did.

And one day, while sitting at a typewriter in an office, there came to me out of a blue sky these words (Isaiah 53:11), "He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied," and I thought, Well, if God is satisfied, why shouldn't I be satisfied? And instantly the burden was gone, and I was free. When it comes to mind now, it is only to thank and praise God for His great lovingkindness in bringing deliverance. "A thorn in the mind which human hands cannot reach, God is able to remove."

L. Mc., Los Angeles, Calif.

SELLS HOUSE

I wrote to you a while back for prayer that my daughter would sell their house. It is sold. Thank you for your prayers. —Mrs. G.D., Montclair, Calif.

CHEST HURTING LEAVES

Sometime ago I received your healing cloth. I was suffering with a hurting in my chest and back. Now I can say, Thank you, Jesus, I am healed of that hurting. —M.R., Suffolk, Va.

GOD ANSWERS

I asked for prayer regarding a bad bladder condition, and God has answered. —Mrs. C.A., Monterey, Calif.

FUNGUS OF SKIN HEALED

I hereby return thanks for your prayers. I am now healed of a nasty fungus of the skin, thank God. —J.P.M., Jamaica, W.I.

PEACE IN HOME

I requested prayer for a mother who was seemingly demon-possessed, and she is just like a different person now. She is so sweet and kind, and the home is more like a home than it has ever been. —Mrs. C.G.B., Benton Harbor, Mich.

QUICK RECOVERY

I had a wonderful delivery, the quickest I ever had. God is able to do all things. —K.E.D., Jacksonville, Fla.

What Happened to a Methodist Church

What a hungry man I was for the evidence of God's power and the reality of a living Christ in my ministry. For seven years I had preached the Gospel. But Mark 16:17 bothered me. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

I asked myself, "Why weren't these things following my ministry?"

Our services had been dead and dry for so long. The altar was empty. We could no longer get Christians to pray and interest in winning souls was nil.

My heart was hungry and desperate for a real moving of God in our midst.

My wife and I loved Him, wanted to serve Him and be used mightily of Him, but it didn't look as though we were being used. Clearly, the scriptural evidence of God's blessing was not following our ministry. What few Christians we had were drying up spiritually, and we didn't know what to do.

Yes, we had prayed and prayed for revival. The articles in *Christian Life* on the Holy Spirit and how He was affecting churches and bringing them to life again caused our hearts to hunger all the more. Particularly the articles on "Discovery at Hillside" and "How This Church Learned to Believe God." We were hungry for all God had for us, but didn't know what it was, or how to find it.

Desperation Sparks Search

One day a friend from a neighboring city dropped in to see us. We visited for hours sharing our heart hunger. Both of us were searching for more of God's power in our lives.

Meanwhile, my wife and I had decided that if God didn't meet us soon and do something in our church, we would quit the ministry in May at conference time.

With conference one month away we became desperate. We wrote friends that we were leaving the ministry if something didn't happen by the end of May. They immediately replied with letters of encouragement asserting that they were believing God would meet us soon.

A week went by and one Sunday afternoon, the same young man from the neighboring city dropped into visit with us. He and his wife beamed with enthusiasm. They had met God in a new way. As they told us of their experience in receiving the Holy Spirit I knew that this was our answer.

Special services had been held at the Episcopal Church in their town where Mrs. Jean Stone ("What Is Happening Today in the Episcopal Church", Nov. 1961 *Christian Life*) spoke on the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. There they had been introduced to the Third Person of the Trinity — and discovered a new relationship with the Lord which was apparent in their attitude.

We could scarcely wait for the Monday evening service. After the message, those wishing to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit met together. God's desire to fill us with His Spirit was explained from the Scriptures. We were told to relax and believe that God would answer prayer as those ministering laid their hands on our heads and prayed for us. We were told to worship the Lord Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit led us—quietly and reverently. For it would be the Holy Spirit who would use our voice, although we would do the speaking, and miraculously guide our tongue in a language we would not know.

As we prayed, God came in mighty power on my soul, and for the first time in my life I sensed the reality of the Holy Spirit. My body was flooded with a glow of warmth. My heart overflowed with praise to God and I felt as though I were walking on air, as for 5 or 10 minutes I worshiped Him in a language I never heard before.

A great calmness and stillness came over me and peace flooded my soul. I knew then that this was evidence of His power in my soul. The terrible hunger and thirst was satisfied at last and all I could do was praise God.

The response of my wife was different. The devil kept telling her that her experience was purely emotional. Next morning she went over to the church to pray. Then, it was as though the Lord plainly said, "Child of mine, I love you."

Immediately she came home to tell me, but somehow she still did not have the peace of mind and heart she desired. So we knelt down to pray, and it was then the full impact of what the

Lord had told her broke over her soul. The joy of the Lord filled her heart and she began to worship the Lord. All doubts, fears and discouragement disappeared, and in its place a rest, such as she had never known before flooded her soul. The joy we shared together is unsurpassable.

The next night we shared what God had done for us with our Sunday School Superintendent. She replied simply, "This is what we all need."

Since then many in our fellowship have entered into this relationship with the Holy Spirit. The whole life of our church has been altered. Meanwhile, of course, the Holy Spirit has changed my life in many ways.

Sharp Contrast Seen

I now have a rest of soul I never had known before. "There is a rest for the people of God."

I preach with more freedom — and the Lord has used the messages more effectively than ever before.

The Bible is real, interesting, alive. It opens up to me with new and refreshing meaning.

Discouragement is not unknown, but I can say it does not upset me, as it once did. There is a trust and faith in God's word that gives comfort and boldness.

It is so easy to witness to my faith in Christ now. Before, I witnessed with a feeling it was my duty. Now, I want to.

Before, preaching was drudgery because there was no power to get it done with. But now, the Holy Spirit does it through me, and I eagerly look forward to each opportunity.

There is great satisfaction in my daily Christian life. Before I received the fullness of the Holy Spirit, I had to rely on past experiences to keep me going. Not so now; He lives within with evidence each day.

As I look back over the year since the Holy Spirit first spoke to our hearts I am amazed at what He has done.

We pray for the sick, and they are healed.

One man had ulcers for years and the Lord healed him the same night he was filled with the Spirit. A woman in the church was to have an operation on her broken kneecap, but after prayer no operation was needed. Her physician was amazed.

Another woman had bad eyes. Her doctor told her she would eventually go blind. When she read her eyes bothered her terribly, but after prayer she entered the Christian Life Reading Contest and read 147 books in 3 months time. Her eyes are perfect now. Many others have been healed of various ailments.

Meanwhile, our Bible study has doubled in attendance. Prayer meetings have started again, and God has proved Himself in many ways through the gifts of the Spirit manifested in our prayer meetings.

The Lord gave us a prophecy concerning one of our couples in the Church, "That if repentance for sin was not made sudden destruction would be upon them." Repentance was made! The wife was healed and filled with the Spirit, and the young husband has returned to the Lord.

When another couple was filled with the Spirit, the Lord gave a promise through interpretation that their children would be brought to the Lord. Both now have returned to the Lord.

Moreover, as the Holy Spirit works in our church others are being converted to Christ. For this we praise God.

In my opinion one reason so many people back away from the fullness of the Holy Spirit is because they cannot understand the purpose of speaking or praying in another language when you cannot understand what you are speaking. I had been taught against this for years, but He has opened my eyes. Now I see that the gifts of the Spirit are mine to be exercised for His glory and "the benefit of His church." Through such worship of God and interpretation, God has revealed precious promises to us which have strengthened us immeasurably. He has revealed answers to problems, shown His will to us for certain matters, and many times He simply tells us He loves us and exhorts us.

Praying in the Spirit gives me real peace, power, rest, comfort, courage, love. It edifies and lifts, upbuilds, strengthens and is evidence that the Spirit is within me. The Bible says, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself" (1 Cor. 14:4). Our spiritual faculties are greatly built up and strengthened, "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I

Prayer Changes Things

PRAYER—secret, fervent, believing prayer—lies at the root of all personal godliness.

William Carey.

PRAYER is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith.

Martin Luther.

PRAYER is releasing the energies of God. For prayer is asking God to do what we cannot do.

Charles Trumbull.

PRAYER is a rising up, and a drawing near to God in mind, and in heart, and in spirit.

Alexander Whyte.

PRAYER is a serious thing. We may be taken at our words.

D. L. Moody.

HOW SHOULD we pray to the God of our salvation? If prayer is to be regarded as an entrance into the courts of the royalty of heaven; if we are to behave ourselves as courtiers should in the presence of an illustrious majesty, then we are not at a loss to know the right spirit in which to pray. If in prayer we come to a throne, it is clear that our spirit should be one of lowly reverence. Then it is expected that the subject in approaching to the King should pay Him the homage due His exalted position. And our requests should be bountiful, for God's supplies are more than ample for all our needs.

C. H. Spurgeon.

THE STORY is related of Hudson Taylor drifting helplessly in a sailing vessel towards a cannibal coast. They could see the coast in the distance, and the sea was as calm as a mirror, not a ripple on the waves. There were several Christians on board, and Hudson Taylor suggested to them to go down into their rooms and ask the Lord to send a breeze. When they had done so, he said to the mate: "Put up your sails." "What is the use of putting up sail in such a calm?" "We are praying for wind," was the reply. Later on, when those who had gone down to pray came up again, the sails were fluttering, and within a short time they were spread before the wind and the vessel was sailing out of danger.

A. C. Dixon.

OH, THE victories! They are the mountain tops of the Bible. They take us back to the plains of Mamre, to the fords of Peniel, to the prison of Joseph, to the triumphs of Moses, to the transcendent victories of Joshua, to the deliverances of David, to the whole story of the Master's life, and to the experience of the children of God throughout.

Dr. A. B. Simpson.

YOU CANNOT STUMBLE WHILE ON YOUR KNEES.

Nobody don't never get nothing for no-thing nowhere, no time, nohow.

—American Proverb

will sing with the understanding also" (1 Cor. 14:14, 15).

Rewards Are Numerous

Speaking to God in a language that only the Holy Spirit can direct is a wonderful privilege. Our spirit understands and rejoices in the heavenly communion and praise. And when the Holy Spirit is guiding us in what to pray, no selfishness can enter in. The Holy Spirit knows what to pray for and how; many times we do not. It is a time of refreshing and rest to the Spirit-filled Christian. (Isa. 28:11-12).

Our church is new in this relationship to the Holy Spirit, but we are expecting great things from God. Naturally my denomination was interested in what God was doing in our church. Several people objected to what they could not understand. However, after personal conferences with both my district superintendent and Edward R. Garrison, Bishop of the Methodist Church, I received a gracious letter from the latter acknowledging ours as a truly scriptural experience. He warned of possible pitfalls, which God also has been pleased to show us, but encouraged us to continue to seek His presence and blessing.

It is a joy just to sit at the feet of Jesus and let Him teach us day by day. Many of our people have not believed nor received, but with patience, love and prayer, many more will enter into this blessed Holy Spirit . . . and rest.

I believe the Holy Spirit is moving over this earth one more time, preparing the Christians for the Lamb's return. He is finding the hungry hearts in all denominations and sending them forth as human dynamos, filled with the Holy Spirit, used by the Holy Spirit to win the lost. I believe this is for every Christian who will receive.

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When Grandma Prayed

BY ANN SANDBERG

Old and frail, there was little work she could do to help the family. But she could pray . . .

Vacation was over; it was the first day of school. After innumerable reminders to the children to "Hurry or you'll be late," they finally dashed out the kitchen door. Looking through the window I watched them wave good-bye until they disappeared around the corner.

Then began the morning's routine: making beds, washing dishes, tidying the girls' room. After a summer of children's boisterous and joyous noises, the house seemed almost too quiet. But it was an ideal atmosphere in which to reminisce a little.

What a lovely summer it has been! The weather almost ideal, with plenty of sunshine and rain. Everything flourished—the lawn, the garden, and our two girls. Their vacation was brimful of fun, with a great deal of swimming, backyard games, and popsicles.

Then it occurred to me that there had been no accidents this year. That was unusual, especially when I remembered other summers.

Last year, on a quiet Sunday afternoon, the children were playing in the backyard while their daddy and I rested indoors. Suddenly we heard a shriek of terror and our older daughter, Carolyn, rushed in, her face distorted with fear, screaming, "Betty Anne's hurt; has blood all over her head!"

We discovered our seven-year-old lying half unconscious on the stone walk where she had fallen. The wound in her forehead was serious enough to require several stitches.

A few weeks later, Carolyn pricked her finger. The next day she complained of pain and we discovered infection had set in and there was danger of blood poisoning. The finger had to be lanced and treated for several days.

Then again there was the bathtub accident, when the younger girl fell against the faucet and received a deep wound over her left eye.

There were other minor accidents, but the really serious one took place the year before when Carolyn fell and injured her thigh. It took twelve stitches to close the wound, and because of extreme heat infection set in and she had to remain in bed for six weeks.

But this summer it had been different. As I considered it, I suddenly knew the reason.

Early in the spring, Grandma Katschke came to live with us. Grandma is eighty-four years old. Her vision and hearing are very poor and she sometimes feels useless and helpless because there is not much she can do in the home to be of help.

But she can pray.

Grandma's knees are too weak for her to stay on them very long; so she sits in her chair beside the window and quietly prays. She is not eloquent, nor rhetorical; but every day, without fail, she remembers each member of the household and especially the children.

Of course, I too pray for the family, but not as faithfully and regularly as Grandma does. And I am sure it is because of her simple faith, and her faithful, daily prayers, the children passed through this summer without a single mishap.

Know God's Will

" . . . You have been appointed to know God's will (Acts 22:14, R. V.) — be sure of this; and if as yet it is not clearly made known to you, adopt these precautions:

(1) Carefully remove all your preconceptions and prejudices, so that your mind and heart can be a tablet for God to write on.

(2) Set aside much time for waiting on God, in the study of His Holy Word.

(3) Let the glory of Jesus be the supreme consideration with you.

(4) Do not run to and fro, asking your friends what they would recommend.

(5) Wait the Lord's leisure nor dare to act unless you are sure that you are in the line of His purpose.

(6) Mark the trend of His providence, for it will certainly corroborate His inner voice.

(7) When you have once made up your mind in faith and prayer, dare to act, and never look back. He will not let you be ashamed."

(F. B. Meyer)

"There is no other joy, peace, or victory so sublime as that obtained by our complete acceptance of the Spirit of Christ into our hearts and minds."

GOD LOOKS AT OUR WILLINGNESS RATHER THAN OUR ABILITY.

God's Astronauts

Flying has been the aim of man for generations. "Oh, that I had wings like a dove!" sang King David more than twenty-five hundred years ago when beset by troubles. In the sixteenth century, the great artist Leonardo da Vinci spent years studying winds and birds in flight. Sketches of parachutes found in his notebook indicate he was sky minded.

Balloons were invented in the eighteenth century, and the first human balloon flight took place in 1783. But it wasn't until 1903 that the Wright brothers made the first successful flight in a heavier-than-air machine. Since that time man has been conquering the air.

One of today's sports that is fast gaining popularity is parachuting. Leaping from planes at extreme altitudes, air-minded enthusiasts cavort above the earth while falling at a speed of more than a hundred miles per hour. They have only a few seconds before they must pull the ripcord of their parachutes. But for those few glorious moments they have "freedom of the air," and most "sky divers" say there is nothing else so exhilarating.

Day and night now the heavens are filled with the roar of planes propelled at incredible heights and speeds. We think nothing of being whisked across the continent in a few hours. The world is literally at our doorstep. Man, like the birds, is at home in the air; he is bent on conquering outer space, with the moon as his objective.

Astronauts already have been in orbit. But what will it be like when God's astronauts, those who are ready for the return of Christ, are "caught up . . . to meet the Lord in the air"?

Turning to the Bible we find the eyewitness record of a historic ascent into the clouds in the first chapter of the Acts. Nearly two thousand years ago the small group of Christ's apostles gathered together with Him on the Mount of Olives. Forty-three days earlier they had seen His earthly body, punctured by nails and thorns, laid to rest in a tomb that was sealed and guarded by Roman soldiers. Their hopes for the establishment of an earthly kingdom had been shattered. Their Leader was dead.

And then, three days later, they discovered an empty tomb, the huge stone at its entrance rolled away. Christ had risen! A number of times in His new, Resurrection body He appeared to them mysteriously through closed doors, conversed with them, then vanished. They dined with Him on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Then, on the mount, they watched in awe as He ascended into the clouds and out of sight. As they gazed upward, two angelic messengers stood beside them and spoke.

"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven." He was coming back!

Paul reaffirmed this more fully in his letter to the Thessalonians, saying that in the twinkling of an eye both those who have died believing in Christ and the living believers would be caught up together to meet Him in the air and to dwell with Him in the place He has prepared.

To the average person, unversed in science, this space flight sounds rather simple. They will suddenly find themselves floating upward, propelled by an unseen power, and arrive at the destination in the heavenlies. But science has exploded the idea that this air-flight will be smooth sailing. Much new data has been recorded during the last decade and especially since the space age began formally on Oct. 4, 1957, with the Russian sputnik rocketing into orbit. This was followed by at least fourteen satellites in the next two years and many more since. The more we read and learn about outer space, the more obvious it becomes that there are obstacles to be encountered and surmounted, and the more thrilling becomes the prospect for our journey.

Today's spacemen must pass through gruelling physical tests under space-simulated conditions and make many test flights before they can be shot into orbit. They must don special clumsy, pressurized suits for their protection as the capsule in which they ride plunges through heat up to twelve hundred degrees. They are subjected in test chambers to the crushing forces of acceleration and deceleration they will encounter in space. They are prepared for their weight to increase to many hundreds of pounds and for moments of weightlessness, and they try to accustom themselves to the strange sensations. One flyer in training described weightlessness by saying, "I felt like a feather pillowed on a cloud. My arms and legs had the feeling of floating, yet they might have been detached."

And there is the Van Allen radiation

... REST ...

Jas. 1:2-4; II Cor. 4:17-18

I would not ask Thee why
My path should be
Through strange and stony ways—
Thou leadest me!
I would not ask Thee how
Loss worketh gain,
Knowing that some day soon—
All will be plain.

My heart would never doubt
Thy love and care,
However heavy seems
The cross I bear.
Nor would I, Father, seek
My lot to choose,
Lest, seeking selfish ease,
Thy best I lose.

Giver of every gift,
Thy choice is best,
All-wise, Eternal Love—
In Thee I rest.
Yielding to Thy wise hand,
Safe in Thy will;
Not asking why or how—
Let me be still.

Looking on things unseen,
Glory exceeding great
Worketh for me.

— By Grace E. Troy.

There is more to life than increasing its speed.

belt, discovered less than five years ago, surrounding the earth with two concentric, doughnut-shaped rings of electrically charged particles that will pelt space ships with a terrific rain of cosmic dust. In space also are areas of blacker-than-midnight blackness, and stars, unblinking, are seen in dazzling colors of red, blue, white and yellow—a glorious spectacle.

A terrifying ordeal? To many it might seem so; yet the child of God should know no fear. Our earthly body could not take the stress and strain, but when Christ appears to receive His followers, our Heavenly Father will provide a Resurrection body like the one Jesus acquired when He arose from the dead.

At what speed will we travel? No one knows, but it has been predicted by a scientist that by the year 2000 there might be an atomic propulsion system developed which would put space travel in the breath-taking one-million-miles-per-hour classification.

The whereabouts of Heaven remains God's secret. The nearest star, Alpha Centauri, is a mere twenty-five million million miles away. It is said to be theoretically within man's reach, but would require many years of travel, as we reckon time.

Man, who has studied the stars from the dawn of creation, has now given up trying to count them because he is aware that they stretch far beyond the eye of the most powerful telescopes. But God's Word says, "He (God) knoweth the stars by number." And somewhere, hidden from the view of man, is the place God has prepared for those who love Him. Because He knows the way and has blazed the trail, He will take us safely through the wilderness of the heavens. Like David of old we can say, "I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me."

Checking Biblical prophecy, the countdown seems to be well under way. "Knowledge shall be increased," we read in the twelfth chapter of Daniel, speaking of the last days. So much is being learned so fast that few can keep pace with it. Never before have so many scientific discoveries and advancements been made as in the past decade. Inventions new today may be outdated in a couple of years.

Christ revealed to us that the Jewish nation would blossom, there would be distress of nations with perplexity and men's hearts would fail them for fear. The Jews are returning to their native land by the hundreds today. Even the smallest countries are simmering with unrest and uprisings such as the world has never known. Never before have our leaders been confronted with such perplexing problems.

Today fear and uncertainty are rampant. You can feel fear in the voices of those with whom you talk — fear of annihilation by nuclear weapons capable of wiping out thousands in minutes, fear of the terrifying after-effects of the radiation fallout, fear of the unknown future. But the child of God has the assurance of Jesus, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Are you ready for Christ's return? The zero hour may be nearer than you think. Jesus said, "Be ye therefore ready also; for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

The War Cry

WHY WORRY?

There are three things which Jesus never did. He never worried; He never hurried; and He never doubted the outcome.

This reminds us of what Jesus said in the twelfth chapter of Luke vs. 22-23, "Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat; nor for your body, what ye shall put on. For the life is more than food, and the body more than raiment." From these words of Jesus and the comments following we reach four conclusions:

1. **WORRY IS NEEDLESS.** "Consider the ravens, that they sow not, neither reap; which have no store-chamber nor barn; and God feedeth them; of how much more value are ye than the birds." Verse 24.

2. **WORRY IS HOPELESS.** "And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit unto the measure of his life? If then ye are not able to do even that which is least, why are ye anxious concerning the rest?" Verse 25.

3. **WORRY IS FAITHLESS.** "If God doth so clothe the grass in the field which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more shall He clothe you, O ye of little faith?" Verse 28.

4. **WORRY IS USELESS.** "And seek not what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after; and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things." Verse 29.

Problems or Promises

PROBLEMS! PROBLEMS! PROBLEMS! Everybody faces problems. They make up a large part of life's activities. As children we attend school and learn reading and writing and arithmetic. These rudiments of life equip us to read situations, write down their findings, and add or subtract as the problems demand. Such is life.

Virtually all of life's problems hang on two hinges. They are **PAY** and **PEOPLE**, or **MONEY** and **FOLKS**. For us to keep these hinges well oiled is part of life's success. Apart from money and people there are very few problems in life. In most cases it is our challenge and privilege to face and solve problems that deal with pay or people. When we come to think it over, about all board meetings, be they educational, industrial, political or religious, as well as problems we face individually, fall in these two areas.

Problems are pressing issues—there is no way to get around that fact—and the pressure at times is intense. However, there is One Who understands all the problems and pressures of life, and He offers some promises. Let us look at some!

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." 1 Peter 5:7.

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

If we decide to battle our problems instead of believing His promise, God will let us fight on and, sometimes, fight alone. But should we desire to let Him help us we may be surprised at the marvelous assistance and victories He can give us.

Problems or Promises? Battles or believe? It is all up to you. Your choice determines your ultimate success and victory or trouble and defeat. "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15. —Selected.

Choose

So, after all, life is not complex. 'Tis a simple matter of making choices. How wise you will be if you make wise choices, the choices you will wish you had made when you face the "inevitable hour," when there's no time left to mend your ways, when what you have done is simply —done!

Oh, friend of mine, there are two great rulers in the universe—God and Satan. You are serving under one of these rulers. Which?

There are two roads that lead through time—the broad and the narrow. You are walking one of these roads. Which?

There are two classes of people in the world—the righteous and the wicked. You belong to one of these classes. Which?

There are two deaths which people die—some "die in the Lord," others in their sins. You will die one of these deaths. Which?

There are two places to which people go—heaven and hell. You will go to one of these places. Which?

Choose wisely! Choose well! Choose now!

"To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Heb. 4:7)—Tract.

COURAGE

During the Civil war a soldier went to his Chaplain and said to him, "Chaplain, I am the only man in our tent who is a Christian, and every night when I kneel down to say my prayers the boys make fun of me and throw their shoes at me and bother me so I do not know what to do. What must I do about it?"

The Chaplain told him to wait until he got under his blanket at night and say his prayers to himself. A very poor piece of advice, I think, for a preacher to give.

A few days afterwards he met the soldier and asked him how he came out. "Well, he said, your plan didn't work at all. I waited until the lights were out and tried to pray under my blanket. The boys were all laughing because they thought they had whipped me out. I layed there and thought to myself, You coward, you are willing to stand up on the battlefield and let them shoot at you because you love your country, but you are not willing to get down on your knees and pray to the Lord because you are afraid somebody will disturb you." I just threw the blanket off and got down on my knees and prayed aloud for every soldier in the tent.

"Well, how did that do?" inquired the Chaplain. "They all listened," he said, "and every night now, when I kneel down to pray they kneel with me and we have regular family worship there together." It took courage, and the man had it. That is exactly what you need, my friend to make you come out on the Lord's side and take your stand for Christ as you ought to do.—Sel.

The Cure For Self-Pity

Paul wrote, "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches" (Phil. 4:19). This is a great promise. Nobody but God would dare make this statement. It is a statement which God inspired Paul to write.

Self-pity is such a useless pastime! Great losses and disappointments come to us all, it is what we do about them that counts. I read of a Chinese man who lost his wife and five children through bombings. He was shaken when it first happened. But after prayer and seeking God through His Word, the man went to work in an orphanage and helped to minister to a family of one hundred children. His face shone with the happiness he found in his work. He could have sat down in self-pity. If he had, he would be there to-day. He rose above his trouble by pouring out his life for others.

What have you done about your self-pity? Put it outside the door with the word "OTHERS".

—Selected—

Listen My Child

Child of mine, I love thee,
Listen now to me,
And make answer truly
While I question thee.
For I see that shadows
Do thy soul oppress,
And thy faith so weakens
That I cannot bless.

Thou hast craved my power
And presence in thy soul.
Wilt thou yield thee truly
Unto my control?
Wilt thou let me ever
With thee have my way
Yield thyself in all things
Simply to obey?

Tho' my presence of times
Seems to be withdrawn,
Of my inward workings
Not a trace to be shown,
Wilt thou count me present
Notwithstanding all,
Still believe I'm working
Even in thy soul?

When I give to others
What I thee deny,
Flood them with my sunshine
Wholly pass thee by,
Wilt thou still believe in
My strong love for thee,
Yield thee to my purpose
Whatever it be?

When I to thy pleadings
Seem no heed to pay,
And thy foes grow bolder
Claim thee as their prey,
Tho' toward thee I'm silent,
Wilt thou stand the test,
Of my word of promise
Lay thee down to rest?

If to these my questions
Thou canst answer "Yes"
Thou shalt be forever
One I love the best.
To the inner circle
Of my favored few
Thou shalt be admitted
And my glory view.

The Things of God versus The Things of Men

Jesus and His disciples were in the rocky environs of Caesarea, Philippi. He had just elicited from Peter the words of the Great Confession: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." He had pronounced upon him a great blessing and had entrusted to him (and the rest) the "keys of the kingdom."

Then, leading them a great step further, He had begun to show unto them "how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day."

This announcement, the latter clause of which seemed to escape them completely, was a profound shock to them.

In this event, in these sad and degrading circumstances, what would become of His kingdom? What would befall His Church? Would not the gates of Hell after all prevail? This was too much for Simon Peter, who "took Him, and began to rebuke Him, saying, Be it far from thee Lord; this shall not be unto thee."

"But he turned and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offense unto me: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men."

From this encounter emerges the age-old conflict "the things of God" and "the things of men."

The things of God, from all eternity, center in the cross of Christ. For He was a "lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

It is true, He came to live a sinless life in a world of sinners; to be a holy example in the midst of unholiness; to teach men the ways of God as one that had authority; but above and beyond all that—as the ultimate of His purpose—He "must be killed" and must "be raised again the third day."

He had to die: there could be no salvation otherwise. And He also had to rise again, else His plan of salvation could never be completed, and God's moral government could not have stood. Let's apply the Divine "must" to every phase of His program. He "must go into Jerusalem"—the place of back-sliding and rebellion. He "must suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes" (the people of vested interests, the shepherds who fed themselves, "the blind leaders of the blind"). He "must be killed," because of what He was, what He did and what He taught; for His life was pure, His works were of God, and His words were eternal truth; and He would not deny His works

How To Be Saved

By WILLIAM BOOTH

Not only do I see that I have sinned against God, but I am truly sorry for having done so. I hate my evil ways, and I hate myself for having followed them. I am grieved on account of my sins—not only because they have exposed me to punishment, but because they have been committed against my Heavenly Father who has continually loved and cared for me.

If I could undo the past, gladly would I do so; but, alas! I cannot. The sins I have committed are written down against me in the book of God's remembrance. No prayers that I can offer, no tears that I can shed, no lamentations that I can make, no good works that I can perform will remove that terrible record. My only hope is in the forgiving mercy of Jesus Christ, who has said, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."

or compromise His words. Moreover, those people were uncomfortable in His holy presence, they were shamed and enraged by His mighty works, and they were offended and angered by His words. He would not compromise with them, and they would not repent. So He must die!

But, thank God for that final "must"—He must "be raised again the third day." That was inevitable! It had to happen! It could not be otherwise! Heaven being holy, God being God and being just, Christ being sinless and perfectly obedient, having lived and died in the will of God, He must and did rise again the third day!

Thus He carried out to perfection "the things of God," and now there is salvation, sanctification and healing for all men through the blood of His cross; for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin; but now all who believe are made nigh to God by His blood, having their transgressions pardoned and their sin cleansed.

As for the things of men, the cross is not among them. In fact, the cross is "a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, even to them which stumble at the Word, being disobedient."

"Unto the Jews" it is "a stumbling block and unto the Greeks foolishness."

"The things of God" concern eternal matters; "the things of men" have to do with the present, the immediate, the things to be gained and enjoyed in this world.

They do not concern themselves with the things which are eternal. They are interested in comfort for the body and ease for the mind.

There may be a great deal of religiosity about the "things of men," but there is no blood-bought salvation, no cross, no self-denial.

I Am Third

"Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." This command, given to Moses, means that God must have pre-eminence over everything else. The gods of pride, ambition, self and materialism would seek to eliminate the true and living God, but we must guard against this, for God is a jealous God and desires our love, our loyalty and our praise.

I shall never forget the words of my father as I was leaving home to enter training for Salvation Army officership in London, England. I was only eighteen years of age, but his words made a lasting impression on me. As the train was about to leave the Glasgow Central Station, he grasped my hand and said, "Remember, Walter, God first!" Since that day I have had many varied experiences, but at all times I have sought to put God first, and all has been well.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you," was the way in which the very Son of God expressed the same truth.

Bill Lockwood spent four happy years in high school, where he was very popular and where he won honors in scholarship, athletics and student activities. After graduation, Bill went away to college. His first act upon entering the dormitory was to place a crude sign on his desk in his own handwriting. It said, "I'm third." Immediately the boys who came into Bill's room began to ask the meaning of the strange sign. Bill, however, would not tell even his closest friends, except to say, "I'll tell you the day I graduate."

As Bill continued on through college, he was elected president of the student council and captain of the football team; he played center on the basketball team and was elected the most popular man in the school. He had many friends, and he always went out of his way to help them and to be friendly. Still, he would not tell the meaning of the "I'm third" sign on his desk.

On the morning of Bill's graduation, a group of boys came to his room and reminded him of his promise to tell the meaning of the sign for which they had been waiting four years. Rather reluctantly Bill finally explained, "You see fellows, it's this way. Before I came to college, Mother said, 'Always remember, Son, no matter what your success or failures, God comes first, other folks second, and you're third. Whatever happens, your life will be a happy one and a successful one if you remember the motto and live accordingly.'"

This is indeed good advice for us. Let us make sure in all circumstances of life we put God first, ourselves last and others in between.

—The War Cry

Let Not Your Heart

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as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39).

What the church needs today is not found in religious creeds and ceremonies, nor in social activities and entertainments, nor in anything of a worldly or carnal nature. Only God can meet the need. And the Holy Spirit is the special gift of the Father sent down from heaven to make His dwelling-place in the bodies of believers. Not something to fear. But something that will make us like Jesus, kind-hearted and compassionate, ready to serve and bear witness, and all else that Christians should be as lights in this dark world.

Is there a hunger in your heart for God, and a longing for His promise to be fulfilled? If so, let no one be allowed to hinder you from seeking God. Is there a feeling of loneliness and need, and no one seems to understand or care? Then why not find a place of prayer and invite the Holy Comforter to come and make His abode in you?

Does this world seem all wrong? Is fear and trouble and distress pressing in on every hand? Are you longing for a place of peace and safety? Jesus said: "Let not your heart be troubled . . . I go to prepare a place for you. And . . . I will come again, and receive you unto Myself."

"Why Didn't You Hurry?"

A missionary on the western prairies tells us that he was coming home one night and his little boy came running through the long grass to meet him. Suddenly the lad disappeared. When the father got near he heard a gurgling cry, and found the little boy had fallen into an old well. He was barely in time to save him. When the little fellow came to himself he looked up and said, "O Papa, why didn't you hurry?" That cry made the father a missionary.

Why don't we hurry? "We are dying," said an old heathen chief; "why don't you send the Gospel faster?"

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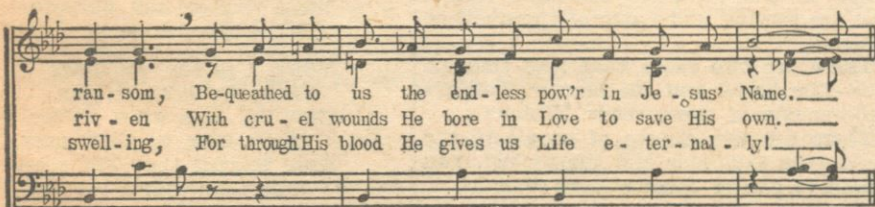
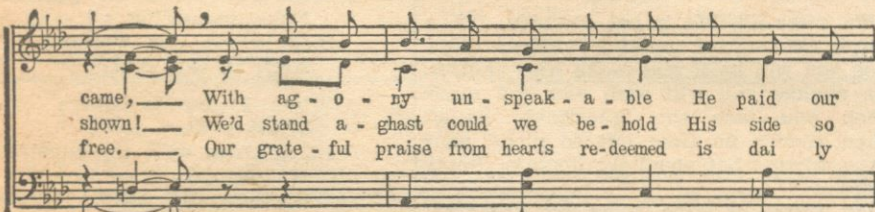
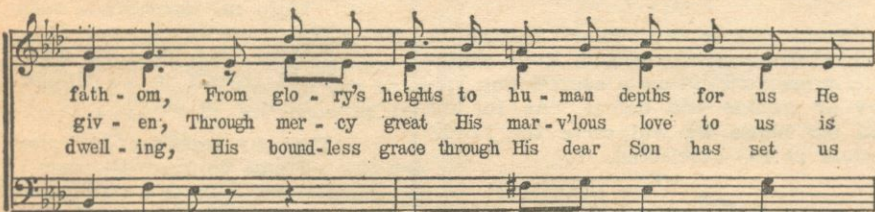
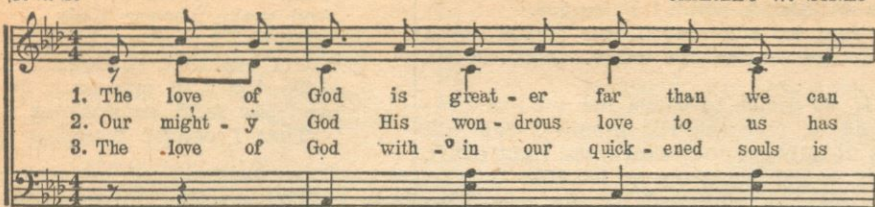
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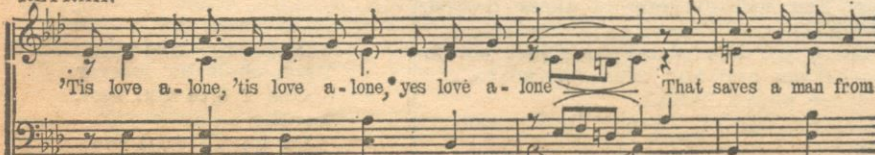
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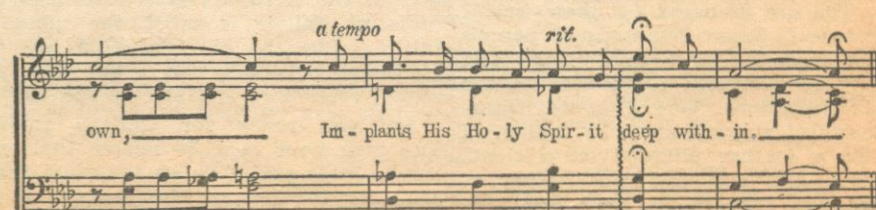
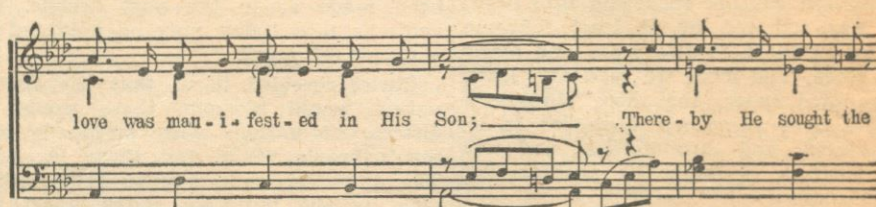
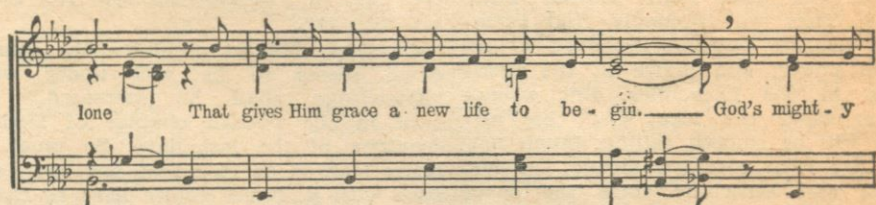


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