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**CHURCH ORGANIZATION**  
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as set forth both in the New and Old Testaments

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Part 1  
INTRODUCTION TO THE DIGITAL EDITION

This booklet was written by C. B. Jernigan at a time when he felt that one of the paramount needs of the Church of the Nazarene was more and better organization: "We have plenty of men and women in the Church of the Nazarene who are clean in their lives and holy in heart, and would die before they would knowingly do anything contrary to the will of God, but they lack system and real organization."

Jernigan even felt that, in some cases at least, the need for more and better organization was at that time greater than the need of revival: "How often has my heart been made to bleed as I traveled the district visiting the churches when some pastor would announce, 'We now have with us our beloved District Superintendent and we expect a great revival while he is here and expect to see many souls get to God.' It is all right to have a D. S. who can produce a revival, but there are times when a church needs something else worse than it needs a revival."

Thus, beyond setting forth the various parts of Church Organization, in essence this booklet is an appeal for more and better organization among those of the Church of the Nazarene at that time. For this reason, the booklet is quite "dated" as to its primary purpose, but as to its general

application it can be very instructive regarding the need for the "Organization," and not merely the "Association," of men within a church, if that church is to function as a Biblical church and achieve its God-ordained objectives.

I found no publication date for this booklet, but the date, August 1, 1915, is found at the conclusion of the Foreword under C. B. Jernigan's name. Thus, it is likely that the publication date was some time in either the latter part of 1915 or in the early part of 1916. Since the publication was a booklet rather than a longer book, it seems likely that it was published close to the August 1, 1915 date. Thus, I have listed above 1915 as the date of publication.

Concerning the title:-- on the cover of the printed booklet, the title is given as "The Glorious Church," but on the title page inside the cover and throughout the booklet, the title is given as "Church Organization." Therefore, I decided to "let the majority rule" and titled this digital edition by the latter name. -- DVM

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## Part 2 FOREWORD

Great revivals of Holiness have swept over this country in which hundreds have entered into the experience of Entire Sanctification and on returning their churches were ridiculed by pastors who did not believe in this blessed experience. They were made to feel very uncomfortable in these churches, and some being expelled as heretics, were compelled to seek new church homes, if such could be found, where they might have liberty of conscience.

This state of affairs caused independent holiness prayer meetings and campmeetings to spring up, the independent spirit of which bred come-out-ism, and disloyalty to all church organization, thus greatly hindering the work of holiness.

The author's character was arrested in Eastern Texas for preaching this heresy, but as he was a layman at that time, and there being no law in his church (the M. E. Church South) against a layman holding religious services, the case against him was dropped; but Rev. E. C. DeJernett, his colaborer, for the same reason was expelled from the church.

The author's saw God's people scattered abroad as sheep without a shepherd. It made his heart bleed, so he set about to effect the organization of a church that would meet the demands of holiness, and the result was the organizing of the Holiness Church of Christ in the South, and later the union of it with the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

This little volume is dedicated to the lovers of systematic organization.

C. B. Jernigan  
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August 1, 1915

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### Part 3

## ORGANIZATION

We are not living in world of chance, where things happen without cause; but where there is a law of cause and effect that governs and controls the entire universe -- the eternal decree of God; the unchangeable laws of nature. Things do not happen by accident; but there is an all-wise God, who is the creator, ruler and preserver of the universe. He did not create things nor beings just at haphazard, to run without law and order, but He formed an organization, most thorough and complete, with certain fixed laws to control all of His creation.

When this universe, or system of worlds, was created and pitched out into space, there was made also the law of gravitation to hold each in its proper sphere, and a law of centrifugal force to keep each in its ordained orbit; each one rotating around the other. These laws give to us our times and seasons with such exactness that an astronomer is able to tell what moment, one hundred years from now, that the sun or moon will be in an eclipse.

The law is so perfect that in all of these thousands of years there has never been a hot box, nor a cog jumped, nor planet that did not put into port at the time appointed. This is the inflexible law of God: the unchangeable decree of heaven. Destroy these fixed laws which God hath decreed and there will be a wreck of worlds, a collapse of matter and climactic conditions will follow.

If the church of God would follow the plan laid down in the Bible, as perfectly as the system of worlds keep the law of God, there would be no more friction in her machinery than there is in the laws of the universe. Almighty God never issued a decree nor started a movement without putting some responsible being in command and giving him charge and authority over the work, submitting a plan whereby the movement could be worked out, and holding the one in charge responsible for the outcome. There was Moses, the lawgiver; Joshua, the commander in the army; Gideon, Samson and Jephtha, the judges; Samuel, the prophet and David, the king -- all men called of God Himself, and appointed to their respective work.

These men were the head of the government, whether Theocracy, Kingdom or Church, they were the recognized heads of the organized forces. When this body over which they were called to rule, split into factions, there was a rupture in the nation and many people were destroyed as the result as in the case of the insurrection of Korah, Dathan and Abiram, when God slew by fire, fifteen thousand people who joined the insurgents, in the very presence of the camp of Israel.

It is a dangerous thing to revolt against your God-called leaders. Again, in the case of the revolt of Jeroboam, when he stole the kingdom from Rehoboam, the lawful king, the twelve tribes of Israel were split asunder never to be joined together again, but to war on each other. Someone has said, "In union there is strength." Another has said, "United we stand, divided we fall."

The ten spies at Kadesh said, "We cannot possess the land," while the two fearless ones said, "We are well able to possess it." There was division and they cried, "Stone Joshua and Caleb." The result was the, death of six hundred thousand people who died in the wilderness

without ever seeing the land of promise, bitten by fiery serpents, scorched in the desert, drinking bitter water, and "loathing this light bread."

Have you not seen instances of the same thing in the church today? A land once filled with houses where the power of God was manifested and men prayed through to God, today is a land of houses given over to bats and owls. The very same reason -- insurgents in the church who are unwilling to be subject to the powers that be, haters of organization.

God has decreed that His church should be as fair as the moon, as clear as the sun and as terrible as an army with banners. The organized church is expected to strike terror to the world today just as the German army is [1915-16 in World War I] striking terror to Europe. Did you ever stop to ask why that, the German army -- pressed on the rear by Russia whose territory covers one-sixth of the entire map, confronted by France, one of the leading nations of the world, and England, who, with her super-dreadnaughts and battleships, has declared herself mistress of the seas, and who has Canada, Australia, India and Egypt from which to draw soldiers, transporting them to the present scene of war, together with Italy, the home of the Pope, Portugal on the sea coast, Serbia in the midst, together with Belgium, that little nation that put up the most stubborn fight of any -- all have not been able to stop the onward march of the Kaiser's army?

[During World War I] Germany has not yet been invaded nor has she lost one mile of her former territory. She has been able to regain what was taken from Austria in Galicia, and as I write, her armies are bombarding the very gates of Warsaw, the chief city of Russia. She has complete control of the seas, even the very coasts of England are patrolled by German submarines, and English commerce is stopped while her fleet of great battle ships are hugging the harbors of the Orkney Islands, trembling with fear, lest [they be] attacked and destroyed by Germany's much dreaded submarines. Why, oh why, all this, when England, France and Russia are as well equipped financially as Germany? There is but one reason -- Organization.

England, France and Russia have had a quarrel with Germany for years, and these nations knew that the day would come when there would be war. Germany stood in a state of preparedness. When the proclamation of war was declared her already organized army, which is not to be compared in number with the armies of the enemies, were on their way to invade Belgium, and twenty-four hours after the declaration of war [the Germans] had their guns in position before the fort of Liege, shelling her ramparts. Her men were trained soldiers. Her officers were scientific experts in military tactics and naval warfare. Every automobile in Germany was at the command of the Empire when the need came, and all the railroad trains stopped all other traffic and carried men and munitions to the front in hot haste. In fact, there was one perfect organization. Germany, Austria, Hungary and Turkey combined have about one-fourth of the population of the nations that are fighting them.

Some months ago someone asked Lord Kitchner, of England, when the war would be over. He replied that he could not tell, but that he would assure them that it would begin in May. What did he mean? He meant that England was not ready and that it would take her from August 1914 to May 1915 to get ready for the conflict. May has come and gone and now we are at August again, and yet England has not done any great fighting.

America, through her Secretary of War, Mr. Daniels, has asked the wisest men of the nation to take seats in her Cabinet as war experts: such men as Thomas A. Edison and Henry Ford have been called out. England following as by rote, has done the same thing.

Twenty years ago, Count Zeppelin of Germany built the first Zeppelin airship. While being tested it went to the ground and was completely wrecked. The Count weeping, left the wrecked craft lying in the street, and went to a restaurant for his dinner. When he had finished his dinner, a messenger from the Kaiser handed to him a check for fifteen thousand dollars with which to build another.

I wondered then why this was done, but it is all clear to me now: they knew that the present war would come and they were preparing for it. Thus you see that both America and England are twenty years behind Germany who planned and organized. Oh if I can only impress on "The Church of the Nazarene" the importance of such planning and organizing as these people have done, I shall have accomplished my purpose in writing this article.

There is a foe more terrible for us to confront than all of the allies that are seeking to overthrow the military spirit in Germany: Hell and her allies under the generalship of Satan, with the allied forces of sin -- Compromise, Come-outism, Anti-holiness and Go-as-you-please church members -- have all conspired to overthrow the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

There is a manifest lack of definite organization. Certainly, we are thrown together and have a form, and figureheads for pastors in many places, but if you will listen to the reports from the churches at almost any Assembly, you will discover very little Organization. A Pastor in name, more properly an Evangelist, who gives the most of his time to other fields; a Church Board, in name, who have not had a clear understanding with their Pastor the whole year nor provided for his support; a Board of trustees, who do not know clearly, whether their property is the property of the church or of someone else; a board of stewards who cannot tell you how much the Pastor has received the past year, nor have they any definite plans for raising money for him; a District Superintendent who gives most of his time to pastoral work; a General Supt. who gives most of his time to Foreign Missionary work, and to traveling around the globe: and yet we call this Organization. It is not any wonder that the world has encroached upon the church, and that we are not making aggressive strides to take other territory. Are we as terrible as an army with banners, or have we become tame and inaggressive?

God demands aggressive warfare: "Go up at once and possess the land," was the cry. Take new territory or the Enemy will invade your territory. Organize and prepare to fight for you surely will have to do it if you succeed as a church. When Israel was marching on, invading the territory around about, they were successful, but when they settled down, contented with their possessions, they always lost in battle and the enemy took their lands from them.

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Part 4  
A GLORIOUS CHURCH

"Christ loved the Church, and gave himself for it; that he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.

God always has had a visible organized church since he has had a people in the world. True there is the invisible church, to which God Himself adds: "And the Lord added to the church daily." This church has its record in heaven: but there is another church, the visible organized church with its record here in this world, also on which is found the names of its members. When Stephen was stoned as he looked steadfastly into heaven, he told us that "This is the church in the wilderness." Then there was a church in the wilderness. He further tells us that here we receive the lively Oracles. Paul tell us, "That they all eat of the same spiritual meat and drink of the same spiritual drink for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."

Hear the same apostle again: "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners; but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ, himself, being the chief corner stone." Eph. 2:19, 20. The household of God, "Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth are named." Eph. 3:15 Here we find the church likened to a family; a household with the proper regulations to govern it -- a head that controls affairs. All bodies are controlled by a head. A part of this church is in heaven, the remainder of it on earth, and all have the same cornerstone whether they lived in the dispensation of the apostles or prophets, whether in the New Testament or the Old.

God organized three institutions: The home with its family, and husband as the head; the church with her people, having the ministers as its head, and the nation with its laws and magistrates in control. Destroy the home and there can be no church. Destroy the church and the nation will soon fall. Destroy the governing power of either, and chaos and confusion will follow.

Our government is so well organized that I can post a letter here in Bethany, Oklahoma with the proper postage, and have it carried into the frigid mountains of Alaska to the person to whom it is addressed. Organization does it.

Now to the church in the wilderness: This was a completely organized body, with proper officers, a complete record, and a systematic government. There was the General Superintendent, Twelve District Superintendents, and pastors and leaders as needed. Moses was the General Superintendent: "And with you there shall be a man of every tribe." Num. 1:4. A District Superintendent, one chosen from every tribe (District). Many good people are opposed to a book of record. God always had a record kept of His transactions, and the names of men recorded in it for future reference.

Here were two men who were to stand at the head of their tribes with Moses: The tribe of Reuben: Elizur; of Simeon Shelumiel; of Judah, Nathon; of Issachar, Nathanael; of Zebulun, Eliab; of Ephraim; Elishama, of Manasseh: Gamaliel; of Benjamin, Abidan; of Dan, Ahasuerus; of Asher, Pagieli; Gad, Eliasaph; Naphtali, Ahira.

These were the renown of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of the thousands of Israel. "And Moses and Aaron took these men which are expressed by their names

and assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families." What a record-keeping people they must have been to be able to read out the names of their families for generations back. Did they not have a church book in which to enroll the names of their people?

Again, "Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families by the house of their father with the number of their names ... and these are the names." Num. 1:2. (you will find a faithful record of the number of their names in the next few chapters of the book of Numbers; also, a more complete record in the first eight chapters of the book of 1 Chronicles.) "So all Israel was reckoned by genealogies; and behold they were written in the book of the Kings of Israel." Here is proof that God had established a good system of bookkeeping, and it is still in vogue today among all Orthodox Jews.

There was a certain crowd in the days of Nehemiah who were among the priests, but no record of their names was found and they were not allowed to remain among the priests. "And these were they which came up from Telmelah but they sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogies, but they were not found." Ezra 2:62

Now to the organization of the church in the wilderness: "I took the chief of your tribes, wise men and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among you." Here are officers enough to handle the whole of Israel: one General Superintendent, twelve District Superintendents, and rulers as needed with a book that still contains most of the names.

Now there was also the most perfect order in all their travels as well as in their organization. When they camped anywhere in the wilderness there was the most perfect order. Each tribe camped around a standard set up for each of the several tribes. "The children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own standard throughout their hosts, but the Levites shall pitch around the Tabernacle." Num. 1:52. Every time they camped during the entire forty years they camped in the same order.

When they marched from one place to the other they marched in systematic order, just as they had camped: "In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah," then Issachar, then Zebulun: next were the Levites carrying the tabernacle; then Reuben, Simeon, Gad, Ephraim, Manasseh, Benjamin, "and the standard of Dan set forward which was the rereward of all camps throughout their hosts." Num. 10:14-25

Thus were the journeyings of the children of according to their armies, when they set forward: and Moses said unto Hobab, Moses father-in-law, "We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good." Num. 10:28-29. With the pillar of fire in the lead, and all Israel lined up in this systematic way. It must have struck terror to the hearts of the unorganized heathen through whose country they traveled.

God wants just as much order today in His church as then. Why not have it? There were a few rebels that did their utmost to break up God's order of things, but they were always destroyed in the very presence of all the congregation of the people. This holds good today as well as then.

Now to the New Testament: "For this purpose I left thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city as I had appointed thee." Titus 1:5.

Paul had somewhere received the proper authority to appoint men to their special work of regularly organizing the work of the church. Again, "Obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they must give account." Heb. 13:17 Here is a ruler (Pastor) in the New Testament church whose orders are to be obeyed.

Again, "Take heed to yourselves, and to the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseer, to feed the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood." Acts 29:28 An overseer (Pastor) to look after and feed the flock. Here is organization in both the Old Testament and the New Testament, each with regular ordained men in authority.

"But," says one, "I do not believe in a book of discipline or church manual." We will just take the Bible and turn to the Acts of the apostles and read: "And they wrote letters by them after this manner: The apostles and elders and brethren send greetings unto the brethren which are of the gentiles ... It seemed good unto us being assembled with one accord to send chosen men unto you ... So when they were dismissed they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together they delivered the epistle: which when they had read they rejoiced for the consolation. And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained by the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. So the churches were established in the faith and increased in number daily.

This was the way the early church settled their difficulties regarding church matters, as recorded in the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters of the Acts. They called a general assembly to meet at Jerusalem. Acts 15:1-4 This assembly issued orders after much consideration and had letters sent to the churches, its decrees "for to keep." In other words, they got out a statement of doctrine for which they stood. Can you deny this proposition? These decrees "for to keep" were sent to churches by the hands of Barnabas and Paul, who traveled as District Superintendents. As they went the churches were established in the faith and increased in number. This forever settles the question of Organization and Manual.

Now what kind of a church was the church of God? "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever." Psa. 93:5 "A glorious church not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:27 "Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel and say unto them, ye shall be holy." Lev. 19:2. [This] evidently [signifies] nothing but a holy church filled with holy people, even though some people do very much dislike holiness.

What kind of a preacher? "Take thou Aaron, thy brother, that he may minister unto me ... and thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron, thy brother; for glory and for beauty ... thou shalt make a plate of pure gold and grave upon it, like the engraving of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity ... and shall be always upon his forehead, that he may be accepted of the Lord." Exodus 28:36, 38



Here we have a holiness church with a holiness preacher who must always wear holiness in his forehead. Now if God in his wisdom provided for a priest (preacher or minister) surely he will provide a plan for his support. Read: "And the Lord spake unto Aaron, thou shalt have no inheritance in the land, neither shalt thou have any part among them; I am their part and their inheritance among the children of Israel. And behold I have given the children of Levi the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle." This is, and ever has been, and ever will be, the law by which God has planned to support the ministry. Beanbakes, cake-walks, oyster stews, and box suppers as a means of raising money for the support of the church, are an abomination to the Lord. When you, or any church, fails to give God the tenth of your income for the support of the ministry, you become a robber in the sight of God.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and in offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sake and he shall not destroy the fruit of your ground." Malachi 3:8

We are trying to improve on God's plan of finance, and the church has lost financially and spiritually because we have left the old paths. If the church expects the best from God Almighty they must give their best to him; not the leavings or what you can live without, but you must give the first fruits, without blemish to God. Israel was not allowed to give to the ministry anything that was in the least diseased or crippled or in any manner not perfect. Lev. 22:2

God's methods are always best in all matters of religion and business. There is no modern improvements on God's plans. God has a financial plan: "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's." Lev. 27:30

"The tithe of the children of Israel which they offer unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites." Num. 1:24 These two statements tell us what amount of our means belong to God and where to put it. [This statement is relative, of course. In fact, every legitimate possession one has belongs to God. All is His. -- DVM]

Nehemiah 13:10 tells us that the portion of the Levites and singers had not been given them, so they fled every one of them to the field; that the preachers and singers had to turn farmers because the tithe had been withheld from them. That is much the case today.

In the days of Hezekiah, that holiness preacher-king, we find these words: "Moreover, He commanded the people that dwell in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the Lord: and as soon as the commandment went abroad the children of Israel brought in abundance of the first fruits of the corn, wine, and oil and the honey, and of all the increase of the field; the tithe of all brought they in abundantly: and Zadock answered and said, Since the people began to bring the offerings to the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat and have plenty." 2 Chronicles 31:4, 5,10.

The organized church has its God-called men to take charge of each individual department of the work of the church. Oh, if we only could find the place where we are best fitted and then settle down in the notch where God wants us, what a success the church would be; a place for every man and a man for every place. But instead of this we have evangelists, to the manner born, who are trying to be pastors and pastors called to that office who are trying to be evangelists: "And he gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith ... that we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Eph. 4:11-14

I know men who can become the apostle, open up a new field and plant the doctrine of holiness to stay until Jesus comes, but if they do not leave town on the first train after the meeting, never to return, they are sure to spoil the work they have accomplished -- apostles -- but they think that they ought to be pastors of the work because God gave it to them.

Often the evangelist assumes the role of a dictator and proceeds on ten days notice to tell the church and pastor how the whole affair ought to be run. He knows more about the church and her people, at the end of ten days, than the pastor who has been in their homes and prayed and toiled with them for two years. Sure he does, he has a good informant -- dear old Sister Dishrattler and old Brother Busybody has been into his room or taken him home with them and given him the whole lay of the land. Shame on any evangelist that would get such information and then get up in the pulpit and abuse the hard working pastor who has given his best service to the church. We need pastors, we need evangelists, but they must work in harmony and not try to spoil all that the faithful pastor has done.

"Be no more children tossed to and fro." Hence comes a straight holiness man and preaches the truth, but does not organize and put a shepherd over the flock to keep off the wolves, in fact, he sneers at the Nazarene Church; and soon after him comes a Pentecostal (?) fellow -- a tongues man -- and preaches a strange doctrine; then comes the Gospel Trumpet crowd who oppose any sort of a sect, while they are the most "secty" sect that dissects. They are so narrow that they cannot fellowship anyone who does not wash feet and greet the brethren with the holy kiss -- a narrow hide-bound sect and yet opposing all sects.

These new converts have no shepherd, hence they are tossed up and down by every wind of doctrine that comes their way. They have no head, no church, and soon they will be no people.

A company of men see an opportunity and obtain a charter from the state to build a railroad from and to certain given points. A corps of engineers are engaged and they survey the line and drive some stakes where the proposed line is to run. A contract is let for the construction of that road. Wherever the stakes are driven the dump is made and the rails are laid. It may run across your front yard and plow up all your flowers that you have cultivated for years. It may fill up your well or move your barn, but they build the road just where the stakes are driven.

Just so God has a plan. This plan started in Creation's dawn and will run in a straight line until the end of eternities night [which is forever], and God will work out all that He has planned.

This plan may run through your dooryard and plow up all the roses that you have nourished for years, or you may have to fill up your long-dug well, or move your barn, but God will put His road where He has planned.

You may have a part in working out His plan if you will work in accord with all that He has planned. If not you will have to stand aside and allow Him to engage the man who will build the road just where He has driven the stakes.

I go to the contractor who is building a railroad. I have a splendid team and begin work, but do not like the direction in which the road is running. I start to plowing in an opposite direction. The contractor shows me the stakes but I turn away and tell him that I have a better plan than the engineers have given, and plow off in an entirely different direction. How long will I hold my job? I will either work in accord with the plan or be driven off the job.

Many a holiness preacher has failed, not because he was not a good man, but because he has not worked in harmony with God's great plan.

A railroad company must be most thoroughly organized to do business. There must be a well defined head -- a general superintendent. Then there are division superintendents, roadmasters, telegraph operators, station agents, and section foremen. Each of these are absolutely important, and each are responsible for their own department of the work. Here is system and order, without which there could be no train service -- a general head then a head to each subdivision.

Oh, if the church of God would be as systematic how we would take the world for God. We must have a general superintendent; thorough, general and executive, a district superintendent who is an organizer and a born leader of men, and a pastor who is conservative, tender, and watchful for prowling wolves, a people loyal and true to the church with all of its God-ordained authority and power; then you have a church "as fair as the moon, as clear as the sun and as terrible as an army with banners." An army where everybody is boss will never take an opposing fortification or invade the country of the enemy.

In conclusion, I will give you God's picture of the church as portrayed in the thirty-first chapter of Proverbs. Turn to your Bible and read it. "Who can find a virtuous woman?" In other words, where can you find a clean church? A woman in the Bible represents the church. "For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." II Cor. 11:2.

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This a great mystery but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Eph. 5:31

Verse 11: "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her." In other words Christ can trust his affairs in this world to the church.

Verse 12. "She will do him good all the days of her life." Will do the kingdom of God good.

Verse 13. "She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands." By no means an idle church; seeking material with which to work and then works willingly when it is found.

Verse 14. "She bringeth her goods from afar." Local conditions do not effect her work. Her bread comes from heaven.

Verse 15. "She giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens." This church will look well after her own household. "He knoweth his sheep by name." Not a lamb goes astray without this church going after it.

Verse 16. "She considereth a field and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard." After her own household is fed, then she looks for a place to do some missionary work, and plants with her own hands the field that she buys -- a missionary church.

Verse 17. "She girdeth her loins with strength." This church is no weakling, but she is girded with strength. This is not a dying, starving church as some that we see, but she has strength to take other fields.

Verse 20. "She stretcheth out her hands to the poor and needy." This is a real Pentecostal Church, looking after the poor in her neighborhood, picking up the fallen and rescuing the lost. She would go into the slums and pull out lost girls and take care of them.

Verse 21. "She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed in scarlet." The margin reads, "Clothed in double garments." They have the double cure and you cannot freeze them out. They will wade the snow to rescue the perishing.

Verse 23. "Her husband is known in the gates." She is no flirt. You can tell that she is a married woman and honors her husband, although he may be off on a long journey.

Verse 26. "She openeth her mouth with wisdom." She does not talk foolishness but when she speaks she has a message to deliver.

Verse 27. "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness." She will see that every member of her household is protected and cared for, and when this done she still goes on working. No idlers are found in this church.

Verse 28. "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also and he blesseth her."

Reader does your church measure up to this standard that God has held out to you? Is yours a working church? Has she bought a new field, planted a vineyard and cultivated it with her own hands? What a picture of the church.

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## Part 5

### THE SECT OF THE NAZARENE

Hurst in his church history gives us a short sketch of the early sect of the Nazarenes. He classes them among the other religious bodies. He says that, "They more nearly approach to Christianity than other sects. They accept the writings of St. Paul and hold that Jesus was the Son of God, and that his generation was divine." He further tells us that they disappeared in the fourth century. Thank God, they have made their appearance again in this country and they still believe in the divinity of Jesus and accept the writings of Paul and they are going everywhere making disciples, teaching them the way of holiness. They claim the heathen for their inheritance and heaven for their eternal home.

This sect lived in Paul's day and he was accused of being their ringleader, and was tried in their courts on this charge and confessed that he was guilty of being one of them. "A certain orator named Tertullus who informed the governor against Paul .. I pray thee that thou wouldst bear us of thy clemency a few words. For we found this man a pestilent fellow and a mover of sedition among the Jews throughout the world and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes" Then Paul answered .. "This I confess unto thee, that after the way called heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers." Acts 24:5-14

Here is God's ideal of the church: a sanctified church, a clean church, a holy church, without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, and any church that falls short of this standard can lay but little claim to the real church of God.

Christ, the great Head, and Chief Cornerstone of the church, like the husband, is the head of the family; so Christ is the Head of the church. What intimate relationship the church has to Christ: for we are members of his body, of His flesh and of His bones. "For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body; that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care one for another," and when one member suffers all the members suffer with it.

[The Church has] one Head, many fingers and toes, with numerous other joints all fitly joined together into a perfect body; each obeying the commands of the Head -- not a deformed body with abnormal growth on it that interferes with a perfect organism; nor with some of the members with Saint Vitus dance that renders the distorted members worse than useless. I have seen some church members with abnormal functions, some with Saint Vitus dance, and other peculiar ailments that render them discordant members.

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## Part 6

### AN AFFLICTED MEMBER

The afflicted member always needs special attention from a skilled physician. If you have a bone felon [an inflammatory sore on the finger near the nail. -- Oxford Dict.] on your finger you do

not take the sore finger out to the woodpile and chop it off on a chop log, but on the contrary you hunt up a doctor and have a poultice made, and carry it in a sling until it fully recovers. If you go into a crowd where there is danger you throw an arm out to protect the afflicted member. If it is ever necessary to amputate it is always the last resort to save the whole body from blood poison. That poor, weak church member; take him to the Great Physician. Poultice him well with prayer and let it be the last resort to turn him out, but do it before blood poison destroys the whole body.

This is God's ideal church, for mutual protection and help, with brotherly love and fellowship.

Every decent dog has a home and someone to look after its interests. No body cares for a stray dog loafing through the country; if he is killed no one cares, but you kill a dog that someone pays taxes on and you are in trouble right now.

The church in the wilderness was to be a holiness church. When Israel had gone three days journey in the wilderness they were stopped at the foot of Sinai, where they were to receive the law and be properly organized before they went further, and the first thing they were told was that God was about to give them a written law and organize them into a holy nation: "And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests an holy nation." Eph. 19:6 After the law was given they were reminded of God's purpose: "and ye shall be holy men unto me." Eph. 22:21 Again, "And ye shall be holy unto me, for I the Lord am holy and have severed you from other people that you should be mine." Lev. 20:26 The purpose of this perfectly organized people with their names written down, and the law given was to sever a people from the world that he might have a holy people separate and apart from the world, a peculiar people, a holy nation. And God has never changed His plans, but will work out all that he has planned.

The glorious church will be a powerful church, but all the power in the universe cannot avail anything in an unorganized condition. The electric current that pulls our [street]cars, and lights and heats our cities, is useless without concentration and some well organized machinery through which to work. God wants a church that can "do exploits" and bring things to pass.

The church in the wilderness shouted down the walls of Jericho, put the sword through thirty-one kings, slew the giants that opposed, and laid Goliath on his face and little David walked away with his head.

Before the Pentecostal Church in the New Testament Ananias and Sapphira fell dead for lying. This church could pray the hinges off the prison doors and let Peter walk out free, and Paul could face a howling mob and preach Jesus and the resurrection if it did mean a Roman prison. In short, that church could bring things to pass that would strike terror to the world and put sinners to confusion, but do not forget that they were well organized and had proper men as rulers in the church. "Obey them that have the rule over you." Heb. 13:17 "Set things in order." Titus 1:5

Without a commander-in-chief no army will win; without proper men in office who will earnestly contend for the things once delivered to the saints, no church will accomplish much. We have plenty of men and women in the Church of the Nazarene who are clean in their lives and holy

in heart, and would die before they would knowingly do anything contrary to the will of God, but they lack system and real organization.

How often has my heart been made to bleed as I traveled the district visiting the churches when some pastor would announce, "We now have with us our beloved District Superintendent and we expect a great revival while he is here and expect to see many souls get to God." It is all right to have a D. S. who can produce a revival, but there are times when a church needs something else worse than it needs a revival.

They have had many real revivals of old time religion but were sadly lacking in methods of conserving the results of the revival. You had as well run a dynamo at great expense and have the trolley wire laying on the ground as to run a church at great expense and not conserve the work accomplished. This was the trouble with the Association work that had its day. We must concentrate; we must have close organization; we must stand together as one man to accomplish the most for God.

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