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"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of li/e, and may enter in through the gates into the city." (Rev. 22:14)

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THE SECOND BLESSING PROPERLY SO CALLED By Elbert Dodd

Scripture Lesson: Mark 8:22-25-- "And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he ask him if he saw ought. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly."

Text: Isaiah 6:7 -- "And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."

II Corinthians 1:15 -- "And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit."

The picture before us in the eighth chapter of Mark, is the picture of a poor blind man, representing humanity without God. In this picture we have the plan of redemption unfolded. I know that some will say, "Why two blessings?" Well, I might say, "Why two eyes?" The best way I can figure is that if you get one put out then you have another one to see with. But really if you will study God's Word, the Bible presents to us sin as a double disease and over against this is presented to us a double blessing or double cure.

In Jeremiah 2:13 we find a statement of the two-fold sin of man. "My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." There is first a deadness to the Divine nature and second the outward acts of disobedience. Man's sin then is of two kinds. That which he committed of his own will in acts of disobedience for which he is responsible, then that inner stain and proneness to sin which he derives by birth and not by his own will. Paul calls it, "The carnal mind or the old man."

The overt actions of disobedience to God in thought, word, or deed constitute guilt and the only remedy is pardon which restores the soul to justified innocence. The inward weakness of the spirit and its proneness to sin, constitute its stain and native unrighteousness and the only remedy for this is cleansing or a process of Divine purifying.

We find this double blessing or double cure which is so perfectly adapted to our double disease running through all of the Holy Scriptures. In many instances we find the practical application of this truth in experiences of Bible characters. But to prove the two blessings, first we want to look to the Old Testament. In the 15th chapter of Genesis it is said that Abram believed in the Lord and He counted it unto him for righteousness. Now Abram had left his kinfolks and all of their idols and had gone into a land that God had promised and believed God and God counted it to him for righteousness. Then in the 17th chapter, some years later God came to Abram again and said, "Walk before me and be thou perfect" at which time his name was changed and he received the sign of circumcision whereby self and the flesh were crucified and he was dead to all but the life of God. Again in the life of Jacob we find another instance of these two blessings. In the 28th chapter of Genesis, God gives Jacob the ladder dream. He declares that He will guide him and help him and Jacob arises from his sleep and says that if God will go with him, then he will pay tithe. He certainly must have had a great case of conviction. That was not his conversion as some would claim, but the years went by and Jacob was on his way back to the homeland when he met God again. This time he had heard that his brother was coming and all his past rolled up before him. He met God after he began to make restitution. In making this restitution, he was getting ready for God to bless him. And in Genesis the 32nd chapter the 24th to the 32nd verse, we find that at the end of the wrestling period Jacob was touched and blessed and his name was changed from Jacob to Israel. Jacob the heel grasper had been changed to Israel the prince that wrestled with God. And then the second blessing came over in the 35th chapter of Genesis the 1st to the 9th verses. If you will turn and read you'll find that the Lord blessed him again. Now these prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that there are two blessings taught in the Old Testament.

Now we'll take up the two blessings taught in the New Testament. If you will turn to Matthew 10:1, you will find when the disciples came to Jesus rejoicing because the devils were subject unto them, He said rejoice not because the devils are subject unto you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven. And then in the 17th chapter of John, He prayed that great intercessory prayer for that same group of disciples, that they might receive the second blessing. If any crowd needed the second blessing they needed it. They were going out to face a cold unfriendly world and they needed the second blessing, they needed the Holy Ghost.

Then if you will turn over to Acts 2:4, you will find that they received the gift of the Holy Ghost. Now if you will turn to Luke the 13th chapter and the 10th verse, you will find the very interesting story of the bowed woman.

"And, behold there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And He laid His hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God."

You'll notice in the 12th verse, Jesus saw her and He called her to Him. That was the call of the Lord to this poor bowed sin-sick soul. And in this first blessing He said unto the woman, "Woman, thou art loosed from thy infirmity," and that was a wonderful thing to be loosed from her infirmity but in the second He laid His hands on her and immediately she was made straight and glorified God. Thank God for the two blessings. The first blessing was a wonderful blessing but the second blessing was a more wonderful blessing. It fixed her up so she could straighten up and go home with victory in her soul to walk straight before her family, her friends and God and keep the first blessing she had received.

Now another case is the case we had in Our Scripture lesson. Mark 8:22-25. We find the blind man besought Jesus to touch him as Jesus came his way. The only way to get the first blessing is to ask the Lord to give it to us. We notice that He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of town. That is the picture of Jesus leading us out of the wickedness of sin. "And when He had spit on his eyes, He ask him if he saw ought." The man looked up and said, "I see men as trees walking." Now if a man had never seen and now could see even though it wasn't as plain as a complete deliverance, thank God he could see and he could see enough to tell it was men, even though they looked as large as trees. We thank God for this first blessing. But in the second blessing; "After that He put His hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly." Thank God for the two blessings taught in the Bible.

In the first blessing, our sins are forgiven. In the second blessing our sin is cleansed. The next question may arise in our minds. How to get this blessing? First, we must be convicted of the Holy Ghost and led into regeneration through repentance. When we have confessed our sins and forsaken our sins and cried to the Lord, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness; everything that is not right. That is the first step. Second, we must present our bodies "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service and be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed that ye might prove what is that good and perfect and acceptable will of God." And when we have done this, the Holy Ghost comes with His mighty baptism of power and sanctifies our heart and cleanses it from all sin.

When the Scripture speaks of eternal life, they often represent that life as coming to us in a double degree. John 10:10 "I am come that ye might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." When God pardons, He gives life, but when He sanctifies He gives life more abundantly. That is a wave overflowing the banks. Praise God! In John 7:38-39 "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his inmost soul shall flow rivers of living water. But this he spake of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given:" Friends, Jesus was talking to believers and teaching them of the second blessing of the

fullness of life in the fullness of the Spirit. We praise God for the two blessings and we thank God for what they will do.

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"Let no man deceive you into investing your Christian life in activities which can bring no eternal reward, or into using your time or talents for the promotion of a lame, apostate ecclesiasticism, while the cause of aggressive Pentecostal evangelism languishes before your eyes." -- James B. Chapman.

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EDITORIAL

By Spencer Johnson

THE PRACTICE OF HOLINESS

"And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:" (Col. 1:21-22)

"And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men." (Acts 24:16)

There is no way to separate the experience of a holy heart from the ethics of holy living. We get sanctified but we live holiness. Genuine holiness does affect the attitudes of one's heart and works itself out in the practical aspects of daily conduct. Someone has said, "the proof of the pudding is in the eating of it." If the blessing of holiness does not work under every situation in life one does not have the experience of holiness. No man or woman has any better experience in the sight of God than the experience he or she has in the lowest and weakest moment. It is well to remember that the initial experience of sanctification must be followed by a daily walk of holiness. We must "exercise ourselves to have a conscience void of offence toward God and man." Three questions may justly be asked in regard to the practical aspects of holy living. (1) What does God expect of me as a sanctified person? (2) What may I expect of the experience of sanctification? (3) What does the world have a right to expect of me as a sanctified person? Consider first, What God expects of me as a sanctified person. It is not unreasonable to believe that God expects me to be completely and unreservedly consecrated to Him. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Rom. 12:1) We must give Him the known and the unknown. No one knows all the details that are involved when he consecrates himself to God but if his consecration is real then as each new thing is revealed he yields without struggle or reluctance.

God has a right to expect that one's consecration would be so genuine that one would serve Him even though his companion turned back and proved untrue. If God saw fit to take that little warm bundle of life, that sunny little babe that has come to bless and cheer the home, the fully consecrated soul could look through the falling tears and say, "Lord though I do not understand why this must be, yet I love Thee and will serve Thee just the same." If one's possessions or even his health is taken he can say, "The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away." "Though He slay me yet will I trust Him."

Let no one think that holiness will always make one hilarious in the midst of trouble and sorrow. But his consecration will be so complete that he will have victory in spite of all the adverse circumstances. J. A. Wood said, "Perfect love is constant love. If not constant, it is not perfect. There may not always be ecstatic joy, but there must always be a supreme preference for God." (Perfect Love, page 60.) God expects our consecration to be so thorough that He could thrust us into any kind of a situation where He needs to use us and we would still say with Paul, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Phil. 1:21) H. F. Lyre expressed this attitude of the sanctified when he wrote: "Man may trouble and distress me, "Twill but drive me to Thy breast; Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter Test. Oh! 'tis not in grief to harm me While Thy love is left to me; Oh! 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee."

Furthermore, it is not unreasonable to believe that God expects a sanctified man to be true to his church vows. So true that he will not have to be prodded and cajoled into doing his duty and assuming his responsibility toward the cause of God.

II. Consider the question, "What may I expect the experience of holiness to do for me?" The very term holiness implies that it, of necessity, must make me holy in heart. My inner heart life must be entirely freed from the carnal mind. There must remain no tendency to unbelief, fear, pride, covetousness, lust or any seed of sin.

"But of all the foes we meet, None so oft misled our feet--None betray us into sin, Like the foes that dwell within."

In the truly sanctified heart there is no medium upon which the desires for the world can make an appeal. In regeneration one is delivered from the outward things of the world but in sanctification the desires and motives are purified. The born again soul is delivered from the love of the world. "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (I John 2:15) As a rule the love for the world manifests itself in men in a desire for money, position, and place ahead of God and , in a love for the lodge, the secret order, fraternity, etc. As a rule the love of the world shows itself in women through love of jewelry, dress, flattery and attention. Of course, there are always exceptions to the rule. There are some sissy men who wear their rings and there are some "Tom boy" women. But the exception proves the rule.

When a man gets saved he puts God ahead of his money, his place and position. He breaks with the lodge for he does not feel at home in the old environment any more. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." (II Cor. 6:17) But when a man is sanctified, he has no desire to "pass for good and great and wise in any but his Saviour's eyes." When a woman gets saved she puts off her paint

and jewelry and puts on modest clothing. (Covers her body, arms and legs etc.) And she lets her hair grow as God intended she should. But when she is sanctified she has found the beauty of holiness and has no desire to be like the Jezebels of the world about her. There is something wholesome about any sanctified woman that gives her a genuine, modest attractiveness that far exceeds all the cheap tinsel of the woman of the world. "For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation." (Psalms 149:4).

A regenerated person cares nothing for the pleasures of this world while the very thought of the theater, television or places of worldly entertainment is repulsive to the truly sanctified. Many a professor has been afraid to attend the movies because of a church vow but in his heart the desire was there all the time and he welcomed the television as means to legally satisfy his secret craving for the carrion of the world. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (Col. 3:1-2) The Lord has made ample provision for the healthful happiness of His children in the gift of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, and therefore they do not need amusement, such as dancing, games, theaters, and the like, which worldly people seek.

"Let worldly minds the world pursue, It has no charms for me; Once I admired its trifles too, But grace has set me free."

It is a fearfully ominous fact, that multitudes of professing Christians appear to be entirely destitute of religious joy; forgetting that 'the joy of the Lord' is inseparatable from a truly religious life. Pardon, reconciliation, life, love, purity, peace, and hope constitute the very essence of godliness ... Thousands of people who claim to be Christians are scrambling after dress, money, and pleasure, running to concerts, shows, theaters, and parties of pleasure, while the closet, the prayer service, and God are neglected. From all such pleasure-loving, w r e t c h e d, muttering, grumbling professors, who disparage and misrepresent religion, we feel like saying in the manner of the Episcopal Prayer Book--'Good Lord deliver us.' " (J. A. Wood, Perfect Love, pages 274-275)

I may further expect that the experience of heart holiness will crucify all carnal, selfish pride. Self-respect and decency are component parts of holiness but egotistical selfish pride must be destroyed if my heart is to be humble and holy. The sanctified heart gives itself no airs and feels that it has nothing whereof to boast. All goodness, talents, gifts and accomplishments in the sanctified life are willingly and gladly and unassumingly attributed as free and unmerited grace coming from the Saviour. Peter exhorted, "be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." (I Peter 5:5)

Furthermore, the experience of sanctification delivers from carnal anger and resentful "get back" spirit. There can be no spirit of retaliation in the heart of the holy. I may rightfully expect that this experience will deliver me from rejoicing or gloating over the downfall of those who may oppose me. "Love rejoiceth not in iniquity." Glory to God! I have found it to be true in my own personal life. I want to testify here and now that it works! It enables me to love my enemies as Jesus taught in the sermon on the mount. Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! This is practical holiness. It

clarifies my vision, establishes my heart and prepares me for loving service to my King. Bless His name forever!

III. Consider finally "What does the world have a right to expect from the sanctified?" The world expects us as holy people to be consistent. We cannot live one standard at church and another on the job and still another at home and expect the world to believe in our profession of holiness. We must live the teachings of the Bible. A Bible Christian is a consistent Christian.

The world also expects us to have a concern for the lost about us. When we fail to carry a burden and manifest a sincere desire for their salvation, the people of the world are disappointed.

Again, the world expects us to be united. Where there is division and strife, bickering, backbiting and fighting there is no holiness. Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them . . . That they all may be one . . . that the world may believe." (John 17) Of course, one cannot be united with sin for that would not be pleasing to God, nor does the world expect us to purchase unity at the cost of compromise with sin. But there will be harmony among all who are really sanctified. "And the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes." (Ezek. 36:23) Florence B. Anderson expressed it:

"There isn't a preacher can say No matter how lovely or true, Nor is there a prayer that his eager lips pray That can preach such a sermon as you.

You vowed to serve Christ, And men know that you did--They're watching the things that you do; There isn't an action of yours that is hid, Men are watching and studying you.

If Christians were Christians as they profess, Men would notice their glorified mien; And say, 'What wondrous things they possess Who follow the meek Nazarene.'

Christians remember you bear His dear Name. Your lives are for others to view; You are living examples -- men praise you or blame, And measure your Christ by you." * * * * * * *

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SIGNS OF THE SECOND COMING By W. M. Tidwell

Just after Jesus had finished His scathing sermon in Matt. 23 and wept over Jerusalem, He left them and went out and sat on the Mount of Olives. Here the disciples asked Him, with other questions, "What shall be the sign of Thy coming?" Of course no one knows when He will come except He will come in an hour when they think not. Setting dates, even approximately, is bad business. And yet there are certain unmistakable signs set forth by which we may know the time is near. When you see the fig tree putting forth leaves you know the summer is near, so likewise relative to His coming.

Also must differentiate between the two aspects of His coming. First is for His people, second with His people. First when He raptures His saints to take them to the marriage supper and second when He comes with His saints from the marriage supper, and all the holy angels with Him, to set up His millennial reign on the earth. Also we must not confuse the signs of the two events. That is the signs that will be before the saints are caught up, when He comes for His saints and those that will appear during and near the close of the Great Tribulation, when He shall come with His saints.

The signs that will appear during the Tribulation, just before He comes with His saints, are found in Matt. 24:29, 30. "And immediately after the Tribulation of those days shall the sun be

darkened and the moon shall not give her light and the stars shall fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And all the tribes of the earth shall mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of Heaven with power and great glory."

But there are many signs that point to the first aspects of His coming. Pre-rapture signs. These are found, practically through the whole Bible. We notice a few of them.

I. ABOUNDING I N I Q U I T ¥ AND WANING LOVE. In Matt. 24:12 we read, "And because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold." The sad situation began in the first church at Ephesus. "I have somewhat against thee because thou has left thy first love." You do not love me as you did. Jesus said to Peter, "Lovest thou me more than these?" He did not say do you honor, fear or reverence me but "Do you love me? Should honor and fear but must love Him. Did not say do you love my service, and we should, but do you love ME? "Love me more than these." "These nets, fish, brethren?" "Am I supreme? Do I love Jesus Christ supremely now?" He knows we are now in a time of abounding iniquity and waning love. This is a sign of the near coming of our Lord. The prophet said, "My leanness, my leanness." God gave them the desire of their heart and sent leanness to their souls."

II. FALSE CHRISTS AND FALSE PROPHETS. "Many shall come in my name saying I am Christ and shall deceive many. It is said that there are about 20 in the world now claiming to be Christ. Then in Matt. 24:11 we read, "And many false prophets shall arise and shall deceive many." Deception is the devil's most effective weapon. Yes, right now there is a devil-dominated horde of false Christ's and false prophets that fill the earth and damn the poor gullible souls and drag them down to hell. But this is a sign of the near approach of His coming.

III. HATRED, TREACHERY AND MURDER. Matt. 24:9, 10. "And they shall kill you and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended and shall betray one another and shall hate one another." Note the order: hatred, treachery and murder. God said, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." I John 3:5. These three diabolical giants, hatred, treachery and murder stalk through the land and the sad thing many holiness professors are not exempt--If hatred in the heart a murder, multitude of murderers. We never realized that till recently. We wonder if not for fear of the law and the judgment if many not be murdered? While not physical murder now seeking to murder the influence of devout men by wicked slanderous reports. Looks like the spirit of the Papal inquisition revived. (Read Foxes' Book of Martyrs) But this is a sign of the near coming.

IV. VIOLENCE. Jesus said in Luke 17:26, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man." Then in Gen. 6:11 we read, "And the earth was filled with violence." That was in the days of Noah. Surely that is the situation now. America is just one big slaughter house. Just glance at the front page of the daily paper, and listen at the radio (If you dare listen at all?) and hear the reports of violent deaths. Plane wrecks, auto wrecks, murders, husbands killing wives, children killing parents and boys watching the horrible atrocities on TV, till his soul is fired and he rushes out robs, murders and acts like a seasoned criminal which he about is. About 60,000 suicides each year in the U. S. No safety anywhere. Wars and rumors of

wars. Who knows when the powder keg of the Middle East or elsewhere may explode and atomic war with all its hellish fury break forth? But all this is to precede His coming.

V. DEVIL MIRACLES. Many have an idea if a thing is miraculous it is Divine but surely not so. During the Great Tribulation devil miracles will be the order of the day. The Beast is a resurrected personage, coming up out of the "Bottomless pit." The First Beast out of the sea and the second out of the earth, working in conjunction with the Dragon (the devil) will do great wonders. "The Dragon gave his power, and his authority." Will even call fire down from heaven and deceive men. But while this will take place after the rapture, during the Great Tribulation, there will be devil delusions and miracles just preceding the Rapture. There will be all kinds of spirit miraculous manifestations which will deceive. The Lord said, "Try the spirits." And because they do not believe the truth and do not love the truth and have pleasure in unrighteousness God shall send them strong delusions that they might believe a lie and be damned, II Thess. 2:10-12. Better love the truth. But you say, "I do not see any apostate program in the holiness movement and I love my TV." Yes, that is it. Refuse to see. And I think they tell the truth often when they say, "I see no harm. Blinded and given over to strong delusions. But we are told this the situation when Jesus comes.

VI. SOME WILL HAVE THE VICTORY. In Dan. 12:10, we read "Many shall be purified, made white and tried." There you have the order. Purified, made white and tried. Thank the Lord in spite of abounding iniquity, false Christs and false prophets, violence and the devil miracles some will pay the price. Will count all things but loss that they may win Christ and have a part in the first resurrection. They will disdain the proffered offers of the world and an apostate church and will not compromise for money, position or the praise of men. They will not compromise but will weather the gale of hell and keep a good spirit and finally join the bloodwashed martyrs on the sea of glass at the Marriage Supper. "None of the wicked shall understand but the wise shall understand." "Soon every burden lifted, every problem solved and every tear wiped away. Home forever and forever." Yes, He is coming and one sign is that some will count the cost and be true. God help us to be in that number WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN.

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"WHY SEEK YE THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?" Mrs. Arthur Fields

(Luke 24:5-6) "And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee."

You who read your Bible know that this was spoken by angels to the women at the tomb of our Lord. Why wouldn't angels appear? They had taken the best spices they had, to anoint the body of their Master. And while the world was rocking on as though the Son of God had never been, these blessed souls were seeking their Lord and Master. I have never known Him to fail, when people give their best to the Master, He sends angels to minister to them. "Why seek ye the living among the dead," was asked by the angels. But I would like to ask the same of the modern churches of today.

These women were seeking their Lord but found an empty tomb. People are seeking the Lord today in the churches across the land and that is where He should be found. But are they finding Him? Or are they finding an empty tomb? The angels said, "He is not here for he is risen." In many of our churches today we are forced to say, He is not here. It was hard for the disciples to believe He was not there, for they had seen Him laid in the tomb. It is hard for us today to admit to ourselves that He is not here, but many times I have gone to my church and found that He was not there. Peter ran and looked into the tomb but all he saw was the grave clothes. He knew that Christ had been there and he also knew that He had departed. I visited a church not long ago, one of which I had at one time been a member and I am sorry to say that all that I could see was grave clothes. And all I could feel was sorrow that death brings. (God have mercy!) Peter didn't hang around the tomb but started looking for the Lord.

Oh that people would get tired of an empty experience and start looking for the loving Christ. He appeared unto Peter and He will appear unto us if we look for Him in the right place. You will not find Him in the places of amusement, such as the community center nor will you find Him at the suppers in the church basements, neither will you find my Lord on the television screen. There is no use to look for Him in the grave yard (the dead church) for all you will find will be grave clothes. It seems that I hear the disciples saying, He ought to be here, He was here, but He is gone. Yes He is gone from the graveyard forevermore, Hallelujah! It keeps my heart aflame and full of praise and it keeps a song on my lips. Oh sweet wonder, Jesus the Son of God.

Saints of God let us not grow weary in well doing for we shall reap in due season if we faint not.. I am known in my church as an old fogy, but thank God that I can quote with the Psalmist, "My heart is fixed." I refuse to hang around the graveyard. He is not there for He is risen. Yes, He has risen much higher than church program or entertainments of the modern church. I purpose to keep my lamps trimmed and burning bright, while I wait His coming. And now may I ask this question again, why seek ye the living among the dead?

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"AT CALVARY" Mrs. Paul E. King

I stood today at Calvary
Upon that lonely hill;
I saw the thronging, pressing crowdI heard their jeering--loud and shrill
I saw three crosses in a row
The middle one caught my gaze,
And broken I knelt there worshipping
The One who took my place.

I knelt there, and gazed at Him, All bleeding, bruised and torn; When suddenly I realized A whole new world was born. The cross--transfixed before my eyes No longer bore the shame But in its place I saw arise New life--through Jesus' Name!

Ah! tell me not that life's not real; And that it's not worth while To toil and labor here below With Christ, through earth's short while. For since I stood at Calvary That look has pierced my soul, I found life's truest purpose And I'm working toward the goal.

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THE BLIND CAPTIVES By Norma Kennedy

"... He hath sent me . . . to proclaim liberty to the captives." (Isaiah 61:1).

This is not child's play! This is not something which can be taken lightly! It is responsibility, greater and heavier than all others. That which is at stake is eternal life or eternal death. "He hath sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives!"

Who are these captives and why are they bound? What is their destiny? I have seen them and I will tell you. They are all around me. They are the people of Eritrea. They are so pitifully and terribly bound that my heart aches for them. Bound tightly by sin and superstition, they hopelessly wait for their destiny. Some of them will meet it soon, for daily some are slipping out into eternity. For others it will be later, but for all of them it will be the same -- eternity without God unless they learn about the freedom that they may have.

There is another pathetic truth that I must tell you. These prisoners are totally blind! Sin has so completely possessed them that they cannot see where they are going or what is happening to them. These words from Isaiah 59:10 could well be their words, "We grope for the wall like the blind and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night . . . "

Today I saw the witches dancing here in Ducumbea. They are women who actually worship Satan. How blind and how bound they are. Do you shrug your shoulders and speak of them as the "poor heathen?" Remember, they are precious souls for whom Christ died; as valuable in His sight as your soul or my soul, as deserving of the truth as you or I. As I am writing, I hear the death wail coming from a nearby compound-hopeless, sad, pitiful wail. Can you hear it? It is the wail of the blind prisoner. How little do these people realize that death could lose its sting and the grave its victory.

Christ has sent me to proclaim liberty to these captives. I am here to tell them that there is freedom for them -- glorious and perfect -- and that there is healing for their sin-blinded eyes. But there are so many who are bound and so few to tell them the good news. Thousands and thousands whom we must get the word to and time is running out. Do you feel the urgency of the task? It is yours as well as mine. Yours to intercede, to send, to give, to come if He should choose.

Don't fail these prisoners! The Lord is still "wondering" that there are so few intercessors. His question still rings down through the ages of time -- "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" The question must still be faced, "How shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Dear friends in America, don't forget the BLIND CAPTIVES!

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INTO HIS GLORY

By Frank Langley Rte. 2, Payette, Idaho

Into God's great glory We shall pass; some how, sometime, There to live in heavenly places Beholding the Son of Man.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Gracing that part of the universe, Then too, Heavenly beings, and Saints From all parts of the earth.

There in the Bible it is said That this city lies foursquare Fifteen hundred miles north, south, east, and west, And fifteen hundred miles up there.

Twelve gates made of pearl, we're told, Which stand open by night, and by day. And walls studded with jewels that glare Such as jasper, sapphire, and perhaps a gray.

The river flowing by the Throne of God Will render us joy and pleasure unending. Then, too, the tree of life with its green leaves, Is for the healing of all nations.

Methinks too, of Christians unnumbered Will be walking the streets of purest gold. Saints through all the ages will be there--Rehearsing the grand old story long foretold. We're told there will be no need of the sun In that glorious city of gold; For Jesus will be the radiant light To shine while ceaseless ages roll.

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THE BOOK CHANGED ME! By Dennis H. Reiff -- Guatemala

"My word . . . shall not return unto me void."

Monday, February 18th, an Indian man and his little son came to the mission home looking for the missionary. His purpose was to thank that missionary for having given him a New Testament, and because, having read it, his life was completely changed. His face was so bright, and he was so happy.

Don Furbucio had come from a village far up in the mountain where there is no Gospel work. Some months ago he came with two friends to ask for a Book to tell him something about the Gospel. He had gone through a certain town during a big fair, and had heard just a little, but wanted to know more about a kind of religion that sounded good to him. We talked to them, had prayer with them, and gave each one a New Testament. Long months passed, and we never heard any more about them until that Monday. He showed us his much worn Testament, and asked if we had a Bible, if just a used one, to loan him until he could get one for himself.

Reading the Book changed his life and delivered him from the drink habit. He says that from his heart he has given himself completely to the Lord, but he is waiting for an opportunity to come to one of our services to give a public testimony. He has offered his house in the distant village where he lives. During the dry season, the Jeep will get through, but in the rainy season it will be impossible. Dare we let souls be lost through our neglect?

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

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"GO YE... AND TEACH"

Ding! Dong! Yes, it's school time. That may seem a bit strange to you, but all through the republic of Guatemala, multitudes of boys and girls are finding their way to their respective schools to begin a new school term. They have been in vacation since the 15th of October.

On Wednesday afternoon, January 16th, the Zone Inspector of the Educational Department was present to inaugurate the beginning of the Emmanuel Primary School in Jalapa. The three school rooms were clean, neatly arranged and decorated with vases of beautiful white lilies. The patio (school yard) was swept and sprinkled to settle the dust. Benches where placed on the walk under the roof to seat the parents and friends of the school. The children sang the national hymn of Guatemala, special groups sang other songs and choruses, some recited poems, and the rhythm band played two numbers. At the close of the program, all children were served a fruit flavored ice cube from the missionary refrigerator.

When the crowd was dismissed, the writer with two spiritual women of the Jalapa congregation had the privilege of having special prayer in each one of the grade rooms, thanking God for making the school possible, and praying for His presence to saturate each room, and that each individual teacher might receive wisdom, patience, and ability from God Himself to carry out the great command, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Hidden in the valleys of the mountainous republic of Guatemala, are many little villages where the government has not vet established a national school for the education of the children. Some have a small school, with just the first or perhaps the second grade, too, but many times with incompetent teachers. In some of these villages. God has given us a nice evangelical congregation with a pastor. The most promising of the little boys and girls, in spite of poverty, are given the opportunity of staying in our school dormitory and going to school. Some of the parents can help with corn, beans, rice, etc., while others can do practically nothing. A very few can pay the \$8.00 a month necessary to support their children during the school months. Missionaries are sacrificing from their own salaries to help needy children. Teachers are sacrificing. Parents are sacrificing. We have solicited no funds from the homeland to support the grade school. Should anyone be interested to help bear the load by being responsible for the support of one or more needy boys or girls in the school, it would be greatly appreciated. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The first of April, classes will begin for the young folks in the Emmanuel Bible Institute. God has given such definite positive results from our school work in the past six years, we are convinced that one of the greatest opportunities of missionary work is the training and preparation of native workers. We covet your continued prayers and interest. -- Mrs. Dennis H. Reiff

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HE IS NOT HERE! By Roy L. Marler

Why look ye for the living among the dead? He is not here! He is not here! Remember ye not what the Saviour said? He is not here! He is not here!

He is risen! He is risen! The angels say.

Yes, Jesus is risen and He lives today, They placed Him in the tomb but He would not stay. He is not here! He is not here!

Go tell the others what thine eyes behold. He is not here! He is not here! THE GREATEST news that has ever been told. He is not here! He is not here!

Go tell the world of His power to save. Jesus can save! Jesus can save! For he conquered Death, Hell and the grave. Jesus can save! Jesus can Save!

Tell the glad tidings to all whom you meet.

Jesus will save! Jesus will save!

The gambler, the drunkard, the woman of the street.

Jesus will save! Jesus will save!

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NOTICE TO ALL PASTORS AND TREASURERS

Our General Treasurer has moved; so we give you his new address. Send all monies for the General Church to Rev. L. P. Roberts, 1915 South Perry Way, Denver, Colorado. Don't forget to get your pledges in as soon as possible. Those who made pledges on the travel fund or any others.

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OUR FREE WILL OFFERING (Psalm 110:3) By Jessie H. Kennedy

Lord, this is the day that Thy people shall be A free-will love-offering to Thee; Blest day, blessed hour, that Thou gatherest power By our offering ourselves unto Thee.

In the beauties of holiness we rise to Thee Our crucified Saviour adorn, All freshly new-born as the birth of the dawn That comes from the womb of the morn.

The blossom of youth or the fullness of age, The perfect -- the sick -- or the maimed--Alike by the dews of Thy Love are renewed And Thy people shall not be ashamed.

So from altars of incense Thy people arise As freewill love offerings to Thee--Earth loses its gravity -- safe in Thy custody With our Beloved are we.

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ATTENTION

Please order all Sunday School literature from our General Office, 2601 Federal Blvd., Denver, Colo.

We have tithing envelopes, Sunday School literature and books, some of the books in the course of study (hope to have them all soon), and copies of our Church Manual. Order these from the general headquarters, please.

Order the Missionary Revivalist from Mr. A. L. Crane, Box 392, Nampa, Idaho.

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CHURCH NEWS

Church News Editor, Mrs. Robert Fleming, 1010- 9th St., Greeley, Colo.

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GUATEMALA

Bro. Dodd will be going to Guatemala to visit the field and hold Holiness Conventions. Remember him in your prayers. He will be gone April 9 through April 25th.

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JASPER, ALABAMA

Bro. Elmer Michael and Bro. Auxford Myers organized a church recently at Jasper, Alabama. There were sixty-two present in Sunday School the first Sunday that they were in their own building. Bro. Auxford Myers is our pastor there.

Bro. J. E. Cook has just returned from a meeting with the folk in Jasper. God is blessing in a mighty way in the work throughout Alabama.

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

We have purchased a nice piece of property in Lubbock, in a good location. A campaign is in progress at the time of this writing with Rev. Spencer Johnson. Rev. Tony Ross and his family have already moved to Lubbock as pastor. Rev. Arthur Morgan and Rev. Kenneth Johansen will be living in Lubbock and assisting in the work here. They will be available for revivals at any time. Both are strong preachers and wonderful men of God. We're expecting to hear some good reports from this fine city. If you have friends around Lubbock that you would like to have contacted then write Rev. Tony Ross, 1901- 21st St. Phone: Porter 38134.

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LOUISIANA

Brother Griffith recently organized two new churches in the state of Louisiana. One at Alexandria-the pastor there is Rev. J. T. Stickney: the other at Crowley--our pastor there is Rev. Jack Hoof. We praise God for the fine progress of this great state.

Rev. J. E. Cook, representing the general church, organized our Louisiana--South Texas District Conference comprising the state of Louisiana and the south part of Texas on Feb. 19. Rev. B. M. Loftin, our pastor at Lake Charles, was elected as District Moderator. A wonderful spirit prevailed in this meeting and God is greatly blessing in this section.

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MUNCIE, INDIANA

Sister Paul King writes from Muncie, "Thanks be unto God for a present tense experience of God's grace and sanctifying power! Oh, bless His Holy Name! I'm so happy we obeyed God's Divine leadings! It's like the good old days in our services again. Hallelujah! God has not changed -- it's people who have changed. Oh, He's still the same wonderful, almighty and all powerful God! Glory, Glory!

We had a truly great prayer meeting again last night. Oh, God was truly there and oh, such blessing and freedom! Glory to His Name! There was no preaching again, but oh, such glory and victory. Thank God for the old fashioned way.

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BARRYTON, MICHIGAN

We failed to report the organization of a Bible Missionary Church at Barryton, last Nov. Bro. Cranston organized our church there after a glorious revival with this fine group of old-fashioned folk. They have been without a pastor for quite a while, but recently Bro. E. G.

Sickmiller has accepted the pastorate. He is to begin his work here March 1st. He is an old timer and loves the fire and radical holiness. Brother Cranston says, that there were a number of services when the glory was on until there was no preaching and the altars lined.

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ELDON, MISSOURI

We now have a Bible Missionary Church in Eldon, Missouri, the first in the state. Praise the Lord! Rev. W. E. Carlton held a meeting there and organized on Feb. 24 with 22 members. The charter will be left open for a while as we believe others may come in. Our pastor there is Rev. Victor Gibson, 301 North St., Eldon, Mo. Brother Gibson writes: "I am having the time of my life! Hallelujah!"

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MOBILE, ALABAMA

Rev. & Mrs. Paul Pumpelly have been in a tent meeting in Mobile and Brother Dodd also.

Bro. Dodd organized a church at Mobile, Alabama, with 22 members. They recently had 62 in Sunday School and God is surely blessing. Bro. Mitchell is our pastor there. The church has a lot purchased and is making good progress. The church is in the Prichard area.

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WINCHESTER, INDIANA

Bro. Griffith completed the organization of our work in Winchester, Ind., and Rev. Frank Baldwin (Keezo) has accepted the pastorate and will be starting his duties there right away.

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NYSSA, OREGON

Recently it was the editor's privilege to be in a meeting at Nyssa, Oregon. Rev. Lowell Foster has been laboring there for some months. Brother Clyde Dilly and his good wife sang the glory down night after night and we had a wonderful time of victory. God helped us to organize with 22 charter members. The last Sunday morning the glory was on until there was no preaching. There are some choice saints there at Nyssa. During the meeting the good folk pledged \$2500.00 for a building fund. The future looks bright for the church there. The church gave Brother and Sister Foster a unanimous call to pastor them. The Fosters with the help of the Lord are doing a great work there.

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NEW EVANGELISTS

Some fine evangelists have recently joined with us:

Rev. C. C. Brown, 112 Manor Drive, High Point, N. C.

Rev. James Carden, 10 Duke St., Franklin, Pa.

Rev. W. E. Carleton, Ellington, Mo. These men are strong old-fashioned preachers and we're privileged to have them with us. We praise God for the fine men and women who are casting their lot with us.

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PUEBLO, COLORADO

On September 23 Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Wilcox, with a loyal group of Christians, conducted the first Bible Missionary Church services in Pueblo, Colorado. The number present was around 26, mostly adults.

Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Tolbert and family arrived November 21 to begin a revival meeting. Evangelist Tolbert, who is formally of Blue Field, West Virginia, now living at Grand Junction, Colorado. Bro. Tolbert preached the old fashioned Gospel in the old-fashioned way for three and one-half weeks. The revival was well attended and the altar was lined many nights with the old seeking God as well as the young.

The radio program, "Back To The Cross," by Rev. and Mrs. Tolbert gave us a lift and introduction to Pueblo and vicinity, through which some people were reached. Following the revival a good number were taken into the church, with others considering coming in some time later.

Our regular services have been honored with the Holy Ghost moving upon our hearts, with tears of joy and shouts of praise. Such freedom that comes when the Holy Spirit is not quenched, neither grieved. Sinners have been saved, backsliders reclaimed, believers sanctified, the saints edified, and Christ glorified. Amen!

Last Sunday our services were very impressive. The Holy Spirit was present in an unusual way. At the close of the morning service, a young mother and her son came to the altar and was saved. This was their first service with us. The night service was climaxed with three new families present and another boy being saved. The Sunday School attendance was 37.

We feel that we are just in the beginning of a great work here for God in His vineyard where the field is white already unto harvest and laborers are few. Pray for us as we need a permanent place to worship in. -- Rev. L. F. Wilcox, Pastor

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ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Word has come that Brother Boynton and Brother Todd organized the church in Rock Island, Ill. Brother James Todd is the pastor and is also to teach in the Bible School. Pray that God will make this a great holiness center.

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COLORADO PREACHER'S MEETING

The preachers and their wives met at Colorado Springs, Colorado, January 22. Bro. Griffith was present and presided over a short business session. Rev. L. P. Roberts, pastor at Denver, was elected District Moderator.

It was voted to have a zone rally once a month. The first rally will be held at Pueblo, Colorado, March 15, 7:45 P. M. Bro. Roberts will be the special speaker.

It was also voted to purchase a zone tent to be used in revivals and camp meetings.

A wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed by all present. Most of the preachers stayed for the revival service that evening. God came in a very wonderful way as Brother Griffith preached and many souls sought God.

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PONCHATULA, LA.

Rev. Jack Hoof has resigned the church at Ponchatoula to accept the call to Crowley, La. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Wheeler are now pastoring at Ponchatoula.

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Bro. Swope of Fortville, Ind., has joined The Bible Missionary Church and has accepted a call to pastor our church at San Antonio, Texas.

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SPECIAL NOTE

Rev. and Mrs. Tony Ross, our pastors at Lubbock, Texas, were blessed in Nov. on the 31st day, with a baby daughter. Her name is Debora Ann. May God bless them. We know their prayer is that little Debora may early come to know the Lord and continue to serve Him all her days.

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A WORD OF THANKS

Bro. Leslie Laeger and wife wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all the nice letters and gifts of money and flowers from all the Bible Missionary folk at this time of terrible tragedy. Also thanks to the Kennewick church for making it possible for Sis. Kinzler to come and be with us a few days.

As our trailer was not towable, the general headquarters got two pickups and furnished two men from Greeley, Colo., who took our things all the way to Wichita. May God bless you dear folk for it and everything you have done. I have never seen such wonderful people before. Bro. Laeger says he'll walk again. God bless you.

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BIRMINGHAM HOLINESS CONVENTION AND PREACHER'S MEETING

God surely met with us at the Holiness Convention and Preacher's meeting in Birmingham. We met at the Bible Missionary church with Bro. Lamp, and his wonderful people. They entertained us well. The people opened their homes to us and treated us royally.

Dr. Anderson could not be with us, but the people were notified ahead of time so there would not be any disappointment. Rev. Glenn Griffith, Rev. Paul Finch, Rev. R. C. Boynton, Rev. Paul Pumpelly and Rev. Elbert Dodd were the speakers for the convention. Surely God anointed these men, and moved among us, and blessed us as a crowd seldom gets blessed. On Saturday night God visited us in a wonderful way, and poured out His Spirit on us, and such shouting and praising God as I have seldom ever seen. Three Elders of another holiness church joined us amidst the shouting and praising of God. Surely God is giving to us a wonderful group of laymen and preachers.

I have been attending holiness conventions for most of my life, but have never been in a better convention than we had at Birmingham.

Praise His Name for giving us this great day to go forward for God. -- Reporter

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ROCK ISLAND PREACHER'S MEETING

At 7:30 P. M. on Monday night, January 28, the first Preacher's Meeting and Holiness Convention of the Bible Missionary Church convened at Rock Island, Illinois. This was the first of four conventions to be held in various parts of the country. From the very first song God was on the scene, and shouts were in the camp until the last seeker had prayed through, and the last amen was said on Wednesday night. Truly this was a God anointed Pentecost.

Bro. Griffith preached the first service to a large crowd. Even though the roads were icy, people were there from various sections. Some drove as far as 700 miles. Our hearts were stirred as Brother Griffith preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the conditions of our country, the need of the world, and responsibility of the church in these last clays to gather together the scattered sheep, and reaching those who are lost.

This was not a convention to promote methods and programs, but rather to get our souls fed and stirred to go home and pray and work and sweat, and to have "OLD-FASHIONED REVIVALS."

Brother Dodd also stirred our hearts with his timely messages of warning, lest we also like Saul and others miss the mark and lose the way.

I have been attending Preacher's Meetings and such gatherings for better than 16 years, and I have never yet witnessed another like this one. God has seemed to especially smile upon our first General Conference and these Conventions. He has given us two of the greatest leaders in Bro. Griffith and Bro. Dodd. A man from another denomination said at the Convention, "I have never heard leaders preach it as straight and as hot as Bro. Griffith and Bro. Dodd. That is the way I like it." I say, thank God for these men of God.

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ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Bro. Finch also brought two stirring messages on missions, as he told of the work in Africa. May we never lose the missionary vision. Bro. Boynton also spoke about the Bible School for our young preachers.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. He is still leading, and still hears and answers prayer, in the same old-fashioned way. -- Lyle W. Moyer, Reporter

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DUNCAN HOLINESS CONVENTION AND PREACHER'S MEETING

One of the area Preacher's Convention was held in Duncan, Oklahoma, February 5-7. Bro. J. E. Cook is the pastor there. People came from many states and nearly crowded out the new Bible Missionary Church building, which is just in the process of being completed. Besides the preachers and laymen of the Bible Missionary Church, many visitors, who are interested in this old-fashioned way, came and testified that they had been so hungry to be in an atmosphere such as was manifest in every service. Many said it was just like the holiness meetings they attended twenty-five years ago.

To say that God came, would not begin to describe the measure in which He came. Wave after wave of glory moved in as people sang and testified and the preachers preached. Many of the

special singers were so blessed that they could not sing. Some of the duets became solos as one would sing while the other shouted and ran the aisles.

Time was given each day for an old-fashioned praise and testimony service. There were no testimonies given that didn't strike a note in the hearts of others and bring forth a spontaneous volume of praise.

Every message given was blessed and owned of God and there was no doubt that the unction from the Holy One had touched the heart and lips of the messenger.

Our General Moderators, Bro. Griffith and Bro. Dodd, were especially used of God as they gave to us Spirit inspired challenges for this day in which we live. Their messages were given under the anointing and were not lacking in that power that moves men and women to action.

Bro. Boynton, president of our Bible institute, was present and with his enthusiasm and zeal presented the need of a Holy Ghost directed Bible institute where our young people can prepare themselves to preach and teach holiness and at the same time keep the experience of holiness in their hearts.

Bro. Victor Glenn and Bro. Paul Finch stirred our hearts with their missionary messages. Bro. Finch gave some of his experiences while in South Africa, especially emphasizing the fact that God and a real spiritual program are the only things that can break the awful darkness of heathen lands. Bro. Glenn, moved by the Holy Ghost, spoke with a burdened heart that seemed to be crushed and bleeding for the work in Egypt and Eritrea. As he closed his message, it seemed that a million souls were tramping their way into hell from heathen darkness. A holy awe settled down, and eternity alone will reveal the results of that service. Surely some young person said, "Here am I, send me."

One of God's old warriors of the cross, Bro. W. M. Tidwell, preached with fervency, wisdom, and power. As he told how he had refused to compromise and bow down, it brought to our minds Moses. who chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

The last two services were times of great victory around the altar. "This is that" was quoted many times as an expression of how our people felt about this holiness convention. Again we say that words cannot describe how God came, but He did come! Praise His wonderful Name!

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A WORD OF THANKS

Bro. and Sis. Bob Barker write that they are so thankful to the Lord that He has spared them through their accident. They are now on their feet and back on the job pastoring their church in Madras, Oregon.

They wish to thank all the people who prayed for them and to all who sent in offerings to help them out in this time of their need. It was a great lift and they do appreciate it so very very much.

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THE AMEN CORNER

You ask me why I look so sad, a saying not a word? Why, Becky, thoughts of long ago my memory has stirred. I'm thinking of that meetin' house where preached old Brother Horner, But mostly I've been thinking 'bout that dear old Amen Corner.

Those days have long fled and gone,
Dear friends have passed away,
And even that old meetin' house is going to decay;
I look around among the folks if any I may see,
But all are gone, it seems to me, but, Becky, you and me.

I see the dear old corner yet, 'twas close beside the altar;
Those good old saints whose seats were there had faith that would not falter.
Their hearts were all aglow with love,
Their shouts would awe the scorner,
Like thunder claps their loud amens would shake the Amen Corner.

Indeed it seemed sometimes we sat by cool Siloam's fountain, And then again we seemed to stand by Sinai's awful mountain, No matter what the text might be, for sinner, saint or mourner, There always flamed the Spirit's fire around the Amen Corner.

It was as if the Pentecost with flaming tongues of fire Was still a-bringing Heaven down and lifting souls up higher; And loud as was the earnest voice of dear old Brother Horner, Far louder were the glad amens that shook the Amen Corner.

That dear old spot was holy ground, the very gate of heaven; The glory cloud seemed resting down by mercy showers riven; The Manna and the smitten rock our hungry souls sustaining Along the road beset by foes from Egypt up to Canaan.

The tears will dim my failing eyes, my heart get almost broken When now I'm in a meeting house without an Amen spoken, Our preacher is a learned man, not much like Brother Horner, He preaches while the people snore in that old Amen Corner.

They've got a brand new meeting house with cushions for the people,

An organ does the praising now, there's no bench for the mourner. And windows made of painted glass and on the top a steeple, They've Brussels carpet on the floor, but where's the Amen Corner?

Sometimes I well remember yet, things seemed a little dreary, The meeting seemed a little slow the people dull and weary, And then the victory seemed to be with Satan and the scorner Until a hallelujah broke from out the Amen Corner.

Then quick as lightning things would change,
The foe would flee before us.
And shouts of "Glory," "Praise the Lord," would blend in mighty chorus;
I tell you, Becky, 'tis a truth, it cheered the weakest mourner,
Old Satan never could prevail against the Amen Corner.

I tell you, Becky, I believe that's why we keep retreating, The world and Satan have combined to give the Church a beating; They say they've got a better way, religion has no mourner, And so they've smashed the mourner's bench and killed the Amen Corner.

But friends, there's one thing comforts me, the Church will be a standing When Satan and his scoffing crew have made a final landing; The Church's build on solid rock, and proof against the scorner, We'll find the New Jerusalem much like the Amen Corner.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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INTERNATIONAL HOLINESS CONVENTION

The International Holiness Convention will be held April 23-25, at God's Bible School, Cincinnati, Ohio. Free lodging will be furnished the first two hundred reservations. Services will start the afternoon of the 23rd at 2:30. Write Mrs. White for reservations, 1810 Young St., Cincinnati, Ohio, c/o God's Bible School. Speakers include, Leonard Ravenhill, Elbert Dodd, Robb French, J. R. Mitchell, Glenn Griffith, H. C. Van Wormer, T. M. Anderson and others. This is expected to be the largest meeting to date and the hottest. YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS IT!

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CLINTON CAMP MEETING

The Clinton Camp Meeting will convene July 18-28, 1957, on route 30, 20 miles west of Pittsburgh, Pa. Workers for the camp will include:

Speakers

Rev. Harold E. Schmul

Rev. Elbert Dodd

Rev. Glenn Griffith

Mrs. Irene Hanley

Rev. Victor Glenn

Song Evangelist

The Christianaires

Y. P. Workers

Rev. Lillian Wilson

Rev. & Mrs. Walter Hobbs

Children Workers

Mrs. Ethel McCullough

Mrs. Gertrude Gilbert

For information concerning the camp meeting write, A. L. Cain or P. W. Cain, P. O. Box 18, Clinton, Penna. Phone Oxford 5-7288. Tri-State Holiness Asso. Clinton, Penna. N. M. Douglass, Pres.

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ATTENTION -- ALL PREACHERS

The General Board designated areas and had Home Mission Chairmen either appointed or elected. They were granted authority to carry on the work and assist Bro. Griffith and Bro. Dodd with their work until district conferences can be organized. Several conferences will be organized before the General Conference this fall. This will relieve the load from the General Moderators and the General Church.

God has helped us in formulating an organization that is just what is needed to march forward. Praise God! What a joy to belong to an old-fashioned holiness group such as God has given us. -- Elbert Dodd

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WHITHER BOUND SOUL?

By Silas Sanchez

Part 1

Text: Psa. 139:8, "If I make my bed in hell, behold thou art there."

Introduction: Our text presents us a soul stirring, sobering aspect of life. The fact that we are on our way to eternity where we will live forever is clearly implied. Then there is the mention of but two eternal habitations, heaven and hell. That men will forever inhabit one or the other is clearly taught in the Word of God. There is no mention made of a purgatory where men can wait for someone on earth to pray them out. Neither are men offered a second chance after death as many would have us think. These aforementioned things, purgatory and a chance after death are toboggan slides well greased to slide men into hell. Satan is using such things to make men go on in carnal security and be lost.

Many individuals say that God is too good to send anyone to hell. The responsibility for the unfortunate souls that are lost doesn't rest with God as we shall clearly see in the language of the text. In order to place the responsibility where it belongs we desire to develop four points, and in so doing try to help someone settle it with God for their good, His glory and hell's loss of another victim, plus Satan's defeat.

I. It is the realm of possibility, choice, activity and personal responsibility.

A. Possibility, this is expressed by the word "If."

You don't intend to be lost. But the possibility suggested by the word "if" immediately puts you in a position of making a decision. Then if you are to make a decision in the matter, you are on probation before God and can either go to heaven or choose to be lost by your own reaction to His Word and acceptance or rejection of the provisions of Calvary. There is no neutral ground, or place where you can get and not be compelled to act on the matter.

B. Choice, is the exercise of our will as pertaining to matters regarding our life and welfare.

Cain ignored God's plan and the blood by choice, choosing his plan and way instead and was lost.

Saul chose disobedience, jealousy, hatred and witchcraft to his own sorrow. He died a suicide, but listen to his own testimony. "God is departed from me, and answereth me no more." I Sam. 28:15. Sad will be the day for any man when he gets to the place where God doesn't answer him anymore. Saul was lost because of his own choosing.

Ananias and Sapphira chose their own death and soul's destiny by lying to the Holy Ghost. Money is not the only thing people lie to God about.

C. Activity, this is expressed by the word, "make."

There is constant activity in every life. Whether men recognize the fact or not, all are on their way to eternity. The decisions men make are expressed by their daily activities. Consequently the things you do and desire express your choice before God. When the decision of the will is in

favor of that which is evil, sin is the result. And sin whether it is put into practice or not constitutes acts of rebellion of man's will that has conspired: (1) Against God: God's law or authority; God's kingdom and all that is godly. (2) This is seen in Satan's rebellion, the author of sin. All that choose to follow the example of rebellion must suffer the penalty with him.

Then the possibility of your making your bed in hell rests with your power of choice, and the act which proceeds from such decisions.

Sin is dual in its nature, commission and omission. (1) Sins of commission are many, I mention only one or two in passing. (a) The love for and indulging in sinful pleasures, places, habits and fashions of the world, such as the tavern, movies, TV, smoking, profanity and everything else that goes with such. Then there is the yielding to the pride and fashion following with the terrible immodesty that many times is given over to in order to be like others. In 1 John 2:15-17 we read, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

- (2) Rejection of Christ's atoning sacrifice is an act of the will and a committed crime against God's mercy. Heb. 10:26; "For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins."
- (3) Sins of omission are also numerous: (1) Indifference t o God, His services and proclaimed Word. (2) Indifference to the needs of lost souls. Prov. 29:18: "Where there is no vision the people perish:" (3) Neglect. (a) Neglecting to pray and study God's word, no one can keep spiritual without feeding his soul on the Word and communion with God. (b) Neglecting to walk in the light as God gives new light to the individual. In 1 John 1:7 we see that the way to keep our experience is to walk in the light. If men keep an experience that way then they lose their experience by neglecting to walk in the light. There is no escape for the one who neglects. Heb. 2:3, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him."

D. Personal responsibility, expressed by "I and my."

Both are personal terms, consequently the deeds that settle the eternal destiny are personal, if you are lost, it is your own choosing, and you will not be able to blame anyone else for your calamity. Note the following Scriptures: Ezek. 18:4, "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so the soul of the son is mine: Ezek. 18:20, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him." Again in Ezek. 18:24, "But when the righteous turneth away from the righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath clone shall not be mentioned: In his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die."

From the above scriptures and many more that could be quoted we learn that the responsibility for sin is personal. But while the responsibility is personal so must the individual suffer the penalty in a personal manner. There will be no hiding behind the many excuses and other things that are employed so many times by people today when men face eternity. You will have to stand and face God whether you are ready or not and give an account of your life here in time. You will have to face every sin that has been committed, face the Christ that was so lightly brushed aside from your heart and mind. You will have to face eternity with all its darkness, despair, misery and woe.

Dear soul, flee to the Savior while mercy is extended to you.

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SPARE THE ROD, SPOIL THE CHILD By Henry J. Kuiper

This maxim is not a quotation from the Bible, as many suppose. It is rather a popular paraphrase of Biblical teaching on the indispensability of discipline in the home. The book of Proverbs contains a number of sayings which express the same thought. Thus we read in chapter 13:24: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." That love is false which pampers the child and refuses to punish it when punishment is needed.

Again, we read in Proverbs 22:15: "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child: but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." Similarly, chapter 23:13, 14 states: "Withhold not correction from the child; for if thou beatest him with the rod he will not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell." Still another passage reads: "The rod and reproof give wisdom; but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Proverbs 29:15.

The principle that chastening is good for the soul has wider application. God not only enjoins it on parents; He also applies it in dealing with His own children, knowing that chastening is beneficial for them. They, too, know it. Job said: "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Job 23:10. The author of Psalm 119 confesses: "Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now I have kept thy word." Verse 67. The Lord often reminds believers that they need adversity for their spiritual improvement. Hebrews 12:11, II Corinthians 4:17. He declares that it is His love which moves Him to chasten them.

A bit of chastening usually humbles and purifies us more quickly than showers of blessings, even though God's goodness is intended to lead us to repentance. Romans 2:4. Some Christian parents never punish their children because they have unthinkingly accepted the false theory that if they rule by love they cannot use the rod. We wonder how they will react when God applies to their own backs the rod of affliction. Will they lose faith in the love of their heavenly Father? There are serious spiritual implications in their wrong pedagogical theories.

If the inspired teaching of Scripture instead of the unbelieving theories of modern psychologists and pedagogues had prevailed in the modern world, we would not be facing the appalling juvenile delinquency of our day. Youthful crime, vandalism, and general misbehavior are coming in like a flood. Youth leaders are admitting that the young people of America have gotten out of hand. It is generally acknowledged that the underlying cause is parental neglect, the breakdown of the modern home. Some are beginning to see that playgrounds, youth camps, more athletic programs alone will not solve the problem; that the country needs a return to old-fashioned discipline in the home and the school.

Many public expressions of this conviction can be found in current magazine and newspaper articles. A dispatch from Montauck, New York tells how the President of the New York State Sheriffs' Association looks at the matter. He called for more discipline in the home, the school, and by the police and condemned the present policy of withholding the names of youthful violators of the law. He stated that public opinion is a strong weapon in combating crime, and that it is unfair to juvenile offenders to shield them from "its hard, cold gaze" (The Grand Rapids Press, August 27).

The most gripping article we have read on the subject appeared in the April issue of The Prairie Overcomer. It referred to an article in the Toronto Evening Telegram under the headline: "Strap the Tyrant." It relates the experience of a mother who had succumbed to the false philosophy that it is always wrong to punish a child but who changed her mind. She wrote as follows:

"I read everything I could; I was firmly resolved never to be so lacking in restraint as to strike my child. I'd be infinitely patient. Explain and reason was my guiding light. It was a heart-breaking, nerve-wracking, miserable first six years I spent with my son. In the books I could always find an explanation for his pure stinkiness; always I was to blame, never he. Somewhere along the line he had been frustrated or thwarted--by me, of course.

"Never was a more lowly worm when I turned. I realized I had a selfish, inconsiderate, bossy quarrelsome monster. I took the buckle off my husband's old leather belt and cut it shorter, showed it to my son, told him what to expect. He laughed in my face and got his first strapping. For the first month he got it about every other day. Now, a year later, about once every two months. I can entertain once more without fear of a tantrum. At table he eats instead of running around to 'express himself.' He comes when I call, no longer calls me 'stupid,' takes off his hat when he comes in, behaves in streetcars. His school report is better. He and I are happier, we like each other better, peace reigns. Long live the strap. To the fire with the books."

Yes, indeed, to the fire with the books and the articles and the lectures which tell parents and students that children are not bad by nature; that they are merely the product of their environment; that we must rule by love, not by force (as if love can never be stern!), and that if we only let the youngsters live out the good that is in them they will become well-rounded personalities.

What is a mystery to us is the inconsistency of some Christian parents and teachers. They do not realize that the philosophy which lies at the base of such a method of child-training is

contrary to the teachings of the Bible which they profess to accept as the inspired Word of God. It is a Bible-rejecting philosophy because it denies such basic scriptural teachings as the divine source of parental authority and the inborn depravity of all human beings.

The present spineless treatment of youthful offenders is in part a reaction against the abuse of discipline in the past--a protest against the cruelty of parents and teachers in punishing children and of the state in dealing with criminals. From excessive repression the pendulum has swung to the opposite extreme of destructive coddling and pampering. The result is that children tyrannize their parents and teachers, bands of wild teen-agers terrorize their communities, and a tidal wave of juvenile crime threatens to sweep over the nation.

But let us not for a moment entertain the thought that lack of discipline is the sole cause of all this lawlessness and that a restoration of stern discipline would speedily mend our homes and save our country from these outbreaks of juvenile wickedness. The matter is not so simple. There are other and deeper causes of the evil. We mention especially the gross materialism of our day, the passion for pleasure, the selfishness and the unwillingness of parents to make sacrifices for their children, the break-down of our homes through divorce, the neglect of children by mothers who work away from home for the sake of having a double income. And at the root of all this is the irreligion in many homes, the banishment of religious training from the schools, the liberalism of many churches, the lack of law enforcement, and the refusal of civil authorities to be concerned about moral problems arising from the sale of crime comics and immoral literature. When the masses depart from the moral precept of the Bible anything can happen to a nation.

We should not misinterpret the verses quoted from Proverbs. This book does not teach that the parental rod is a cure-all for youthful folly and wickedness. Any one who is acquainted with the Bible knows how much emphasis it places on instruction, reproof, parental counsel, and inculcation of the law of God. Merely flogging the young rascals will not solve the problem of juvenile delinquency. In this age of individualism and self-expression discipline alone may lead to embitterment if it is not reinforced by religious instruction based on the Bible. "The rod and reproof give wisdom; but a child left to himself causeth shame to his mother."

However, of this we are sure: No amount of Christian instruction can make up the laxity which prevails in many of our homes. One ounce of full-strength discipline is to instruction and admonition what a pinch of salt is to food. There is no substitute for the old-time maxim: "Spare the rod, spoil the child." -- A reprint from the "Live"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Another reason for so much of the crime among juveniles is the damnable influence of television in the home.

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RELIGION MADE EASY By E. E. Michael

Come and jine the preacher calleth, come and jine! You can have your ice cream stew just any time.

You can smoke and dip and chew, Do anything you want to do, Come and jine the preacher calleth, come and jine!

You can have your wiener roasts, Pink lemonade an cocktail toasts; Tacky parties and bowling too, And many like things on our church menu.

Television, and worldly dress, Ball games too, with hilariousness Entertainments of various designs Are arranged for you, so come and jine!

Come and jine the preacher calleth, come and jine! You can have a carnal spell just any time. You can gossip and dispute, Hold your neighbor in disrepute But fall in line the preacher calleth, fall in line!

This holiness preaching is all a fake! It is old and fogy, and out of date. So, come on along and jine us today, And go along with us in our pleasure mad way.

No need to repent and confess your sin, Forget it all and come on in. To feed your soul, and slake your thirst All you need do is jine the church.

So, the wide gate is opened, and the broad way is filled With baptized worldlings in search of a thrill. But death intervenes, and to Judgment they go To answer to the Christ they chose not to know.

He denounces them all to an eternal hell, Where the flames beat high, and the billows swell. Where their cries go out on the sorrow-laden air And beat solitary wails against the rocks of despair.

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