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"Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." (Heb. 12:14)

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

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REV. J. E. COOK ELECTED GENERAL MODERATOR

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On September 9, at the Bible Missionary Institute, Rock Island, Illinois, the General Board and the District Moderators of the Bible Missionary Church, in keeping with the provision of the Manual, met to elect a General Moderator to fill the vacancy on the Board of General Moderators which was caused by the resignation of our beloved brother Glenn Griffith. After a season of prayer the ballot was taken. We felt that God put His approval upon the selection of Rev. J. E. Cook by a near unanimous vote.

Naturally, our hearts were saddened by the resignation of Brother Griffith but God came on that installation service which was held in the chapel of The Bible Missionary Institute and melted and blessed our hearts with His blessed seal of approval.

Rev. Noble V. Hunt, our pastor at St. Louis led us in the song "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Brother Elbert Dodd, General Moderator of the Bible Missionary Church, read from II Timothy 1:6 and II Timothy 3:1-8. He then brought a brief message upon the Responsibility and the

Challenge that Faces the Church Today. He said, "The eyes of the world are upon us." He said, "It will take tears, sweat, courage, and faith to be faithful to the task that lies before us. Bro. Dodd spoke words of appreciation for Bro. and Sister Cook. After the message the Elders that were present laid their hands upon Brother Cook as he knelt at the altar and asked God to consecrate and set him apart for the task of holy leadership.

Shouts of victory broke out as we sang "Glorious Freedom." Brother Cook spoke words of appreciation for the vote of confidence and asked for the prayers, patience and understanding of the people of God as he pledged his best to the service of the church,

At the close of the service Rev, R. C. Boynton, Chairman of the Bible Missionary Institute presented Sister J. E. Cook with a bouquet of roses from the Institute. Upon the dismissal of the service a time of weeping, rejoicing and fellowship of the brethren in general prevailed.

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THE WORLD'S ACCUSATION TO CHRIST AGAINST THE CHURCH

By Elbert Dodd Luke 9:12-45

Peter, James and John had been with Jesus on the Mount of transfiguration. They had had a wonderful experience on the Mount. They really had been blessed and they wanted to do something on the Mount. But the dire need was in the valley. It is wonderful to climb the mountain peaks sometimes, spiritually, but really the poor dying world is in the valley.

While they were gone, it seems, the disciples had been in a revival and were getting on very well, until a poor man brought his pitiful, demon-possessed boy to the meeting and begged them to help his child. They took one look at the boy and dismissed the meeting, announcing that they had found one that could not be helped.

Let us notice first where they found the boy. It was in the valley that they found him. The world is in the valley of doubts, vice, sins of the flesh, shattered faith and discouragement. People have sinned until their conscience is dead, their lives blighted, their bodies wrecked, and their minds warped.

They have tried worldly pleasure, worldly sports, and dissipation until they are more insane than rational. They are reeling and stumbling on their road to dark despair--lost, damned, and almost doomed--with no one, it seems, who cares.

This is the crowd that is looking to the Living Church of God for help. Can you not my Christian friend, hear their cries in the night? "Help me; Oh help me; help my family; help my child!"

The world is looking to the Church of the Living God for help. The man brought his son to the disciples but they could not help the lad. The world, likewise, is bringing its blind, crippled, half-damned ones to our doors today! Can we--will we help them?

Why could not the disciples help this poor man's son?

First, of all, it was because they were perverse -- crooked themselves. They had a twisted nature within them. They were not sanctified wholly. We know they were not where they should have been spiritually and were in an unsanctified condition because they had been fussing among themselves and finding fault with each other. It is easy for unsanctified people to let little things look big to them. When Jesus encountered the blind man, you remember, He gave him the first touch and he saw men, but they looked to him like trees walking. It is easy for the unsanctified to become critical and to drift to Phariseism, and from there to legalism. Legalism is a disease of the soul -- a heart condition.

Furthermore, they were faithless. They could not believe that God could deliver so bad a case. God gave us as His people, faith to believe there are no cases too hard for Him. You may say, "But you do not know how deep in sin my son, or daughter, or loved one, or friend has gone." Really, that is not the question. The question is, "Do we have faith to believe that God is able to save the vilest sinner from the deepest sin?" Thank God, I know He is able to deliver the vilest sinner and to set him free.

Jesus said, "Bring your son to me,!" and they brought him. Oh, if we can only get them to Jesus! Jesus seeing the boy, commanded the devil to come out of him, and of course the devil came out, for he had no other choice. And the lad, delivered from the demons and healed, was presented to his father, that he might go out and bless the world. Oh, praise God, there are no cases too hard for our Lord and Saviour! We can shout with Paul, the Apostle, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth!"

When the disciples were alone with Jesus they asked Him, "Master, why could not we cast the demons out of the boy?" He gave them the reason, saying, "These go not out but by prayer and fasting."

O, Church of the Living God! The reason you are not having revivals that reach the poor lost world is that you are not paying the price of fasting, praying, and believing God.

O God, waken us! Help us to see the poor, lost world at our door steps, marching in a long line to the judgment.--lost, doomed, and damned.

If the poor lost ones are brought to you for help, are you prayed up so you can help them? Are you willing to pay the price to see them saved and to see the devil cast out of them? Will you not bow your head at this moment, open your heart and say, "Yes, Lord, I am willing!"

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EDITORIAL

By Spencer Johnson

THE SECURITY OF HOLINESS

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." (I Cor. 3:11-13)

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his." (II Timothy 2:19)

Amid the changes and uncertainties of the world, the deep heart need of man is for something sure and steadfast upon which he can build his life and base his hopes. Such a security is offered him through the indwelling presence of the Holy Ghost. It is not an unconditional, eternal security. The scriptures clearly teach that there is no holiness apart from Christ and the Holy Ghost. It is only as we abide in Him that we maintain victory in our hearts, and thus a proper relationship with Him, God does not take away man's freedom of choice when he is saved and sanctified. Man can still choose for himself and he could choose to forsake God and apostatize. Saul, the first king of Israel, did. And "Judas by transgression fell." (Acts 1: 25) Jesus emphasized this truth when He said, "if a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." (John 15:6) Again the scriptures declare, "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Rev. 2:10)

As long as man walks with God he is secure. When he ceases to walk with God he loses his relationship and his standing. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3) No man by himself is a match for the Devil but the man who keeps himself in the love of God, (Jude 21) maintains the experience of holiness and has One within who is greater than he that is in the world.

The holy man is steadfast in his convictions. His notions may change but his convictions are established on the verities of God's word. The security of the sanctified is endangered by mistaking the true and proper sphere of divine teaching and illumination. Asa Mahan wrote: "We have known individuals who have attained to highest forms of spiritual life afterwards making ship wreck by assuming that they were infallibly taught all forms of revealed truth and then bitterly denouncing as unspiritual, worldly, sensual and devilish, all who questioned any of their nudest absurdities. We have known individuals once deeply spiritual by imperiously placing themselves above all need of human teaching, under the claim that they were taught of God, manifest the most proud, boastful, fanatical and hateful spirit and character of which we can conceive." "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." (II Pet. 1:20)

In every crisis the sanctified man can be victorious if he will. The warfare within has ceased and he is calm and steady. He is not overconfident but guards his security by his attitudes. There are dangers to one's attitude from what some have called "The Peril of a Shattered Ideal." The disciples found this condition when they became aware that their hopes of an earthly kingdom were blasted. Sooner or later in life every Christian will be faced with the test of having every vestige of earthly hope swept away. He will find a time in his life when he has nothing upon which to lean but God. It is then that he will have opportunity to test the reality of the blessing of heart purity. In such an hour one may be tempted to bitterness and to doubt whether anyone has the

blessing, especially is this true when: he discovers inconsistencies in someone in whom he has placed great confidence. When such a storm is on, one who does not really have the blessing, will likely lose his bearings and give way to hatred toward one that once he loved.

In the blighting hour of life's disappointment the true condition of the heart is revealed. It is the attitude of carnality that gives way to bickering, fighting and persecution. Charles Caleb Cotton expressed this weakness in man's nature when he wrote: "Men Will wrangle for religion; write for it; fight for it; die for it; anything but live for it." There is grave danger as Brother W. M. Tidwell puts it, of "the once persecuted, becoming persecutors." (Missionary Revivalist. June 1957)

What then shall be our attitude toward those who profess holiness and yet disagree so diametrically? How shall we reconcile the faults and failures that we see with the experience of holiness? First of all one must be charitable if he is to maintain the confidence of those who disagree or be at fault. There is no tendency in the heart of a real sanctified person to throw rocks or condemn. A spirit of tenderness always characterizes a holy man or woman. If we appreciate and believe in people who are charitable with us, then we should manifest the same grace and charity toward others. A good check on the magnanimity of our spirit is to see how we feel if suddenly we find ourselves in the majority when we have always been used to being in the minority.

In the second place one must make allowance for the human. A man may be ever so holy in his heart and yet make multitudes of mistakes and even blunders through his head. John Wesley said, "holiness is consistent with a thousand infirmities."

The sanctified man overcomes the disappointments and rises from the blow of shattered ideals because he looks unto Jesus and puts no confidence in the flesh. If his hope is built on anything that will not stand the fire then it will go down but if it is fixed on the sure foundation, Jesus Christ, then his faith will stand.

Isaiah faced a tremendous peril when King Uzziah died. Uzziah had been a good king and the country had prospered under his reign. Isaiah and the people had come to look more to Uzziah than to the Lord. God had to remove Uzziah to get Isaiah to really see the Lord and thus get a revelation of his own carnal heart. Isaiah testifies, "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw s/so the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple." (Isa. 6:1)

The experience of holiness secures one's hope. When all earthly props are gone then the heart leans strongest on the Lord. It was not until Abraham had bound Isaac on the altar that he saw Jesus' day and rejoiced. The writer of the Hebrews calls our attention to God's promise to Abraham as an encouragement to our faith and hope. "Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil." (Heb. 6:17-19)

God cannot fail. He will not fail us now. His promise to Israel is applicable today. "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." (Joshua 1:5)

This is no time to waver or falter. The same cause that motivated our heart a few years ago to step out under the stars and establish the Bible Missionary Church beckons us on today. Our doctrines and standards are the same as they were then. The manual guarantees the right for one to preach his convictions without being called in question over it. The God who called us and commissioned us to carry the gospel to the lost of earth is still the same. There is no time to waste. The world is our parish. Barren, monotonous, deserts of sin in the hearts and lives of men await only the coming of the cleansing water of life to give way to the experience that will make them rejoice and blossom as the rose. Out in the cold, dark mountains there are thousands who await our coming with the light. Multitudes of hungry hearts in the cities and towns both at home and abroad are starving for the gospel of hope that we preach. We must reach them with the bread of life! We must have a compassion for the lost!

The carnal mind is still the same hateful, malicious, enemy of Christ. We must not give it any quarter. We must not compromise God's holy standard. The blood of Christ still cleanses from all sin. The mighty Baptism of the Holy Ghost still destroys carnality. Praise God! A changeless, perfect, omnipotent God is still doing the same spiritual work of Grace in the hearts of men and women today as He did in years gone by.

A holy heart guarantees our hope of Heaven. "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Heb. 12:1-2) Our pilgrimage will soon be over. The battles will all be fought and won. If we are faithful we shall receive a crown of life and enter Heaven with the saints of light. May God help us to guard our attitudes, look to Jesus, and work until our little sun goes down. Then our hearts shall be secure in holiness until Jesus comes or calls for us.

"The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures
He will my strength and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun."

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REV. J. E. COOK

Brother J. E. Cook our newly elected General Moderator was born at Clarksville, Tennessee. After his conversion and sanctification he attended Trevecca College, Nashville, Tennessee. He was ordained to the ministry in 1946.

Brother Cook has served in several pastorates for a number of years. His first experience as pastor was as assistant pastor to Rev. W. F. Collier at West Nashville Church of the Nazarene. He served as the first pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at Old Hickory, Tennessee. For one year he was assistant pastor to Rev. W. M. Tidwell at First Church of the Nazarene, Chattanooga, Tennessee. He served as pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at Jasper, Alabama. For several years he was pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at Duncan, Okla.

The past three and one half years he has served as pastor of the Bible Missionary Church at Duncan, Oklahoma. Also he has served for the past three years as District Moderator for the Southwest District of the Bible Missionary Church. Brother Cook was much loved by the people

of his church and District. He has served as secretary of the General Board and also as General Secretary of Foreign Missions in the Bible Missionary Church.

Sister Cook (Formerly Anna McManus) has been a faithful companion and helpmeet to her husband across the years. They have a wonderful family of five children. Mrs. Jo Ann Porter, wife of Charles Porter a student preacher at the Bible Missionary Institute; Robert, who now is in Heaven; William, Charles and Aris who live at home with their parents. It has been my privilege to be in the home of the Cooks many times, There is always a spirit of love and kindness in their home.

Brother Cook is truly a brother beloved. He is a great preacher the gospel. We feel that God has given us a wonderful leader in Brother J. E. Cook. We are happy to commend him to the love and confidence of our people everywhere. The better you know him the more you will love him. We pledge to stand behind him with our prayers and cooperation. May God bless our new General Moderator, Brother J. E. Cook. -- The Editor

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GREETINGS FROM BROTHER J. E. COOK

The General Board and the District Moderators have elected me to fill the office of General Moderator. I appreciate the wonderful vote of confidence and shall do my best, God helping me, to be faithful and serve the church that I love. -- J. E. Cook

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OVERSHADOWED By Mrs. Paul E. King

The pathway before me looked narrow,
Sharp rocks had been strewn all along;
I saw in the distance some pilgrims
Whose progress was made with a song.

The world on one side bade me linger
And frolic with her just a day
But a tender voice urged me from Heaven
To "up," and "be quick" on my way.

I waited no more for a message,
And reason was left far behind--
Too long I had tarried in "vainland"
Too long had I been poor and blind.

I started at once on my journey
And the sharp, jagged rocks that I feared

No longer impeded my travel,
But had vanished, and all disappeared.

I felt all my life overshadowed,
While a hand that was tender and strong
Was guiding and steering my footsteps
The narrow pathway along.

We traveled down lanes sweet and pleasant
Where both sun and shade did abound--
I never once thought about stopping
Nor turning and looking around.

My thirst He quenched by cool waters:
I crave not the old world's cheap tin
Since I'm resting completely in Jesus
And my life's overshadowed by Him.

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YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE VICTORIES

I, as a young person know how other young people feel. The devil puts temptation before me. But this is not a time to be discouraged and downhearted; it is a time to say NO to the devil and rejoice in the Lord. Tell the Lord you are going to do His will and dig a little deeper Young people, if we see another young person out in sin and we carry a burden for that soul and that person is saved we have every right in this world to rejoice and shout the victory. We can say we have had a part in building the Kingdom of the Lord. Praise God! But young people and older folks alike, beware, you cannot expect the Lord to save that soul unless you have paid the full price. There is NO halfway point with the Lord. Young people take courage and keep your eyes on the prize and we will meet the Lord in the skies. Praise the wonderful name of Jesus! -- Carol Ulrich

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LADIES DON'T SMOKE -- AND -- NEITHER DO GENTLEMEN!

CIGARETTES

Waste your time
Squander your money
Reduce your efficiency
Impair your success
Jeopardize your safety
Insult your friends
Tarnish your skin
Shatter your nerves
Undermine your health

Endanger your life
Defile your body
Stupefy your mind
Corrupt your manners
Deprave your senses
Paralyze your conscience
Demoralize your character
Enslave your soul

Only enslaved degenerates could so putrefy God's pure air and create such a miserable mess of ashes, smudge, dirt and filth, to say nothing of the nuisance, the danger, the devastation and the misery they bring upon themselves and everyone else with whom they come in contact.
Be a MAN! Be a LADY! DON'T BE A CIGARETTE FIEND!

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GOD'S LEADINGS

Many years my heart was troubled as I walked the narrow way,
Striving always to mind Jesus and live close to Him each day.
I had joined up with a church group that once held standards high
And once had the fire and glory in the days that had gone by;
But as time went on they lost it and the world kept creeping in
As they labeled things as "no harms" that they once had labeled "sin".

Days and nights I spent in weeping; pouring out my heart in prayer,
Praying God to hold me steady and this heavy burden bear,
Lest old Satan too should tempt me and on sin I'd cease to frown;
Lest I too should take the world in as I let my standards down.
How my heart longed for a meeting where the saints of God would shout;
Where conviction was, and sinners would pray through without a doubt.

Then one day my prayers were answered. God raised up another crowd,
That is clean and have the glory and to Satan have not bowed.
And He led me out to Join them. How my heart is filled with praise,
As I see God moving on us like He did in other days.
Sinners bowing in repentance; shouts of joy and victory,
And I'm not a bit discouraged for I feel so blessed and free.

Now my old friends lust can't see it and they shake their heads and sigh,
Feeling sorry for my ignorance, but "Bless God" I'm living high.
And I do not need their sorrow. I lust only wish they knew
This sweet presence of the Saviour if they'd let Him lead them too.
Praise the Lord for how He's led me, and whatever Others do,
I have set my face towards heaven and I mean to make it through.

-- By Mary Owen

(Written June 17, 1957 shortly after the organization of the Bible Missionary Church in St. Louis, Missouri.)

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HOW A JEWESS WAS "CALLED UNTO HOLINESS"

Mrs. Irene Hanley

Mrs. Hanley is a Hebrew Christian who served as a missionary under a Baptist Board for nearly sixteen years before coming into the experience of sanctification. She is now doing evangelistic and missionary work among both Jews and Gentiles and in the various churches to which she is called.

Lovingly do I dedicate this testimony of God's sanctifying grace to Brother and Sister Robb French, at whose camp meeting in Florida I came into this precious truth; and to Brother and Sister G. I. Norman through whose invitation and prayers I went to that camp meeting, and through whose instruction, intercession and persistence at the altar I came into a real "death-route" experience of heart holiness.

Over two years ago, Feb. 12, 1954, while doing field work for a Jewish Mission Board, I was invited to a camp meeting in Florida. To my horror and disgust, I found it to be a holiness camp meeting--not "tongues" but a camp full of old-fashioned Wesleyan Methodists. I was ready to leave within one hour after my arrival, but somehow the simplicity and love of those people impressed me.

I was also deeply (and shamefully) impressed with their severe plainness in dress and their honesty with themselves concerning the carnality of the human heart. My first reaction was one of repulsion towards those "poor, deluded" souls who, I thought, were in such bondage and error of doctrine (Arminianism). Staunch Calvinist that I was, I had always felt I was holding a good standard of separated living, and for at least fifteen years I had contended for the truth that God could keep us living above the practice of sin if we were wholly yielded to Him. What I never could have previously accepted was that God could give us an experience whereby we could be free from the presence of sin in the human heart.

The blessed Holy Spirit, knowing my hungry heart and the deep-seated longing for inward purity, did not allow me to leave that camp meeting. I listened to the deep preaching of the Word: I observed the shouts of joy and the outward demonstration. In my heart I was critical, although I had heard the shouts of newborn souls in my own denomination (Baptist). I saw their great apparent liberty and freedom in the Spirit, but I said to myself, "cheap exhibitionism--that's all."

The more I listened to the exposition of God's Word, the more it penetrated my heart and created a fierce hunger and longing that I had never before known. My distress became greater as God began to show me the old carnal traits in my heart. He showed me that the "old man of sin" was at constant warfare with the "new man" which I had become in regeneration. I saw the black

depths of my unsanctified, uncircumcised heart. I saw my pride! Maybe others did not think I was proud, and neither did I for I called it something else. Yet only God knows how proud I was.

God showed me my lack of perfect love toward Himself, toward my brethren, and toward sinners. He showed me my haughtiness and my impatience, which brought hasty words and quick spurts of temper. He revealed ungodly ambitions, envy, and jealousy. I was getting to the place where I was a good Baptist than a child of God.

I knew that if I did not walk in this new light from God's revealed Word, and allow the Holy Ghost to thoroughly cleanse and deliver me from this carnal heart, I would never be a soul-winner again. I knew my missionary days were over, and that continued refusal would bring eternal damnation to my soul.

After five days of struggling, this child of God literally ran to an old-fashioned mourners' bench. I was almost there when I tripped and fell, and I crawled the rest of the few feet to the altar. "Except a corn of wheat fall"--but that was not all--Jesus said, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."--John 12:24. This is not speaking of regeneration, for in regeneration we are given new birth. This is speaking of another experience to follow, that is, death to the old self-life. Thus in actual experience, not only in position, do we become identified with Him in crucifixion.

After I said Yes to the Lord concerning every avenue of my life, and surrendered my whole heart, body, and soul, He sent a mighty cleansing, purging, baptizing fire through my being that completely altered my life and future. For over three hours I lay prostrate before the Lord, unconscious of all human surroundings.

Fanaticism? Ah, nay, for was this not the experience of Moses, David, Isaiah, the disciples, the apostles, and Paul? No, this is as far from fanaticism as Calvinism is from Arminianism. I do not believe that "tongues" is the evidence of the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Nor do I believe in sinless perfection, angelic, or absolute perfection, as holiness people are accused of believing, but I do believe in sanctification--He sanctified me wholly.

I used to think holiness people were proud Pharisees, a people who were always patting themselves on the back and in essence saying, "Look how good I am; look how holy I am; by my own spiritual achievements and attainments God is obligated to take me to Heaven." But I found that the reverse is true. This experience of entire sanctification has brought me to the depths of my utter nothingness. God shows me that only by my constant decreasing can He become pre-eminent in my life. More and more do I realize the preciousness of His shed blood, realize that apart from His mercy, His grace, His atoning, sanctifying blood, I cannot stand for one moment. He has multiplied my fruitfulness, stabilized my joy, and completed my victory. He has brought me into an experience that I had always been taught could not be mine until I died. Well, it's true--it could not have been mine until I "died"--but when I did die two years ago I entered into the experience of Hebrews 4:9, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." Oh, the preciousness of this! Canaan rest! Oh, the sweetness of ceasing from inward strife and strugglings! Oh, the satisfaction of being inwardly clean and free! The past two years have been the most abundant and rich in all the twenty-one years I have known the Lord.

I praise Him for leading me into this "old-fashioned" way. The modern, glamorous, Hollywood type of popular holiness would never have appealed to me. God had given me convictions when He saved me that helped me then to live higher than the majority of professing holiness people do today. I thank Him for the precious saints like the Frenches, the Normans, the Allegheny Conference saints, and many others, who have held to the "old paths." Without their examples, we younger ones in the movement could never have known what the "old-fashioned" way was like.

Remember me in prayer as I witness, first, to my own -- the Jewish fold -- and then to the Gentiles.

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CHURCH NEWS

DODGE CITY, KANSAS

Brother Thomas Huff and Brother Frank Baldwin held a meeting at Dodge City. They were assisted by their wives there in the meeting. The meeting ran from July 9 through August 3rd. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Davis did a wonderful job in helping in the meeting, getting the tent ready, etc. Brother Huff has held another meeting there since then. Looks like we will get a good church there. Services are now being held in the Old Pleasant Valley School, four miles south on Highway 283.

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NEW BIBLE MISSIONARIES

Danny Lynn Hudsen, born on July 25 to Mr. & Mrs. George Hudsen of Graham, N. C.

Mark Roy-zell Herring, born on April 12 to Mr. & Mrs. Roy-zell Herring of Grahams, N.. C. Welcome to these new folk.

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WEDDING BELLS

Miss Pat Glover, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. A. W. Glover, and Wayne Roberts, son of Rev. & Mrs. L. P. Roberts were married Aug. 22 at the Denver, Colorado Bible Missionary Church. Bro. Roberts, father of the Groom performed the ceremony assisted by the Bride's father, Rev. A. W. Glover.

Miss Kathryn Joann Carlton, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. W. E. Carlton and Francis (Fritz) Gaylen Coyle, were married Aug. 29 in Grand Junction, Colorado. We wish these two couples many happy years of married life in the Lord.

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NATCHITOCHEES, LOUISIANA

Natchitoches, Louisiana just closed out an old-fashioned Holy Ghost tent revival with Rev. Dan Lemmons. People attended who haven't been to church in years. The spirit of the Lord worked wonderfully and there were no altar calls given but what found souls seeking God and praying through to definite victory. A church was organized the first Sunday morning service. Rev. Buddy Dressler has been called as the pastor.

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PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

Port Arthur, Texas reports a good revival with Bro. Dan Lemmons as evangelist.

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FT. WORTH, TEXAS

Ft. Worth, Texas had a good revival with Bro. C. E. McCall as evangelist.

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DENVER CITY, TEXAS

Denver City, Texas reports a good tent revival with Rev. Glenn Patterson as the evangelist and Bro. and Sis. Neusome doing the singing. Bro. Patterson and Bro. and Sis. Neusome held a Home Mission Meeting in McAlester, Okla.

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MCKINNEY, TEXAS

McKinney, Texas reports a good revival with Bro. Frank Baldwin and wife as evangelists. Bro. and Sis. Baldwin also held a meeting in our church at Jacksonville, Arkansas.

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INTERMOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND CAMP MEETING

August 12-23, Denver, Colorado -- The swift passing of time brought to a close the most successful camp meeting and district conference in the history of this district. General Moderator Rev. Elbert Dodd and Rev. J. E. Cook of Duncan, Okla., were the workers.

The Intermountain District convention was called to order by Bro. Dodd the morning of Aug. 18.

The harmony and cooperation of pastors and lay delegates soon brought the business to a close the following day. The voting delegates once again put the district back in the hands of Rev. L. P. Roberts, district moderator and Rev. Carl Dillard, treasurer, with an almost unanimous vote. Mrs. Robert Barker was elected the new secretary.

Those elected to the advisory board were Elders, Carl Dillard, Robert Barker and G. H. Taylor. Laymen, August Kastendieck, Wayne Brewer and Don Balty.

Each pastor in bringing their report brought news of the goodness and blessing of our precious Lord. All but two churches in the district own their own property. Rev. Carl Dillard of Colo. Springs told of the new \$30,000 church and living quarters. Surely this represents much sacrifice and work on the part of this pastor and church.

In a Spirit-filled ordination service Rev. Robert LeRoy Kiblinger received his license, and Rev. and Mrs. Higgins received elders orders.

The sweet presence of the Holy Spirit crowned every service of the camp meeting and convention.

Rev. J. E. Ray of our Bible school at Rock Island, brought several spirit filled messages. He also did a wonderful job of managing the cooking in the dining hall.

Our missionary from Guatemala, Miss Leta Keith, gave us an inspiring message after which Bro. Dodd took pledges for missions which totaled over \$5,100. Praise the Lord for our missionaries and our faithful people.

Music for this camp was under the direction of Clyde and Cortla Dilley of Caldwell, Idaho. Esther! Crowe was the pianist of this qualified team. The Lord surely blessed the singing. If you are looking for singers for your Camp or revival, give them a call for they will bless your hearts.

Oh, how the Holy Ghost did walk up and down each aisle with the altar lined with seekers every night. The day of revival is not over. If the Lord tarries His coming we are going to have an abundance of young people to fill in when the older ones "lay their armor aside." We are looking forward to greater results in the future. -- Wayne Brewer, reporter

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REV. ALVA L. TURNER,
Secretary of General Board

At the recent board meeting in Rock Island, Rev. Alva L. Turner of Nampa, Idaho was elected to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the election of Brother J. E. Cook as General

Moderator. Brother Alva Turner was also elected to serve as secretary of the Board in Brother Cook's place. Brother Alva L. Turner needs no introduction to the Bible Missionary Church. He served as the first General Treasurer when the church was known as the Bible Missionary Union. He has served continuously on the General Board up until, the last General Conference. Brother Turner is District Moderator of the Northwest District and pastor of our church at Midway, Nampa-Caldwell, Idaho. May God bless Brother Turner. He is greatly loved and appreciated.

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SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBR.

Brother Bob Barker, pastor at Scottsbluff reports a good meeting with Rev. E E. Michael as evangelist and Sister Michael and Becky as singers and musicians. Praise God!

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INTERMOUNTAIN PREACHER'S MEETING

The Intermountain Conference. Preacher's meeting will be held at Denver, Colorado, Nov. 3-4. Rev. H. B. Huffman will be the speaker. For information and free accommodations write: Rev. L. P Roberts, 1915 S. Perry Way, Denver, Colo.

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RECOMMENDATION

Rev. L. H. Newcomb, Route 4, Box 22, West Monroe, La. has some open time. He will be a blessing to your church. It was my privilege some time ago to work with Brother Newcomb in a camp. His messages were a blessing to my heart. -- The Editor

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HIGH POINT, N. C.

The Lord has recently visited the First Bible Missionary Church of High Point, N. C. with an old fashioned revival. Not so great in numbers but great in power and blessings. The services were preceded by much fasting and prayer, which through the faithful preaching of Rev. Fred Thompson, the blind evangelist, of Hesston, Pa., made it possible for God to send Holy Ghost conviction on needy hearts. The altar services lasted to ten and eleven o'clock almost every night. Several were reclaimed, saved, or sanctified. The church had bargained for a lot of about two acres at \$2000.00 a few months before and paid this in full the first Sunday after the meeting. A beautiful baptismal service was conducted at a nice lake with seven being baptized. We plan as soon as possible to start a new building. Remember us when you pray. -- C. C. Brown, pastor

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BRO. COOK'S LETTER TO BRO. GRIFFITH

Sept. 9, 1959

Dear Brother Griffith:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus who loved us and washed us from our sins and called us with a holy calling!

It becomes my painful duty as Secretary of the General Board to write you this letter of acceptance of your resignation as General Moderator of the Bible Missionary Church.

Sadness filled the hearts of the members of the General Board, the district Moderators and the General Moderator, Rev. Elbert Dodd, as they sat in session at Rock Island, Ill. Sept. 9, 1959 and faced the reality that the founder and senior General Moderator. Brother Glenn Griffith was absent from our ranks. As the brethren prayed and waited upon the Lord, a sense of sweet assurance that God was still with the little Bible Missionary Church, settled upon them. In the strength of this assurance, they were enabled to carry on.

The entire constituency of the church, preachers and laymen alike, are indebted to you, Brother Griffith, for leading this great crowd of consecrated men and women out under the stars to form a new movement under the blessings of God. We are also indebted to you for helping to water and nurture it with your prayers, tears and tender compassion in it's beginnings.

It is the sincere desire of all the Board that God will bless you, Brother Griffith. and give you souls for your hire. We desire your prayers and that we may continue to be brethren that the Gospel be not blasphemed.

Acting in this capacity for the General Board and with a personal warmth of spirit, it is my prayer that God may bless and keep us all and bring us at last to that eternal city which hath foundations and whose builder and maker is God.

Your Brother in Christ,
J. E. Cook, Sec., Gen. Board

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HOLINESS CONVENTIONS

The month of February will be holiness convention month throughout the Bible Missionary Church. Places, Dates and Workers will be announced in the November or December Issue of The Missionary Revivalist. The t w o General Moderators and other workers will be in these conventions. Let us begin now to pray that God will make these conventions a great blessing to many hearts. Our daily prayer should be "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psalms 85:6) Let us all pray for an old fashioned Holy Ghost Revival. Will you join me every day in praying for this? -- Elbert Dodd.

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WHAT FOR?

What are churches for but to make missionaries? What is education for but to train them? What is commerce for but to carry them? What is money for but to send them? What is life itself for but to fulfill the purpose of foreign missions, enthroning Jesus Christ in the hearts of men?--Exchange

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IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT UNESCO: -- "COMMUNIST TRAP FOR OUR YOUTH"

Paul Harvey, writing in *The American Mercury*, warns us that "Our school children are having their national allegiance brainwashed away" by the United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

When your child comes home from school parroting some phrase about the "world society of the future" are you going to tell him it's wrong for him to "love his neighbor"?

When he comes home talking, world brotherhood, are you going to tell him all men are not brothers? When his elementary school textbooks indoctrinate him with the philosophy of world government, are you prepared to insist that world war is preferable?

UNESCO is an organization with thousands of publications -- too many to enumerate. UNESCO booklets are distributed through the National Education Association and the PTA to teachers and students. UNESCO literature is issued through YMCA groups and churches, radio and TV programs, newspapers, magazines, civic groups, government agencies; but primarily, directly and indirectly, its philosophy of one-world government is aimed at the classroom.

Twelve persons connected with the administration of UNESCO have been identified in sworn testimony before congressional committees as Communists.

Seven have been connected with Soviet espionage.

Six others refused to appear before government loyalty boards.

"There is evidence that UNESCO is deliberately brainwashing patriotism out of our youngsters and substituting the United Nations for God."

But Soviet Russia is NOT thus indoctrinating , Russian children nor allowing Russian children to be so taught. This fact is of gigantic importance. This is the point that our well-meaning but befuddled internationalists' have missed. We are allowing OUR youngsters thus to have their American allegiance brainwashed away so they will NOT CONSIDER AMERICANISM WORTH

FIGHTING FOR ANYMORE, whereas the Soviets continue to preach and teach their children that Communism is the enduring system and Communism is destined to rule the world.

Russia teaches "Communism without compromise" and unless we prepare young Americans to believe in freedom and true God-honoring Americanism without compromise, so they will keep this republic strong and defend it against all enemies, foreign and domestic, we are dooming tomorrow's Americans to the fate of today's Hungarians. (Condensed). -- Christian Victory

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ANOTHER TERRIBLE THREAT

"The New Morality" Teen-age crime has reached the stage of cold-blooded murder-with no remorse Of conscience what ever. What has happened? A "revolutionary doctrine" is beginning to spread -- a doctrine expressed by G. Brock Chishold, psychiatrist and head of the "World Federation for Mental Health." He said in 1945:

"We would stop teaching children moralities and rights and wrongs."

This "new morality" seems related to the communist line on sex:

"Sex is merely a biological function in the same category as eating and drinking Any one who puts any stock in virtue, fidelity and restraint is demode; to have any scruples about free erotic indulgences is to be neurotically repressed." (See American Mercury, 9-'59).

Modern adultery is the sin that will lead to the downfall of nations -- and the coming judgments of the great tribulation. -- Christian Victory

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ALONE WITH GOD

Alone with God! The world shut out
And God and I shut in--
In Holy union, and blest communion
All alone with Him.
What fellowship! What bliss I share
In my secret place of prayer.

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MY OLD H. B.

I've heard all kinds, but there's ne'er a rough one,
Like the "Death Route preaching," under H. B. Huffman!

He skins, and blisters, and digs and peels;
He names out the skunks, and the snakes, and the eels!

He preaches the church board down to the altar;
Some complain, but he does not falter!
He preaches away their false profession;
And down they go, for a "Death Route" session!

Big shots said, "He'd be the best,
If he'd nurse the babies, and salve up the rest."
Diplomats called him "A perfect flop;"
But THEY fizzled out, and he's still on top!

In comes the back tithes! down goes the pride!
Up goes the standards -- or off goes the hide!
Mine was ever a fruitless life,
My children were lost, my home was in strife.

We didn't last long, but we all went "under,"
And he dropped the "H" bombs, like lightening and thunder!
But we really prayed through, and the Holy Ghost came;
Up until then we were losing the game.

We won more souls in the first six months,
Than all former years raked into a bunch.
When we all reach the judgment, then you'll see,
How many "died out" under old H. B!

-- L. S. Boardman

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Spencer Johnson, Secretary
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ONE TOWN AND ELEVEN VILLAGES OPEN TO US

Yes, besides the territory in which we already work, and the many unevangelized villages around us, San Pedro Pinula and its surrounding villages were turned over to us.

Pinula itself is 14 miles east of Jalapa, on an all-weather road, and has a population of over 1,000. Five large villages are within six miles of the town, and the rest are up to 15 miles distant. The present professing Christian population consists of 3 families in Pinula, and one family each in two or three of the other villages. Several thousand people have still never been

reached. This is a whole new field, ripe for the harvest. We have rented a house and have started services in town, hoping to soon start work in at least part of the villages. It may take as much or more work than Monjas (where we made regular trips for services for five years before we saw the first person saved) to see congregations in these places, but will you help us pray for this multitude of souls, whose salvation depends upon us? --Paul Reiff

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Miss Leta Keith, who has been on furlough in the states because of the illness of her mother, will soon be returning to Guatemala. Miss Keith is a wonderful, successful missionary. We do not know the exact time that she will be going but it will be soon.

If you have clothes or other useful articles that could be used on the field in Guatemala, she could take them with her and it would cost less duty. Mail anything that you wish sent to Guatemala to Mr. Roy Keene, 3613 Ernest St., Lake Charles, La. and she will pick it up there. May God bless Sister Leta Keith. Pray that God will give her traveling mercies and continue to make her a blessing.

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WOMEN'S CONVENTION IN GUATEMALA

Word comes from Brother and Sister Reiff that they have had a wonderful women's convention there on the field. It was a time of real spiritual blessing with many victories won. We praise God. Please continue to pray for our missionaries in Guatemala. There are none better.

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NEW MISSIONARY SECRETARY

The election of Brother J. E. Cook as General Moderator left a vacancy in the office of General Secretary of Foreign Missions. The Board elected Brother Spencer Johnson to serve as General Secretary of Foreign Missions. He is unworthy and certainly is not capable in himself to fill such a place. He needs your prayers and patience as he endeavors to learn his duties and do the work that it involves. -- The Editor [Spencer Johnson]

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THE MISSIONARY CHALLENGE

By Spencer Johnson

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matt. 28:19-20)

God Himself has called us to preach the gospel to all the world. This glorious challenge has come from the days of the apostles to the present hour. The challenge brings a thrill and response in every truly sanctified heart.

The true Church of today recognizes no boundaries of climate, nations, colors or creeds. The whole world is our parish and it is our responsibility and privilege to preach the gospel to every creature.

The motivating force of the successful missionary enterprise is the indwelling presence of the Holy Ghost. The promise was that after the Holy Ghost had come to the disciples they would be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. The same is true today. Every sanctified soul is capable of a world wide vision. The promise to those who will evangelize the world is, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." We can never claim that promise unless we are doing all within our power to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. The church cannot fulfill her call with preachers and laymen whose vision does not reach beyond their own locality and selfish interests. Christ will not identify Himself with any selfish group.

What will our answer be to this generation when we stand before the judgment bar of God? How shall we respond to this most challenging age of world missions? Will we set ourselves anew to the task, realizing its enormity and its significance to a poor heart broken world and to our continued favor with God? Surely this is no time to let up. We must shoulder the load and face the task.

A holy church in the homeland cannot close its eyes to the whitened harvest fields of earth. We must tarry in the presence of God until our hearts are purged and purified and melted, then we shall see the vision clearly and cry with Isaiah, "Here am I, send me."

We must enter new fields as well as strengthening what we have. The vision and the burden must come to every heart in every local church. We have not begun to touch the resources for missions that lie within our grasp. We have done fairly well in the past. Our churches have been new and we have had the problem of building places to worship and housing our pastors, etc., and we must continue 'to reach out and build more home mission churches, etc. But it is high time for us to launch out into the deep and begin to trust God to do great things for us along the line of missions. We must humble ourselves and pray and seek the mighty help of God. We cannot claim His help if we attempt only that which we can do ourselves. To receive the help of God, we must, of necessity, attempt something for Him that is beyond the farthest possibility of the human.

Never has the challenge of missions been more appealing than it is now. The hour is late, the coming of Christ draws a pace. What we do we must do quickly. Let us thrust in the sickle and reap the harvest while we may! The night cometh when no man can work. We must speed the light!

We must meet this tremendous challenge with a faith that is commensurate to the task. We should determine in our hearts to pray more and give more for missions than ever before in all our

lives. If we will project our vision to the place that God wants us: to then God Himself will be with us and prosper us at home as well as abroad.

"Can we close our eyes to duty
Can we fold our hands at ease,
While the gates of night stand open
To the pathways of the seas?
Can we shut up our compassions?
Can we leave one prayer unsaid
Till the lands which hell has blasted
Have been quickened from the dead?"

"We grovel among trifles,
And our spirits fret and toss
While above us burns the vision
Of Christ upon the Cross.
And the blood of God is streaming
From His wounded hands and side,
And the voice of Christ is saying,
'Tell My brothers I have died.'

"O voice of God, we hear Thee
Above the shocks of time;
Thine echoes roll around us,
Thy message is sublime;
No power of man can thwart us,
No stronghold shall dismay
When God commands obedience,
And love has led the way."

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BEULAH MOUNTAIN CHILDREN'S HOME

We surely enjoyed the camp at the Beulah Mountain Children's Home. The workers there were cooperative and kind to us and we enjoyed the fellowship of all the children. Brother J. C. Gomilla and his wife are loved by the children and are doing a great work as managers of the orphanage. The other workers are faithful, too and have the work on their heart. The last Sunday morning of the Camp we preached on missions and the workers and children and some good friends who were present pledged \$1165.00 for foreign missions. God bless them. They are the most sacrificial in their giving considering the low salary that the workers there receive. Surely they are interested in the work of the Bible Missionary Church both at home and abroad. We must all stand by and support the orphanage with our finances as well as our prayers.

This year they are running their own school. Rev. Joel Miller has been secured to teach the grades 5 through 8 and Mrs. Harold, one of the good ladies who has been working there at the

home for some time is teaching grades 1 through 4. This of course means extra expense to the orphanage but we believe it will pay both spiritually and educationally for the children. If every church would do something each month to help we could meet the need without strain to anyone. If each member of the Bible Missionary Church would just send one dollar a month how it would help. Please, pastors, let us get behind our orphanage with our support. Make all checks payable to Beulah Mountain Children's Home and mail them to Mr. J. C. Gomilla, Manager Beulah Mountain Children's Home, Beulah Heights, Kentucky. -- The Editor

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"AS YE HAVE DONE"

Again I slept. I seemed to climb a hard, ascending track;
And just behind me labored one whose patient face was black.

I pitied him; but, hour by hour, he gained upon the path;
He stood beside me, stood upright --and then I turned in wrath.

"Go back!" I cried. "What right have you to walk beside me here?
For you are black and I am white." I paused, struck dumb with fear.

For lo! the black man was not there, but Christ stood in his place;
And oh! the pain, the pain, the pain that looked from that dear face.

Then next I heard the roar of mills; and moving with the noise,
Like phantoms in an underworld, were little girls and boys.

Their backs were bent, their brows were pale, their eyes sad and old;
But by the labor of their hands, greed added gold to gold.

Again the Presence and the Voice: "Behold the crimes I see,
As you have done it unto them, so have ye done to Me."

I saw in mill and mine and shop the little slaves of greed;
I heard the strife of race with race, all sprung from one God-seed.

And then I bowed my head in shame, and in contrition cried
"Lo, after nineteen hundred years Christ still is crucified."

-- Selected.

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Watch! for the morning is breaking!
A moment, and He will be here!
The mists and the shadows are fleeing,

The darkness will soon disappear;
And He, for Whom ages have waited,
The Lord Who has tarried so long,
Will come in an outburst of glory!
A moment--and we shall be gone!

-- M. E. Barber

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

A CHANGED KATHY

By Mrs. Paul King

Slosh, slosh! Slosh, slosh! went Kathy's red boots as she walked home in the falling rain. The day was dark and dismal just like Kathy's spirit. Her countenance was one of utter dejection. Why hadn't Miss Cutler given her the leading part in the singing? She could do every bit as good as Cindy Brooks, she was sure; and yes, a whole lot better than Cindy. Her own mother and daddy sang in the choir in the "big church," as it was called, in Centerville, while Cindy went to a little white frame church at the edge of town. Then too, Cindy didn't have the nice new frilly dresses that she, Kathy, was always getting! Why had Miss Cutler chosen Cindy when She knew all these things why? why? She was so busy wondering that she scarcely knew when she came up to the big gate of her home and Sarge, the chauffeur let her in.

"Good afternoon, Miss Kathy," he said. But she didn't even hear him. "Why, why, why"? had been going through her little mind so loudly until that's all she heard.

She entered the front door of the big house and didn't even see Fuzzy, the cat, come purring toward her for a stroke on the back or a pat on her head. Kathy walked straight through the house to the kitchen, with Fuzzy following at her heels, and threw her books down on the kitchen table so hard that Maudie, the maid, jumped. "Why Kathy child," she exclaimed, "whatever has gotten into you? You cross or something? Remember what I told you about the Lord Jesus wanting to take all that old crossness and meanness out of your heart! You better listen to old Maudie and get saved. "Why, honey child, you look as sour as Aunt Bess' sour pickles. What's the matter?" and suddenly she folded the weeping Kathy in her big strong arms and was cooing softly in her ear. "Now stop your crying and tell old Maudie all about it. What happened to make my little black headed girl weep so! Out with it! Maudie must know before she can help you." Between sobs and tears Kathy told her everything and just how she felt toward Cindy, and then added, "Maudie, oh, Maudie, why didn't Miss Cutler choose me? I did so badly want to sing the leading part in those hymns! Why did Cindy have to get it? She doesn't have pretty things like I have. Why--why, only last week she pulled another tooth, and she'll look funny up there singing in her old cotton dress. Mama has such pretty dresses for me, and I even have my new black patent leather slippers that I could wear. Oh, Maudie, why did she ever choose Cindy?" And a fresh shower of tears ensued.

"Now Kathy Wiltshire, you sit up big and straight and listen to me! Old Maudie has a lot to tell you, and you must look right at me," and old Maudie's voice was trembling with tears. "Ever since you've been a tiny baby Maudie rocked, nursed and fondled you. You're now twelve years old and Maudie's been watching how proud and vain you've been the last few years. Maudie's shed a lot of tears over you honey child. You're putting premiums on the wrong things. How often have I told you God looks on the heart! He doesn't notice Cindy's "old cotton" dresses, as you put it. But He sees a loving, clean, and pure heart! He doesn't see Cindy's toothless smile but He does hear her singing "My Jesus I Love Thee" and "Rock of Ages," for Him, and for His glory. Why Kathy, He doesn't even notice your beautiful frilly taffeta dresses, your new shoes, nor your pretty white teeth. But I'll tell you what He does see, Kathy Wiltshire. He sees your ugly, sour, hateful disposition, and it grieves Him greatly because He's wanted to take it all out of you and give you a new and loving heart--a heart that makes you love everybody. And you've turned Him away and said, "No Jesus, some other time." Listen to me Kathy, your old Maudie loves you, but unless you repent of your sins and let Jesus save you, you'll grow up to be a wicked sinner and lose your soul and go to Hell where you'll burn forever and ever."

"Stop it! Stop it!" cried Kathy. "Oh, Maudie, I've been so wicked and mean, and so hateful; and I don't want to be like this--I don't, I don't not ever again. Maudie, please pray for me. I don't want to go to Hell. I want Jesus to make me a child of His Own, and take all this nastiness out of my heart," and Kathy was on her knees sobbing bitterly and repenting of her sins. Together Maudie and Kathy prayed in the kitchen until Kathy prayed clear through and was clapping her hands for pure joy. "Oh, Maudie, Maudie" she laughed, "I've never been this happy in all my life! I love you, I love you, dear old Maudie--so much; and oh, Maudie, I'm so glad Miss Cutler picked Cindy instead of me. Jesus just gave me a big love for Cindy, and I'm going to let Cindy wear my best dress and new slippers when she sings and Jesus will see that I have a new heart,--a changed heart." Old Maudie patted the dark curly head of the smiling girl, and wiping the tears from her own eyes, went back to preparing the supper. -- By Mrs. Paul E. King

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JESUS NEVER FAILS

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Dear children--don't ever let your day go by without:

1. First reading the Bible. It will teach you how to live. This month read from Proverbs 1st through the 15th chapters. Read these with your mother and Daddy, and read them prayerfully.

2. Prayer. The first thing we do in the morning and the last thing we do at night should be pray. Daniel prayed three times a day. It would do us good too.

3. Sing--make melody in your heart unto the Lord. It lightens the task of the day.

4. Be as kind, as cheerful and as helpful every day as you can, to everybody you meet. It grows on you -- cheerfulness, kindness and helpfulness, I mean.

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PRAYER IN THE NIGHT

Spencer Johnson

Last night I heard a man praying in the night. He was a pastor, pouring out his soul to God in a prayer of intercession for his people, many of whom were too careless and indifferent to be concerned for themselves. My heart was moved to join the petition with groans and sighs: as I thought of the multitudes that are lost in a land where thousands of church steeples point to the sky while the lives of their people cling to the soiled and sordid ways of the world.

"What good is a tall cathedral,
With its altar laid with gold,
When hearts within it are hungry
Haughty, proud and cold?"

The need of this sinful and adulterous generation is more men with desperate determination to become intercessors for poor sin-cursed, sin-bound, humanity. The history of men and nations bears record that more battles have been won in the spiritual realm of prayer than with all the flashing swords and fearful guns. And most of the decisive victories in the spiritual world have been wrought at night when alone with God men have faced their struggles and won.

It was in the night when God revealed Himself to Jacob at Bethel (Gen. 28:12), and from that night on he was God conscious wherever he went. Again at Peniel he wrestled until the breaking of the day. The night was long and the struggle fierce. One by one the stars in their path swung past his battle ground and disappeared in the fields of space, but when dawn came he had received the blessing that changed his nature and his name. (Gen. 32:24).

At midnight David would arise to give thanks. (Psalms 119:62). When Eli became so spiritually deaf he could no longer hear the message of the Lord, God spoke to Samuel in the night. (I Sam. 3:3). In the night God appeared to Solomon and granted his prayer for wisdom. (II Chron. 1:17). Nehemiah hearing of the ravishing ruins of the walls of Jerusalem prayed a prayer of confession and repentance for Israel day and night until God heard him. (Neh. 1:6). In visions at night devoted Daniel received the intricate interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. (Dan. 2:19). It was said of the prophetess Anna who recognized in Jesus the promised Messiah of Israel, that she served God in the temple night and day with prayers and fastings. (Luke 2:37).

If Jesus the matchless Son of God must continue all night in prayer before choosing His apostles (Luke 6:12), how much more needful it is for all who follow in His steps. John said, " He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walked." (I John 2:6).

In the still hours of the night Paul saw the vision and felt the call to Macedonia. (Acts 16:9). The visitation of the Spirit that night turned the gospel westward, saving Europe and America from heathenism. One hardly dares think what the outcome might have been if Paul, the preacher of the pulsating, persuasive, powerful gospel of Christ, had been too sluggish,

slumber-filled, and sleepy-eyed to see the vision. The Wesleys and Whitefield would have been unheard of: the great holiness revival would not have swept two continents; there would have been no Sunday schools, no prison reform movement, no anti-slave acts; Germany, Britain, and France would have never become great industrial nations. Edwards and Finney would have been pagans. America would not be a Christian nation sending out missionaries to the ends of the earth, but would be filled with screaming savages worshipping the sun, moon and the earth. The men would be brutes and the women slaves.

At midnight the prisoners in the Philippian jail heard Paul and Silas as they prayed and sang praises, and the events that followed proved God heard them too, for He sent an earthquake to their rescue, loosing their bonds and moving the jailer to saving faith in Jesus Christ. (Acts 16:25). On one occasion after the Jews had sought to tear Paul limb from limb God stood by him that night and revealed his witnessing mission at Rome. (Acts 23:11). In the midst of the huge, harassing hurricane when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, Paul, having contact with the angel of the Lord in the night, admonishes the crew of the ship to be of good cheer and assures them that they will not lose their lives. (Acts 27:22-25). The great apostle was so concerned about the sanctification of the church at Thessalonica that he prayed night and day that he might perfect that which was lacking in their faith. (I Thess. 3:10) Often he spent the night interceding for his fellow laborers in the gospel. (I Tim. 1:3).

Ever existent is the need for men who like Abraham will stand yet before the Lord or like Moses throw their souls into the breach. Thank God for the pastor, who, through lonely vigils in the night pressed his way with the needs of the people to the throne of Grace. May God give us a thousand who will do the same and it will change the course of our nation and the world. "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:7,8).

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STARRY HEAVENS

Spencer Johnson

In the wide open spaces of the country, the sky and the earth seem closer together. When, as a boy in the short grass country, I gazed into the heavens the stars seemed close enough to be neighborly, and often at night when the world was quiet and restful, the stars and I were familiar companions. It was always just a little easier to pray beneath the open sky. The stress and strain of living seemed to subside and the quiet peace of God calmed my weary soul.

There is danger in the busy age in which we live to look so much upon the turmoil of life until we forget that there is more to live for than the daily routine of affairs. We deal with the earthly so much that we are prone to forget the heavenly. A man comes far short of a victorious life when he does not live for the world to come. The need of every heart is for something that will lift its motives out and beyond self. That Something is God. Only as one loses himself in Christ can he find the real joy of living. Man's life constitutes more than just the physical; there is the spiritual to be dealt with and satisfied if man is to be of any value in this world or in the world to come.

Christian men must live with their heads above the clouds and fogs of earth to where Heaven's vision fires the soul, To meet the needs of hungry humanity, men must tarry for the heavenly manna. Too many are spending their time digging in the earth when they should be pointing people to the skies.

The strain of living will cease and life will take on new meaning to the soul who seeks God and His Kingdom first. How tragic to see the great whirling throng who have sought to put earthly things first, and are confused and bewildered in the strife. No word but God's word will satisfy in this day in which we live. The world must bet back to the solid truth that is timeless and eternal. Oh, point them to the skies! They are sick of earth and its strife No wonder the Psalmist cried out "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge." (Psalm 19:1. 2).

Martha S Nicholson expressed it when she wrote:

"Let me hold lightly things of 'this earth
Transient treasures, what are they worth?
Moths can corrupt them, rust can decay;
All their bright beauty fades in a day.

Let me hold lightly temporal things,
I, who am deathless, I, who wear wings!
Let me hold fast, Lord, things of the skies.
Quicken my vision, open my eyes!

Shew me Thy riches, glory and grace,
Boundless as time is, endless as space!
Let me hold lightly things that are mine,
Lord, Thou hast given me all that is Thine."

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GOOD BYE, RABBIT EARS

"I'm Going To Heaven, Where Are You, Going?"

By John Myers

Now, the folks of the church had secretly met,
All the board, and each Sunday School teacher,

And they took up an offering, 'twas small, but enough,
To buy something nice, for their preacher.

Then two of them went where cash could be spent,
Just to prove that they COULD be reliable,

And they bought a nice set of rabbit ears,

And a second hand, tattered old Bible.

And they set up the presents, (the rabbit ears first,)
To be sure, they would not commit sin,

Then each one sat down with a dignified frown,
And they summoned the preacher in.

Said the spokesman, "dear preacher, just to show our respect
For the labor you've done through the years,

You can now have your choice, this tattered old book,
Or a swell set of rabbit ears."

A cunning set of rabbit ears,
A cute little set of rabbit ears,
A brand new set of rabbit ears,
They'll run your TV set for years!
Choose them, and not the Bible.

Then they all stood back in smug suspense,
For they knew their preacher had good sense,

And he did, before God, who was not defiable,
So, he reached right past them rabbit ears,
And picked up the tattered Bible.

The crowd was mute, in shock and surprise,
As tho' they could hardly believe their eyes,

With their carnal pride he had sure played hob,
But when he chose the Bible, he lost his job.

And at the throne of God he wept, and named them one by one,
As often he had called each name since first the job begun.

They loved this world, but he loved God, and served without a doubt,
But he had hurt their feelings, and so, they put him out.

And that night the preacher, thru' the tears that dimmed his eye,
Knelt alone with Jesus, the people passed him by,

They wanted nothing of the blood that for sins did atone,
For he had shunned the rabbit ears, he'd have to walk alone.

And, praying, he saw in the graveyard near, the tombstones fall about,

While graves were bursting open, and God's people coming out,

And they 'rose in mighty rapture, staying not for man nor beast,
To the voice of Jesus calling, "Come, ye ransomed, to the feast,

And as the last who'd slept in Christ went up before his eyes,
The bonds of earth were broken, and HE headed for the skies.

"Good bye, old earth," he shouted, "Tho' the devil did his best,
By the grace of God within me I have stood the final test."

And the man who shunned the rabbit ears won everlasting fame,
For, the night he chose the Bible was the night that Jesus came!

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THE HOLY GHOST PROGRAM

By R. C. Boynton

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together."
Acts 4:31

The program of the Holy Ghost is not initiated over a banquet table with chaffy jokes, hilarious anecdotes and human enthusiasm as the "inspiration." When Jesus sent forth His disciples to carry on His work, He breathed on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." This was a foretaste of that blessed Pentecostal outpouring that fell with burning on the humbled, broken, and melted hearts of those common disciples in that memorable upper room. They had seen the Savior die. In the dimness of that dark foreboding hour, they could behold His life-blood trickling from the nail-rent flesh and hear the patter of that blood on the dust beneath that blessed old cross -- to be trodden underfoot of cursing, reviling humanity. But, each drop spelled out in sharp staccato the divine message of complete glorious human redemption and full salvation -- this blood became that prophesied "fountain opened unto the house of David for sin and uncleanness."

The hour is late! For many, "their sun has gone down while it still is day." The glory of the New Testament Church was not campaigns, nor contests, nor competitive conniving, nor dry dead wordy slogans, nor pep-talks, nor ecclesiastical pressuring. That early glory was kept down by fire that purged, melted and inspired until men said, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." We have no time or energy to dissipate to play or contest or frolic in the things of God. We're in a battle -- A HOLY WAR, Lift the standard, blow the trumpet with no uncertain sound, pray until the Holy Ghost baptizes us with a sweet spirit of burning that will send us out to a heartbroken world to proclaim a mighty full deliverance. "Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision."

"Oh, Jesus, help me! Break me, melt me, fill me, use me! Put me in the front line of battle where the blood flows red, where men are men. Let me see the Captain of our salvation. Let me follow in His bloody footsteps. Let me hear afresh His 'follow me.' Let me take up my sword."

Yea, I will be wounded often, but so was He. There are souls to be liberated, kindreds and tribes to be emancipated.

What is the Holy Ghost program? It is heartbroken praying and intercession, it is fasting with travail; it is going to the multitude to bind up their wounds, to show them a clear-cut path to victory; it is obedience, obedience, obedience to His blessed will -- to the written word and the inner promptings. It is giving when I know a need because the need con, strains me with love. "The place was shaken where they were assembled together." Lord, shake the place! SHAKE US! Until all selfishness and lethargy and complaining is gone, and in its place, there is born an urgency, a passion to fill our little place in this Holy Ghost program. I love Him -- I measure my words--I adore Him.

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Mrs. Paul E. King

Look away beyond earth's troubles,
Look beyond its pain and care:
Cast no more a backward glance
To the burdens that you bear.

Fling thyself on Christ, the Saviour,
Sweetly in His arms repose;
Bathe thy weary, burdened spirit
In the thought that 'Jesus knows.'

Jesus knows. Ah, yes, He knows!
And He fully feels thy pain.
Kindly listen while He whispers
Precious child, I'll thee sustain."

"I have trod the way before thee,
And I know each pain you feel;
I will guide you o'er life's ocean
With mine own hand at the wheel."

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Yours for Holy Ghost Revivals
Everywhere,
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BY FAITH
By Mrs. Paul E. King

I see the walls of Jasper,
And the streets of purest gold;
The gates of pearl all shining bright
As the prophet us has told.

I hear the white robed choir sing
Redemption's wondrous story,
And see the blessed happy look
Of saints at home in glory.

I see a hand stretched out to me,

I hear a voice most dear--
I feel a tender warm embrace
And know there's naught to fear.

Home at last! Safe Home am I
With all life's burdens o'er,
Resting sweetly with my Saviour
On Heaven's blissful shining shore.

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