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## **THE MISSIONARY REVIVALIST -- NOVEMBER 1959**

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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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**THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY**  
Rev. Elbert Dodd

Isaiah, 35:8, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness: the unclean shall not pass over it; out it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."

I Cor. 12:31 "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

In the twelfth chapter of I Corinthians Paul speaks of "things that are excellent," but in the thirteenth chapter he speaks of "things that are more excellent." Isaiah called this "The Way of Holiness ;" he said "though a fool he shall not err therein." The reason is the way is a way in the heart, put in the head by God who is Holy.

This more excellent way is "The Way of Perfect Love." Perfected love suffereth long, and though the suffering is undeserved, and though the suffering comes from those he felt would never cause him to suffer, yet it is kind. Kind toward those who caused him to suffer. A person in this more excellent way will go out of his way to be kind to those who cause -his suffering. Even

though he is unjustly attacked he will not fight back in defense of his own self. Those who fight back" when attacked need to go on to this more excellent way.

Those who are in this "More Excellent Way," "envieth not." Envy is a heart condition, it is produced by! carnality in the heart. Envy, like a burning acid, eats away the very sweetness of the Christ life. Envy caused some of the darkest and worst crimes ever recorded in Holy Writ and some not recorded in any book. Joseph's brethren sold him as a slave because they envied his spotless life. Envy in one person will cause enough heartache and sorrow to wreck a family, a church or a community. Think of the sorrow and suffering that came to Jacob because of envy. Think what it cost those who envied.

Envy is a twin-sister of jealousy. Jealousy is a disease of the carnal heart that makes everybody sick that has it and everybody sick that it comes in contact with. A minister that is jealous of his brother minister has not entered into the "More Excellent Way." A layman jealous of his fellow layman is a long way from the "More Excellent Way." One of the fruits of carnality is jealousy. The baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire destroys all sin from the heart and brings one to the "More Excellent Way."

Love "vaunteth not itself." One in the "More Excellent Way" never tries to parade ones gifts but shines at home and abroad alike. One in the more excellent way never passes judgment on anyone in any unkind, harsh way. He waits until all the evidence is in before he passes judgment.

One in this "More Excellent Way" is not puffed up. Pride in the heart causes the disease of "puffment." Pride is easily offended and when offended will puff, pout and strut . One with this disease takes the "martyr complex," he feels he is being martyred and no one really cares. The children must walk softly, the wife must have everything just so. Poor old Papa has had a hard day. The devil pointed his left front hoof at him and he is swelled up like a toad frog full of June bugs.

But thank God, the man in the "More Excellent Way" is saved from this awful disease.

One in this "More Excellent Way" does not "behave himself unseemly?" Perfect love makes a lady and gentleman out of all who have it. One in this way will treat his enemies as if they were his friends. One does not have to tone down or compromise to be nice, gentle and polite.

One in the "More Excellent Way" seeketh not her or his own. The heart filled with love perfected is saved from all selfishness, self-seeking and wire pulling in every form. It in honor prefers others. A sanctified person will rejoice with a heartfelt joy at the prosperity and success of others.

One in the "More Excellent Way" is "not provoked." All carnality has been burned out of the heart of those in the more excellent way and there is nothing to be stirred. This great wonderful experience works best under pressure. When one is falsely accused it may hurt deeply but there will be no fight back, no get even spirit.

One in this "More Excellent Way" and who is perfected by Love divine, "thinketh no evil" and with this wonderful glorious experience will always put the best construction on the action of

his fellow Christian, and will not mistrust and imply wrong motives to one's brother and will refuse to believe an evil report until all is known of the positive truth.

One in this "More Excellent Way," "rejoices not in iniquity." He never rejoices in the downfall of an enemy, not even one who has caused suffering to his soul, but like David of old wept at the news of the death of King Saul, his worst enemy. But one in this way "suffereth long and is kind, beareth all things, believeth all of God's Word, hopeth all things, endureth all things." Thank God for the "More Excellent Way" that God has prepared for His children to live on in this present world. It works if one has it.

Luke 1:73-75, "The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. Praise God! Reader, are you in this "More Excellent Way"? If you are not you can be, what a glorious way it is. It will lead to that city where they need no sun.

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## EDITORIAL

By Spencer Johnson

### THE WATCHFULNESS OF HOLINESS

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps, are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." (Matt. 25:1-13)

"Occupy till I come." (Luke 19:13)

The one glorious hope of the sanctified is the coming of Jesus Christ to catch away His bride. This hope should shine through all the disappointments and trials of life and light the dark shadow of the valley of death. The hope of Christ's coming should keep every holy person in watchful expectancy.

This expectancy should make us resist the lethargy of the age and keep us working and praying as we seek to reap the sheaves that we be not ashamed to meet the Lord of the harvest. Only watchful, industrious occupation will be rewarded when Jesus comes. In the parable of the

ten virgins the need for holiness and watchfulness is clearly set forth. It is noticeable that they all had light and that they all purposed to meet the bridegroom. Every born again person has light. The unregenerate are lost in the darkness of sin. The light is a type of salvation. "Awake ; thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." (Eph. 5:14) One must find light for his own soul's sake and also that he might point the way for others to find the Lord.

The lights :that these virgins had were no stationary lights, but were capable of being transported. The gospel is the light of the world and every believer is obligated to carry that light to those who are yet in Spiritual darkness. This light must shine in the homes, the schools and the shops. It must be carried to the prisoners in their cells. It must be preached on the Skid Rows and in the hospitals, to the sick, the wounded and the dying. This light must be taken to the darkened heathen lands where multitudes are in the cruel grip of the devil. -We must ever remember that from the hour God saved us our present purpose is to meet the Bridegroom and in the meantime to shine as lights in the world to show others the way.

The experience of holiness is a necessity to maintain this light and be ready for the coming of Jesus. The wise virgins had oil in their vessels with their lamps. Oil is a type of the Holy Ghost; the vessel is the regenerated heart of man; the light is the witness and true testimony of the spirit-filled life. Only the fullness of the blessing will enable one to continue as a true witness until Jesus comes, or calls. When the virgins started to the wedding they all had light. This is evident from the fact that they said, "Our lamps are gone out," proving, without doubt, that they once had light for their lamps could not go out if they had not been burning. The wise had a supply of oil by which they replenished their lamps, but the foolish had none. It is not enough to be born again, one must be sanctified if he is to be ready when Jesus comes. We must have the life more abundant to keep victory to the end.

The need for watchfulness is seen further, from the fact that "while the bridegroom tarried the all slumbered and slept. Surely we are in a sleepy age! So few are spiritually alert. The tendency while waiting is to become spiritually drowsy. Some are slumbering and some have gone to sleep. It is possible to slumber without actually going to sleep but we must resist lest we go to sleep and His coming find us unprepared. What a tragedy it would be to start out well, resist temptations, withstand fiery trials, bear persecution, be faithful almost to the end and then go to sleep and miss the rapture!

The bridegroom came at the darkest and most unexpected hour. Midnight I What consternation on the part of the unprepared! What blessed fulfillment of the hopes of those who had kept their vessels filled and their lamps trimmed and burning! What a dark hour! What tragedy for the foolish ones whose lamps had gone out I It will be fatal for those who must go in search of oil when the midnight cry is heard. "They that were ready went in with Him to the marriage and the door was shut." They were not getting ready. --They were ready! They were ready because they had oil in their vessels. The only safe course for anyone calling himself a Christian is to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

The midnight hour is upon us. There will be no time for preparation when He comes. There will be no second chance. "Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

But he answered and said, verily I say unto you, I know you not." The English writer, J. D. Drysdale, in commenting on this writes:

"Some have thought that our Lord's final words to those foolish virgins could hardly have been spoken to believers: 'Verily, I say unto you I know you not.' For, previously, in John X.14, He had said, "I know my sheep . . . and am known of mine." Also, in verse 27, 'I know them.' But, in both these places He used an entirely different word, the Greek word Ginosoko, which is the emphatic word, "to know."

In this parable He employs the verb, 'Oida,' to see. It is a very irregular verb, and has many forms, and is often translated 'SEE' as well as 'KNOW.' If we translate it 'SEE' here, we find Him using the imagery of the parable, as looking out of the brilliantly-lit banqueting hall into the dense spiritual darkness outside.

"In that darkness they should have been shining like the, wise virgins, as 'burning and shining lights !' but, alas owing to the lack of the infilling of the Spirit their light was almost quenched; they could not be recognized in the darkness, and He: says, 'Verily, I say unto you I do not 'SEE' you.' They were practically indistinguishable from the unbelievers around them, because they had neglected to seek the provision of the Oil of the Holy Spirit's infilling presence, which alone can enable us to 'shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life.'" (Holiness in The Parables, page 76-77)

Peter exhorts us to watchfulness when he wrote: "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for a new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." (II Peter 3:10-14)

Above all we must be holy. It is better to be holy than to be popular. It is better to possess that Wisdom from above that is pure, gentle and easily entreated than to have all the worldly wisdom. We should be humble, knowing that God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble. Be not a partaker of strife, division and contention. "Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace." We should watch so that His coming will find us at peace in our hearts toward all men. The promise is, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." -- (Rev. 2:10)

"Jesus may come in the morning,  
Jesus may come at noon,  
Jesus may come in the evening,  
So keep your heart in tune."

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## THANKFULNESS

First among the things to be thankful for is a thankful spirit. Some people would grumble at the accommodations in Heaven if they ever got there. They take their blessings here so much as a matter of course, that even a day of general thanksgiving once in a year is more than they feel any need of. And if their personal blessings in any measure fail, gratitude for what they have had or still enjoy is the last thing they think of. Another class really desire to be thankful, but they are naturally despondent. Their sky is as dark with clouds as though a special Old Probabilities were

employed to keep it full. They go through the world in a deprecating spirit, hoping things may turn out well yet fearing for the worst. We always feel glad for this class when Thanksgiving Day comes around. They then have an official warrant for gratitude. If their own hearts do not formulate blessings, they can listen to the sermon, or look to the President's proclamation.

How different with the thankful heart! What a gift it is to be born with an outlook toward the bright side of things! And if not so by nature, what a triumph of grace to be made thankful through a renewed heart! It is so much more comfortable and rational to see what we have to be thankful for and to rejoice accordingly, than to have our vision forever filled with our lacks and our needs. Happy are they who possess this gift! Blessings may fail and fortunes vary, but the thankful heart remains. The happy past, at least, is secure -- and Heaven is ahead. --Golden Rule.

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## GRATITUDE

O Thou, whose bounty fills my cup  
With every blessing meet!  
I give Thee thanks for every drop  
The bitter and the sweet.

I praise Thee for the desert road,  
And for the riverside;  
For all Thy goodness hath bestowed,  
And all Thy grace, denied.

-- Jane Crewdson

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## PSALM OF PRAISE

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

"The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

"As for man, his days are as grass: As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

"The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul. (Psalms 103)

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### THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

Rev. A. J. Hale

JEHOVAH-JIREH, The Lord will provide. Gen. 22:14. These words take us back toward the far off dawn of human history. The scene is one of the grandest in the annals of our race. The man is Abraham, clothed in his glowing robe of faith, trudging along the shadowy ways which bring him at last to the Mount of God and Abraham stamped that mountain with a name that will outlast the mountain itself. Jehovahjireh, The Lord will provide" no matter what the unrevealed future may hold my friends, here is the secret of a calm and cheerful confidence. I think this old story is as fresh and fragrant as if it had been acted out but yesterday: Because it is all dewy with the morning of eternity Abraham's trust in our soul's dwelling-place gives a rich morning-glow to our life in the twentieth century.

Now consider three aspects of his life. Abraham-was lonely. All high grandeur of spirit knows the spell of loneliness. Sometime in the deep night the voice of God sounded in the patriarch soul, "Take now thy son, thine only son whom thou lovest even Isaac, get thee into the land of Moriah and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. Reading the account one can almost feel the solemn loneliness the unbroken stillness that enwrapped him. We enter the world alone, we live in it almost entirely alone. We leave the world alone, we shall be judged and rewarded or punished alone. Oh, but having said this Abraham was not alone and you and I are not alone; God has promised to be with us all the way through his journey of life.

Again Abraham was the soldier of mystery. He was the ancient knight that braved the thick shadows cloaking our humanity. He not only went to prove his soul but he proved the unprovable God was the geometrician, life the theorem and Abraham's sublime faith commanded the blessing of both.

Abraham forever is and he always comes down from the Mount of Mystery saying "Jehovahjireh," The Lord will provide. And we too, are soldiers of mystery, but we are also prophets of glory because the Lord is our dwelling place in knowledge and love. The eternal

already lives in us. Therefore I am positive of this that over against our little clouds of doubt there flame the steady diamond suns of faith, hope and love, those out-flashings of God into hearts that cradle the Eternal Son, those spiritual revealings set with-in the white stone which God gives His lovers faithful, pure and true.

And just because we are soldiers of mystery and prophets of glory we must be more forgiving, more tender and sympathetic, We must learn to place fewer flowers upon human graves and more smiles upon human faces. We botanize entirely too much on human graves, let us rather lay our flowers however rich upon the fevered brows and aching hearts of the living. Lifeless dust knows not the perfume of flowers, however beautiful and the immortal spirit after it hath passed into that morning land needs not the poor flowers grown in the garden of earth.

Abraham was growing old, just two chapters later we read, "And Abraham was old and well stricken in age and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. And we are all growing old, the babe in the cradle just as truly as the pilgrim on his staff. The moments tick away to the heart-throbs of the child just as surely as to the pulse-beats of the man for all are alike. Times noisy river is set toward the golden deeps of the Eternal Sea. Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Jehovah-jireh, The Lord will provide. Abraham had two crises or epochs in his experience, he was justified freely at the age of seventy-five and sanctified wholly when he was ninety-nine years old, as Jehovah-Jireh, "The Lord will provide."

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## THE FINAL CONFLICT OF THE AGES

By Willard H. Pope

"We have also a more sure word of PROPHECY; whereas ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place" (2 Peter 1:19).

World trends of this 20th Century, with all the accompanying confusion and uncertainty, are gradually, but surely, fitting events into a perfect pattern for the closing of this Age and the return of our blessed Lord from Heaven.

We are witnessing unprecedented revolution in the fields of Science, Invention, Religion, Politics, Education and Social Relations, as well as National and International relations. This is revolution that is completely changing the course of history and the maps of the world.

A careful study of the unfolding of these world-shaking contingencies will reveal that they are positively fitting this generation into the prophetic picture for the closing of this Age, exactly as set forth in Bible Prophecy.

### Startling Comparisons

The Bible in prophecy positively foretells that one of the political achievements marking the approaching end of the Age will be the forming of a great ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT. The membership of this political monstrosity will be made up of practically all the Nations of the

World. This ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT scheme will be the ultimate in human efforts to save mankind from complete annihilation by the release of certain world destructive forces, which, we shall see in due time, are also clearly foretold in Bible Prophecy.

One of the first steps in conditioning the people of the individual sovereign "Nations for the ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT scheme is to be a universal call for peace. It is to be the launching of the greatest peace movement in the history of International relations. The arguments and demands for peace will be inspired by the frightful possibilities of world destruction through certain achievements in the fields of science and invention.

But, tragedy of all tragedies! Man will leave God out of all his efforts toward peace. In fact, it will be a peace movement that will utterly fail because it will repudiate and ignore entirely "The Prince of Peace." Thus God warns us in Holy Writ: "But of the times and the seasons brethren ye have no need that I write unto you.

"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child: and they shall not escape." (I Thessalonians 5:1-3)

"Sudden destruction" will prove this human effort toward World Peace to be the greatest PEACE HOAX OF ALL TIME.

## The United Nations

The present international scheme, called the United Nations, is providing the GODLESS setup for the fulfillment of this end-time prophecy. World Peace is the propaganda cry of the United Nations. It is practically the only reason given for its existence. Good men have become so utterly deceived by this gigantic peace hoax that they honestly believe it is the world's last hope. However, informed people know the United Nations has been proven to be the most effective sounding board for the atheistic Communist World Conspiracy of any scheme that could have ever been concocted by men or devils. The United Nations has been utterly Godless from its inception. Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill entered into a solemn agreement with Stalin to the effect that there would never be any recognition of God in all the deliberations of the United Nations. The official seal of the United States and of the United Kingdom made this covenant a legal repudiation of God and His Christ on the part of our two countries and the world. This covenant has been kept without a single exception. No Security Council session, or General Assembly, or any Committee, has ever been opened with prayer. The United Nations has no Chaplain. God and His Christ have been ignored in all the deliberations of every branch of the United Nations from its inception, and continues to be. Thus, the United Nations is utterly GODLESS. The whole scheme is built on the shifting sands of carnal reason. God has no part in it; neither should any Nation that recognizes God and His Christ in their rightful place in the affairs of men and who claims to be Christian.

This covenant agreement by Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill was a complete sell-out to atheism and World Communism. Roosevelt and Churchill OFFICIALLY sold God and our Lord Jesus Christ, down the river to Joe Stalin -- the atheist and blasphemer of all time. The United

Nations has been proven to be another "Tower of Babel" promoted and builded in utter defiance of God, and will suffer the same inevitable results -- complete disaster and destruction and with it will go this 20th Century civilization.

The United Nations is setting the stage for the coming ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT of Revelation 13. In fact, it is the avowed objective of the United Nations leaders, including our own American leadership, to ultimately develop a ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT as the next step for the United Nations.

In Revelation 13, John saw through the spirit of Prophecy a great world dictator arise over the end-time ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT. In verse 7, we read: "... and power (authority) was given him over all kindreds, and tongues and nations.

This great world dictator does not acquire this world power by force of arms, but it is "given him." There is only one way that such a world dictatorship could be given any one man and that is by the representatives of the nations of the world sitting in legal session in a ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT voting emergency power to the head of that Government. This is exactly how it will come about, according to Bible Prophecy.

According to verses 1 and 2 of this chapter, this great world dictator over a ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT will be the very devil incarnate. ". . . and the dragon (Satan, the devil) gave him (World dictator . . . anti-Christ) his power, and his seat, and great authority."

In verse 3, it declares all the world will wonder after this man. He, together with Satan himself, will become the object of worship of a One World Apostate Church of the anti-Christ regime. The One World Government and the One World Apostate Church, led by anti-Christ and his false prophet, will then be headed for ARMAGEDDON THE FINAL CONFLICT OF THE AGES. -- Gospel Tract Society

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## CHURCH NEWS

### DODGE CITY, KANSAS

Rev. L. P. Roberts has organized a new church at Dodge City, Kansas. Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Higgins were called as pastors. May God bless this new church.

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### ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

Rev. George Roberts held a home mission meeting at Ashland, Kentucky and at the close of the meeting Rev. H. B. Huffman organized a Bible Missionary Church. Brother Roberts is the pastor of our church at Boise, Idaho. The Boise Church gave Brother Roberts two weeks off with pay and he donated the home mission meeting. The Northwest District paid his fare one way and

the Ashland people paid his fare back home. The Boise Church, of course, donated two weeks of their pastor's time. This wonderful cooperation made possible the meeting to help get the work going in Ashland. May God bless brother Roberts for giving this time for home missions and may God bless the Boise Church for giving this time of their pastor to home missions. We hear that .other churches are considering doing the same. Praise God!

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#### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

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There was a group of people in Peoria who had burdened hearts for a spiritual church. After prayer Brother E. E. Michael felt led of the Lord to come for a four weeks meeting. At the end of the meeting the church was organized on November 19, 1956. The church moved to several locations. After much prayer and searching the Lord opened the door for us to buy the church that is pictured here. We moved into this new location around the first of June. God has been blessing the work. The pastor is Rev. J. L. Hysel, 3403 West Ann St., Peoria, Ill. If you have friends in or near Peoria that you wish contacted then write Brother Hysel.

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#### ODESSA, TEXAS

The Odessa, Texas Church recently had another missionary service and with some of the people from the church in Denver City, Texas, pledged six hundred dollars for missions, which, with eight hundred fifty dollars pledged last spring, makes fourteen hundred fifty dollars pledged by these good folks since May. May God bless these two missionary minded churches.

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#### LAKE CHARLES, LA.

Lake Charles Trinity recently pledged seventeen hundred fifty dollars for foreign missions and eight hundred thirty dollars for home missions. May God bless this wonderful crowd.

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#### HOME MISSION MEETINGS ON THE MICHIGAN-WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Brother Harold Buchanan, District Moderator of the Michigan-Wisconsin District, and Brother Paul King are in a home mission meeting in Michigan and other doors are opening.

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#### BROTHER DODD WRITES

Recently it was my privilege-to visit our church at Richmond, Ky., where Brother Sallee is our fine pastor. They have bought a property, and are now in a revival meeting.

I also visited Brother Tidwell and his people at Chattanooga. They have sold the old church that they first purchased and have bought a nice church and parsonage in a good location. The church called Brother L. E. Mason as assistant pastor to Brother Tidwell and Brother Mason is now on the field.

Then I had the privilege of visiting our work in Louisiana. At the Lake Charles church we had a home mission service and the people pledged about eight hundred fifty dollars for home missions. I also visited our church at DeQuincy, La. where Brother Grant is pastor, then the West Monroe and Vivian churches. All these churches have their properties and God is blessing them in a wonderful way. The Louisiana South Texas people are praying for a mighty Holy Ghost revival to sweep throughout the district. Brother B. M. Loftin is our District Moderator and the people love him and they are united and going all out to reach this lost generation for the Lord.

I went from Louisiana to our church in Muncie, Indiana, where Brother Bradford is our pastor. God is helping our people in Muncie and they are encouraged to go forward for God and stand by the Bible Missionary Church.

I am now in the great Northwest at this writing. We had a wonderful holiness convention at Kennewick, Wash., where Bro. Carl Kinzler is our fine pastor. Surely God met with us in a wonderful way.

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#### AN EXAMPLE

Lord, make me an example and help me to go  
Only to places where Christians should go,  
So no, one shall find me in some worldly place,  
Where Christians should blush with shame and disgrace.  
Lord, make me an example and help me each day,  
Only to say what a Christian should say,  
So all who may hear me, can tell when I speak  
That I love the Saviour; His will do I seek.  
Lord, make me an example and help me to dress  
And look like a Christian that's happy and blessed,  
So all who may see me can tell from my face,  
I'm living for Jesus and saved by His grace.  
Lord, make me an example and help me I pray,  
Only to walk in the straight narrow way,  
For there are so many in sin a in strife  
Who need an example. They are watching my life.

-- By Mary Owen

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## WORSHIPPING DEFEATED GODS

W. M. Tidwell

In Second Chronicles 25:14, 15 we have an account of a very strange incident: "Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Self, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down to them, and burned incense to them. Wherefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against Amaziah and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, 'Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand?'"

Amaziah won a great victory over the Edomites, capturing their gods, But, strange to say, he took these captured, defeated gods and set them up to be his gods. God's anger was kindled against him, and he sent a prophet to him inquiring why he sought these defeated, captured gods which could not save their own people. Surely this was the height of wickedness and folly. Passing strange.

But history repeats itself. This is not the last time such folly has been wrought. Many of us were identified with the older denominations and our hearts grew sick of all these social abominations to carry on, as they said, the work of the Lord. Later we became identified with the modern Holiness movement which has largely become infiltrated with apostate innovations as abominable as those we left. Christ said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves." But the question is asked, "Where do we meet and what do we do to provide social life for the church and especially the young people?" We would like to ask this question, "Where in all the Word of God is the Church instructed to provide commercial, industrial, political or social life?" No, Christendom has lost its SEASONING and SAVING qualities and as a result has substituted "institutional" churches (?) with their God-dishonoring abominations, instead. These silly substitutes, of course, have failed. In a large church, so-called, in the north we were informed that six at prayer meeting and a dozen at the Sunday evening service was a good average attendance. This building covers about a city block and is equipped with almost every possible device for the propagation of their worldly performances.

The founders and propagators of the Holiness movement deplored these practices. Many today are sick of all .this "social junk" and are looking for a church home. Now we may be designated as a "calamity howler" but we know whereof we speak, and are willing to be thus counted if we can call attention to a grave danger. No, older denominations did not begin with present day abominations but only tame social functions which have grown to present conditions. Some insist we must, AS A CHURCH, sponsor a few mild social functions in order to hold the young. It is the devil's falsehood to wreck us. It is not the mission of the church to direct military, political or social affairs, but to win souls. Of course our holy religion will direct all these other matters, but this is not the mission of the church AS SUCH. Some are determined to adopt these "DEFEATED, CAPTURED, GODS" and set them up to be our gods. But you say, "One came to

our church social and then to the Church and was converted." But while you may mention one who came I can show you hundreds who have been wrecked by them.

The holiness movement did not mean to go SO FAR as the old churches. But if we permit the "camel's nose" we will soon have the whole ugly beast. Young people do not even desire these things as a rule. God forbid that some one who may NEVER HAVE BEEN OVERLY SUCCESSFUL in building up a church should insist that we adopt these discarded gods which will wreck us in the end. Keep the glory down. If we do this, we shall not need to adopt any of these gods which are all children of the present Apostasy, and thereby incur the wrath of God and damn souls in hell.

Jesus is coming, and from all prophetic utterances, we must be in the very shadows of the Great Tribulation. The Holy Ghost is preparing the Bride to be raptured just before this. May we win every soul possible and be ready to meet Jesus at the Marriage Supper.

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#### I HAD COMPANY

"Why were you not at church Sunday?" was asked, and the answer was, "I had company."

A schoolteacher was asked, "Why were you not at school Monday?" and she answered, "I had company."

A merchant was asked, "Why did you not open your store for business Monday?" and he answered, "I had company."

Does the reader say he knows better than that, for no teacher and no merchant ever gave such an answer? Right you are, for nobody ever gives that answer except those who miss church services. The reason is, whether they will acknowledge it or not, that they think the church service is of less importance than school or store. No teacher would think of such a thing as missing because company came in just as he was starting to school, and no merchant would think of such a thing as failing to open his store because company stepped in; and the reason is that the teacher and the merchant think their work is important. See the point? -- Selected.

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#### DEBTORS

When Paul said, "I am a debtor to both the Greeks and to the barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise," he did not mean that he had received anything from them for which he was

bound to pay them. He had never bought anything in their markets without giving its price; neither had they lent him any sums on interest. No human being had any pecuniary claim against him. Neither did he owe to Greek or barbarian any gratitude for favors which he had received at their hands, for in almost every city in which he labored he had encountered persecution and suffered wrong.

Not, therefore, on the ground of anything which he had obtained from them, but solely on the ground of that which he had received from another for them, does he acknowledge himself the debtor. "The glorious Gospel of the blessed God" had been "committed" to his "trust;" he had been "allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel" for their benefit, and therefore, that he might be a faithful steward of the mysteries of God, he was exceedingly desirous of preaching the truth, as it is in Jesus, to men of every nation and of every degree. He could not honestly hold it back. It had not been given to him for himself alone; and if he had attempted to keep it from his fellowmen, he would have been guilty of the greatest defalcation, and could not have vindicated himself either at the bar of conscience, or at the bar of God.

This explains the earnestness, the perseverance, and the self-sacrifice of his missionary life. -- Cuyler.

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## A REJOICING HEART

By Bruce Blowers

One of the first tasks of a pioneer missionary is to establish an awakened Christian conscience in those among whom he works. This is not an easy task, for the culture, thinking and moral standards are completely different than ours. Though a native people may have high moral ideals, their standards of practice are always far below their ideals. Then, of course, their religion and superstition cause them to do many things completely incomparable with the Christian life. Satan blinds them to any values other than what they have been taught.

It is with great rejoicing that we look back over the years and see the steady progress of the Christian conscience among those who have accepted the word of God. Many superstitions of which we could not formerly convince them are now openly considered false. Practices which tended to moral decline were once defended: NOW they are freely condemned. False and evil ceremonies which once they professed they could see no wrong in, are now uncompromisingly attacked by the Christians for what they really are.

Yes, the prayers for God's light to shine upon their hearts are being answered. Always we have asked for the Spirit of God to work upon their hearts, so that evil practices would cease, not because we forbade them, but because of an enlightened conscience. God has honored this.

The one we refer to with A REJOICING HEART is an aged, wrinkled woman who loves the Lord and will soon be baptized. Her name is Mamba. A week ago she came to me with a question about partaking in a certain pig feast. These pigs were being killed so that their spirits

could accompany Mamba's sister who had recently died. "She will be needing the pigs' spirits to buy food for herself in the spirit land," so they said.

I counseled her on the problem which was relatively new to me. I pointed out to her the conclusion of the Christian regarding the eating meat offered for the appeasement of spirits. We must take a strong stand against this so the heathen conscience may be aroused. Since this was not a clear case of spirit worship and we didn't know all the facts, she was advised to pray, and to do what she felt God would be pleased with.

Yesterday in baptismal class I asked her if she had eaten the pig meat. I rather expected her to say she had, but when I looked at her I saw that she had a radiant face. The following is the story she told :

"I went to my home and talked with the relatives of my sister. I told them that since others had brought food and firewood to us during the time we mourned for my sister, it was now our responsibility to kill some pigs and pay them back for their kindness with some fresh meat. I have a pig we can kill for this purpose."

"Now my dead sister had many children. One of her rich sons (plenty of pigs, shells, and wives) said, "I have buried my mother in the forest without giving her anything to take with her into the spirit world. I cannot save alone. I must kill these pigs to give to my mother." "Then I told him," Mamba continued, "that we do not know where her spirit is. We cannot send gifts to her. God is now responsible for her whereabouts, I will not eat the meat if you kill the pigs to give to your mother."

"After much debating the son replied, "All right, you have heard the word of God. Why should we continue in this way of darkness?" When the people gathered in to eat the meat the son explained to their incredulous hearts why these pigs were not cooked in the spirit house and given to his mother. He told them that it was because of my words that they had not done this. He said that they would follow me unto Jesus' tribe, because the Christian words were good words. When I heard him say that, I was very happy."

So that is the reason for Mamba's radiant face and REJOICING HEART. And you can be sure that the hearts of her missionaries were rejoicing too. -- From Mission Messenger

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## BRIDEHOOD SAINTS

G. D. Watson

When we put together all the various passages of Scripture that speak of the Bride of Christ, that company who is to make up His Bride, we find the teaching to be that they are a chosen company of souls, of both Jews and Gentiles, united in one body of true spiritual Israelites, in whom there is no guile. We find also that this elect company is taken out from the great body of the saved of mankind, and is not the entire body; also it is a company who have special marks upon them of Christ-likeness, and who are conformed to Jesus in various points, more than the mass of

those who are saved. Furthermore, it is a company who are especially to share the royalty with Christ in His coming kingdom.

According to Scripture, there is an earthly and a heavenly Israel. Earthly Israel consists of the twelve tribes of Jacob, who were separated from all other nations, to be God's witnesses to the other nations. Their ministry as such is exclusively confined to this world; there is not one single passage in the Bible to prove that the office and ministry of the twelve tribes of Israel, according to their fleshly birth, was ever to rise into Heaven, or extend beyond the sphere of this habitable earth.

Moses says, "When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel." -- Deut. 32:8. That is, God set the twelve tribes of Jacob in the center of all other nations. You cannot find any Scripture that says the function of the flesh-born tribes of Israel ever extended beyond this earth. Thus the twelve tribes of Israel were espoused to God as His earthly Bride. In many places in the prophets, God speaks of being a husband to Israel, but always as an earthly people; but when Israel crucified the Son of God, that is, killed her husband, God put her away, even as an earthly spouse, and sought out another people.

Now in connection with this, there is a spiritual Israel belonging to Heaven -- a heavenly people, whose function is to serve not only on this earth, but also in Heaven, and in the resurrected and glorified state, and in the future ages. According to the apostles, the prophet Hosea foretells the gathering out of a spiritual Israel from various peoples of the Gentiles, who had not obtained mercy in the Mosaic dispensation, but shall obtain mercy in the Church Age.

"It shall be at that day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me Ishi (that is, my husband); and shalt call me no more Baali (that is, my master) . . . And I will betroth thee unto me for ever in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord . . . And I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God."--Hos. 2:16-23. Saint Paul refers to this passage as proving that God will call a true spiritual Israel from the Gentiles, and engraft them onto the true Israelites among the Jews, and make of them one body of heavenly people, the "church of the firstborn." This is what Paul speaks of as a mystery, which was hid from other ages, and not revealed until the days of the apostles.

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God; which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."--I Pet. 2:9, 10. Here Peter refers also to the prophecies in Hosea and Isaiah, about God calling out a people from the Gentiles, true Israelites in heart, and uniting them with the holy ones from the Jews, and so making one body who were to be holy, and also to be royal, and also to be priests, and co-regents with King Jesus in a Kingdom not only on this earth, but extending into Heaven and to the ages to come. Hence the teaching that the Bride of Christ is composed of the earthly, flesh-born, twelve tribes of Jacob is not Scriptural.

In the next place, the Bride of Christ is a select company who have been conformed to Christ in His life and sufferings and ministry in a special degree. Everything that God does is done

pattern He never changes it, but goes right on through all ages working according to His own pattern, which is always perfect from the beginning. He first formed Adam of the dust of the ground, and then breathed into him the breath of life; then He put him to sleep, and took a rib from his side and formed it into a woman to be Adam's wife.

This is infinitely more than a type or poetic illustration. It is a perfect, divine pattern, or rule, by which the Almighty works. Here is the infallible Scriptural doctrine, proved by many passages, as to how God forms that chosen company which is to constitute the Lamb's wife. The Lord Jesus had an earthly human body, taken from the substance of the Virgin Mary; and united with this earthly humanity was the person of God's eternal Son, making one God-man, the second Adam. Then Jesus went down into death, corresponding to the deep sleep that God put upon Adam; and then out from the crucifixion of Jesus, and His rent heart,: God sends forth the regenerating and sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit to form the body of holy ones who are to be the companion and co-regent with Christ, walking by His side, sitting with Him in His Messianic throne as a helpmeet, the true, heavenly Eve of the second Adam. Some are teaching that the church does not form the Bride, but the body of Christ. But the Scriptures teach that the Bride is taken out from the body, and is in the highest sense the body of Christ; that is, the body from His body, just as Eve was in the highest sense a body for Adam, taken from his body.

The Scriptures teach that a man is to give supreme honor to his wife, and that she is to be as dear to him as his own body or his own life. This is exactly the way Christ loves and honors the Bridehood saints. Peter says that husbands are to dwell with their wives according to knowledge, and give honor unto them as unto the weaker vessel, that their prayers be not hindered. (1 Pet. 3:7.) The teaching that the Bride of Christ could not be both the body and the Bride is contrary to Scripture.

Paul says, "The husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the saviour of the body . . . Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies."--Eph. 5:23-28. Thus the wife is spoken of as the body of the husband, and he is called the head of the wife's body. Furthermore, this Scripture teaches that those who make up the Bride must be not only saved but sanctified in the most thorough degree, be without spot or wrinkle or blemish, and prepared to be presented to Jesus at His second coming in a glorious or glorified condition.

This proves also that the Bride of Christ is not made up of the flesh-born twelve tribes of Israel, but largely of New Testament saints, gathered from the Greeks and other Gentiles. Paul says to those converted heathen in Corinth, "I am jealous over you with godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." --2 Cor. 11:2, 3. What a flood of light streams forth from this

Scripture on the Bridehood saints. You notice that these were converted Gentiles, yet Paul affirms they had been espoused as Bridehood saints to Christ for their Husband. Furthermore, he refers back to Eve as the pattern which God made for the Bride of Christ, and warns these saints not to be beguiled by any false teacher, as Adam's spouse had been deceived by the old serpent. This confirms the truth that the Bridehood saints, who in this life are espoused to Christ, are taken out of the great body of the saved ones.

While the Bridehood saints are to be a selection from the selection, mark that this selection depends on the saints themselves being willing to Choose God's best, and to meet the conditions which are needful for such a place in the coming Kingdom. Jesus teaches us that some true worshipers of God may not be in the Bridehood company. "Then came to him the disciples of John," saying, Why do we . . . fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn,; as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast." --Matt. 9:14, 15. These disciples of John were true servants of God, and on their way to Heaven; but they were not in the same rank, at least at that time, that the disciples of Christ were, for Christ affirmed that His disciples were children of the bridechamber -- they were keeping company with their future Bridegroom, and hence were so happy in that divine courtship and love-making that it was practically impossible for them to go mourning and fasting while their divine Lover was visible with them. This demonstrates that there are various ranks among the saved ones, and that they are not all children of the bridechamber.

A similar lesson may be obtained from the words of John the Baptist, when he said, "I am not the Christ, but I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease." John the Baptist was the last of the prophets of the Jewish dispensation, and with his ministry the Mosaic dispensation came to a close. John may himself be in the Bridehood; but officially as a prophet of the Jewish Age he was the friend of the Bridegroom. This proves that the earthly twelve tribes do not constitute the Bride of Christ; because John refers to Jesus as the Bridegroom who was just about to gather out the Bridehood company, and his joy as an Old Testament prophet was made complete at seeing Jesus going forth to gather out the elect saints. We have in Proverbs an inspired description of that heavenly daughter who excels all others in the vast family of God, and who is the Bride (Prov. 31:10-31). In these verses there is a perfect description of the Lamb's Wife, covering all the points of excellency in character, in industry, in benevolence, in purity, in affection, in missionary zeal, in rulership, in wisdom, and every quality that belongs to the perfection of an earthly queen or type of the heavenly Queen.

'Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all?' The daughters spoken of must be various companies of the saved ones; but the Bridehood saints excel them in all things, so that she is the select one from among those who are saved. David teaches us the same thing in Psalm 45. The first half of the Psalm is a most beautiful description of the King, and the second half is just as perfect , description of the Queen, who sits by Christ's side, dressed in the gold of Ophir. We notice in this Psalm that various companies of saved ones are referred to, but the Queen is above them all. It says, "Kings' daughters were among thy honorable women," and later it speaks of the daughter of Tyre bringing a gift, and of the virgins who are the companions of the Queen.

This refers to various ranks of those who are saved in the great Kingdom of God; but above them all there sits on the King's right hand the golden-clad Queen. There is also the teaching that she had undergone great suffering, until she had been weaned from her own people and had become dead to earthly affection.

In order to understand verses 10 and 11, where it is said that she forgets her own people and her father's house, we must refer back to Deut. 21:10-12. When a Jewish warrior goes forth and captures Gentile enemies, and from among them he selects beautiful woman to be his wife, she must have ample time, before he marries her to grieve over all her dead relatives, and bewail the loss of her father and mother and all her relatives, until she can forget them in the new love which she has for this Hebrew who captured her. This forms a perfect type of Christ, the Jewish Prince, capturing souls among the Gentiles, and from them selecting a Bride who is to be perfectly weaned from all of her father Adam's family, and her old earthly loves, in order to be the Bride of her divine Captor

Another Scripture proving this double selection of the Bridehood saints is found in Song of Solomon 6:8, 9: "There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number. My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother (that is, the select one), she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens . . . praised her." The court of Solomon was an inspired type of the heavenly Kingdom in the coming age; and there queens and countless virgins stand for the various ranks of the saved ones. But out from their number is one designated as the dove, the undefiled, the special or choice daughter of her mother. If we regard the universal church of God in all generations as being the mother, and the various ranks and companies as being the daughters of that mother, then the Bridehood company is the elect one, because she conforms more entirely to the will of God, to the crucifixion of Jesus, to being weaned from the things of earth, and being transformed by the Holy Spirit. She is therefore spoken of as the dove; she is the Bride of the Lamb. -- From God's Revivalist

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE

### DANNY'S THANKSGIVING

By Mrs. Paul E. King

"Wake up, dear, wake up!" Mother called from the stairway to Danny, "it's snowing hard and you must leave a little earlier this morning."

Danny hurried down the steps dressed in his woolen socks and heavy woolen clothes. While mother fried the bacon and eggs he lazily and sleepily put his shoes on, then pulled the kitchen chair a little closer to the stove. "Sure seems cold this morning, doesn't it mother? I wish I didn't need to go look after those traps I set; probably won't be much in them anyway on a morning like this; but then I promised Bro. Johnson I'd give at least ten dollars in the Missionary offering, and I believe the Lord will help me to catch enough animals to meet that need. I'm so glad I was

born in America and not in some heathen land where they don't know about Jesus, and how He can save from all sin, and mother, I'm so glad you and daddy are my very own."

"We're glad you belong to us too, dear, but hurry now, and eat your breakfast", said mother, "it will take you a good hour or more to look after those traps, and then it's school time. So hurry!"

Danny ate his breakfast and drank a cup of hot peppermint tea mother made from some she had dried that summer, then together they read the Bible and prayed. The Lord was really there as they prayed. Mother entrusted Danny into God's loving care and fondly kissed him as he slipped his heavy coat and boots on then went out into the storm.

For a long time after he had gone, mother stood looking out the window watching the rapidly falling snow as it kept piling higher and higher. She noticed that a strong, sharp wind was beginning to blow, and again and again she looked heavenward while tears flowed carelessly down her soft cheeks, and prayed. How she wished Daddy was home! But then, she too must share! Wasn't Daddy needed in that revival meeting! Her lot as mother was not to go, but to stay and pray. This she accepted cheerfully. Then too, Thanksgiving was only three days away and Daddy would be home by then.

She went busily about the house -- cleaning floors, making beds and getting everything in readiness for Thanksgiving. If the Lord saw fit to spare her life till tomorrow, there were pies, cakes and bread to be baked for the big dinner. Suddenly she heard the clock on the mantle chime out ten chimes. She rushed to the window and looked out; all that met her gaze was snow, snow and more snow, with great drifts piling all around the farm. What had happened to Danny -- was he lost, or perhaps even frozen in this dreadful blizzard? All these thoughts kept racing through her mind as she hurriedly buttoned on her heavy woolen coat, put on her galoshes, and a thick heavy head scarf and mittens, then tucking her tiny New Testament into her coat pocket, she stepped out into the blizzard, praying every step of the way and asking the Lord to guide her to her boy. He said he had set some traps over in the wooded lot, and some along the creek, also, others were down by the beaver dam he had discovered that fall. But where should she go first? Every moment counted. Three hours had passed by since he left! "Dear Lord, lead me to him. Help me to find him before it's too late," she prayed again and again. She increased her pace though the wind lashed angrily at her skirts, and tried to make her retreat. Her face was stinging from the bitter cold and driving snow; she thought she was heading toward the woods, but could not be certain, as the blinding snow cut off all visibility except directly in front of her. She plodded on and on--every muscle aching and every nerve tense and alert. Once she thought she heard a voice calling, but when she stopped to listen all she could hear was the soft, silent dropping of the snow. Her body was growing exceedingly tired and a sleepy sensation came over her. Why not sit down and rest awhile--not long--just a few minutes! But 'No', her conscience told her, not only would she freeze to death, but somewhere in this vast wilderness of snow and freezing cold was her boy. She must go on! She just must! Clutching the New Testament more tightly and praying fervently, she walked wearily on. Suddenly, she stumbled, falling face down into the high piled snow. Getting to her feet she noticed a hump in the snow, and where she had stumbled she unearthed a trap--one of Danny's traps! She picked up the trap and in so doing, noticed it was clutched tightly in a boyish hand. Quickly she brushed the snow off the hump--"Danny! Danny! she cried. There was no response. Feverishly she rubbed his face, legs and arms. No longer did she notice the fatigue and weariness

of her own body, nor did she feel the fierceness of the blizzard beating angrily upon her; her Danny must be saved and spared. As she rubbed on and on she felt warmth coming back into the face and those fat boyish hands. Though he was too nearly frozen to talk, he made feeble attempts to smile. Mother continued to rub until the warm blood was again flowing into all parts of his body and Danny was able to stand upon his feet. Tightly he held on to his traps and the beaver he had caught that morning, also some lesser furs. "We must try to get home now," said mother, "and as fast as we can possibly make it. Thank God you're alive! Not much longer and you'd have been frozen to death."

"I know," replied Danny, "I was making good time until I sprained my ankle; then I slowed down terribly. At times I had such pain I couldn't walk, then I'd sit down and rest a little while. I knew I couldn't sit long or I'd freeze to death. When you found me that's what was happening to me. I was nearly frozen. My ankle hurt so badly that I just had to get off it for awhile and I must have sat too long. The Lord answered my prayer when I prayed for help--He sent you; mother dear, and look at these pelts He sent me! Now I can pay all my missionary pledge and have some left to get you and Dad a few things you've been needing. Jesus is so good, mother!"

"Yes, my son," answered mother with tears rolling down her cheeks like diamonds.' "Now we must be hurrying home. You lean heavily on my arm. I'll carry these furs and some of the traps. It's a good thing you thought to bring them home. The winter season is too cold for you to do any more trapping. You must show me which direction is home, for in this blizzard I haven't the faintest idea how to get home. You have a good sense of direction like Daddy. I thought I was going toward the woods when I came hunting you, but look where I wound up--down by the beaver dam! The Lord's hand was in it all and I want to praise Him for it."

Danny turned mother completely around, then pointing east said; "somewhere over there is home. Let's go."

Leaning heavily upon mother's strong arm, Danny limped on and on. Though the pain was almost Unbearable at times, he never once murmured nor complained. Big tears coursed their way down his cheeks when they finally saw the house with its cozy warmth and snowy white curtains bidding them inside.

Not until Danny was put to bed with a warm cup of milk, and his badly swollen ankle tightly bandaged, did mother rest. Then she sat in the big old rocking chair in the kitchen and raised her voice and her heart to God for the mighty deliverance He had wrought. This would indeed be the best Thanksgiving they'd ever shared--Daddy would be home and Danny was alive and safe! Though he'd have to spend a week or more in bed, Danny was alive and that was all that mattered! In the midst of these pleasant thoughts, a warm drowsiness overtook mother; a sweet smile played across her face as she slept. In the bedroom, with that good, warm feeling all about him, Danny, too, slept. Outside, the blizzard raged on.

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COURTESIES FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

Joshua Stauffer

Do not be partial in shaking hands; fellowship all the saints. Do not show partiality to anyone.

If you occupy the end of a seat, arise and step aside when others wish to enter. Better yet, move over so no empty space is beyond you. That will make it easy for those who come in after you to find a place.

Do not turn around to observe those who come late. Often several turn around and look, simply because someone ahead of them did so.

Be courteous during a prayer service and give others time and opportunity to pray. That is, do not occupy all the time, but consider others also. The place to pray long is at home in secret. There are occasions when the spirit of prayer comes on people and, when it does, the one who prays knows it and all others will know it. Then do not give up too soon, but hold on as long as the blessing falls.

Use the same courtesy in a testimony meeting. A short, inspiring testimony will do everyone good. A dry, long-drawn-out exhortation is killing to the meeting. It is better for a dozen people to joyfully take part than for one person to occupy all the time.

Chewing gum in church is a very improper act. It shows lack of refinement. It reveals discourtesy to the Lord, to the church, to the preacher, and to all sincere worshipers. It detracts from the sacredness of the meeting for the one who indulges in it, and attracts the attention of others who do not indulge in it. A tooth brush or a mouth wash will do the work that some people give as a legitimate reason for chewing gum. If it is used as an aid to digestion, chew the food longer at mealtime. If this does not help, see a physician. One of the greatest chewing gum manufacturers, who said, "Chewing gum aids digestion ; physicians recommend it," died because of indigestion.

When Sunday school is over, and you take your place for the preaching service, do not read the Sunday school paper while the service is in progress, especially while the preacher delivers the message. Save the paper to read in the afternoon when you are at home.

Do not leave during the service unless it is absolutely necessary. It is very rude and impolite to leave just at the time when the preacher is making his closing appeal, or an altar call. This has helped to defeat many meetings and has kept some souls from making the right decision.

Do not be continually watching the clock as though you were restless and wished that the preacher would stop, or as though you might miss your dinner, or had your mind more on something else than on soul needs.

After meeting is dismissed, do not stand and talk, blocking the doorway. The same applies to the aisle, for the aisle is not a place to visit. If it is necessary to speak longer than a moment, step aside and allow the aisle or doorway to be open for people to pass through. Bear in mind that it is more dignified to step to one side in the first place than after someone has tried to squeeze past you.

Do not criticize the pastor or the meeting. Pray for the minister, for every worshiper, and for yourself. This will help you to get more out of the meeting.

Give the minister your best attention. Assent favorably to the truth. Express appreciation. This will please the Lord and help the speaker.

Do not laugh or rejoice at the minister if he makes a mistake, or states a thing backwards. Many people never assent to the truth, or express pleasure on their faces, no matter how well the minister preaches, or what great truths he expresses. However, when he unconsciously makes a blunder or inadvertently says the wrong thing, some will loosen up and laugh as though that were the most important part of the entire meeting.

It may help you if you try to conduct yourself as if Jesus were sitting beside you. Remember that He does see all that goes on, and knows your very thoughts. -- The Gospel Minister

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## A CALL TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

By Jack Whaley

Exodus 1:8; Gen. 41:42

As we study the Holy Scriptures we come to the book of Exodus which is a way out of this bondage of sin through Jesus Christ our Lord, who at one time or another throws the light of Heaven across man's pathway enough to check man's downward path to hell, the home of Satan and his angels. For there is no man living that sometime during his lifetime doesn't have the light of Godliness thrown across his pathway for the purpose of leading man back to that state of holiness God created him in. For He (the Lord) desired none should perish. Because Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father but by me." John 14:6. "Therefore, thus saith the Lord of hosts, consider your ways. Ye have sown much and bring in little, you eat, but you have not enough Ye clothe you, but there is none warm. And he that earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, consider your ways." Haggai 1:5-7.

So, friend, why not let the Holy Spirit teach you the good and right way and escape hell? Of which man cannot do within himself. However, my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, is able to lead man to that peace man desires. Giving men courage and boldness to step out quietly in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to quiet the storms of this life, bringing healing to the soul because man had lifted up the Christ at the same time pointing man to the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. All because man was obedient to the voice of God, walking in all the light man had.

The Wise Men just had a star to go by. Today we have the Holy Spirit to lead and teach man in all truth. For my Lord said: "I am the bread of life he that cometh to me shall never hunger --he that believeth on me shall never thirst," John 6:35

For it is written "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4:4. Luke 4:4.

Who has invited man to come unto Him that He might sup with man and man sup with God that man might be partakers of His divine nature through which we find these virtues : knowledge, faith, virtue, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, charity Because God desires to walk and talk with man in the cool of the evening, we can do this by confessing our sins and pleading for God's mercy and asking God to forgive our sins, also asking God to cleanse our hearts that we may stand before Him blameless without spot or blemish in that day.

But alas, man made one excuse after another, saying "I have married a wife, therefore, I cannot come." Another answered and said, "I have bought a yoke of oxen. I have to prove them, so please excuse me." Still another said, "I have bought a tract of land, please excuse me, for I must go to see it." Excuses of some kind are still being made because man is more concerned about the affairs of this present world than heavenly things.

We read in Psalms 49:13 -- "This their way is their folly, yet their posterity, their descendants approve, that is strengthens their sayings However, Webster says, "folly is a want of understanding, foolishness, unbecoming conduct, criminal weakness, sin, which is a willful transgression of the divine law, neglect of the law of morality and religion, iniquity, unrighteousness which brings on transgressions and disobedience, no prayer life, no Bible reading and worldliness, of which the Apostle John declares "Love not the world. Neither the things that are in the world."

If any man loves 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, the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world. I John 2:15.

The lust of the flesh gratifies the appetite, a love of that which is outward, an enjoyment which comes to the emotions for an hour or two, whereas, the lust of the eye, the affections are lavished on that which is passing. However, the pride of life is the affections for that which is not real. All this breeds a longing for security that is being free from fear of the judgment because a famine exists in the land.

Since God has withdrawn His blessings by removing the corn, and oil, whether temporal or spiritual. Hosea 2:9. That is removing the gospel truths and its ordinances; also the comforts of the land are removed through famine (drought, floods, insects). For it is the comforts of the land that refresh and strengthen the people. We also see the oil is removed which represents not only the Holy Spirit but also the prosperity both temporal and spiritual by means of taxations and high cost of living, having the form of godliness but denying the power thereof, being lukewarm, all because a king rose up in the hearts of man that knew not the Lord.

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"JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER"

By D. L. Tubbs

If the present day modern "holiness" is right, then the disciples, apostles and prophets were fools. They left all to follow Christ. Paul counted the world as "dung" because he found complete satisfaction in an all sufficient Christ. The World and all its glow lost its attraction to those who walked hand in hand with the man of Galilee. Multitudes followed Him to learn of Him and tasted and saw that He was good. They found that Christ was the "Panacea."

But today we have to have the world in one hand and Christ in the other. Today He is not able to be our all-sufficiency. We need TV, socials, all kinds of recreation (in and out of the Church), Sabbath breaking pleasures, worldly and immodest fashions, and such like to fill the vacancy in our life that Christ is no longer able to fill.

We must count Bible standards of dress and conduct as non-essentials because to dress like the world will lessen the reproach and when they see we are like them, they will be drawn to us. We must indulge in trifling and idle conversation with the world because "how else can we win them except we become partakers with them."

We want to play instead of pray. We want to feast instead of fast. We cannot spend nights in prayer or fast because our physical would suffer. We need this strength to work and earn our daily bread. We cannot travail and agonize before God for souls because we have no place of privacy to pray and besides one can get too fanatical about this thing.

Oh yes, we can have spells and fits, get up the "miff tree," hold grudges, despise our neighbors, show any number of carnal traits and still profess the highest state of grace, After all, we are only human. We Can't be perfect.

As for missions--oh, I guess after my living expenses plus a few non-essential purchases to gratify self, TV payment, hair, dresser and recreational expenses, I could give a little -- can't spare much though. Besides we have enough heathen right here at home.

But then there is the other side to this modern day holiness. We have the crowd who are just as burdenless and just as passionless--those who lack vision but hold to standards. Modest dress, long hair, no TV, no jewelry, etc. -- keep the law to the letter. These standards are essential but we must have more than these. These must be an outward expression of an inward possession.

Lord, save us from both of these forms of apostasy.

Rekindle our hearts with holy love and fire. We have lost our first love. We are lukewarm. Oh God--help us that we might do our first works over again and tarry until we are endued with power from on high. Break us, melt us and then thrust us out that we might win some of those teeming millions who lie in heathen darkness and these at home who are just as void of the true gospel message.

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THE LAW OF COMPENSATION

We all should remember  
There is a rule today  
It's called the Compensation Law  
And works the other way.  
What e'er we sow we're bound to reap  
It's ordered from above  
The harvest then is tenfold sure  
Whether tares or perfect love.

-- Mrs. Ethel Otis Cook

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ATTENTION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TEACHERS

At the last General Conference one of the recommendations of the Education Committee was that every church establish a Christian Day School wherever possible. There is great need for qualified Christian teachers. If you are interested in teaching somewhere in a Christian school would you please write Hey. L. P. Roberts, Department of Education of The General Board, 1915 S. Perry Way. It is our desire to have as many Christian teachers as possible register with him and then the churches may contact him when in need of a teacher.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Donald Hughes is entering full time evangelistic work. May God bless Brother Hughes as he enters this new field of labor. You may write him at Box 775, Rock Island, Illinois.

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### HOLINESS CONVENTIONS

Nashville, Tenn.--Jan. 14-17; Brother Cook and Brother Tidwell

Miami, Fla.--Jan. 21-24; Brother Cook and Brother Tidwell

Denver, Colo.--Feb. 2-4; Brother Cook and Brother Boynton

Boise, Ida. Feb. 9-11; Brother Cook and Brother Boynton

Odessa, Tex. Feb. 17-19; Brother Cook and Brother Boynton

Charleston, W. Va.--Feb. 23-24; Brother Cook and Brother Boynton

High Point, N. C. Feb. 26-28; Brother Cook and Brother Boynton

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa Feb. 2-4; Brother Dodd and Brother Huffman

Peoria, Ill.--Feb. 5-7; Brother Dodd and Brother Huffman

Dexter, Missouri Feb. 9-11; Brother Dodd and Brother Spencer Johnson

Jacksonville, Ark. Feb. 12-14; Brother Dodd and Bro. Spencer Johnson

Bethany, Okla.--Feb. 16-18; Bro. Dodd and Bro. Spencer Johnson

Stafford, Kans.--Feb. 19-21; Brother Dodd and Bro. Spencer Johnson

McKinney, Tex. Feb. 23-25; Brother Dodd and Brother Spencer Johnson

Houston, Tex. Feb. 26-28; Brother Dodd and Brother Spencer Johnson

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#### PREACHERS MEETINGS

Alabama Preachers Meeting--Mar. 1-3. Bros. Cook, Boynton, Dodd.

Louisiana- So. Texas--Mar. 7-9. Brother Dodd and others.

Duncan, Okla. Mar. 14-16. Brothers Cook, Tidwell, Dodd.

The above slate is subject to the approval of the local pastor and his people. These conventions are being held to stir our people to pray down old fashioned revivals. Let us all begin to pray now that God will move among us and give us great holiness conventions. Please, pastors, feel free to write us if these dates will conflict with anything and you want a change. These dates were worked out by Brother Cook and I. -- Elbert Dodd

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#### SPECIAL NOTICE TO DISTRICT MODERATORS

Please, as soon as possible after your district journals are printed, send a copy to the General Secretary, Mr. A. L. Crane, Box 392, Nampa, Idaho. This is for his records and so that preachers may have proper reference for securing Clergy Certificates. -- Elbert Dodd. General Moderator

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## NEW BIBLE MISSIONARY

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Silas Sanchez on Aug. 1. 1959. a son, Ricky Nathan.

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### THE SMOKE MENACE

I have walked in Summer Meadows  
Where the Sunbeams shone and broke;  
But I've never seen the cattle.  
Nor the sheep and horses smoke.

I have watched the birds with wonder  
When the grass with dew was wet;  
But I've never seen a Robin  
Puffin' at a cigarette.

I have fished in many a river  
When the catfish crop was ripe;  
But I've never seen a sucker  
Sucking on a briar pipe.

I have watched the playful monkey  
Eating peanuts from my hand;  
But I never saw one dipping snuff  
From some tobacco stand.

I have listened to the crickets  
And the droning Katy-dids;  
But they never sing their love songs  
Through the drooling of a quid.

I have seen the hooting Hoot Owl  
Perched upon some lonely crag;  
But I've never seen it puffing  
At a three inch Turkish fag.

Man's the only living creature  
That parades this vale of woes  
Like a blooming traction engine,  
Puffing smoke from mouth and nose.

Fish and fowl of fins and feather,  
All the humbling woodland folk,

Be it fair or stormy weather,  
I have never seen them smoke.

None have formed the filthy habit,  
Be it beetle, bat or bug:  
Man alone is slave and servant  
To a fag or pipe or plug.

If God had e'er intended  
When He first created man  
That he'd smoke, He'd have made him  
On a widely different plan.

He'd have fixed him with a stove pipe  
And a damper and a grate  
And he'd had a smoke consumer  
That was strictly up to date.

Why not serve the God of Nature?  
For He's too, the God of Grace  
He cannot be pleased to see you  
Make a furnace of your face.

If you ever get to heaven  
If you ever miss the pit  
You would have to leave the city  
Go to Hell so you could spit.

If you've started---quit the habit:  
Throw away the filthy weed  
God will give you something better,  
He will satisfy your needs.

-- Anon.

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### WHO'S THE BOSS?

Juvenile delinquency experts might profit from reading the comment a disgusted school teacher made when resigning: "In public schools today the teacher is afraid of the principal; the principal is afraid of the superintendent; the superintendent is afraid of the the school board; the boards are afraid of the parents; the parents are afraid of the children; and the children are afraid of nobody."

Former President Harry Truman was right in his observation, "lazy parents, baby-sitters and a shortage of switches have made the teacher's role a hard one."

Methinks that humorous definition of child psychology is together too tragically true which defines it as: "The art of applying a soft pedal instead of a hard paddle." -- The Sword of the Lord

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