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## INTRODUCTION

This publication consists of 37 articles by Paul Pumpelly -- all from issues of The Missionary Revivalist, dating from October, 1956 to August of 1981. I have noted with each the date of its publication, and I have arranged the articles in the chronological sequence of their publication. -- DVM

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## 01 -- ENLARGED QUARTERS

From the October, 1956 Missionary Revivalist

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"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitation; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left." Isa. 54:2:3. God gives us the charge to enlarge our quarters. It doesn't take too much for a tent. A piece of canvas, few poles and stakes and a little rope or string. It is not too hard to pitch and is not too hard to enlarge it. Just need a little more canvas or skin, a few more stakes, a little more string and you can enlarge. We need larger quarters. No wonder the new convert from "skid row" said, "I'll bust if I don't testify." We have to enlarge. God saw the need and said you need not be ashamed in doing it. If God is for your enlargement, then the devil is against it. The Children of Israel pitched all over the desert but never made any advancement for God. The devil does not care how many times you pitch your tent just so you don't enlarge it for God. If he has his way, you will fold it up. The devil cries, "Lion, lion in the streets." But lions don't live in the streets. He is a liar but a lot of folk are listening to him and failing to enlarge. And if they do grow, it is abnormal and out of balance.

Some are abnormal in standards and are afraid of love. They think they need to enlarge only in harsh rebukes. They are sour, critical, seeking only to win an argument, not souls. They are

afraid to shed tears. Don't be afraid in love. Love fulfills the law. Love is the heart of this thing. Divine love is the end of the commandment. Tears, tenderness, compassion, fellowship; love. "Behold how they love one another." We need to enlarge in love. All can stand to open the tent flaps here and reach out in deep realms of divine love. Never stop enlarging love.

Others are afraid of standards and get abnormal in human sentiment. There is a difference between divine love and carnal compromising human sentiment. This kind slobbers over sinners with all kinds of expressions to cover up compromise. They try to pan it off on folk as divine love. It has no fear of God in it. Has no real concern for lost men but only a secret selfish motive of personal advancement. Afraid they will offend someone and drive them off. It always warns the new evangelist that the last evangelist preached all negative and drove all the "new-comers" away. One layman contacted the evangelist and warned him not to preach on "things" that night because he was bringing some new folk who take offense at negative preaching. The evangelist had been all afternoon in the mountains praying for the message and had it then burning on his heart. He minded God and preached it. It was negative and had a lot of "things" in it. The new folk took no offense but rather came forward to tell the evangelist they were lost and appreciated the truth anyway. The "layman" ran out the door offended. Paul said law first and then grace. Law reveals the sin, promises death, then grace reveals the Saviour and promises life. Negative, law, wrath, judgment, all need to be preached to produce conviction. The Holy Ghost uses it to convince men of their sinful condition and then prompts them to seek the Saviour. Don't be afraid of law. Enlarge your quarters with standards against the devil.

Some are afraid of offerings and fail to enlarge in giving. They say taking the offering kills the spirit. If taking the offering kills the spirit, then the spirit it killed was not of God. We need to enlarge our tents and give. When they come down the aisle with the plates, we ought to be able to throw our heads back and shout, laugh, and dig deep and give. But some fold their tent every time an offering is taken. They reach for the billfold with five dollars in mind; by the time their hand gets there, it shifted to one dollar and then quickly before the plate reaches them, they leave the billfold and jam their hand into the front pocket for fifty cents and come out with a quarter and then groan about it the rest of the service. God help us all to enlarge our tents and give liberally.

While God commands us to enlarge our tents, many are folding theirs up. Especially when it comes to facing the dignitaries. Paul said we are to respect an elder but also we are to fear no man. But how many fold up their little tent when someone comes in. Pastors in bondage to district supts., district supts., in bondage to general supts., people in bondage to the pastor, and others in bondage to the kin-folk. Just when they get ready to open the flaps of their tent and enlarge, in walks some elder, some leader, some kin-folk and down goes the flaps, and the amens quiet down and all fold up their tents. Looks like a storm hit their tent city. We need to enlarge ourselves in the presence of dignitaries. God can take the fear of man out of you. Preachers who are afraid to preach the whole truth have no tent to enlarge. They folded up theirs a long time ago.

How many are afraid to enlarge because of the devil hollering "fanatics, fanatics." "Lion, lion in the streets." So many remain impoverished and shriveled. "There are ten thousand ice bergs to one fanatic. There are ten thousand brakemen to one fireman." Fanatic means enthusiast, devotee, live wire, eagerness, optimism, fire, spirit, force. This sounds so good that God's people

are willing to be branded fanatics in order to have enthusiasm, fire, optimism, spirit, force, power. Praise God for the so-called fanatics who dare to enlarge their tent while others sit and starve.

Lengthen your cords, stretch your tent, get more string, enlarge your quarters. Stop paddling in circles. Get out of your rut. Brave a new one like the fellow that went before you did. Enlarge your love, your faith, venture out, challenge God. Get larger and larger for more joy and freedom. This reminds me of the fellow enlarging his tent who said, "I feel like writing a check for a million dollars and then stick my head inside the window of God's heavenly bank and wait until the teller pays attention to me." God said enlarge, spare not.

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## 02 -- GOD'S LATEST MOVE WITH HOLINESS

From the December, 1956 Missionary Revivalist

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The downward tendency of the carnal nature is evidenced by a deep disrelish for spiritual truth. This has created the necessity for times of reformation throughout past ages. The teachings of a less spiritual system of religion are always more acceptable to unspiritual men. Therefore, the dogmas of Rome will prevail until Jesus comes. The ceremonies of an apostate Protestantism will continue to grind on. But God always "reorganizes" or supersedes" these with "new moves." The tragedy is that every move that God has inaugurated, has, in progress of years become unspiritual. History proves this true. Gospel truths become perverted and the experience of grace is substituted with apostate innovations. God's forces that have been organized among men have always become polluted by too close contact with this wicked world. The Altars of Israel were pure under one king and corrupt under another. The priests were holy under one reign and a spectacle of abomination in the reign of another. The Church of Pentecost was "clear as the sun, fair as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners," but who would have declared her drift into corruption and her disappearance in heathen mythology ? The Church of Martin Luther which declared the doctrine of justification by faith alone has passed from its resurrection to its grave. Its disciples have found for it a tomb. The great "movement" for God and holiness under the Wesleys which demanded of its adherents to groan after holiness until it was obtained by faith is now completely folded up with its ministers and thousands of its members who declare there is no such experience. And now we stand in a new day with history repeating itself. God has again moved upon men to "start again."

And true to the facts of history, the reformers sent from God, for the purpose of getting a more spiritual movement are once again opposed by the prevailing authorities of the church. If there is an exception to this fact of opposition from the days of Abel, it has never been noticed. The earth has been drenched with the blood of millions from this source of opposition. The decline of spirituality has been so gradual that it is not readily noticed and when someone does take their stand against it even to "move out," it brings a reflection back on the "authorities" who start the opposition to such a move. Mental culture, intellectualism, head knowledge is substituted for the heart experience and the Holy Ghost and fire. The opposition tries to quiet the fears of good

people by saying the "minds of men" are better equipped to face the situation. The church is moving ahead numerically and financially. These numbers, coffers full, institutions, degreed ministers are pointed to as indications of spirituality. But they are not evidences at all. Their unceasing effort to get good fruit from bad trees and pure water from polluted streams results in picnics, tea-parties, skating rinks, fish fries, and sometimes disgusting immoral socials. When one of the "reformers" rises up in opposition to the "program" it is a direct reflection on the present presiding teachers of religion. To say the flock is astray, suggests negligence on part of the shepherd. To say the world has crept in is a charge against those who support it. Hence the natural opposition to those who would obey God for the "new move." This reflection on the authorities caused Huss to be burned at the stake, millions of martyrs to shed their blood, the slaughter of the Huguenots, and the murder of the early Quakers. "The design of this painful recital is to show that the opposition of church authorities to the present holiness movement, is but history repeating itself, and is no indication that the work is not of God. Furthermore, the opposition thus rendered clearly shows, in the light of all past history, the necessity of the movement."

The "latest move" is either of man or God. Which? If it is of man, then it is full of danger and rot. If it is of God, his servants, ministry and laymen, need not fear to be identified with it. To aid any to settle this question let us think of the following. What was the beginning of the Bible Missionary Church? Was it started by man or God? The brethren that started in the little tent never dreamed it would end up as it has. None of the reformers in history ever thought their move would result as it did. God moves on a few and from that humble beginning a mighty blaze is kindled. "God works in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." "When God determined to break the chains of slavery, He revealed to no man the time or methods of its accomplishment. In like manner, in the holiness movement, His faithful servants have 'gone out not knowing whither they went.' The way has been so rugged at times, that many have turned aside; but God has .put two in the place of each faltering one, and the ranks of the holiness army are steadily increasing." Glory. Consider its beginning with God's move in times past.

There are no carnal, devilish, selfish motives in the hearts or acts of its leaders. This may be and is falsely spread out to be so but think before you conclude. All human enterprise must give some kind of a promise of personal gain. But the facts are that those who become identified with this "new move" have done it at the "loss of all things." If that is not of God then what motive can impel them? Everyone who has sought the experience of holiness found a hard struggle over the question of his future--those in the ministry over their ministerial standing. And those who have rejected it, have ceased to confess it or stand by its standards because of the fiery trials which it brought upon them. But those in this "latest move" refused to trifle with convictions and knowing it would endanger their standing among their brethren did it with no apology. Is that of God or man? This is not said for complaint but to show that no sinister motive lies behind this latest holiness movement. No one can say it was done for position for there was no position to go to. Some have left good paying churches, excellent equipped parsonages, the sweet fellowship of their brethren, and a few of the high positions in their former relations to take to the tents, store buildings, shacks, or whatever was available. Some have had to step out of a beautiful edifice into a basement of a home in order to obey this inner burning conviction to be identified with the "latest move." I ask you, is that of God or man? If of man, then fools. If of God, then brave, bold, courageous men who love God more than their lives.

Also note that this "latest move" makes open and resolute war against all that is wrong. It takes a stand against sins in particular. Holiness demands a pure life and the removal of all impure desires, motives, and affections. Because of this, the slightest failure of one of its adherents is loudly heralded abroad. No people are so ridiculed by the world, or so uncharitably judged by their fellow men than the holiness people. How could a move that involves so great a sacrifice, expense, making war against all sin, be carried on for carnal purposes? Is it of God or man? It could not be of God, unless it did oppose everything wrong and impure. It also approves of everything that is right. It demands the dethronement of man and the enthronement of God. It takes the last stage of experience when some say, "all of self and none of thee." Others say, "some of self and some of thee," and the adherents to the "latest move" say, "none of self and all of thee." Some one thought all they needed to do to hold their "crowd" and keep them from running off to the "tent" was to give them noise, as if noise will satisfy. But the principle of compromise, the facts of worldliness, the inner conviction of God to get in "on the ground floor," has caused and is causing many to take the reproach, opposition, persecution, be subjected to the present "smear campaign," and all of its sacrifice to co-operate with the Holy Ghost in His "latest move," the Bible Missionary Church. I say glory. I'm so glad I can say. "I'm one of them."

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### 03 -- LUKEWARMNESS

From the March, 1957 Missionary Revivalist

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"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art LUKEWARM, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." It seems that when one is in definite victory over sin and the devil, they are ICE COLD toward the devil and RED HOT toward God. But when this awful subtle thing called "lukewarmness" slips into the heart, they cool off toward God and warm up toward the devil which, of course, results in lukewarmness.

Much has been said about lukewarmness and perhaps no other subject needs more attention than this. Even after all that has been said, written, or preached about the danger of lukewarmness, still it continues to take its daily toll. If it came into view with ugly horns and red clothes, one would be well aware of it, but it slips into the shadows and silently settles down beside you in its dignified apparel. When it gets its hold, one will begin to neglect acts of piety, they will rest on thoughts of former days, settle down in contentment of present levels of grace. It shows up in criticizing others who push on beyond them, tries to cover up by pointing to things done for God in the past, tries to be respectable and decent around all to avoid being detected and can be seen as an old cold, sober, dead thing hanging over the heads of those infected.

One of the greatest tragedies because of it is the loss of a vision and burden for the lost. This also cancels the first love to Jesus. "The devil likes to bury a hot religious experience in a smooth shroud of cold virtue."

"There is one more symptom of lukewarmness, and that is a dull sense of inward breaking with God. The heart feels that something is not just right. The orthodoxy is all right; the outward life may be correct; the verbal testimony still kept up; and all Christian duties in a general way looked after; but the animating spirit is weakened. There is no conscious touch from God; no sense of fullness dilating the heart; no sweet vision of God's attributes; no bright, far-away fields open to it in secret prayer; no lowly feeling of kissing the Saviour's feet; no rapt adoration of His majesty; no sweet hymns vibrating in the mind during the sleep; no melting, yearning love for the saving of souls; no spells of divine laughter rippling through the mind; no bullet-like piercing of the words of the Scripture; no whispering of the Holy Ghost as of old; no conscious grasp on the throne through prayer."

"The flash has left the eye; the smile from the lip; the divine throb from the heart; the promptness has left the will; the gentleness has left the voice; the third heavens, with its retinue, have gone off somewhere. Some unpleasant, indefinable unexplorable something has settled on the inner spirit; it has ceased to feel toward Jesus as a real lover; it is getting offensive to the Holy Spirit; and unless something can be done to rekindle its fading fires, it will nauseate the Infinite heart, and Christ will spew it out of His mouth. This is an awful metaphor, and indicates the awfulness of lukewarmness." (Soul Food, G. D. Watson)

We all believe we are in the last days. The Holy Ghost has warned us of evil getting worse, the love of many waxing cold, some departing from the faith, (that is, some of the FEW who found it), of a falling away, and not able to endure sound doctrine. This being so today, then how cautious we should be lest we fall into one of these last day perils and be found sleeping when the "trumpet sounds." To protect yourself from this monster of lukewarmness, determine to get more holy fire towards God and colder towards the devil. The kin-folk and others may think you odd, but you are just keeping ripe for the picking at the rapture. Thank God for the FIRE.

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#### 04 -- A NEW THING

From the May, 1957 Missionary Revivalist

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"Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? It will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. The beasts of the fields shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen. This people have I formed for myself: they shall shew forth my praise." Isa. 43:18-21.

Preacher, laymen, have you found yourself in transition? Have you discovered you have passed the old battle line and are now in a new front? Have you sensed a new spirit and another direction? This battle is no sham battle. We are not on maneuvers but in the real thing and in every real battle someone gets hurt. Expect it. We have all rejoiced over the recent liberty and we never want to forget it. But after the thunder and lightening settles we find a "NEW THING". We no

longer face the enemy on the old front. We no longer are fighting carnal worldly minded professors. No longer do we find ourselves gearing up for a frontal attack from TV loving preachers. Bobbed-haired preachers' wives are a thing of the past. Jewels no longer dangle in our eyes and best of all we are getting 100% return on every dollar invested. With a thrill to place God's tithes in the local church whereas before we thought we had sinned when we did it. Now with joy and holy laughter we give our offerings to missions. We can hilariously give to the saved, sanctified, consecrated, burdened preachers and missionaries who are not over there on adventure trips but for the lost; and at any cost through sweat, blood, and tears.

Since the "New Thing" God has brought into being, our battle is even hotter. We have said to the church world, "LOOK," and they are watching. We have said to the world, "Look," and they are watching. We find ourselves in a very dangerous place. Around the world folk have focused their eyes upon us. It is essential that we take our stand against worldliness in every front. It is essential that we be consistent on the job or in the home. It is essential that we keep the fire and glory and liberty prayed down upon us. But if we are not careful our liberty will become license. In the midst of this "New Thing" that God has brought forth, God says not to remember the former things. It seems that all who came out under the Holy Ghost conviction and that, Scripturally, have experienced the same thing. That is, all the sentiments of the "former thing" have been erased from our hearts. Yet in our forgetting the "Former" and going ahead in the "New" we need caution lest we try to carry over from the "former" into the "new" many of its characteristics. Methods need to be dropped. Terms changed. And above all, we no longer need human pressure groups going around to make it go. It was our sad experience when God left the apostate crowd that human pressure was needed to try to compensate for His departure but now in the "New Thing" we need no human pressure but just more God. We don't need the "promotional program" with some human head driving it through into every camp. If God is in this thing, then let God run it. We need to call our people to prayer. Nights of prayer, prayer at home, prayer in secret, prayer in church, in fact stress more on prayer than on Sunday School. The Holy Ghost stopped this little preacher from counting noses. Don't need that in this "New Thing". Prayer, sacrifice, fasting, seeking God is our only hope. If God is in it then seek more God to keep it going. He will give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

To you who may still be in the "former" and looking to the "new," I say there is no position to offer you. We trust there will never be moves for a position. If you have made known your desire to move to the new front line battle, then we say go look up a store building or tent, or brush arbor and start preaching with the Holy Ghost anointing and you will find yourself in the "new thing." In this there are no Supts. to fall back on and I trust there never will be. If you are God-called as you claim then get in the battle. If you are a sham then you will illuminate yourself. There will be no position for you to shuffle for and no Supts. for you to leech off of. Men have stepped out of parsonages, salaries, jobs, etc. to move on up higher to the "New Thing."

Jesus said, "Go work today, my son, in my vineyard." From work comes strength; from idleness comes weakness. From work comes power and from idleness comes decay. Work is virtuous and idleness is vicious. The "New Thing" means work and to work keeps one looking upward and onward forever.

"Look up, not down! Do you see how the treetop



Rejoices in the sunshine denied to its root;  
And hear how the lark, gazing sky-ward, is flooding  
The world with his song, while the ground bird is mute?

"Look Forward, not back!" 'Tis the chant of creation,  
The chime of the seasons as outward they roll,  
'Tis the pulse of the world, 'Tis the hope of the ages,  
'Tis the voice of our God in the depth of the soul.

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Yes, we take our stand against sin and worldliness but we also must plunge into the greatest revival effort ever launched. The secret of this is the Holy Ghost and our strength is God. Let us seek more God forgetting the "former" and getting in the "new."

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and, if there be any praise, think on these things." (Philippians 4:8).

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## 05 -- OUR HOLY GOD -- GOD'S HOLY MAN

From the September, 1957 Missionary Revivalist

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"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts." This is the cry of the seraphims as they bow around the throne of our Holy God. We are living in unholy times. There is a tragic loss of personal holiness in the holiness ranks. This loss seems to equal the degeneration of morality of the world. When one loses personal holiness then their concept of God is weakened; their idea of man and the sin problem is perverted: and the plan of salvation in their thinking is unscriptural. In this unholy day the church holds to the doctrine of holiness but not to the experience. The same as it hold on to the doctrine of the second coming of Christ but not to "expectancy." The loss of personal holiness means the loss of freedom, spontaneity, democracy that is so essential to the real holiness spirit. This brings in the substitute of denominational loyalty for loyalty to the Holy Ghost. Therefore, there is a strong willingness to compromise the TRUTH for position, pension, fame, salary, etc. We should face up to it and admit that the church world has finally arrived into that awful condition of apostasy. In the holiness ranks where personal holiness is lost there is now a distinct difference between the "holiness people" and the "HOLY PEOPLE." A difference between a "holiness man" and a "HOLY MAN." The natural man does not want to be holy neither does he like holy people.

To have the right concept of man, the sin problem, the plan of salvation, one must have the right concept of God. The Bible declares Him a HOLY GOD. "But as he which hath called you is

HOLY, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; (conduct) Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am HOLY." Holiness is the basic attribute of God. In the Holiness of God all other attributes take root. If He were not basically holy then He could not be just, true, good, or loving. "God's holiness being absolute makes it necessary for Him to stand on the threshold of every generation and speak to every man 'Be ye holy, for I AM HOLY.'" Without the correct knowledge of the holiness of God there can be no real conviction for sinfulness in man. Eliminate holiness and conviction is gone. Consider Him a God of love forgetting holiness and you divert into carnal sympathy and cover sin. Make Him just the "Wholly Other" and you deify man which is the basis of liberalism. 'Stand back in awe and see Him only as the Almighty and you worship stars, moons, and creation. But to see Him as a HOLY GOD, then you see the real nature of God. He does not and cannot wink at sin. Then all scripture finds its proper place in teaching DEATH TO SIN. He will not be a partner to any carnal program nor will He associate with any questionable thing. Our Holy Ghost does not fellowship SIN: whether it be in practice or possession in an individual or in a church. Holy God, Holy Son, Holy Ghost, Holy Angels, Holy Heaven, and now a Holy Man. If there is no holy man there can be no fellowship with a Holy God and certainly no eternal dwelling with Him. This is the reason why God gave His ONLY BEGOTTEN SON. He has made a sacrifice sufficient to CLEANSE man from ALL sin and make him a holy man fit for divine fellowship in this unholy world.

Jesus said man was sinful in his heart. (Mark 7:21-23) Paul describes the heart of man in Gal. 5:19-21. "An unholy man has the justice of God standing between him and divine forgiveness. In his pollution the holiness of God stands between him and divine fellowship. In his willfulness the Sovereignty of God stands between him and soul harmony." In man's unholy nature he does not like God. His will rebels against Him; his sinfulness dislikes holiness; his pride resists humility; his wisdom refuses revelation. There is a great gulf fixed between unholy men and a HOLY GOD. Only a miracle can make unholy men holy.

Man consists of a will, affections, desires, motives, and a mind. Sin has invaded them all and all must be made holy. II Cor. 10:5 and Rom. 8:6 declares that the mind, the consciousness, understanding, intellect, thought life, imagination can and must be holy. Gal. 5:24 declares that the affections, the tenderness, devotion, disposition, love of man must be crucified. Also the desires, the want, hunger, wishes, craving, inclination, solicitude, appetite, longing, pull, drawing of man must be crucified. Even the motives of man must be purged of all sin. The reason or cause of action. The principle, root, basis or the WHY we do it or say it, the why we wear it or think it must be holy. The WHY must be holy to be a holy man. A holy man is a crucified man; carnal 'T' dead. The holy man is a dead man" and a resurrected man, "alive unto God." Dead to sin, dead to the world, dead to kin-folk, dead to every influence away from God anti alive only to God. The holy man gets all his direction from his Holy God.. He does not confer with flesh and blood but God. The holy man is a separated man. The world is the enemy of God and it crucified the Saviour. Therefore, the holy man has NO FELLOWSHIP with the world, the enemy of God. He has separated himself from its systems, its customs, its manners; his affections are on heavenly things. The holy man stands against all heresy even if it involves his kinfolk. He does it even if someone gets hurt. We are not on maneuvers but in the real battle. The holy man is a Spirit filled man. He is possessed of God and God owns him. When God says pack your suit case and catch next boat to Africa, he goes or move to that little store building with the holy people, he does it. Someone yells, what about your job. He answers, what job? What about your kin-folks? He answers, what

kinfolk ? What about your reputation? He answers, what reputation? He has none for it all went up in the fire. What little reputation he might have the devil gave him and it isn't worth keeping. Glory! The holy man lives in simplicity for pride is gone. He sees a holy God, he cried in his pollution, woe is me. The angels touched his sins with a hot blazing coal from off God's altar and his sin is purged, taken away. Then God said WHO WILL GO FOR US and the holy man said. here am I, send me. And the Lord said GO. Send who ? The Holy Man of course. The holy man sees the need, bears the burden, weeps over lost men, prays all night, stands in the gap with the night dew hung in his hair and his eyes blood shot from weeping over lost men. The "holiness man" sits around and laughs at "Howdy Doody" while the "HOLY MAN" is desperately, frantically pulling men out of the fire. The holy man possessed with a HOLY GOD sees lost men slipping over the wall of probation into hell. He sees lost men stumbling in the night. They came and cried, "Sir, we would see Jesus." The Holy Man is the ONLY MAN WHO CAN SHOW THEM JESUS. (Acts 1:8) The "holiness man" shows them the denomination, its colleges and membership and wealth. He shows them the preacher who has spent years stuffing his head but has an empty heart. If you can't get this into your heart, it is no good in your head. He shows them talent and ability and tries to entertain them. But the HOLY MAN shows them a bleeding Saviour. A HOLY GOD, their sinfulness, their damnation, and finally points them to the Lamb of God who taketh away the SIN OF THE WORLD.

"Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." Our HOLY GOD; God's HOLY MAN.

Editor's Note: Amen!

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## 06 -- A RETURN TO THE CAVE ADULLAM

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God had anointed David King over Israel but Saul refused to recognize the Supernatural anointing. The reason was that Saul had compromised and backslidden because he failed to fulfill the Divine purpose of his original anointing as king. Therefore, Saul sought the life of David. David knew that Saul secretly practiced mischief against him. He sought the Lord and was led out of the king's council rooms of federation and collaboration and compromise and escaped thence to the cave Adullam. And when his brethren heard it, they went down thither to him. And everyone that was in distress, and everyone that was in debt, and everyone that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became captain over them. He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave to the sword, and the Lord wrought a great victory that day. And thirty-three chief men went down and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam; and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the Valley of Rephaim.

It was in the month of September and the eighth day in the year nineteen-hundred-fifty-five that a war worn warrior was led of the Lord to withdraw from the fearful compromise and federation with evil within the ranks he served. Not fully aware of the future or even the

supernatural anointing given, Glenn Griffith headed for the "Ole Cave of Adullam." When his brethren and his house heard of it they quickly joined themselves to him. The word spread abroad in haste as lightening and many precious brethren who were getting deeper in budgets and finding themselves discontented and running from the fearful cloud of compromise that had subtly caused "General Saul" to perish, took great courage and began to seek the cave. The first general gathering was a year later in the "Old Cave" where many scattered sheep were reunited. Some headed for the cave in spite of kin-folk pressure and other well meaning brethren. They rejoiced at the thought of getting free from ecclesiastical bondage they found themselves in. Once in the cave, they were nourished, some even back to life. The shouts of victory and liberty and the presence of the Holy One was everywhere. Bro. Griffith got up and spread the table and someone got an arm load of peeled pomegranates and passed them out. Whoops and shouts were heard from every part of the cavern. Folk came from the east, the west, the north, and the south. All marveled at the mighty power of God. The challenge was given to go back to the battle with note to regroup in the cave of Adullam later.

This past September the second great conference was held in the "Old Cave of Adullam." But instead of a few, this time there were great hosts of brethren who had joined themselves to the "new thing." When the warriors gathered in from all battle fronts, they all showed signs of using the past year for getting out of grave clothes, dropping old programs, learning new lessons from the Holy Ghost, and some even had battle scars from the new front. Reports of stonings, tents cut down, cursings, threats of being put into jail, devil bottles thrown at one general, and many other reports that once again hell is being stormed by the sanctified crowd. And as David re-grouped in the cave IN THE TIME OF HARVEST, so did the Bible Missionary Church. Bro. Griffith was used of God the first night in words of fire, the challenge, the harvest, the price. Then problems that had come upon us in the battle had to be solved. One in particular seemed unsolved. The "old cave" was filled with weeping. Personal holiness was exemplified by all brethren. Many fasted and prayed all night. Groans and tears and hearts breaking for God to come solve our problem. Finally after three days of praying, and wrestling with God, Bro. Griffith broke through into the throne room and God spoke the answer. Back in the cave men were weeping and yet believing. Then the climax came when God's anointed got up and spoke the revelation from God. Quickly the warriors were settled with God's solution and once again shouts of victory and rejoicing were heard ringing down the corridors. One was heard to say, down in the lower chamber, that when all were confused as to what to do, the old LION got up and shook his mane and all the folk quickly got together. Everyone could now leave the cave for battle with a clear conscience and unity.

The Holy Ghost came in one service to dispense with preaching and just gave everyone a heaven sent blessing. Some could not contain it and jumped up and down, some ran the aisles, the platform was busy with many climbing up and others running off. Someone looked up into the upper chamber thinking sure that someone might step off in faith. Tears were dripping from every chin, liberty was given and most took advantage of it. One old warrior said he had been in the holiness ranks for about fifty-five years and in the major "come-out" over forty years ago but he had never witnessed anything like this in his life. To the most of us, it was new. We had seen it in miniature in various places but never in such a large portion as this. Some one said the Holy Ghost was simply putting His approval on the WHOLE THING. Every committee stayed at the job until they were absolutely sure they had the Holy Ghost approval. The church said, THE WORLD IS OUR PARISH, and we make no apology for entering any field. This seemed to bless the Lord and

it spilled over on the Cave of Adullam and its occupants. Also when the strong statement that we detest worldliness and demand personal holiness was made, the Holy Ghost Himself seemed to walk the aisles while the "holy people" sat with bowed heads in reverence.

During the last session, someone got up in the "visitors" section and pleaded with the "old warrior" to take him in. When he was told they would consider him later, he jumped up and said it was too serious to put off (it seemed he had put it off too long as it was) and that his wife had come with him to "come out" to come in. They fed them, took them in, gave them credentials, seated them in conference, shouted the victory. And with this sudden defeat to the devil, the devil tried to sneak out the side door but he was noticed and some of the brethren made a face at him.

Once again we had to rally to the thought of departure. The "Philistines" are camped just down the valley waiting for combat. The battle line has changed from challenging backslidden Saul, to actually fighting the Philistines. We find ourselves on a new front. Old fox-holes are left for someone else to defend. We are on new ground, trying desperately to pull men out of the fire. Bro. Dodd said, "the world is on fire." The phrase was coined. Missionaries rejoiced at the soul burden evidenced in the great pledge offering. Doors are opening faster than we are able to fill. Surely God has called the Bible Missionary Church to the front line in such a time as this. The date was set for the next re-grouping in the Old Cave, and we reluctantly left the cave but gladly returned to the front line to engage in the last day battle. Should the Saviour tarry, we shall once again rally to the cave of Adullam and open another cavern to care for the many who shall be pulled out of the fire this coming year.

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## 07 -- THE HIGH COST OF STAYING IN

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"Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled. Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together. Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sort, as of woolen and linen together." (Deut. 22:9-12) The doctrine of separation or "come-outism" was demanded of God back in the Old Testament and is repeated in the New Testament when He says, "Come out from among them." The practice of ceremonial separation in the Old Testament was a perfect type of heart separation in New Testament holiness. The fact of a separate people in the Old Testament is the same today, for the God Of the Old Testament says in the New, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." God warns, in keeping a pure heart, against mixed seeds of teaching which defile true holiness; against mixed service of believers with unbelievers, for His servant that pulls the "plow" must be holy and to NOT PULL WITH A MULE; against mixed conduct such as scripture with science, sociology, politics, psychology, philosophy, art. This principle of separation placed modernistic Cain against godly Abel. In order for anyone to give the world a TRUE WITNESS of the gospel they must practice separation. No organization or individual who refuses the Bible Doctrine of Separation has

escaped the consequences; compromise, instability, and unfaithfulness to God and His Word. Abel and Cain cannot be united into one fellowship. Israel and Egypt cannot live together in unity.

Pharaoh finally realized he could no longer hold the people of God in the old bondage by force. He tried to ensnare them by guile. He made four different proposals to Moses in order to break down this doctrine and practice of separation. If he could succeed in getting God's holy people to make a FEDERATION with evil, then they would be IDENTIFIED with evil, COLLABORATED with evil, and in the end SUBJUGATED to evil.

The first compromise, "Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land." If Moses had accepted this compromise then God would eventually degenerate to just one of the gods in Egypt. But Moses knew the deep seated enmity between the pure religion of God and the false religions of men. He refused to compromise. Today we hear the same old plea for religious harmony based upon a modern religious incorporation. They say that what ever your views are concerning the Bible, the new bible, worldliness, TV, bobbed hair, rings, holiness or hell, you can still STAY IN WITH YOUR RELIGIOUS GROUP AND WORSHIP WITH THEM. A "stay in the land" compromise. In doing this the Word of God no longer has a position as absolute authority. They are told by their leaders that they can stay in this conglomeration and still be identified with true holiness, for there is plenty of room in the house of gods for their little god. These liberal mouthed preachers speak orthodox phrases to the confusion of the faithful; the radical lions lie down and eat straw with the mules, they plead they must have unity or the Communists or some other mean men will get them. So grouping together for mutual admiration they look with terror upon some old uncouth "Elijah" who dares to stand up and declare, "If the Lord be God then follow Him." Moses did not "stay in the Land" for he knew to do so would eventually corrupt a pure testimony, so he got out. Moses was not a "receptionist" but a "separatist."

The second compromise, "Only ye shall not go far away." Moses had insisted on going a full three days journey but Pharaoh wanted to modify this. If he could not keep them IN Egypt, he would at least seek to keep them NEAR it. In this manner he would eventually kill their little testimony and they would slip back into Egypt as if they had never left it at all. Everyone who leaves Egypt but camps near it eventually is recaptured and then they become thorough compromisers. These poor borderline fellows lack real fire baptized orthodoxy of a true separatist and then they don't even have the consideration of an outright liberal. They think they have at last found a way to be the rich man in life and then be the Lazarus in the life to come. Those who have come out find themselves getting as far from Egypt as they can. Even the sentiments are erased from their hearts. In Canaan they are enjoying wonderful liberty and new revelations from heaven. But the poor borderline fellows say how glad they are we are out for they feel we have done the right thing and yet they get up in their pulpits and take an offering for the old school or seminary or to help make the next payment on the Doctor's TV set. They seem to be willing to be separated from Egypt but NOT TOO FAR. They try to save their own souls but leave their flocks to the mercy of a liberal wolf. Moses rejected this halfway separation and so have I. Glory!

The third compromise, "Go, serve the Lord your God: but who are they that shall go?" This is the sad side, the dark side of this. They think if they stay in for their families but in the end they lose their families. Pharaoh was willing for the men to go but to leave their families behind. Of course in this process their children are lost to the faith. They say little Junior loves to go back

because they roast "weenies" and drop beans in a milk bottle, therefore they must not be too severe in this idea of separation. They come out a little but slip back in for Junior to play and the woeful tale, Junior is full of the devil. Take your family with you. But if they are so full of Egypt because you stayed in too long, then get out yourself and do it the Bible way of separation and if they ever get to see you again it will be when they too leave Egypt. This is God's way of saving your family.

The fourth compromise, "Go ye, serve the Lord, only let your flocks and your herds be stayed." This is that oft heard saying in these unholy days, be as orthodox as you please, worship as you please, preach as you please, live as you please, but leave your MONEY IN EGYPT. In liberal ecclesiasticism, many may not get promotions and positions for living on the borderline but they surely WON'T GET INTO TROUBLE if they will continue to SUPPORT THE PROGRAM. They must be careful to be loyal and support a modernist and a modernistic program.

Moses did not propose to worship God in Egypt on a receptive basis where he must compromise or be stoned; he did not propose to accept a halfway measure of separation from idolatrous Egypt; he did not propose to leave his family in Egypt or stay with any who longed to stay; he did not propose to leave one thin dime behind to help support the liberal cause, for in doing that he would still be identified with those who claim the Lord led them to "stay in and fight." All the pledges he had made were in good faith but after the truth came out that his pledge on the budget was helping to pay for the TV in the parsonage then that made him a party to the Doctor's sin, so before God he canceled the pledge in repentance. Moses led the folk out, and in the end, those that stayed true got into Canaan and fattened their, spiritual bones on the swollen streams of milk and honey. They feasted on grapes of Eshcol so big they had to cut down trees to stick through a cluster to drag them back to camp.

But what about those that decided to "stay in." What cost are they bearing? Are they still making mud bricks without straw? Are their children going down? Oh, I hope not, but such is the high cost of staying in. Moses said not a hoof shall be left behind. No compromise then or NOW. They could not be holy and stay in Egypt. The Bible doctrine of separation is for one purpose, "Be ye holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." One cannot be holy without being separate from everything unholy. Enemies will be numerous when you separate but you will be possessed with a holy God. In these unholy times, I personally choose the way of SEPARATION. I must have Him. To refuse separation I lose Him, hence the HIGH COST OF STAYING IN.

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## 08 -- THE BIBLE DOCTRINE OF SEPARATION

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What is Apostasy? Apostasy is the church desiring to be at peace with Satan's world. The Bible doctrine of separation was radically practiced and advocated by the prophets of the Old Testament. The same principle of separation is demanded in the New Testament. "Be ye separate, saith the Lord." "So there was a division among the people because of him." These words could

have been written at any time during the ministry of Jesus. He divided and even destroyed some elements of religion. In fact Jesus was such a "separatist" and not a modern day compromising receptionist, that it eventually led to His death by those whom He had so pointedly revealed their sin and apostasy. The churchman of this unholy day would rarely do as He did. They would rather seek loyalty to the program and unity for fellowship, even at the cost of precious truth. So many are at the present as Gideon before God let him out. Gideon was threshing wheat behind the winepress for fear of the Midianites. But Jesus stepped right out and began His life and preached publicly His message of separation unto God.

The birth of Jesus divided men. He had just arrived on earth when men started dividing over it. The strangeness of this hate and division is yet evident. This division finally chased Him off the earth. The Scriptures declare Him born of a virgin but the liberal insists it was but a natural human birth in EVERY SENSE. His identity divided men. No one ever sought to be so thoroughly identified as did the Son of God. "What think ye of Christ? .... Whose son is he?" This pressure of identity is still on today. Those who are of the "separatist" group willingly are identified with the old fashioned, second blessing holiness with a standard, radical crowd. But on the other hand those who do not want separation or identification are forced out into the public gaze because of the "separatist" and therefore, prove to be false, sham, artificial. The pressure of identity revealed it. Thank God for the pressure.

Another division was over the character of Jesus. His claims and His teachings also brought sharp division. He claimed to be greater than Moses, greater than David, greater than Solomon, greater than Jonah. He claimed to be the Son of God, equal with God, God made flesh. His teachings were so radical that "from that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him." How unfit the Saviour would be for some denominational program today. He caused men to leave. He upset the program. Denominational headquarters would certainly refuse to recommend Him for pastor or evangelist. He would be accused of being sour, critical, uncooperative, bitter, carnal, selfish, discriminating, and breaking fellowship. In His heart He sought men who would dare to SEPARATE from everything and follow Him. He said, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say." If the true follower of the Saviour is to keep His sayings, then there will have to be a definite separation. The Son of God demanded it. His death, resurrection and promise to return to earth again caused division. The high priest reacted so violently that he rent his clothes. And yet the apostate teaches unity, unity, peace, peace. What they mean is for any who believe the old fashioned way to keep his faith in the back seat and come bow to the compromised views for denominational advancement. Do it at any cost.

John the Baptist taught division when he refused to "take them in" because they could not produce evidence of repentance and separation. Who told John the Baptist these men had not repented? Answer that? He LOOKED. He SAW. His language could hardly be described as cooperative. His attitude certainly was not "loyal" to the modern easy going religion. "If John were to appear in some of the modern assemblies or conferences and stand up in his "uncouth" manner, they would lead him off in the next room and gently suggest he go "join" the radicals. Or would they do it gently?" Any attempt of a modernistic compromising preacher to use the ministry or teachings of Jesus to give sanction to a false unity and denominational loyalty is a flat failure. John lost his head, Jesus was murdered, Peter was imprisoned, Stephen was stoned, and Paul was beheaded. Why? Because they believed, preached, and practiced the Bible doctrine of separation.



They were not trying to build great denominations but the KINGDOM. They were not trying to break the Sunday School record or make a big report for personal advancement, but were seeking lost men with melted hearts. The unscriptural receptionist seeks denominational unity because it is the road of least resistance and pays him the bigger dividend. Denominational loyalty is man's cheap substitute for loyalty to the Holy Ghost. When one loses personal holiness, he has nothing left but a denomination and he will fight for that loyalty and unity which secures his pension and personal fan fare.

At Pentecost, Peter preached a "separation" message. All of the Apostles preached it and became cross-wise with the church of their day. The last day apostasy is identified in the Bible for us. False professors as Cain; false prophets as Balaam; false profession or religion as Core. A false prophet is a preacher who says God did not say it when He did say it, and that God did say it when He did not say it. That constitutes a FALSE PROPHET. The warning of the Saviour is to have nothing whatsoever to do with them. Yet some liberal mouthed fellow will smooth it over and take an offering -- from hard working but deceived people to help pay the next TV payment for the Doctor. This makes them all a party to the Doctor's sin. In the apostasy the false prophet will have no trouble as long as he supports the budget.

What does God say to us in this awful conglomeration we find the holiness movement in? Here it is if you can stand it. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." There it is. I didn't say it, God did. Note the line up. There are five propositions with three words to each. On one side is righteousness, light, Christ, believer, and temple of God. On the other side is unrighteousness, darkness, Belial, infidel, and idols. Now note what yokes them together. Righteousness FELLOWSHIP unrighteousness. The word to be afraid of is "fellowship." Yet the apostate stands up and in tears says, "please don't break fellowship." Stay in and fellowship. Next is light COMMUNING with darkness. The doctrine of separation forbids it but the poor liberal who is now possessed with a devil and sworn to denominational loyalty, must plead for communion. The word to stand against is "communion." Next is Christ CONCORD Belial. Isn't that a fine one? They say keep your convictions, live by your conscience if you want to, but keep concord, that is, a meeting place together and federate and collaborate. To do so you must degenerate the Word of God out of final and full authority. Next is believer IN PART with infidels. Part means tied together, that is, in partnership, in the same church both supporting the same program. Next is temple of God in AGREEMENT with idols. This last one is so common. They plead, "learn to agree to disagree agreeably." This rebukes the "separatist" for using the Bible for his rule and plan, instead of what was voted over the council table. This subtle demon spirit is rank in every assembly or conference. BEWARE! He has not called us to feebly and quietly speak our little "peace" and then fade out, but to go the Bible way of separation. To do so, you will have to run from that middle ground in those terms, fellowship, communion, concord in part, and agreement. Do it even if it means death -- even if thrown to the lions! Glory'.

Real Bible fellowship comes from walking in the LIGHT. Not in denominational unity. In the LIGHT every tongue is stopped, every knee knows, every opinion fades and there we have FELLOWSHIP. Even if our nick-names are different. The TRUTH UNIFIES. Not co-existence. I'm a come-outer for truth. Not merely by choice but by my CONSCIENCE in the Holy Ghost. A come-outer when ever it is necessary. And in this unholy day it is a necessity. Bible separation to possess a HOLY GOD. What glorious returns. I have Him.

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## 09 -- ETERNITY

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"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: And these shall go away into EVERLASTING punishment." Someone has said that all principles of quality and character and state exist in two's. Each opposed to the other in its nature yet each dependent upon the other for its existence. If there is no motion then there would be no rest; if no order then no anarchy; if no good then no evil; if no beauty then no ugliness; if no life then no death; and if no hell then no heaven. All men are either good or evil. All men are free moral agents. Therefore, all men are either voluntarily good or voluntarily evil. One that is good deserves actual merit and the one that is evil deserves actual demerit. Simple justice demands and requires that both shall have their deservings. If there is a fixedness of reward for the righteous, then there is a fixedness of reward for the unrighteous, and there is a fixedness of punishment for the wicked. If there is no future punishment for the wicked then there is no future reward for the righteous. If there is no hell then there is no heaven; then no such things as good and evil; then no intelligent free beings; then no God. But we know that God is, that we are, that evil exists, and that there is a heaven and a hell.

Notice the word "everlasting." It is the same word used to denote our God. Everlasting God, everlasting fire. Everlasting God, everlasting punishment. If you can find the cradle of God, there eternity began. If you can find the tomb of God, there eternity ends. This "everlasting" or eternity is as an endless circle or an infinite line. "Eternity cannot be measured or defined. It is beginningless and endless. Its past cannot be increased or its future diminished. It has no past; it has no future; it has no ends; it has no middle; it has no parts, it is an unanalyzable tremendous unity. It is something which always was, and is, and always will be. It began when God began and He had no beginning. It ends when He will end and He has no ending. It is unoriginated, beginningless, endless, measureless, imperishable, indescribable and indefinable. Man must bow his head and confess his weakness and folly when he tries to explain it. It is older than the world, older than the sun, older than the stars, older than the angels, as old as God. Yet no older now than when the world was formed, no older now than when the stars were placed in the sockets, no older now than when the angels were made, and never will be any older, yet never was any younger. ETERNITY."

"ETERNITY! ETERNITY! Let thy ages tramp, thy cycles roll, but thou canst not crumble or scar the walls of hell, or rust and break its locks. Eternity, thou canst never silver the hair of God, Who has sworn by His eternal self that the sinner shall die forever. The pendulum of thy timepiece over the gates of woe vibrates through all eternity and says, "forever and ever; forever and ever; forever and ever." Its sounding bell striking off the centuries, the ages, the cycles, Eternity. The appalling monotony of its pendulum, going, going, going, repeating still, "forever and ever: forever and ever." O Eternity, God has wound up thy clock and it will never run down, and its tickings and beatings are heard by all the lost-forever and ever." How long must I weep? The answer is forever and ever. How long must I wail? -- forever and ever. How long must I curse the day I were ever born ?--forever and ever. No wonder Jesus died to save the lost. FLEE to Him today. "EVERLASTING FIRE -- EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT." -- From the Revival Herald

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## 10 -- THE LITTLE COAT OF MANY COLORS

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"And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man." "If God be for us, who can be against us"? Indeed, if He is not for you then He is against you and you are defeated. Joseph was God's man. The Scriptures do not show one place where Joseph ever committed sin. He had a little coat of many colors that his father had given him. That little coat is a type of second blessing holiness. It was a beautiful little coat. So is heart holiness. Pretty people who have their faces lighted at the altar. There are many who are reading this who need to shine their faces right now. The coat was also a comforter. It shielded Joseph from many storms and cold. Holiness is a cure from all kind of formalism and fanaticism. The coat was a stirrer-upper. Every time Joseph would put it on, it got carnality stirred in his big brothers. Their envy and jealousy was revealed. It brought an estrangement between the brethren. When ever that little coat was around the brethren showed a n unteachable, insubordinate, harsh, denunciatory spirit. But it was not on the part of little Joseph but his carnal brethren. Joseph had the real experience and all self-seeking was crucified. He never was sensitive or resentful when opposed. It did produce a longing for long seasons of prayer, but a great distaste for chatter, argument, and gossip. His brethren hated that little coat but Joseph never put it off. For to do so would grieve his father who gave it to him. He was not ashamed of that little coat though many were and gave him the cold shoulder. Did you ever get the cold shoulder for being sanctified? That little coat showed his brethren to be shallow, sore-headed, unruly, disorganized, divided, unreasonable, confused, censorious, and full of spiritual pride. But little Joseph could not help it if they would not pay the price. He just went right on wearing it where ever he went.

One day Joseph's sheaf stood up and the eleven others bowed to it. That was when he got his call to be an old fashioned second blessing holiness preacher. So Joseph put on his little coat of many colors and called that carnal bunch together to give them his first message. The next day he got his second and it was burning on his heart, full of star dust. He delivered it to them and the stars were bowing to his star; he shaved the man in the moon; he flipped over in the big dipper; he

was away up there. God was honoring him in the presence of his enemies, the carnal brethren. It got so hot among that crowd they could not speak to him. They didn't even shake his hand when they left the service. They even said, "let's go home." Others said, "let's leave home." And they all did. They went down to Dothan. So Joseph put on his little coat of many colors and went to pay a pastoral call. They saw him coming afar off. Old time heart holiness will make you a speckled bird. You will always be seen afar off. One of his kinfolk said, let's kill him. Why say that? Because of that little coat of many colors. You can't trust carnality. It will kill, sell, deny, lie, wreck, ruin. They used diplomacy and sold Joseph into slavery. He went from there to jail, to prison. But if you are a sanctified man it will get out on you and get you out. The king had a vision. Someone suggested they call that old time holiness preacher. He came and preached the truth to them. He started a holiness meeting -- from the prison to the throne -- from shame to fame. After a while this thing got to going so good until it started a come-outism. The fire was falling where this old time holiness preacher was preaching. But outside the meeting things were not going so well. Things were hard. Folk were hungry. A famine had come. Jacob had heard of the meeting where they were feeding corn. Someone had sent a wagon loaded with corn and the news spread everywhere. Now the roads were full of old empty wagons. Lots of them today too. And Jacob gave the carnal boys some old empty sacks. Ever see any empty sacks in the service? They get up and say, "Jesus wept." EMPTY. "Remember Lot's wife" EMPTY. "Hard ole road to travel." EMPTY. "Some shout and some don't, I don't." EMPTY. "God is love." EMPTY. "He's been so good to me." EMPTY. But down at Joseph's church the table is spread where the saints of God are fed. Glory! Man, where did you get that corn? Down at Joseph's meeting. Well, I'll never go to that bunch of fanatics. But they did. They almost starved to death but they finally went. They got their old sacks full but had to leave Simeon. And were commanded to bring Ben. If you don't bring Ben, then you lose Simeon. And so it is today folks. If you fail to give all then you lose what you have; Simeon.

Jacob groans, all things are against me. Joe is not, Simeon is not, and now Ben. Why? Because of that strange man in Egypt and those strange things he preaches and this strange way he demands. He must have been a holiness preacher. Finally when conviction almost died they go back. Either that or die. "If I'm bereaved, I'm bereaved, take Ben." That is it. It is either life or death, survive or perish, all or nothing. Here I go in a full consecration. Then Joseph said, you are a bunch of spies. He weeps in secret but is stern in public. The carnal brethren began confessing. Joseph makes himself known. But said, the blessing is not full yet, go get your Father and everything that is alive. Someone ran back to Jacob and said, Joseph is alive, Simeon is alive, Benjamin is alive. And they have elected Joseph as General Moderator of that strange crowd and one of the biggest holiness meetings I have ever seen is in progress. They have enough corn to feed the whole world and already have sent some to foreign lands. Some of that strange crowd are standing on the streets handing it out to the hungry and the dying. Joseph has promised a grand reunion to all who eat the corn.

And yet today many in their bleached condition sit around and starve over an old "nick-name." But thank God I have something ten thousand times better and deeper and more precious and abiding. Put on that little coat of many colors and do what the old time holiness preacher said. You will taste and know for your self. Surely some one will be hurt when you wear it but you will be blessed and secure.

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## 11 -- WESLEY ON SCHISM

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"That there be no schism in the body," I Cor. 7:25. The following quotations are taken from a message by John Wesley on Schism. The Saviour told us one of the signs of the last days would be brethren against brethren. In this day of discord and controversy I would like to bring Brother Wesley back to speak to us, that is, if it is not too late in the last hour. Schism "has been the subject of innumerable disputes, for several hundred years; and almost innumerable books have been written concerning it in every part of the Christian world." "But it is observable, that exceeding little good has been done by all these controversies. Very few of the warmest and ablest disputants have been able to convince their opponents." "Yet it must be a point of considerable importance, or St. Paul would not have spoken so seriously of it." Wesley says that most stumble at the threshold of the very meaning of word Schism." "From the whole tenor of which it is manifest, that it is not a separation FROM any church; (whether general or particular, whether the Catholic, or any national church;) but a separation IN a church. "I beseech you, brethren, by the name of the Lord Jesus, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no schisms among you." "Can any thing be more plain than that the schisms here spoken of, were not separations FROM, but divisions IN the church of Corinth? .... Accordingly it follows; 'But that ye be perfectly united together, in the same mind and in the same judgment.' You see here, that a union in mind and judgment was the direct opposite to the Corinthian schism. This was not a separation from the church but a separation in the church." "A disunion in mind and judgment, (perhaps also in affection) among those who, notwithstanding this, continued outwardly united as before."

"Now this I say," this is the schism of which I speak; you are divided into separate parties; some of you speaking in favor of one, some of another preacher -- "everyone of you saith," verse 12, "I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas," (or Peter).

"We may easily observe, that the word schism here, means an alienation of affection in any of them towards their brethren; a division of heart, and parties springing therefrom, though they were still outwardly united."

"To separate ourselves from a body of living Christians, with whom we were before united, is a grievous breach of the law of love. It is the nature of love to unite us together; and the greater the love, the stricter the union. And while this continues in its strength, nothing can divide those whom love has united. It is only when our love grows cold, that we can think of separating from our brethren."

Wesley very clearly states that schism is IN the church and not FROM the church. For he says regarding separating from a denomination: "If I was not permitted to remain therein, without omitting what God requires me to do, it would then become meet, and right, and my bounden duty, to separate from it without delay. To be more particular: I know God has committed to me a

dispensation of the gospel; yea, and my own salvation depends upon preaching it: 'woe is me if I preach not the gospel.' If then I could not remain in the church without omitting this, I should be under a necessity of separating from it, or losing my own soul. In like manner, if I could not continue united to any smaller society, church, or body of Christians, without committing sin; without lying and hypocrisy; without preaching to others, doctrines which I did not myself believe; I should be under an absolute necessity of separating from that society." One can be a "separatist" or as we call today, a "come-outer," and still not be causing a schism in the Scriptural sense.

But a separation or schism IN the church "opens the door to all unkind tempers both in ourselves and others. It leads directly to a whole train of evil surmisings, to severe and uncharitable judging of each other. It gives occasion to offense, to anger and resentment, perhaps in ourselves as well as in our brethren, which, if not presently stopped, may issue in bitterness, malice, and settled hatred; creating a present hell wherever they are found, as a prelude to hell eternal." "But the ill consequences of even this species of schism do not terminate in the heart. Evil tempers cannot long remain within, before they are productive of outward fruit. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." "As he whose heart is the law of kindness; so he whose heart is full of prejudice, anger, suspicion, or any unkind temper, will surely open his mouth in a manner corresponding with the disposition of his mind. And hence will arise, if not lying and slandering, (which yet will hardly be avoided,) bitter words, talebearing, backbiting, and evil speaking of every kind." "From evil words, from tale-bearing, backbiting, and evil speaking, how many evil works will naturally flow! Anger, jealousy, envy, wrong tempers of every kind, do not vent themselves merely in words, but push men continually to all kinds of ungodly and unrighteous actions. A plentiful harvest of all the works of darkness may be expected to spring from this source; whereby, in the end, thousands of souls, and not a few of those who once walked in the light of God's countenance, may be turned from the way of peace, and finally drowned in everlasting perdition."

"Here is the consequence in the church; parties will be formed, on one side and the other, the love of many will wax cold. The hunger and thirst after righteousness, the favor of the full image of God, together with the longing desires for promoting the work of God in the souls of their brethren will grow languid; will gradually die away." And as the "fruit of the Spirit withers away, the works of the flesh will again prevail; to the utter destruction of the power and form of religion."

"But perhaps such persons will say, 'We did not do this willingly; we were constrained to separate from that society, because we could not continue therein with a clear conscience; we could not continue without sin.' If this was the case you could not be blamed for separating from that society." "I have spoken upon this because it so little understood; because so many of those who profess much religion, nay, and really enjoy a measure of it, have not the least conception of this matter, neither imagine such a separation to be any sin at all. They leave a Christian society with as much unconcern, as they go out of one room into another. They give occasion to all this complicated mischief, and wipe their mouth, and say they have done no evil! Whereas they are justly chargeable before God and man, both with an action that is evil in itself, and with all the evil consequences which may be expected to follow; to themselves, to their brethren, and to the world."

"I entreat you, therefore, my brethren, all that fear God, and have a desire to please Him; all that wish to have a conscience void of offence, towards God and towards man; think not so slightly of this matter, but consider it calmly. Do not rashly tear asunder the sacred ties, which unite you to any Christian society." "Never encourage, much less cause, either by word or action, any division therein." "Leave off contention before it be meddled with: shun the very beginning of strife. Meddle not with them that are given to dispute, with them that love contention. I never knew that remark to fail; 'He that loves to dispute, does not love God.' Happy is he that attains the character of a peace maker in the church of God."

Wesley is clear and the Word of God is definite. Many have in these last days been forced to withdraw from certain denominations because of principle, conscience and doctrine and standards. But at the same time as some have withdrawn over PRINCIPLE, others have withdrawn over FEELINGS. It is evident in their words, life, writings, and attitudes. From the pressure, they have given themselves over to "schism" and are now bitter, evil speaking, backbiting, suspicion and unkind tempers. They now claim the Lord showed them something about some one. But He did not. It is only their carnal surmisings. The Lord never shows a thing to anyone about some one else for them in return to spread tales, talk evil, bring divisions, etc. May God help me in this last hour with the end upon us, and the last call of missions of other lands beckoning to us, and so many souls about to slip out into eternity without my Jesus, to love everyone, avoid controversy, stand for Truth in tears, and get on about my Father's business.

And yet in spite of the Scriptural warning, and Wesley's admonition, there will be some who will climb out over this and say, "not to fuss and dispute is to compromise." The Lord showed me that I do not have to enter into controversy over Divine Truth. I believe the Truth, love it, and do my best to preach it, and will not compromise it for any thing or person. God expects this of us all, but if we can't do it in tears and without causing schism in our own hearts toward our brethren, then it is evident we are destitute of Divine Love.

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## 12 -- WHAT IF IT WERE YOU??

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(This article was written by Brother Pumpelly while he was holding meetings on our mission field in British Guyana last summer.)

"Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." I Cor. 15:34. Someone said that the English speaking world has about 94% of all the preachers. This will leave about 6% for the heathen world. What will we answer at the Judgment for failing to give the heathen any of our blessings??? Why has God allowed America to have so much? Could it be to evangelize the heathen?? Then if some have not the knowledge of God, we are A SHAME.

I saw a poor man in rags crippling along on a makeshift crutch. I asked him where he lived. He said, "I live everywhere, I have no home." He is just one of the many who have no home. WHAT IF IT WERE YOU what would you want the "holy people" to do? I saw an old wrinkled faced woman lying in a heap of rags on the side walk. She was asleep but her hand was still out begging. I saw her one day washing her rags (clothes) in a sewage ditch. She actually lives there on that spot of sidewalk. WHAT IF IT WERE YOU? There is an old man who rides a bicycle, his only possession in this world, who actually sleeps on his bicycle. I saw him leaning against a building one night sitting on the seat of the bicycle, all drooped over sound asleep. Down the street was a human being lying on the walk with a few rags and some old newspaper under him. His home. WHAT IF IT WERE YOU?

The rains have at last arrived. Ditches are overflowing. Sewage is now everywhere. Water stands under the houses which are built on stilts. This green sewage is everywhere. Epidemics rage. Mosquitoes breed. People are seen wading to and from their homes, children are seen actually swimming in this soupy filth, others try to wash clothes in it, this is their life. WHAT IF IT WERE YOU???

A young lady wants God. She has seen the sham and artificial of apostate holiness which is here as in America. Her people are professors of the liberal compromise holiness (???). She comes and God reaches her heart. She thanks God that at last she has found reality in God: The Lord forgives her sins and she vows to quit the world, even the world in the offered entertainment at the other church. But when reaching home and testifying what God has done for her, they beat her with a cane and threaten her if she ever goes back to that "fanatical crowd." (This they are taught by the worldly missionaries). WHAT IF IT WERE YOU???

There is a terrible disease here called Filaria. Mosquitoes carry it. When one contracts it, the legs and feet swell until they crack. They look like elephants legs and feet. There is no known cure. I see many with this "big foot" dragging themselves along the road. No one knows the pain and agony of it until they have it. One man is dying with it down at the wharf where he has dragged himself. WHAT IF IT WERE YOU???

There are two extremes in heathen lands, The very rich and the very poor.. You are either born rich or born poor. Very few ever rise above their "birthright." The poor spend their life just looking for food. Food for their children, food for starving bodies. They scrape the ditches looking for crabs, shrimp, fish. They eat everything available. They look with hatred as the "rich" drive by in their cars, with their baskets filled with food. WHAT IF IT WERE YOU???

A man just left begging for some bread to feed his family. He has been to prison for stealing food. We gave him some food and told him of Jesus, the Bread of Life. I was taking some pictures of a few beggars sitting upon the street. A "rich" man walked by and said in disgust that I was just getting photographs of the "poverty" here. I have: no choice. It is rich and poor. The rich are lost, the poor are lost. WHAT IF IT WERE YOU???

Many have learned to read and write. They have learned of better lands and lands of plenty. They long for escape from their poverty and shame. But while they have learned to read and write, they are still bound and shackled to the jungle law, fornication. Only Jesus in His power



to save can help them. I see many people walking and most are without shoes. Huge cracks are seen in their feet. They are actually walking through life barefooted. WHAT IF IT WERE YOU???

There is much to say about how the devil has kept these poor people in sin and darkness. But could it be to OUR SHAME??? I am glad I came for revival to them. I am glad you have had your part by sending us here. Surely those who really get "old time religion" will rise up in eternity and call you "blessed". If we fail to warn the wicked (heathen) then they will die in their sins. BUT THEIR BLOOD WILL BE ON OUR HANDS.

Only one escape from this. Either go tell them of Jesus or send someone in your place. Don't ever forget, you could have been born down here and this "poor man," this heathen man, this poverty stricken: man COULD HAVE BEEN YOU. What would you want the "holy people" to do if this were you?

Our revival here is about done and we will soon be on our way home. But please, PLEASE continue to pray, give, do your best for the heathen. Don't ever let any burden for the heathen die within your breast. Keep it burning, Go, Give, Pray. Don't be a shame," be "a Blessing."

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## 13 -- JEALOUSY

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"Envy is the rottenness of the bones." Prov. 14:30. "There is among you envying, strife, divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men"? I Cor. 3:3. Jealousy is essentially selfishness. It calls for all successes, all compliments, all advantages and accomplishments for itself alone. It reveals itself in its attitude toward the success of others. Byron said, "Yet he was jealous, though he did not show it, for jealousy dislikes the world to know it." How true this is. When one is proud or angry or miffed they can talk about it and sometimes even brag about it as though it were nothing more than freckles on their face., But when it comes to their jealousy, never, never talk about it for it dislikes to be revealed and admitted. Jealousy is destructive, a poor loser, a defense mechanism to avoid facts, a compensation for hurt pride. It has its own behavior pattern and always is easily recognized. The Bible reveals this pattern in human behavior in four different manners.

The first manner of behavior is found in Luke 15:28. "And he was angry and would not go in; therefore came his father out, and entreated him." This is the attitude of the elder brother toward his prodigal brother who had just returned home. When the Elder Brother came in from the field and heard the music and shouting within the house, he inquired and found it was the rejoicing of his father over the returned prodigal. Jealousy aroused within the heart of the elder son and he refused to go in. He showed a distinct disinterest in the feast within the house. So the first pattern of behavior of jealousy is DISINTEREST. He had an interest in the mules in the barn and a great concern over cleaning the plow and doing much to keep him from showing any concern whatever

over the feast in the house. When one shows a strange disinterest in their pastor and his ministry and could very easily stay in the barn he is revealing the same old jealousy that plagued the elder brother. When his choice of Sunday School teacher is not elected, he then has a disinterest in the class. If his choice of evangelist is not called he has a disinterest in the revival. Lost interest when left out. Jealousy. When you lose zeal and interest fades away, when your plan or choice is not in action, then it is the same heart condition that plagues all without holiness, JEALOUSY.

The second manner of this pattern is DEPRECIATION. "And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming." Acts 13:44-45. Belittling, needling, bragging, scoffing is only jealously depreciating another. Children reveal this when they cry out, "my dad can beat up your dad." Or when they say, "John's mad and I'm glad and I know what will please him." Or "Your legs are longer than mine, no wonder you can run faster." Or, "Your tricycle is no good for the wheels are too little." But cries of sarcasm are not left to children alone for big grown men stoop to it. Children sometimes use a fist as a last resort but men use words and give in to the urge to throw mud. But someone well said when you throw mud you always lose ground. When one is forever digging and goading and minimizing the other it's still some old subtle form of jealousy. This pattern will sometimes set booby traps to catch its prey. A knife in the back or will encourage others to do it for them. It hires others to hate for them. They seek friends to join a boycott against their brother. Denominational jealousy; preacher jealousy, laymen jealousy, all working the same pattern in depreciation of any who would seem to exceed their doings.

Another manner of this subtle beast is DESTRUCTION. "Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him." Gen. 37:4-5. Other verses in this pattern are included in this picture. Here are some of its content of this type of behavior. "They could not speak peace, ably; hated him yet the more; they saw him afar off; even before he came near they conspired; let us slay him; we will say; we shall see; his brothers were content." There it is. Still working in the hearts of men the same today. Murder a man's influence at any cost. In Guatemala they carry huge machetes and there is an average of one a week chopped up in most towns. Why? Jealousy. They don't know better. They feel the thing in them, they get stirred, they do just as these brothers did to Joseph. When they feel it they think what you are supposed to do, is cut their heads off. But of course here in America we have electric chairs, prisons, and a rope for such extreme cases so as a rule this machete business is not resorted to. We just used WORDS and the TONGUE. Same thing. One draws his knife, the other waggles his tongue, writes air mail letters, calls long distance and pays the bills with God's tithe money to satisfy his jealousy. Insinuate and make impressions that would put the other fellow in a bad light is jealousy in the same pattern that caused Cain to rise up just outside of Eden's gate and beat his brother's brains out. He did not know you were supposed to talk about them and say all kind of evil things against them. He just thought you were supposed to go on and bash their heads in. We just bash their influence in the holiness ranks. Jealousy always shows itself in evil speaking. There its true character is revealed at last. "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." James 1:26. The word "VAIN" means empty, void, useless, no good. When one is disarmed from their carnal weapon of the

tongue they have nothing left to fight back with and they will follow afar off as did Peter. They can't use love and prayer for they don't have it, so when refused to speak evil, there is nothing left to do but sit back, and that, afar off.

The last of these four patterns of behavior is seen in REGRESSION. This one is very clear in the life of King Saul. "Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands. And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him .... And Saul eyed David from that day and forward." This is the act that disgusts sensible people. Reverting back into childish ways and pouting, acting sick, putting on to get attention. When the evangelist comes to hold the revival, the laymen give their attention to him for about 10 days. The poor jealous pastor can't stand to not be in the lime light and have to quickly shift gears to get out of the shade, he, or she, and mostly the "she" decides it is time to have a nervous break down. So to bed she goes to collapse and get her desire of attention. If that fails to do it, then she will decide it is too early to have the nervous breakdown so she will get up and start other methods of rallying the folk back to her. Usually will slip out and visit the folk and begin casting slurring remarks and slams toward the evangelist that causes the laymen to put the brakes on and now the meeting is tied up. Of course it's the evangelist at fault and he must be back slid and not what he used to be, and they certainly must never call him again. So it goes. Jealousy.

Do you want to get rid of this awful thing? Then here is the cure. Read I Pet. 2:1-3; Rom. 13:13-14; Jas. 4:5-10 and Eph. 4:31-32. This will do it for you. Jealousy can't live in any human breast when this cure is applied. Try it. Try it today. If you won't then there is nothing left for you but the continual behavior over and over, and in the end, DAMNATION. Thank God for the Saviour that will supply the cure to anyone who will have it.

Editor's Note: Amen!

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## 14 -- A HEAVENLY VISION OR PERISH

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"I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." "Where there is no vision the people perish." A church once had this for their motto and a large letter sign hung on the wall. After years of dust and cob webs the letter "W" fell from the wall and it then read, "Here there is no vision the people perish." The Holy Spirit plainly said, no vision then perish. It does not matter what we say or do to the contrary, it is still "Where there is no vision the people perish." Paul said he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. In the context of this scripture is the heavenly vision. Paul saw Christ. He saw Him who was crucified and dead and buried -- but he saw Him ALIVE. He saw Him seated at the right of the Father making intercession for the saints; those whom Paul had helped murder and imprison. Paul saw Christ Jesus alive. Then he saw the Gentile world lost, in darkness and blind and doomed. The vision was to take this living Saviour to the heathen. This

vision is still the same today. When God calls a preacher, it is to obey this same vision. Every layman, every church, every effort must be to the heavenly vision.

God had something to do with the beginning of the Bible Missionary Church. And since He did then we are under obligation to produce something for Him. The Lord has not confined Himself to any one denomination, but He has confined Himself to this Heavenly vision. And if we are to have Him we must obey this vision or perish. If we obey, this little "raft" we are on will have the touch of the Supernatural. Someone said the ship we were on quit the heavenly vision and went picnicing. We jumped aboard this little "raft." We have already been through a typhoon and one hurricane. We lost one, we lost two, but thank God we are still afloat and LAND is now in sight. It won't be long until we will be on shore forever. God help us to land many a soul. God help us to obey this heavenly vision.

We can either obey or disobey. If we disobey, then we will have to stoop to the beggar type ways of the world. We will entertain the folk, picnic them and dine them and give them some funny little jokes to laugh and a lollipop if they come to Sunday School. But if we obey the heavenly vision, then we will fast, pray, sacrifice, labor day and night. We will be found all over the church groaning, giving, going, praying, trying to get Christ Jesus to every heathen. Get their eyes open, get them out of darkness to the light, get them to repent to be forgiven and then get them sanctified by faith. Thank God, that is the vision and we must obey it or perish. Paul obeyed and so can we as a church. Paul was in fasting often. Why? The vision. See Paul horse whipped in the street. Paul, why? Why? He answers, the vision, the vision. I must obey. They stone him and leave him for dead. Why, Paul? The vision. There he is in jail and hungry and thirsty. Why? The vision. He is lied on, falls among false brethren, despised, hated, thrown to the beast of Ephesus, shipwrecked, suffers, led to the chopping block. Why? the vision . . . I must obey that vision. The Bible Missionary Church has this same obligation. We must do it or perish. I don't know what all will be our lot, whether dungeons, sufferings or what but this I know, if we stay alive we must obey. New churches must be born, district moderators, evangelists, pastors, laymen -- all involved in this obedience. None exempted.

Brother and Sister Todd on Barbados -- I want to see them stay there because of me and not in spite of me. Brother James on St. Vincent Island trying to reach those souls. I want to see him fully supported to be free to give all his time obeying this heavenly vision. I want to see the corps of workers to the Navajo Indians succeed because of me and not in spite of me. The vision I must obey. What would you do if the Lord sent you \$1,000.00? Some of you would head for a secluded beach in Florida and live it up. I asked Brother Johnson what he would do and he said he would pay up his pledges so he could make some more. But I don't know why the Lord should send you \$1,000.00 when you don't even give of what you now have. No vision -, perish. We are a special church, a special people, so we have a special offering to do a special chore for a special need to obey a special vision. Glory. Separate missions from us and we perish. If we fail to realize this we check the strongest spiritual impulse of our church. A spiritual church is a missionary church and a missionary church is a spiritual church.

Paul did not wait until all the world problems were solved before he set out to obey this heavenly vision. He saw that opposition just bred opportunity. There is British Guyana with its some 800,000 outstretched hands to us and we send Brother Todd who extends as it were one lone

finger and that from Barbados. Brother James is sent -- one lone native worker to the some 75,000 souls on St. Vincent Island. Our little group hanging on the edge of that Navajo Reservation of some 85,000 souls. Sr. Holstein with beckoning hand to India. Brother Bankston who looks at us from the highlands from his grass hut.: Yes, we seem so puny to such a great task, but thank God we are doing and by His help will do more. Do you have this vision? Do you see it? A good resolution to do something about it is a hopeful step to begin obedience to the heavenly vision upon -- but unless it carry you forward and discover itself in some real and sensible effect it is still only a principle of obedience but cannot be called obedience itself. Paul said, "for this cause (the vision) the Jews caught me in the temple and went about to kill me. Having obtained help from God I CONTINUE UNTO THIS DAY WITNESSING." May God help us to continue and not get so confined to our own little work we disobey the heavenly vision. We must make land and have a whole raft load of folk with us when we get ashore. The vision is the heart throb of the church. No vision, no heart. O God, am I obedient to the vision You called the Bible Missionary Church to fulfill?

I see some who were swept off our little raft are now on another raft. May God bless them and keep them afloat if they too obey this vision. But I can't ride all the rafts -- so I'll do my best to keep this one afloat and desperately pull all out of the waves I can. The vision; the vision or perish!

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## 15 -- THE OMNIPOTENT SELF

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"Then Jesus said unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny HIMSELF, and take up his cross, and follow me." Matt. 16:24. "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." 1 Cor. 13:11. The word self has various meanings. One text used here has the word self with the meaning of self pleasing, self. arrogance, self willed, self conceit, the carnal self. I wish to use the word "omnipotent" with the word "self." I know we use this word when we refer to our God; Omnipotent God, all ruling God or all powerful God. But I find myself at an end when trying to find a word that would fit the carnal self better than the word "omnipotent" the omnipotent self. So if the readers will please bear with me, I wish to use this word reservedly.

The omnipotent self pushes everything out of its mind that is unpleasant or that requires the pain of exposure, but the only cure for this thing is a complete exposure of its imperfections and conceits, naked and undisguised. Psychologists claim that the essential elements of the character have all been formed by the age of five years. In their maze, they have watched man. and concluded that the adult has reacted as the child. Rather they found in the child that which causes the adult to act as he does. In Bible terms the Holy Ghost calls it the carnal mind. Theologians call it inherited sin. Psychologists not wishing to refer to religion at all could not help but admit the omnipotent self in the adult is in the child also.

This awful thing is first seen in the child just born. The baby will soon discover that those funny sounds it emits in crying sets its known world into action. It learns that it is a magic wand at its disposal. Babies are always gratified by a whine, a whimper, a wail, and this is continued until their world is spinning to suit them. Perhaps at about 3:00 a.m. it decides to try its magic and gives a whimper. The world is yet still. So it gives off a whine. Still no movement. Then a mighty blast of wailing and with eyes watching, it sees people running, fires being lighted, bottles heated, diapers moving about, the electric light is now on, voices heard all is well. It worked. This same omnipotent self pattern is used by the adult. A whine, a whimper and its known world starts a-whirling. Demanding attention so bad it will do Whatever is necessary to get it. It is a type of self-love. Paul said when he was a child (carnal) he acted, spoke, thought, and understood as a child (carnal). But when he became a man (sanctified) he was done with that carnal thing. He said put it away. Jesus said nail it to the cross. As long as the omnipotent self is allowed to live it will show off and being so important will make plans for everyone else. Everything must pass through its hands to get its sanction. In the home omnipotent self rules. The husband said he would like to have steak for supper, but omnipotent self said no, we're having bologna. Or the wife said, "let's have chicken," and omnipotent self said, "oh no, we're having roast." The husband said, "why don't we go to the revival tonight?" Omnipotent self says, "oh, no we're going to Mamma's." The tragedy is that it is not confined to the home. It goes to church. Omnipotent self leading the singing must stop the singing to inform them SHE is leading and they must WATCH her. Or omnipotent self teaches a class and the worst of all sometimes he preaches. And if he is on the church board, no one can do a thing without getting the nod from Omnipotent Self.

Not only is omnipotent self revealed-in a stubborn will but also in FANTASY. The child lives in a dream world. No effort to dream, just dream. A string tied to the rocking chair and it is off to the moon. I have seen omnipotent self with nothing but a stick in its hand and lost in its fantasy was driving jet planes, chariots of fire, etc. Now over in the adult this fantasy is still revealed by the presence of old omnipotent self. Carnality loves to dream where there are no facts, no effort, no crossing its will, no death. It is always the hero in fantasy. Whether marching down the street with the crowd cheering or eating pork and beans from a tin can under a railroad trestle, omnipotent self is the hero or getting sympathy. Facts require directive thinking, effort of attention and concentration and purpose. Fantasy follows desire and that which exalts self.

When one is encouraging fantasy he is then pampering self love. Omnipotent self having full reign with no restraint. And While in its dream world it cannot imagine anyone not having the same feelings. If anyone differs from the omnipotent self then there is no mercy, no feelings, no sympathy, no consideration, and very unreasonable.

While omnipotent self is stubborn and lives in a dream world, it does not like to be disturbed. The child is placed in a play pen and given an old match box with a dried bean to rattle. It coos and laughs and gurgles. But if you reach down and remove that old match box from its grasp it will wail, pull its hair, beat its head on the floor -- you disturbed its known world and broke up its sovereign rule. I have seen omnipotent self upset over an old Ford car. Someone splashed mud on it. Or someone stepped on a flower near the side walk. That is its world and it rules those flowers. No one must break or pick in all must admire. For in admiring the flower, omnipotent self will transfer that admiration to itself and stand there and puff and swell while you are bent

over a flower that God made. Or they might take you in the house and show you the display of "Whatnots." And you find one to ooh and ah over. They then transfer: that admiration to themselves and get great delight. Do you see the point in this? The Bible forbids omnipotent self of wearing jewelry to demonstrate its pride so it will use: a flower. I have had little children bring me out their pride and joy in their little broken up toy and when I admire and handle and comment -- they walk away puffed up. They transferred that to themselves. I would not admire them so they brought me a toy to admire and get the same attention.

Jealousy is another demonstration of omnipotent self. Jealousy proves to the carnal mind the possession of power over another. Or omnipotent self hates to admit the fact that it does not have the control where it desires to have it most, so jealousy. Jealousy also is bred out of SELF LOVE rather than love for the other person. Omnipotent self always right there to protect its rights.

Last but not least, omnipotent self has demands that are unreasonable. A man goes to the restaurant. It is full. Perhaps a hundred people are being served. The waiters are rushing about. The Restaurant is trying to make money SO can't hire more waiters. The man must WAIT until a waiter can get him seated. He must also WAIT for a menu. A waiter brings one and rushes on. TIME passes. Finally the waiter comes for the order. It takes time to order, time to fix what is ordered, time to serve, and time to serve others as well, but TIME IS ONE FACTOR OMNIPOTENT SELF HAS NO CONTROL OVER and hence the time factor always reveals this thing. No sooner does a project enter a child's mind than he has it all done in his dream world. So it is with omnipotent" self in the adult. He has no consideration of others in the restaurant, of the waiters, of the cooks, for he wants immediate attendance and after he ordered he wants it served before it even has TIME to be cooked. His omnipotent self is insulted for having to wait. He lost his power over TIME; he throws a fit.

The omnipotent self must die if Christ is to have full control over the heart and life. When omnipotent self is dead then you get the secret of faith and holiness. He can then put you in a Lion's Den and you will be quiet. Omnipotent self would be screaming to get out and get eaten up. You also get the secret of JOY, Rejoice whether rich or poor, with a job or out of a job, devil near or far away; whistle and sing and shout when nothing in sight to shout about. Shout in the kitchen as well as on the platform after eating burnt meat. Well, glory. I'm glad omnipotent self can be put to death.

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## 16 -- COMMANDMENT, CONVICTION, POLICY

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"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." Ps. 119:89. "Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth." Rom. 14:22. "Your personal convictions (on such matters) exercise as in God's presence, keeping them to yourself -- striving only to know the truth and obey His will. Blessed, happy, to be envied is he

who has no reason to judge himself for what he approves who does not convict himself by what he chooses to do." Rom. 14: 22 The Amplified N.T. "Whatever is done without a conviction of its approval by God is sinful." Rom. 14:23 The Amplified N.T. I use these three verses to endeavor to Scripturally handle our title: commandment, conviction, policy.

**GOD'S COMMANDMENT:** The Bible is the revealed Word of God. What ever subject the Lord ever saw fit to handle in His Word to man, His word upon that subject is the truth. In the presence of this revealed TRUTH let every tongue be stayed and every head bowed and every opinion of man take the back seat. His Word is the final word. Every word He has uttered is essential for man. There is nothing He could say to help Himself for He is almighty and absolutely holy but every word uttered is essentially for man. Man rejected His word in the beginning and man must come back to His word unreservedly to be saved. There are some things in His Word that are not clear. In reference to the "wheels" in Ezekiel and like passages. Equally holy men differ and tolerate each other in the interpretations. But other portions of His Word are **CLEAR AND PLAINLY STATED**. Here there must be a strict stand and obedience. Any person who is saved or intends to remain saved must not tolerate one single deviation from God's plain revealed Word on any single subject. Clear truth on Jesus Christ, the Blood, the Holy Ghost, repentance, sanctification, and other fundamental doctrines plainly taught to us in His Word; there must be an inflexible stand for these regardless who is involved to the contrary. Also any clear truth of commands for living such as: women cutting their hair, wearing of jewelry, or portions giving commandments pertaining to modesty of dress for both men and women, etc., etc. We must stand inflexible to each plain command and refuse to tolerate one single deviation from them. At this point the Bible Missionary manual on general rules demand that all who associate with us must measure to and stand with us inflexible to the contrary. The devil is constantly trying to generalize these plain truths. Our manual is plain and since it is, our little church is no exception to those gone before us. The devil will constantly try to get us to **CHANGE** our manual on **GOD'S COMMANDMENT**. I am in the Bible Missionary Church for what it stands for from its very inception. To remain saved I must not tolerate one single deviation from the present standard. These pertain to God's Word and are settled forever. All must bow to His plain truth without exception. If any layman or preacher is advocating by word or life one single standard stated in the Bible or as worded in our manual to be lowered or tolerate it to be lowered is in trouble with God. Every single one of us must stand at this same line. Here is our unity, our purpose, our victory, and at this very point we either have the Holy Ghost or we lose Him. He has not confined Himself to any one denomination but He has confined Himself to His Truth. Our church manual is Scriptural on each general rule. Not one single place are we in violation to His plain revealed truth. To reduce one single standard at any place is to fall beneath God's Commandment on these matters. The enemy of our souls will center his attack right here on each individual member to violate God's standard and also on the general church, to change from our original position and try to get us to **RE-WORD** our general rules, which now are worded so very plain. We must all stand together inflexible at this one point if we are to maintain the embrace of our God.

**PERSONAL CONVICTIONS:** The verse selected for this is Rom. 14:22. Conviction is the work of the Holy Ghost. He convicts the sinner for repentance. He convicts the convert for sanctification. He personally convicts each one to aid us in living the "holy life." We must all bow without exception to the plain revealed truth of His Word. But personal conviction has to do only with you. At this point we develop piety; piety to a person and not to a creed. Intimacy and



devotion are developed through this personal touch. Personal convictions are so sacred we dare not drag them out for human gaze; so sacred we do not allow human hands to invade that hallowed place. He gives personal convictions just for you. He knows all about you and can see around the corner of your path. He sees the traps laid for you and personally convicts you to have you well fortified when you reach that trap. So many different traps hence so many different personal convictions. We must be tolerant to each other with different personal convictions. Woe is me if I violate one single personal conviction. Both are the work of the Holy Ghost and I must bow to both. I must be inflexible and unchangeable to both. I am entirely out of place if I try to get you to compromise your personal conviction. I would be completely out of Divine order to juggle your personal convictions and your conscience as if they were just your little opinions and you need to be straightened out. You must be abandoned to the Holy Ghost in everything and stand unchangeable where He has placed His hand. The common lot of professors don't know what I am talking about here. They have mistaken personal conviction for plain Bible commands. They have no personal convictions for they are still struggling with the "Thus saith the Lord" on God's Commandment of the Bible. Why should you expect the Lord to give you personal conviction on any thing until you have first bowed yourself to what He has already said in His Word. I have many personal convictions. You ask, "What are they"? I answer, "Not available for discussion." You will never know what they are unless our dealings with each other subject me to violate one of them. God has not called me or you to preach personal convictions, but to SOUND ALOUD His plain revealed truth of the Bible. Personal convictions have to do with me and the Holy Ghost. Revealed truth of the Bible has to do with us all.

POLICY: We have nothing to do or say regarding God's Commandments and personal convictions He may deem necessary for us to have. We are only to obey without question. But we all have something to do and say about policy. Policy is the work of man. The verse used for this is Rom. 14:23. Even in our development of government we must seek the will of God. Though it be our own work we still need His help. Policy being man made for order and progress is subject to change. We may all be flexible and tolerate change in this realm. Here we may all express our likes and dislikes. Here a church manual is subject to change. If after the vote for policy the majority rule is contrary to your view; three things must be considered. First, does the policy violate God's Commandment? Second, does it violate your personal conviction? If there is no violation of either, then you may be flexible and tolerate the majority to rule; even though you don't agree and can't honestly put your HEART into it. Third, if the policy does violate either God's plain Word or your personal conviction, you must be inflexible regardless who is to the contrary. For a personal example of this, a policy was voted on and passed on a certain matter. I did not agree with it. I could see the reason for it but could also see where it did not care for ALL the need.

I opposed it. I told each one I did not agree with them. But they would not tolerate a reconsideration of it. It was voted through and stood. I then checked on it by measuring it by God's Word. Their policy did not violate it anywhere. I measured it by my personal convictions. Not one single place did it violate any personal conviction. It only violated my desire and opinion on it. They would not bend to me, therefore, I bent to them. I yielded. I was flexible, I still don't agree with the policy and could not put my heart into going along with it, but I could be flexible enough to yield. After all the talk, contest, discussion and finally my yielding, there was no violation of brotherly love anywhere. To this very day not one little feeling against my brother is entertained.

Holiness works when you have it. Yet I still do not agree with that policy. On the other hand if policy does violate God's Word or someone's personal conviction (not just their desire or opinion) then that policy must be changed. If those supporting the policy in violation are inflexible and unchangeable and unyielding toward their brother to the contrary, they are either IGNORANT or CARNAL. I must value the conscience of my brother so much I would rather die than stand for my policy that would cause him to violate the personal conviction the Holy Ghost has placed upon him. Another reason why policy is subject to change is since it is man made and we find it won't work, we have to tighten or loosen it which ever is needed. May God help us to know what is His plain commandment, what is personal conviction and keep them clearly distinguished from our own policy.

Sanctified people are inflexible on God's Commandment and their personal convictions. Carnal people are inflexible on their policy. Sanctified people are cautious not to violate God's plain commandment or someone's personal conviction on any matter. Carnal folk don't care. Carnality is reckless and subtle. Sanctified people are out in the OPEN with their policy. Carnal motives are deceitful making others think their policy means one thing when in reality it means something else: WHERE ARE YOU IN THESE MATTERS?

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## 17 -- THE PRESERVATION OF THE FAITH ONCE DELIVERED

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"Ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 3. America has a fascination of history. There never was anything like it. We have had the last chance at the world. It was a big chance. It seems that nothing is so wonderful about America as God hiding it for so long. It is no trouble to cross the Atlantic. You can now jet across, ship across, raft across, swim across

the ship that Columbus crossed in was small and yet the others with him were smaller still. The wonder is not that Columbus crossed the little pond but that others had not done so years before. Why? Someone said the Vikings crossed first -- maybe so, but what of it -- what matter who crossed first? The Vikings left no track, but Columbus made a roadway that many followed. The marvel is not the discovery of America but its non-discovery. Why did those Vikings after crossing the stormy waves that rise and break with fury like a hundred avalanches not teach the world the way across? The answer is God. He was keeping this new world to build the future of mankind. God hid it. He kept it hid. One day He lifted His hand and Columbus got the vision and when he saw it he said, "There is THE LAND." God wanted America a land where imperial democracy could be lifted up, one that would in turn evangelize the world, and that with the Faith once delivered to the saints. Ships had been big enough for a long time for the trip, but they never left the sight of their home land. Christopher Columbus drew a map and laid it out before Ferdinand and Isabella. He wet his finger to draw a line and said, "This is what it looks like." He wet his finger again for the line was drying out. No one knew before -- God had it hid.

Martin Luther years before had already undertaken the task of writing out the declaration of independence for the soul of man. He look for God but the priests were too fat and he could not see Him. He looked again to see God but the church with its cathedral type walls were too high and thick and dark, and their interiors were too gloomy and he could not see God. Luther pushed the priests and the church aside and said, "I declare it is a clear sky and never a cloud and I see God." He said it again, "I see God." They said, "You don't." He said, "I do, I see Him NOW." So the old countries and old churches and old debauched nations said, "We will close that hole right now." But now that God had removed His hand from hiding America, a group of people said we will go to that land where we can see God without a cloud. There is plenty of room and plenty of sky and we will see God there. They landed jumping and running and praising God. He met them there on the sandy shore. What a glorious thing -- men and women and boys and girls now free to see God. One new continent with liberty to see God and they settled down to keep house.

Then they began to come. Ponce-de-Leon came and declared he found a fountain of youth in which one could bathe and be young forever. Women everywhere wanted to come. The Spaniards went up the Mississippi River, looked into Kansas, saw short grass, and said, "Not much" and left. But God knew. Seeking God, those folk with faith burning and faces shining like a thousand burning lamps of the morning summer seized this great land for the Lord Jesus Christ. They came and laid hold on it for the Son of God. The Puritans came in their little boat. What was it loaded with? Booze? No, a thousand times no! Catholics? No, a thousand times no! God hid this country from the Catholics for He did not want another Rome. He hid it from all state churches and fake religions. This boat was loaded with the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the school house, the preacher, the open Bible, and the sense that God had to be reckoned with. These things laid the foundation. The preacher rose up and said, "The soul that sinneth it shall die." Kind of drastic you say. Yes, it is. Most folk don't like that kind of talk, but it is God's talk, and the people had better listen to it. So they came -- no longer hidden from the face of God; the Huguenots, Swedish, Dutch. Protestants, and the Puritan Protestants, all protesting. With united destinies they set up the new world order for God. It is the only world that ever had been settled for God. Does that make you shout? Doesn't your heart sing? Doesn't it make you rejoice? A world set up in business for God!

The British were rather timid of water. They came a little at a time -- a few came and then a few more. Those who arrived had children. They did not need the Kennedy clan or his welfare program; nor the advice of little Bobbie or Teddie. That is, not in those days. But the ocean seemed so wide -- hard to cross -- storms -- huge waves -- they were left alone with their God, the preacher, the open Bible, and the new land. They climbed the Alleghenies but could not see water. They said, "Doesn't that beat all -- you can't climb anything in England without seeing water-England is so small, you know." Now that they were far away from England in this new land they got to feeling frisky about it. They talked of home, named some of their cities after home places, felt at home. The West wind blew in their faces -- they looked -- a wide expanse there. How far? Pretty soon (everything to God is pretty soon -- even a hundred years) these folk looking at God said they thought they could get along now without the king's help. The king said, "I will rule over you." They said, "No, thank you. We will rule ourselves." The king said, "That's heresy -- who said that"? They answered --the sea was so wide and the king so far away they could not see him at all -- only hear him once in a while, and his talk did not sound so big when they could

not see the megaphone through which it came. And too, the folk were used to looking after themselves, paying their own bills, etc. They did not need welfare, social security, workers compensation, retirement plans, government aids, charity hospitals, nor food distribution. They were so used to cutting the forest down, building cabins, contending with the wild beasts, and leaning one arm over a cradle while telling the hidden barbarians behind the trees that as wife was asleep and baby at rest, he would rest his rifle muzzle out the window in their direction for his own comfort. After a century of looking after themselves, fighting the wilds, and feeling brave over it, they got tired of having a little codger across the thousands of miles of sea saying, "I will look after you." What I am trying to say is that God caused all this -- we are not an arm with a body, but a body with an arm. So they said, "Let us rule ourselves for a spell and try our hand in having church free of the state aid and voice." So they wrote the Declaration of Independence. Who wrote it? A red-headed Thomas Jefferson. A man who stood for the uncommon dignity of the common man. God concealed this for thousands of years and digged an ocean to protect it until the coming of the preacher, the open Bible, the free folk who saw God without a cloud, and the school master teaching the Faith once delivered. But the king was from Missouri and had to be shown they showed him. John Quincy rose up and wrote that funny little document called the Monroe Doctrine, which warned all foreign nations to stay out. A free political system without any foreign rule, and a free church system without any Roman connection was the outgrowth. All countries except America have a state church -- see why God kept it hidden? The church is free from all government subsidies, and we don't want them ever. Do you hear that moan in Russia -- why? Because America shows them they missed it. Hear the wail and feel the heart ache of all people around the world? Why? America. Portugal desired a president. Why? America. Other countries desire a president and freedom. Why? America. Look at that woman on the cold ship. She is being forced to go back to the old world. She is a pauper and not allowed to enter. She beats her head while screaming. Her life's dream flounders at her feet. She sees the new world and is forced back to the old -- why? America.

Now here is my point. We must keep America what it was put here for. Who will do it? The politicians? How can they when they are mostly bleary-eyed drunks sold out? Will the president? How can he when he diametrically opposes our constitutional privilege of free worship of our God whose face we still see? Will power or money? How can it when we already have given it away and are taxed 31% of our national income? Just a little more will cause us to pass the point of no return for any nation. Will our diplomats do it? How can they when they compromise and seek to coexist with those who are openly dedicated to destroy us? Then who will do it? The only answer left is the CHURCH. Oh, what great responsibility rests on the Bible Missionary Church. Never has any church had such a challenger as our BIG Zion. What can we do. We must help preserve our America for those yet to be born. The enemy within us is out to get God's face hid from us again.

The GIANT OF IMMORALITY AND LUST stalks across our fair land. The Church is the only one to conquer this giant. If America is to stay religious, then the Church had better get up and do business. You say, "What has the church and God got to do with it?" It and He has everything to do with it. The Bible Missionary Church lifts THE STANDARD of God against all immorality.

The GIANT OF GREED is among us. The rich people have never ruined any civilization. There never was enough of them to ruin anything. It is the common people that ruin and kill

civilization or make it. The common man heard Him gladly -- he still does. The common man makes or ruins. Greed gripping the common man is our trouble. Three cars for self and nineteen cents for the missionary offering to be sent to the heathen. Ice cream, steaks, brick homes, and vacations, and yet you can't pay the pledge forced upon you. GREED. That giant must be conquered among us if we save America. Long-fingered greed -- accursed greed -- lean greed -- the greed of the greedy.

The GIANT OF DESPAIR is among us. We are told to look up, but we look down. We wring our hands. A lost faith, hence, a lost cause. The world is developing the world church, world government, and world economy. All this is contrary to the call and purpose of the blood shed for America. What shall we do? We must conquer this giant.

No one else will do it for us. Just as the pioneer with the West wind beating his face and the savage screams piercing his ear arose and conquered for God and the open Bible, so we must take this slimy hand of lust and immorality and sling it from us. We will do it or no one will. We must get rid of this giant of greed that has reached into our midst with his leathery face, his horn hand, his clutching fingers that squeeze the life's blood from us common folk. That blood that we ought to be pouring out for the heathen and the new church at home. We must defeat that giant of greed to save our Zion and also America --before it takes its final plunge.

O, Civilization, what is thy name? Babylon. O, Civilization, what is thy name? Media-Persia. O, Civilization, what is thy name? Nineveh. O, Civilization, what is thy name? Phoenicia. O, Civilization, what is thy name? Greece. O, Civilization, what is thy name? Rome. O, Civilization, what is thy name? Napoleon. O, Civilization, what is thy name? England. O, Civilization, what is thy name? AMERICA. This is our job as a church -- to keep God's face clearly seen by this generation. But I must confess to you that I am amazed that we win one single soul out of this generation of sin and wickedness and lust and debauchery. It is a great miracle to get one in. And so I rejoice if L. P. Roberts gets one in -- I rejoice way down in Westlake. I rejoice if Brother Todd reports one in. O! what a task. When we first came out we were running, jumping, shouting, running into one another. Someone said we must get down to business and order. Order? Why? We don't need that any more -- we are delivered. The Lord said it takes no blood to shout; it takes no sacrifice to shout -- I did not call you out of order -- I called you out of compromise and wanted you to GET IN ORDER to make the last and final effort to save this generation. Hence our ORDER is so tight and we are so locked together that when one soul bows in Barbados, we all shout. When one falls, we all weep. When one turns away, we do our best to restore -- and if they will not be restored -- then we hasten on to fill the gap and move on. The world is our parish, America our home base. We make no apology.

We are the music maker;  
We are the dreamers of dreams;  
Wand'ring by lone sea-breakers  
And sitting by desolate streams.  
World losers and world forsakers  
On whom the pale moon gleams.  
Yet we're the movers and the shakers  
Of the world, forever, it seems.

One man with a dream at pleasure  
Shall go forth and conquer a crown  
And two with a new song's measure  
Can trample a kingdom down.

-- O'Shaughnessy

"I ask no heaven till earth be thine,  
No glory crown while work of mine  
Remaineth here. When earth shall shine  
Among the stars, her sins call out, her captives free,  
Her voice a music unto thee--  
For now more work give thou to me.  
Lord, here I am.

-- Sel.

May God help the Bible Missionary Church to fulfill her God given duty regardless of the devil's big guns gawking at her. Could it be that God kept America hid away in order to have this last day battle -- placing the Bible Missionary Church on the front line for the final fight? O! God help me to stand faithful.

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## 18 -- CHOICES

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"Choose you this day whom ye will serve." Jos. 24:15. "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." Heb. 11:25. We all know that God has made man with the power of choice, here lies within man the capacity to perform moral action. Yet there are many areas where there may be no choice in the matter; namely your birth, date of death, nationality, and others. But in most areas of our lives we must make our own choices. We choose our education, our vocation, our companion, and where we live geographically. Many are the wrecks along the road of life of those who made wrong choices in any one of these. Our choices here have more effect than just a material or physical result. Most times these choices involve our spiritual which embraces time and eternity. All are forced to the cross-roads of choice. There is middle ground or neutral position. All choose one way or the other. We choose whether we want to or not. A mere rejection of one choice necessitates the choice for the other.

There is the choice between God and satan; Righteousness or sin. There are two forces and you are under one or the other. You may sin--sin only once--and that one choice for sin is yours forever unless you get it covered by the Blood of Christ. Sin must be washed away by the Blood of

Christ or you still have it. If now you don't feel the full force of your choice in sin, you will in hell. There souls weep and wail forever over one wrong choice made here.

There are two ways, and you are on one or the other. You choose the strait and narrow way or the broad way. You are either transgressing your way toward hell or walking in light on the road toward glory. The devil has the road to hell camouflaged but God has the way to heaven so plain you can't miss it.

There is the choice between salvation or religion. Salvation is of God and religion is of man. Which do you want? The choice is yours to make. "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21. The very minimum of grace saves from sin. "Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising." Psalm 139:2.

If you choose the religion of man then there will be much uprising and downsitting. You always sit down when you have an uprising. But if you choose God's salvation you will be cleansed from all sin and have no more uprisings and hence no more downsitings.

The reason is "knowing this that our old man is crucified." Rom. 6:6. The choice must be made between modernism and fundamentalism. Modernism casts aside the Bible truth on the virgin birth of Christ, the saving efficacy of the Blood of Jesus, and the reality of hell. These "moderns" have a belief but no experience of God's grace. They won't admit their choice but their doctrine proves they have chosen. Those who have chosen modernism don't know any more about real fundamental truth than a skunk knows about Sunday.

If you choose fundamental truth then you will be confronted with another choice right off and that is between Calvinism and Wesleyanism; a sinning religion and heart holiness. Woe be unto the preachers who have made the wrong choice here and are now busy deceiving the gullible. The judgment will be mighty hot for them with their bloody hands. Any sane person with one eye shut and looking out through the eye lashes with the other can tell man's sinning religion from Bible holiness.

After making the choice for holiness you will be confronted with another choice of modern holiness (?) or the old-fashioned radical red-hot kind. Its a choice between the LIBERAL AND THE RADICAL. You are forced to go one way or the other. There is no middle ground here. All Bible holiness is radical holiness. When it ceases to be RADICAL it ceases to be holiness. The liberals say there is not much of a choice to be made here. They say the only difference between the two is just a "few little ole non-essentials". But this is not the truth. Absolutely not. The differences are as great and distinct as white from black. Here are a few of the great differences. The liberals love preaching that generalizes. The preacher is to shut both eyes and just shoot in general.

The radicals choose red-hot, pointed preaching. The radicals shoot to hit, thus they open both their eyes, take definite aim and shoot to kill sin. This is specific and not general though it might include a general. At this point there is a great gulf fixed between liberal and radical holiness.

Another great difference is on repentance and restitution. Radical holiness demands a thorough repentance and restitution before even becoming a candidate for sanctification. The liberals say here there is no difference for we believe that too. Let us look a little closer to really see. Shallow seeking at the altar with shallow helpers produce a shallow profession. It is dry when professed and dry afterwards. One will have to go to the depths of repentance and restitution himself before he can be of any aid to another. If you skimmed yourself through to profession, then all of your products will of necessity be skimmed across. But radicals are not satisfied to see folks stop praying and start professing, they want to see them repent to God and restore to man in bitter tears and come out of it with a real heart experience of God's grace. The liberals say "take it by faith". The radicals say, "pray for the faith that is able to take it". The liberals say, "profess, profess". The radicals say, "confess,

The next "great gulf fixed is the liberals are not in sympathy with the "death route". They would rather have a social outing. But the radicals would rather see some one "die out". It takes agony to die. You don't "die" laughing and giggling over "weenies". The radicals know the death route is agony and they are mostly in prayer and communion with God to pray enough conviction down upon souls to start them dying to self. There is a great gulf fixed between liberal and radical holiness; not just "a few little ole non-essentials".

Another fixed gulf is demonstration. The liberals call it emotionalism. God calls it "the blessed man". The radicals are often blessed to "beside themselves". This "gags" the liberal but it causes God to be blessed and heaven to rejoice and devils to recoil and the out-in-the-open sinners to go under conviction: Praise God for radical holiness.

Another difference is this thing called "the standards". The liberals say the radical is "too narrow". The radicals thank the liberals for the compliment. We are ever seeking the "narrow way" and the more we go on in it the more narrow it is. The liberals say it is "too high". The radicals agree it is "high", but not "too high". It is the HIGH WAY of Isaiah. The liberals can't look down their noses at those on the "high way". They have to look up. Bless the Lord. It is so high that a buzzard has never been able to cast his eye upon it. The radicals are on the "HIGH WAY" and the liberals have to LOOK UP to them. Glory to God.

In concluding this little article there are two lives to choose. We are either a tomb or a temple. Death lives in the tomb and God lives in the temple. We are the temples of the Holy Ghost or we are the tomb of sin and death. There are two deaths to die; the death of the saint or the death of the sinner. God's people die well. The liberals say it is a solemn thing to die. The radicals say, no, it is a solemn thing to live and hence we die well. It is still just as bad to die without God as it has ever been. And then last, the choice between heaven and hell. No one is in hell by accident. No one is in heaven by accident. All go to the place of their own choice. It is MANSIONS or the FLAME. I have made my CHOICE forever, and the Bible says, "choose you this day whom you will serve."

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"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitation; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left." Isa. 54: 2:3. God gives us the charge to enlarge our quarters. It doesn't take too much for a tent. A piece of canvas, a few poles and stakes and a little rope or string. It is not too hard to pitch and is not too hard to enlarge it. Just need a little more canvas or skin, a few more stakes, a little more string and you can enlarge. We need larger quarters. No wonder the new convert from "skid row" said, "I'll bust if I don't testify". We have to enlarge. God saw the need and said you need not be ashamed in doing it. If God is for your enlargement, then the devil is against it. The children of Israel pitched all over the desert but never made any advancement for God. The devil does not care how many times you pitch your tent just so you don't enlarge it for God. If he has his way, you will fold it up. The devil cries, "Lion, lion in the streets". But lions don't live in the streets. He is a liar but a lot of folk are listening to him and failing to enlarge. And if they do grow, it is abnormal and out of balance.

Some are abnormal in standards and are afraid of love: They think they need to enlarge only in harsh rebukes. They are sour, critical, seeking only to win an argument, not souls. They are afraid to shed tears. Don't be afraid in love. Love fulfills the law. Love is the heart of this thing. Divine love is the end of the commandment. Tears, tenderness, compassion, fellowship; love. "Behold how they love one another". We need to enlarge in love. All can stand to open the tent flaps here and reach out in deep realms of divine love. Never stop enlarging love.

Others are afraid of standards and get abnormal in human sentiment. There is a difference between divine love and carnal compromising human sentiment. This kind slobbers over sinners with all kinds of expressions to cover up compromise. They try to pan it off on folk as divine love. It has no fear of God in it. Has no real concern for lost men but only a secret selfish motive of personal advancement. Afraid they will offend someone and drive them off. It always warns the new evangelist that the last evangelist preached all negative and drove all the "new-comers" away. One layman contacted the evangelist and warned him not to preach on "things" that night because he was bringing some new folk who take offense at negative preaching. The evangelist had been all afternoon in the mountains praying for the message and had it then burning on his heart. He minded God and preached it. It was negative and had a lot of "things" in it. The new folk took no offense but rather came forward to tell the evangelist they were lost and appreciated the truth anyway. The "layman" ran out the door offended. Paul said law first and then grace. Law reveals the sin, promises death, then grace reveals the Saviour and promises life. Negative, law, wrath, judgment, all need to be preached to produce conviction. The Holy Ghost uses it to convince men of their sinful condition and then prompts them to seek the Saviour. Don't be afraid of law. Enlarge your quarters with standards against the devil.

Some are afraid of offerings and fail to enlarge in giving. They say taking the offering kills the spirit. If taking the offering kills the spirit then the spirit it killed was not of God. We need to enlarge our tents and give. When they come down the aisle with the plates, we ought to be able to throw our heads back and shout, laugh, and dig deep and give. But some fold their tent every time

an offering is taken. They reach for the billfold with five dollars in mind; by the time their hand gets there, it shifted to one dollar and then quickly before the plate reaches them, they leave the billfold and jam their hand into the front pocket for fifty cents and come out with a quarter and then groan about it the rest of the service. God help us all to enlarge our tents and give liberally.

While God commands us to enlarge our tents, many are folding theirs up. Especially when it comes to facing the dignitaries. Paul said we are to respect an elder but also we are to fear no man. But how many fold up their little tent when someone comes in. Pastors in bondage to district supts., district supts., in bondage to general supts., people in bondage to the pastor, and others in bondage to the kin-folk. Just when they get ready to open the flaps of their tent and enlarge, in walks some elder, some leader, some kin-folk and down goes the flaps, and the amens quiet down and all fold up their tents. Looks like a storm hit their tent city. We need to enlarge ourselves in the presence of dignitaries. God can take the fear of man out of you. Preachers who are afraid to preach the whole truth have no tent to enlarge. They folded up theirs a long time ago.

How many are afraid to enlarge because of the devil hollering "fanatics." "Lion, lion in the streets." So many remain impoverished and shriveled. "There are ten thousand ice bergs to one fanatic. There are ten thousand brakemen to one fireman." Fanatic means enthusiast, devotee, live wire, eagerness, optimism, fire, spirit, force. This sounds so good that God's people are willing to be branded fanatics in order to have enthusiasm, fire optimism, spirit, force, power. Praise God for the so-called fanatics who dare to enlarge their tent while others sit and starve.

Lengthen your cords, stretch your tent, get more string, enlarge your quarters. Stop paddling in circles. Get out of your rut. Brave a new one like the fellow that went before you did. Enlarge your love, your faith, venture out, challenge God. Get larger and larger for more joy and freedom. This reminds me of the fellow enlarging his tent who said, "I feel like writing a check for a million dollars and then stick my head inside the window of God's heavenly bank and wait until the teller pays attention to me." God said enlarge, spare not.

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## 20 -- THE OLD TIMER OF WEST VIRGINIA IN THESE MODERN TIMES

From the January, 1965 Missionary Revivalist

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I saw him. I heard him. I felt him. I said, "Could this be so in these modern times when every thing is changing so? Could a man remain the same type of preacher for over 30 years when others can't be recognized today?" I could not deny it. There he was. I inquired about him. Someone told me they heard him preach about 30 years ago and he looked the same then as now. Even his shoes were scuffed on the toes from praying so much. I looked --still scuffed -- not the same shoes -- or are they? Some 25 years ago this "old timer" pitched a tent south of Charleston, W. Va. No one would help him, he managed to get a few boys. They got the tent up wrong side out. It was God. Folks gathered to see the preacher who pitched his tent wrong side out. The fire fell; a church was born. It was blessed of God, and from the hands of faithful holiness preachers it grew

so large until it got into Ripley's "Believe it or Not" as the largest rural church in the world. Years have come and gone and great changes have been made -- these changes made their inroads to produce the great tragedy. Therefore, the "old timer" is back pitching his tent south of Charleston some 25 years later. God is glorified; devil terrified; sinners petrified; apostates horrified. The "old timer" in his original rough and tough "do or die" manner is back. They thought he was gone forever; had gotten rid of him -he is back.

Today saws are working, hammers are pounding, the "old timer" is still at it. Yes, he is back; The same GLOW, same message, same man, same GOD. They heard him praying, the holiness service was in progress, he got GREEN APPLES. None hit. I had to see him. I went to the building site and saw a miracle. Walls up, bricks bought, a man standing paying off workers at end of the day. The, "old timer" was up in the mountains. A Brother and I started up; had to walk in the creek bed as the road; hard on Sunday slippers. We finally arrived on top where the "old timer" came out from some trees. His diet was wild apples. At first he looked bloody but when closer it was poke-berry juice. His hair was flying in the breeze which made him look more like "the prophet". They had just cut up a tree. God had started it growing about 120 years ago to have it ready for this hour. He saw His "old timer" building again and therefore, planted the little sappling -- now it is down with five cuts -- a truck load for the mill; rafters for the new church. I thought I saw something peculiar about this man. I had a strange urge to hug him. I did. Sure enough -- he had cut a "bee tree" and had honey all over him. I got it all over me -- am still licking it off.

He handed me an announcement. I read it. It said "king and queen will be crowned, a parade (on Sunday) a great western parade with ponies, horses, covered wagon, cowboys, and lively music. Just a lot of fun." Tears welled up in the old timer's eyes as he said he had to come back and start over again. I noticed the same fire, the same glow, the same message, the same God. I got closer. I had to hug him again. Sure enough -- more honey. WHO IS THIS OLD TIMER OF WEST VIRGINIA IN THESE MODERN TIMES??? It is sweet Bro. Claude Bailey -- can't you just see him?

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## 21 -- SNATCHING A SOUL FROM THE FLAME

From the May, 1966 Missionary Revivalist

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"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? .... And of some have compassion, making a difference; And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh." Jesus placed the value of the soul of man at more than the wealth of the entire world. His valuation of the soul is so great He came and paid the price to redeem man from sin. Not only is this value revealed in the shedding of His blood, but also in the coming of the Holy Spirit to dwell in man forever.

The soul of man is immaterial, immortal, highly organized and imperiled. It never gets weary, never dies, never changes, and never sleeps. It is as distinct from the body as a watch is from its case. It is as capable of living separately from the body as the watch can work outside its case. You cannot weigh it, measure it, compress it, see it, or handle it. The soul is invisible, intangible, and incorporeal. It is that eternal something looking out of the two windows of every man. Its value is indescribable with human words. We can only look back at the cross of Jesus Christ and say, "Surely the soul of man is of tremendous value and of eternal worth!"

While the soul of man inhabits the earthly body, the devil and his forces unite to accomplish the eternal destruction of the soul. The soul was not made for earthly things, but to inhabit God. Our God is using every available means to redeem and cleanse the soul from sin with the Blood of His crucified and resurrected Son without transgressing the right and will of man. Part of this available means is the church. We are to co-operate with God in the saving of the soul. Someone has said that politics has a passion for power, business for profit, and society for pleasure. Why did they not say the church has a passion for souls? Is it because there is no burden to be seen or felt? Let the church exhibit a passion for souls like the politicians do for power, or business for profit, or society for pleasure and this passion will be seen and felt around the world. This is a personal responsibility upon every true child of God. This is the main motive and drive of the church in reaching others: the saving of the soul. Jesus said, "Bring them to me." Every activity on all levels of the church is to fulfill this command. The Sunday School, the worship service, the altar call, the revival, the board meeting, the offering, and even the announcements are all motivated with this one possessive drive to reach others and save the souls of men. If this is not true of your church, then you have no right to exist as a church.

Jesus said, "Occupy until I come." Is there anyone in the scope of your personal influence who can honestly say, "No man cares for my soul"? Can we not shed one tear for a soul when He shed His blood? Where is that painful knowledge of the soul's peril? Where is that all-prevailing conviction of the value of the soul? Where is that tender action for the soul's safety, or that earnest seeking of the soul's welfare? No one can be a follower of Christ and let a soul perish at his side without even a groan. What is the great responsibility on each one in the church toward others? It is snatching souls with a swift and strong hand out of the flame of sin and temptation and from the very brink of eternal fire itself. We know this cannot be done in a giggly, sappy, silly social fling in the name of the church. Dropping beans in a milk bottle or roasting wieners or sipping hot chocolate or rushing to the downtown hotel for a banquet in the name of the church for the pretense of "soul winning" is only evidence of apostasy. As in the past, so in this present time, and in the future souls must be won in tears, FEAR, prayer and fasting, with the Holy Ghost fire and God's embrace on the whole effort. Hence, we as a church are engaged in this desperate and sometimes frantic effort of pulling a soul from the flame.

It is said of a man who was a witness to the sinking of a ship that the Judge asked him if he actually saw the ship sink. He answered, "Yes sir, I saw it sink." The Judge asked him to relate what he saw. He said, "I saw people in the water and some in boats. I saw one woman in particular who had managed to get closer to shore. She was holding a baby over her head. She went down under the water several times and came up screaming for help. She finally went down and never came up again." The Judge asked, "Did you actually see all that?" He answered, "Yes sir." The Judge asked, "Man, what did you do about it?" He answered, "I-I-I-I did nothing." It is

said they drove him from the court room. We as a church make no apology for any or all our efforts to snatch souls from the flame. This is a deep, pressing responsibility with eternal rewards. We are not seeking to escape it. Our time is so limited. We are determined not to be side-tracked into play. Ours is to snatch souls from the flame.

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## 22 -- ENTHUSIASM

From the March, 1968 Missionary Revivalist

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Salvation from all sin in practice and possession is of the Lord. It is Divine, being purchased for us by His own blood. We receive it by faith after having met the conditions for that faith. His salvation is complete and full. His Spirit dwells within us. We are kept by the power of God. We are endued or anointed by Him. We are led and taught by Him. The Divine and Supernatural working is everywhere evident by these "things that accompany salvation." He has the preeminence and the glory and all the praise. But after we receive this great salvation we are still a human being. And it is this human being that He uses to be His witness to these things. "And ye shall be witnesses unto me..."

Did it ever occur to you that the only ugly thing about any one is their sins and carnality? The human part is not destroyed in the Divine Fire. Sin is taken away and the human is then free to be used of our Lord. The voice is used in song. The human mind is used to provide the many helps for others. The tongue is used to proclaim the good news. The hands and feet are used to labor for Him. The ability to prosper is used to finance the "work". The human talents of various sorts are used by Him. Human enthusiasm is one of the basic human abilities used. Enthusiasm has been pegged as being made up of three faculties of man: the mind, the affections, and the will power. When a human being, whether sinner or saint, gets his mind, affections, and will power all focused on any one thing, the fire of enthusiasm starts burning within him. I think we have shunned the thought of enthusiasm in the holiness ranks because it is human. When we remove enthusiasm, then we remove the human, and the Lord said YE shall be witnesses. I think this explains why a weak religion shows up with no enthusiasm.

I heard a liquor salesman say to a group of men that he found enthusiasm will get results. He was told that if he would put his mind, his affections and his will power all together on selling his booze he would get results. He went out to try it. He told these men that in four days he sold more Scotch whiskey than he had sold in nine months by using his enthusiasm. When I heard him say that, I wondered where we as holiness folk stand in our high profession? If enthusiasm involves the mind, affections, and will; and a sinner found he could make it work in selling booze; where do we stand when we are not even enthused over the "message"; let alone in getting people to attend church or in getting souls to the altar to pray through? I question the profession of anyone who is not enthused over the message, winning souls, or building attendance in the church. It only means his mind and affections and will power are somewhere else. I ask you how can we say we love Him, with all our heart when our enthusiasm is working only for self gain and not for His

gain? How many have you brought to church lately? If your mind and affections and will power were focused on getting someone to church, you would be getting results. I ask you again how many have you been bringing or getting to attend church? If you find yourself enthused over a social, over the job, or over anything non-religious, but not enthused over things pertaining to the kingdom, then it is evident you are not saved.

We have tied our hands of enthusiasm to our sides and have vowed not to use it in the holiness church, for it is only human. But by doing so we have robbed Him of the human instrument to be His witness. The fire of enthusiasm is hot; it is catching; it is thrilling; it is attractive. The "booze seller" will have to give an account at the Judgment for mis-using his for the devil. But you, too, will have to give an account for the way you are using yours. I say again, if you get more enthused over a social time around the table than you do a good old-fashioned prayer meeting or an active visitation program for Jesus, then you might as well cancel your reservations for the rapture, for it is doubtful you will go. Your mind and affections and will power are some where else. A business man said, "One of the chief reasons for success in life is to maintain a daily interest in one's work, to have A CHRONIC ENTHUSIASM, to regard each day as important." This human element is working for the business world; it is working for the sinner in his self gains; but for the holiness people it is but a mere human trait, therefore puny and insignificant. But when we throw it out we lose the daily interest in our work for the Lord; we fail to have that chronic enthusiasm; we fail to see the importance of each passing day. What are the results? We go to church each Sunday with no one with us or no one there because of us. We are dry, dead, unmoved, cold, listless, and indifferent. Where is our human enthusiasm? It is working somewhere. Everyone has it. If it is not working for Jesus; then it is working elsewhere. I think we as Bible Missionary folk had better take another look at our enthusiasm, the human part.

I personally believe that when we give our human enthusiasm to the Lord we will find ourselves able to testify that we were born EXCITED. We will find the Lord inspiring our mind, affections and will with a deep satisfying emotional drive that will start us radiating this wonderful Truth and vibrating with passion and desire to reach others. Our "holy" enthusiasm will make the booze-seller look like a crippled grass-hopper as we gather in the folk. You say we can't do it. Oh, yes, we can if we will put our mind and affections and will power to one focus. We will start burning with real, honest, genuine, heart-felt enthusiasm. We all have it and it is the least we can do; our most reasonable service is to make it work for Jesus. We sin when we won't. When we are not enthused over anything pertaining to Him, then we are enthused over something else.

What kind of doctrine is it that allows you to profess heart holiness and at the same time hold back the human element from Him for His use? I know one thing, friend, it is not the Bible Doctrine of Salvation. I am afraid it is a high class form of Antinomianism in the holiness ranks. It infers that what the law condemns in the life of a sinner is excused in the life of a believer because of his faith in the substitutionary obedience of Christ. And by this fatal delusion he remains dead and cold about the church and others. He fails when the opportunities are given to reach others. He shrugs at the thought of enthusiasm, as it is only human. He robs Jesus of His witness. He is in trouble. No one has the priceless possession of Christ without being excitingly enthused.

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## 23 -- HOW TO BUILD A HOLINESS CHURCH

From the June, 1968 Missionary Revivalist

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"For we are labourers 'together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." I Cor. 3:9-10. Near the close of the nineteenth century a movement for the spread and conservation of scriptural holiness in organized churches developed. It was similar to the Wesleyan revival. The great impulse of the movement was the emphasis placed by the Scriptures upon the fact that in the atonement Jesus Christ has made provision not only to save men from their sins, but also to perfect them in love. The forefathers of the holiness church stated the doctrinal creeds necessary to conserve and protect holiness from false and misleading theories. They also laid down the standards for personal conduct" in order to maintain this Bible experience. They closely followed the teaching of Saint Paul in the context of the above.

"We are labourers together with God." We can build a church without God, but we cannot build a holiness church without Him. We cannot build without God; God cannot build without man. A spirit and a body together make a man. A spirit without a body is a ghost. A body without a spirit is a corpse. This explains why so many churches are dead-- no God. If He were to come to the "corpse" He would upset things. He would embarrass and confuse their ceremony and plans. If we are to build a holiness church we must build with God.

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder." Paul was a wise masterbuilder. He knew exactly what to do and what not to do. This knowledge has been revealed by our founders in setting doctrinal creeds and standards. The simplicity of Bible Holiness is all revealed in the doctrine. The simplicity of holy living is all revealed in the rules for our everyday living. They were wise in choosing leadership. One church of the past said the leaders must be "groaning after holiness." Our church says you must have already groaned. The wise masterbuilders said we cannot build a holiness church with unholy leadership. "The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits." I Tim. 2:6. It is reported of Uncle Bud Robinson in a tent meeting in Oklahoma City that he would not permit anyone to even drive a tent peg unless he had the "second blessing." A wise masterbuilder.

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Jesus is the true foundation. Jesus told Peter that He would build His holiness church upon this rock, that is, the revelation that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. George Keith said, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!" Toplady said, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee. Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure." This is the true foundation of the holiness church. Others build on sand : sandy socials and membership drives or colored chickens and a new set of dishes given in fifty-two Sundays. One church hid dollar bills in the song books to entice folks to come to church. It is reported they tore the song books up in one service.

Verses 12 and 13 reveal the building material available. One type is fire proof: gold, silver, and precious stones. The other type is a fire hazard: hay, wood, and stubble. In order to get the fire proof material you will have to dig deep. In fact you will have to go to the bottom of repentance to find the gold. One church says you must desire to flee the wrath to come. The holiness church says you must already "be fleeing." This is the reason for probationary membership. It takes much praying, fasting, revivals, and digging to seek this fire proof material.

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" The holiness church is Spirit filled. We must have the Holy Ghost. Standards are right and necessary, but the real evidence that you are building a holiness church is the Spirit of God Himself. Whatever grieves Him is not for us. This is the reason why we stand firmly against the theater and the T.V. They do not help us build a holiness church. Any and every thing that is a fire hazard is not for us.

We must have a true holiness church in these evil days in order for us to serve God. We must keep ourselves in the love of God. We must have a holiness church for the succeeding generation our sons and daughters. We do not want a social, modern, dead, cold, sectarian, formal church to offer them. We must give to them a red-hot, free, Spirit-filled holiness church, firmly established upon Jesus Christ.

The true credentials of this holiness church are its product namely you. Are you fire proof or a fire hazard? God has not confined Himself to any one denomination but He has confined Himself to true Bible Holiness. If we are to have Him, then we must build a holiness church.

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## 24 -- HOW TO WRECK A HOLINESS CHURCH

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Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Eph. 3:21. Dr. Bresee, a strong advocate for organized holiness, said, "We must keep the glory down." One of the favorite quotes from "Uncle Bud" is, "We must stay under the spout where the glory comes out." The "glory" is that peculiar something that hovers about the holiness people. It is that something that causes holiness people to have unusual freedom and liberty in their worship services. Some business men desired to build a new church for the holiness people of their city. They made one stipulation that they were to promise not to lose this thing called the glory. They said they could not define it, but it was that something they had that no other church had. It was that something that caused two of their brethren to hug each other on the street Monday morning as if they had not seen each other for a year, and they were in church last night together. It was that something that caused one of your people to come into the band and instead of saying "good morning" he said "HALLELUJAH"! The glory is the direct presence of God upon us. It is His approval of our doctrine, of our profession, of our lives. It is His way of identifying Himself



with us and showing His divine embrace of our entire Zion. When the "glory" is on us, believers are sanctified, sinners are converted, faith is stimulated, the youth are challenged and called to the ministry, the laity is at prayer, the membership is consecrated and will do anything called upon to do, vows are made and kept, and progress is everywhere. This "glory" is the heart beat of the holiness church. It is the breath of God upon us.

Pride and worldliness will rob us of the "glory" and completely wreck a holiness church. The first generation stands for the original position against pride and worldliness but the second and third generations come along packed full of it. Morn and dad seek to find some way not to lower the standard, but to get the church to embrace Junior in spite of his pride and worldliness. Junior comes creeping in without a real experience of heart holiness and the church embraces his carnality -- seeks to put up with him, entertain him, doesn't want to lose him, must do some shady things to please him, use him to sing, etc. It could as easily be a bobbed-haired daughter and her husband, who are in full sympathy with worldliness, who are placed before a class to teach. Hence the holiness church is wrecked and robbed of the "glory." God will depart and let us have it. We will then have to hit the road back to college to brush up and tune up for the human best. God is gone and unless we fill the gap with the best, the choice, we will not "beat the record." This puts us on the same old trail others have traveled who have gone down before us -- a total wreck.

Second is discord among the membership. If the devil cannot get you to fall to compromise with the second generation then he will seek to get you involved in discord. This involvement means you can't sing off the same song book with the one involved. All night board meetings where there is fussing and arguing and handling of one subject before tabling it in the wee hours of the morning is discord. Some one is about to seal his eternal destiny. God is grieved. The unbending, inflexible, stubborn spirit has taken over. Rude, rough, unkind, selfish plans are now used and enjoyed instead of tender love and care for one another. The church is wrecked.

Third is inconsistent living in the home. One professes at church and is completely something else at home. He becomes a church angel and a home devil. He keeps the standards of holiness while at church, but deems them unimportant when on the job or at home mowing the yard. Just forget it all. God is now just a rain coat that might come in handy in case it rains. The church is wrecked.

Fourth is admitting questionable things into your personal life. When that "carefulness" is gone it is easy to start backing out of light and quit giving God the benefit of the doubt. You now find ways of excusing yourself. You get rather reckless and dare-devilish and might even take a slight plunge now and then just to see how it is. The sweet small voice is no longer heard. The restraining hand is gone. Blindness starts setting in. God is grieved and cannot embrace such a person. The "glory" is gone. The worship service is now human enthusiasm only. The liberty and democracy that is so essential to the real holiness spirit is gone. The holiness church is wrecked. And by whom? By you if you come under guilt of any one of the four. What can the Bible Missionary Church do in this hour of no glory? If we do not keep Him, love Him, council with Him, and keep His sweet embrace brethren, what can we do down here on these streets of wicked men? God has called the Bible Missionary Church forth to answer formality, worldliness, and higher criticism. We must have "THE GLORY" if we fulfill His purpose. Do you "have the "glory"?

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## 25 -- HOW GOD CAN USE THE HOLINESS CHURCH

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"How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel! As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters. He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters. God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows. He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him UP? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee." Numbers 24:5-9. This is the account of Balaam telling King Balak the truth about Israel. King Balak tried to get Balaam to pronounce a curse of God upon the Children of Israel. When Balaam attempted to do so, God forbid him and filled his mouth instead with the truth. Balaam declared Israel to be of the Lord. God brought them forth out of Egypt. The pillar of fire could be seen at night and the cloud of God's presence could be seen during the day. Nations had been driven back by the mighty power of God through them. They were maintained by food directly from heaven and water gushing out of the Rock. The mighty power of God was vibrant throughout the entire camp. The backslidden prophet saw Israel nestled down in the valley as a lion, a great lion. He said, "Who shall stir him up?" Who has the nerve to stir Israel? This is the text for the church today. "Who shall stir the Holiness church?"

The Holiness Church has great power and potential. The power or strength lies in the truth we possess. We have the truth about sin — the truth that God does not wink at sin, embrace it, or in any way identify Himself with it. His eyes are too pure to behold sin or to look upon iniquity. Sin, whether in practice or possession, will send one to hell. We have the truth about Bible Holiness. Bible Holiness is a definite experience of God's grace purchased by the blood of Jesus. This experience is a personal deliverance from inbred sin or the carnal mind. It is a second work of God's grace since it necessarily follows the first work of regeneration. We have the truth about heaven and hell. Heaven is a place prepared and no sin in any wise will enter there. Hell is a place of torment prepared for the devil and his angels. Hell is enlarging itself to receive earth's masses who refuse this great salvation offered by the Lord Jesus Christ. God can use the great strength that we have in the truth. Truth is personality. Jesus said, "I am the truth." We have Jesus.

God can use our strength in what we have seen. Most of us have seen "the glory" the mysterious, supernatural, divine presence of God in our worship services. We have witnessed His mighty conviction upon the people until some were smitten to the floor in great weeping and agony. We have sensed His presence in such great measure that the congregation sat before Him all night in holy awe. We have seen Him sweep over us in waves of glory until the people would respond in shouting, singing, rejoicing, and other types of great emotional outbursts. We have seen Him dealing with all types of spiritual needs and those needs being definitely met at the altar of prayer. Because of what we have seen and experienced, we are spoiled. We are not satisfied with

anything less than this great manifestation of God's Divine Presence. Therefore we seek this in our services and revivals and camp meetings. We know we must have it. We will not take a-substitute. Others might be satisfied with a great attendance, or with great offerings, or they might be completely satisfied with a few "professions." But as for the Holiness Church which has already experienced too much to take less, God can use the great strength that lies in our determination to have repeated that which we have already seen.

God can use the great strength in our "know how." We know how to pray and fast. We know how to get God to come down upon us. We know how to preach to the conscience of man. God has taught us. We know how we must have the altar for souls to seek and find God. We know how to carry a burden. We know how to walk carefully before Him in order to maintain a burden. God can use this "know how." We also know that contests, picnics, ice cream parties, wiener roasts, and all other such social gatherings are not the work of the Church, nor are they what Jesus Christ died for. God uses our knowledge in these things. There is great strength there.

God uses the great strength contained in our determination that everyone should experience heart holiness. He honors nothing else. Our goal must be a real personal experience for everyone. There is great strength in God-honored holiness. Included in this experience are the wonderful standards He has given us for our everyday living. We are against all sin. We long to raise the standard to Bible heights and then live up to that standard. We are against all worldliness as God is. All of His standards are for our good. He is absolutely good. He cannot be any better and does not need a standard.. But because we need them, God has given them to us for our good and His glory.

Sweet communion with Him and complete defeat to the devil comes by our obedience to them. God uses the great strength in standards. We have the truth, we have seen some things, we know how, we have God-honored holiness and standards, but WHO SHALL STIR US UP? We have all the necessary equipment to do something for God, but we are couched down as a lion, a great lion. The lost about us should stir us. The fact that Christ died for the whole world should stir us. The nearness of His return for His bride, the holiness church, should stir us. Our not using the "know how" and our own lack of prayer should stir us. Our own loved ones lost and seemingly unconcerned should stir us. The dangers and spiritual death that linger around when we try to have revivals should stir us. Revival time means increased prayer and agony to move God in our direction. When He comes and people start refusing and rebelling against Him, a last call often results. The church is then better or worse. The light that comes means life or death for someone. The fact that we individually will face the revival at the judgment should stir us.

How does God use a holiness church? The answer is in the question asked by Balaam, "Who shall stir him up?" When the holiness church is stirred, then great strength and power starts revealing itself. Even the roar causes the enemy to tremble. If the devil believes and trembles, what does he do when God has His holiness church stirred and on the move? The Bible Missionary Church is of the Lord. We are part of the Holiness Church. God brought us forth and has revealed Himself to us in many ways. We are still at the front even though we have been through many battles. Storms have raged and huge "devil fights" have been seen on every side. But we are still vibrant with the TRUTH, with the determination to have the "glory" repeated in every gathering, with the "know how," with God-honored holiness, and Bible standards for all, May the

blessed God stir us up and use us in this last and seemingly final move to reach lost men. "O God, stir me!"

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## 26 -- THE PIONEER SPIRIT

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I was standing in the bus station in Jasper, Alabama, waiting for a bus. I was reading the bulletin board and at the bottom Was this little poem:

"On the plains of hesitation  
Lie the bones of countless millions  
Who on the dawn of victory  
Paused to rest -- and resting died."

In my mind! pictured the early pioneers in their determination to reach the "Wild West." Their wagon trains stretched out across the plains. On their faces were written the evidences of hardships and extreme sacrifices. Some of their loved ones had died with diseases and others had been killed in the many Indian raids upon them. They had forded the rivers and crossed the trackless mountains. They had braved the heat of the desert and survived on the wild of the land. In my mind I see them camped before a huge mountain range. Their wagons are in the familiar circle to offer some protection against the Indians. The oxen are unharnessed, the guards are seen silhouetted on the farthest ridge. They are tired, sick, hungry, and in question of how much farther to the "Promised Land." There is talk among them during the long night. This talk divides them into three groups. In the early morning before sunup the leader calls, "Wagons Ho!" One group says they have suffered too much. They should have stayed home. They are sorry they ever came along. They settle it to return home. They harness their oxen and pull their wagons away in retreat. The second group refuses to harness. They had decided during the night they would not go a day farther. They have sacrificed enough and are satisfied to settle down where they are. They do not know that across one more mountain range lies the land and the gold. They cringe from another Indian fight, another mountain, extreme labor . . . they rest. "On the plains of hesitation Lie the bones of countless millions Who on the dawn of victory Paused to rest -- and resting -- died."

The third group, though tired and hungry, is willing to keep sacrificing in order to take every mountain, ford every stream, fight every Indian, and finally gain the goal. Needless to say, this third group kept the pioneer spirit and went all the way in.

The early church was a pioneer church. St. Luke tells us in the Book of Acts that they had great power, great grace, great fear, great wonders and miracles, great persecution, great joy, and great numbers believing. Because their pioneer ruggedness was maintained, the gospel prevailed and succeeded in turning the then known world upside down. It has been said that every church in history has lost its pioneer spirit. When this is gone the succeeding generations of that church

forget why they are a church. They forget the reason for existence, the purpose of establishment, and the vision and pioneer ruggedness of their church fathers. This leads to change and compromise. John Wesley said the Methodists would first lose the experience of heart holiness, then quit preaching the doctrine, and finally strike the doctrine out of their statement of beliefs. Dr. Chapman said that the tendency of the second and succeeding generations in every revival is to lose the vision of their fathers and to flood the church with worldliness. He also said, "It seems to me that with the present tendency, when the older people who came in under the old rugged teaching die, it will be practically impossible to differentiate us from other people. I am disturbed and perplexed. Shall we stick to the Bible and to our Manual, or shall we ignore them and let their requirements on matters of dress become dead letters? . . . Can we weather the gale, or will we be destroyed by the present tempest of wickedness and worldliness?"

We are now on the verge of forgetting the "vision." Where is the pioneer spirit? Some have already gone back and others are leaving. Are you among them? What about those who whimper that they have already sacrificed too much, that it is time to settle down? The beach-head has been made, let others fight a while. We don't need all these district tours and constant pledges from every direction. It would seem the little percentage we pay is enough, why pay more? Are you in this group?

"On the plains of hesitation  
Lie the bones of countless millions  
Who on the dawn of victory  
Paused to rest -- and resting died."

Or are you in the third group that is determined not to lose the vision nor the pioneer spirit. This little group within the church hears the early morning call, "WAGONS HO!" Some of this group are in BMI as part of the second generation, and when they get their duty done there, they will not be so bogged down in debt they will have to join the "settlers," but will hastily harness their oxen and hit the trail for Jesus. They are available to be placed anywhere, even in a little old cast-off store building to start the "home mission." They even are humble enough to work on the side to stick to the pioneer spirit and dig the work completely out. Some of this group that are still hearing and responding to the cry "Wagons Ho!" have already dug out one, two, or three churches (and they are still on the map) and are ready to face any storm or undergo any sacrifice to continue on. The vision is the same. The purpose of being out of the old and in the new is the same. The reason for our existence remains. The standard for living will never change. The pioneers of yesterday and today are the same. In this third group are the only ones who will maintain the pioneer ruggedness and the constant aggressive spirit which enables one to keep on keeping on. There are revivals we have not yet had. There are visions we have not yet seen. There are churches yet to be dug out. There are souls waiting for the "pioneer." The call was given early this morning. Did you retreat? Did you decide to settle where you are or did you harness your oxen?

"On the plains of hesitation  
Lie the bones of countless millions  
Who on the dawn of victory  
Paused to rest -- and resting -- died."

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## 27 -- THIS PORNOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

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The scientists and psychologists claim that man has used only one tenth of his brain power. This would mean that ninety percent of the potential of man is yet untouched. The scientific developments of the past few years seem to indicate that they are right. Man has developed the knowledge of how to escape this earth and go to the moon. We all stand in breathless wonder at this ability. Yet while man moves ahead in his scientific knowledge, he is fast degenerating spiritually. Jesus said the last day society would be as that of Sodom in Lot's day. Chapter one of Romans tells us what kind of society that was and also indicates the condition of a later society which will provoke God's wrath when its cup of iniquity becomes sufficiently full.

Our present society professes to be wise, but the writer of Romans says they are fools: This present day society claims to be intellectuals, whereas in reality they have broken loose from God. God has a way of abandoning men and societies to their own passions after continued rejection of His grace. Romans reveals these intellectuals rejecting the God of creation and ruling Him out of their little world. They persist in doing this until "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness." While they advance in science they become retarded spiritually. Their thoughts become wholly nonsensical and their rattled minds are filled with darkness. They say they are wise and cannot see that they are fools. Because men are such fools, God has given them over to do the filthy things their hearts desire. They do shameful things with each other. The women are perverted just as the men are -- they have given up their natural use and burn with lust one toward another.

Because men refuse to keep in mind the true knowledge about God, He has given them over to corrupted minds so that they do the things they should not. They are filled with all kinds of wickedness. They know that God's law says that people who live this way deserve death, yet they continue to do those very things. Worse still, they take great pleasure in others doing likewise. For this cause God abandons man and leaves him wallowing in his filth. Thus the stage is set for a pornographic society ! The movies, plays, and literature that this society now feeds upon reach down to the depths of mankind's filthy imaginations and are the signal in this modern day that they are in serious trouble, not only with themselves, but with God. The whole conglomeration of filthy sex books that the "men on the bench" have allowed to be displayed is an ugly announcement that the wrath of God is now revealed from heaven against this degenerate society. If this generation thinks it can abandon God without His abandoning them, they are dreadfully wrong. God has finally let them go. The dirtiness of unnatural sexual conduct emerges as a great indication that grace has fled and hell has opened her mouth without measure.

Obscene material has always been around. Yesterday it was viewed in a sneaking manner. It was a dare-devil type thing. It hovered in darkness and any who engaged must sneak to it. But today it is different. It now openly parades around without fear of divine retribution -- for to it,

there is no God. Man is his own God. When God abandons man, man finds no more need of sneaking around. He revels in his new found intelligence and advanced knowledge. He has shaken off the old puritan ideas of prudishness and has broken through to freedom! Alas -- in reality it is only an indication that the wrath of God is now revealed! This present society thinks it has now entered into a new enjoyment of life through freedom of expression. They are not expressing any new freedom at all. They are actually taking part in their own punishment, abandonment by God.

God's wrath comes in different ways. Men seem to think it only comes in tornadoes, earthquakes, etc. But in Romans it is revealed as abandonment by God. "Wherefore, God gave them up to uncleanness through the lust of their own hearts to dishonour their own bodies between themselves." God lets this society soak in its perverted, unhealthy sexuality. Man being the fool he is thinks it is the result of his intellectualism, but God is punishing this present generation. Man has turned his back upon God. God has abandoned man. It is just that plain. We see this everywhere. Man is in serious trouble. This obscene generation gives to every saint of God the deep proof that mankind has now reached the Sodom level as in the days of Lot. As God gave Sodom up to their passions and destroyed them, so He has already given this generation up to their lusts and destruction is just around the corner,

The results of this pornographic society are heart breaking. One out of four brides is with child at the altar; one half of the college coeds live in fornication. There is a 40% rise in illegitimate births among high school teenagers. Pill centers are being planned for high school girls with parental consent. There is a 255% increase in VD among high school teenagers. Yes, this intellectual society has become foolish. Preachers in San Francisco sponsored a dance for men. One of the Supreme Court Justices is reported to have said: "It is common knowledge that in this century 'homos' have risen high in our own public service both in congress and the executive branch -- and have served with distinction." The final result of this pornographic society is the eternal groaning and wailing and gnashing of teeth in everlasting woe.

This situation is not going to get better. A heart experience of holiness will keep you clean amidst all of this filth. This filthy, shameful, obscene, hard-core type pornography has been available for your sons and daughters. They are now brazenly bringing it in to teach to the students, beginning in the kindergartens. God is gone. They think it is new freedom and the product of intellectualism. We know it is the indication of God's wrath. To the altar, mothers and fathers, and pray as you have never prayed before! The 'Lot' days are here. Lot had to be led out. His wife looked back. God's grace is the only answer. Even a smile from you upon the degeneracy of this society may cause you to start participating in God's wrath -- abandonment!

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## 28 -- HOLINESS AND ANTAGONISM

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"Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness; therefore God, thy God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." Ps. 45:7

One who is sanctified wholly does not feel that the full will of God is done by simply abstaining from sin, but feels an inner hatred for sin as well. "Entire sanctification implies the doing of all of our duty. But to do all our duty we must rebuke sin in high places and in low places. Can this be done with all needed severity without, in many places, giving offense and incurring the charge of censoriousness (criticalness) ? No, it is impossible, and to maintain the contrary would be to impeach the wisdom and holiness of Jesus Christ Himself." C. G. Finney. "With some people it is a common thing if a brother has not 'charity' enough to apologize for sin and cover up the 'works of the devil,' to charge him with 'censoriousness' or 'sour holiness.' There can be no holiness which has no rebuke for sin, or opposition to Satan. Look at the Great Exemplar -- the Son of God. The Spirit of God and the Spirit of the world can never harmonize -- they are perfect antagonisms." J. A. Wood. Real true scriptural holiness implies a deep felt antagonism toward all sin. This hatred for sin is not that easy, good nature that smiles at those vices in others that it would not commit itself. It does not give place to the devil. Satan cannot have his undisputed way in the presence of holiness. "Ye that love the Lord hate evil." Psalm 97:10. To be truly holy is to love righteousness and hate sin.

This antagonism toward sin is first felt in the sanctified toward any sin in himself. He does not tolerate sin to dwell within him, nor does he allow his mind to be used of the devil. Instantly, his holy nature rebels at any thought suggested by the devil. He does not allow any sin in his person in thought, word, or deed. This being so, it allows the holy person to scripturally hate sin in others. He is no hypocrite. He is an example of the believers and stands against sin with a holy hatred regardless of who the sinner might be. Although he feels no malice in his heart toward the person, he is strongly moved within by this indwelling antagonism toward all sin. It does not matter if the person be his wife, husband, son, or daughter. He is settled and deeply rooted to stand just like God stands on everything.

Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Matthew 12:30. If you do not FEEL your hatred toward sin, you will not make war upon sin. Paul saw that the city was wholly given to idolatry and his spirit was stirred within him. He felt this inner hatred for idolatry. Luther made war upon the indulgences sold in his church. This holy antagonism toward sin will of necessity expose one to persecution. It has never been otherwise and it will not change now. Satan will never give in without a severe struggle. He will return blow for blow. He has been at this war with the saints since the fall of man and his history shows no scruples or pity toward any. He will lie, charge, assail, defame, and many times succeed in pitting brother against brother by these arts. Paul was in jail and wrote, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." II Timothy 3:12. This will hold good as long as holiness is opposed to sin. If you have met with no persecution, it is an alarming symptom that there is no [real Christian] experience. It simply is that you do not hate sin.

The text says, " . . . therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." This holy antagonism toward all sin will bring the comfort of the Holy Spirit to you. There is no joy to compare with this. This joy does not come unless you feel this hatred toward all sin. Many profess holiness yet know nothing of this joy. They have never felt it



themselves and, When they see someone who really has it, they brand it as wild-fire or an overdose of emotion. This holy antagonism coupled with the holy joy enables the holy man to stand true to God under all circumstances. He will not backslide at the first skirmish with the devil. He fights against sin because sin is against God. It may mean a broken heart and tears wrung from an anguished soul as he stands against the Sins of his loved ones, but stand he will. Jesus said to his beloved disciples, "Will ye also go away?" Holiness is a deep love for the right and an equally deep antagonism toward all sin.

You who now profess that the Lord has cleansed you from all sin, do you now feel a deep moving antagonism toward sin everywhere ? Are you at war with sin ? Do you find yourself actually standing with the Lord on every issue just like He stands ? If you do not, I plead with you to examine yourself to see whether you be in the faith. We are now in the great falling away time. You must battle to keep Bible standards today. The Bible is under attack and all who are determined to stand true will find themselves engaged in this last day war right down to the final line on personal standards. You will not make it through the battle unless you HATE SIN. True scriptural holiness is antagonistic toward all sin and will die before being flexible on any Divine revelation. "Here I stand, so help me God !" Satan is not allowed to have his way without a challenge. Children may scream and pull their "hair; husbands may threaten to throw you out; wives may vow to leave; but true holiness stands in a rooted, inner antagonism toward all sin.

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## 29 -- DESIRE

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"Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24. The Lord has placed within us positive emotions, some of which are desire, faith, love, enthusiasm, romance, and hope. There are many more to be named but these are the most powerful. Sin does not destroy these, it only has them misdirected with wrong affections. All of these positive emotions are involved in our salvation and each one is a message. Jesus is addressing the positive emotions of desire and faith.

Everyone without exception is promised everything he asks in prayer, provided he qualifies for the answer. Jesus used unlimited terms such as whatsoever, anything, all things, what ye will. We limit these words and modify them to excuse our negativeness, but they still stand as Jesus gave them -- UNLIMITED. DESIRE salvation. Fix your mind on the exact kind of experience you really want. Desire must be definite to your needs. Thoughts are things and will feed desire with dreams of the kind of victory you want. For many years I have looked at this unlimited verse and reasoned that why we don't have the answer is our lack of faith. But I am convinced I have been very wrong. The problem is not a lack of faith but a lack of DESIRE. Faith is like breathing or resting and comes naturally and easily. Desire is the key. What do you desire? What do you want? You must get EXACT.

When it is fixed in your mind what you really want or desire, then next is the price. Are you willing to pay the price.? There is no such thing as something for nothing." What do you intend to GIVE in return for the experience you desire? The negative will have to be dealt with first. When God created man, he was all positive. The first question of the Bible comes from the devil. "Yea, hath not God said?" The second question comes from God. Adam, where art thou?" Man went into the negative when he sinned and forced God to go negative to reach him. Negatives of the Bible are all focused against sin. Confession, forsaking sin, setting up standards against the devil and wrong doing are positively negative. Someone said that in Paul's letter to Timothy there are forty negative and sixty positive statements. Forty and sixty equal one hundred. A double negative is a positive. Sin is negative and we are negative toward it, which brings us out one hundred per cent positive.

Desire a fixed, definite, real experience and be willing to pay the full price to obtain it. Next is a definite time. Begin at once, ready or not; desire requires action NOW. Action removes indifference, laziness, lack of ambition. Water heated to 211 degrees does not move. It requires one more degree of temperature. One more degree will cause things to start moving. Get that degree. Decide NOW to be in total victory instead of present defeat. Start talking of your goal of total salvation. Convince yourself it is for you. I was told that the late Brother John Abrahams used this very positive emotion in securing his job with the Ford Company. He went to the owner and said he had come to start working. The owner said he did not need him. Brother Abrahams said, "Yes, you need me. I am here to start working today." The owner told him to go see if the superintendent of the shop had a job for him. He went, but the superintendent said they did not need him. He went back to the owner and said, "I will have the job today." The owner asked, "What kind of position do you want?" Brother Abrahams said, "I want your position." He got the job and out-stripped everyone in the place. Desire, desire! He knew what he wanted and was willing to pay the price to have it. He set a definite time to have it, and got it!

Our problem is not faith, but desire. What do you desire? I asked this question and the answer I got was "Nothing. I desire nothing. I don't want anything." A man kneeling at the altar seeking to be sanctified prayed, "Thank you, Lord, for the food, bless it to my body." I told him to get up and go home. No burning, boiling desire was evidenced. In a recent revival a brother desired to have the Holy Spirit sanctify him. He kindled the positive emotion of desire to 212 degrees and received his desire at a specified time. He testified like this. "I got all the past out of the way up to the last second. I got all the future into His hands down to the last second. The Holy Ghost sanctified me between the two seconds." INSTANTLY. How else can we express the work? We have no "Aroist" tense to declare it. His desire was realized between two seconds.

A general desired success on the battlefield. He landed on shore with all his troops. The enemy greatly outnumbered him. He had the ships burned, then said to the men, "We win or perish." Burn your ships so there will be no return to defeats of yesteryears. Desire something real, be willing to pay the price, set a definite time (between two seconds) and you have it. Read the text again. Jesus said it. It is still unlimited. Jesus knew what potential our emotion of DESIRE has when He addressed it, "What things so ever ye DESIRE." The problem is not faith, but NO DESIRE. We are satisfied with defeat. At the first swipe of the devil we sit down and say, "I knew it, no way, no use, I can't do it, failed again; I quit." The text still stands unlimited to you. A burning, boiling, moving desire is the great need.

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## 30 -- AUTHORITY AND REBELLION

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"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation." Romans 13:1-2. The throne of God is established on authority. All creation is under His authority. God's authority represents God Himself. Authority is a tremendous thing in the universe and nothing overshadows it. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher authority." Authority demands subjection. Lucifer, son of the morning, was under God's authority. He turned himself into Satan when he overreached God's authority. His rebellion to authority was self-exaltation. He said, "I will ascend -- I will exalt my throne -- I will sit also upon the mount -- I will ascend above -- I will be like the most High." The consequence of his rebellion to authority was to be brought down to hell.

Satan incited rebellion to God's authority in Adam and Eve. Eve was under the delegated authority of Adam. When she rebelled against Adam, the delegated authority of God, she sinned against God. This rebellion was passed on to their posterity by the process of genetics. Carnality is not subject to the authority of God and neither indeed can be. All who are carnal rebel against authority. Authority is the controversy of the universe. Who shall have the authority? God or Satan? Obedience to the will of God is the greatest demand of the Bible. The carnal heart rebels against authority.

The spirit of the Anti-Christ, which is lawlessness, is born in every carnal heart. Our text reveals one test of obedience is subjection to DELEGATED authority. Failure to obey delegated authority reveals carnality in the heart. The strange fire offered by Nadab and Abihu was rebellion against the delegated authority of Aaron. They said, "If Aaron can, we can." They died in rebellion to authority. When Aaron and Miriam reviled Moses, it was rebellion to the delegated authority of Moses. They used their family position of authority over Moses because they were older than Moses. They rebuked Moses for marrying the Ethiopian. Moses was wrong for marrying the Ethiopian, but they were wrong when they overstepped authority and touched God. Immediately God struck Miriam with leprosy. She was shut out of the camp for eight days and the cloud was removed from Israel while rebellion to authority was in the camp. Miriam and Aaron had to repent and subject themselves to delegated authority before God would come back. The throne "of God is established upon authority. Note the rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. They refused delegated authority. Rebellion is a hellish principle. Jesus said the gates of hell would never prevail against the kingdom of God, but their rebellion opened the gates of hell and they slid into the fire. Rebellion is a contagious thing. After the authority of God destroyed 250 people and they were already in hell by His judgment, all Israel rebelled the next day. In Numbers 16:1-40 the elders rebelled. In verses 41-50 the congregation rebelled. Carnality only sees man. It fails to see

the authority of God. Moses knew they had rebelled against God before he could get Aaron out to the people with an atonement, 14,700 had died. God immediately judges and how solemn it is!

To touch authority is as real as touching God. Our entire relationship with God is judged by how we have met authority. It is one thing to go to the altar and submit ourselves to God whom we have never seen. It is something else to submit ourselves to delegated authority. Wives are to be submitted to their own husbands. This is quite a humiliating, crushing, smashing thing to do. Carnality says, "NEVER!" Laymen are to be submitted to their pastor as the overseer of the flock. Carnality says, "NEVER!" Preachers are to be submitted to the elected, delegated authority over them. Satan does not care how much you preach and even what you preach as long as you do it with the principle of Satan -- rebellion to delegated authority. You are not rebelling against the man in the office. You are rebelling against God who has delegated to him the authority over you.

When you wrestle your carnality down and stay in the fight until you are humbled to delegated authority, then you will sense carnal rebellion dying. Keep on submitting and surrendering and pulverizing your stubborn will and the Holy Ghost will apply the death stroke to carnality for you. If we are to serve Christ we must be completely purified from the principle of Satan -- carnal rebellion. We are now at the end of the age. Lawlessness is abounding everywhere. Every time you refuse to obey the delegated authority you add to lawlessness. This article does not allow time to write on the saying of Peter, "We ought to obey God rather than man." The disciples remained true to the Lord in absolute obedience, but SUBMITTED to the rule of man by suffering at their hands. Submitting to one another is mighty rough on carnality.

Are you subjected to the higher powers, or are you in rebellion to authority? Wives, are you submitted to the delegated authority of your husbands? Children, are you submitted to the delegated authority of your parents? Laymen, are you submitted to the delegated authority of your pastor? Pastors, are you submitted to the delegated authority of your overseer? Are we really under order and rule? Does the Bible have the utmost authority over you? Does the church manual have any rule over you? Are we really submitted one to another? We are not so long as carnality sticks its burly head up and says, "I don't need you!" Have you reached out and touched delegated authority? If you have, you are in trouble with God. You cannot bypass delegated authority and still be sweetly, humbly submitted to the All Authority of Almighty God. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

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## 31 -- THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD

From the November, 1974 Missionary Revivalist

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"Who will render to every man according to his deeds." "To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life." Romans 2:6-7 This scripture is speaking of the judgment we must all face. All scripture speaking of the judgment deals only with works, doing or not doing. The judgment will not be about our faith or hope. Faith will have been swallowed up in sight. Hope will have been fulfilled. All that will be left will be the fruit. Faith (the root) and hope (the stalk) have produced Divine love that is producing the good works being done at the Shepherd's Fold in Santa Cruz, California.

If you could visit the Anti-Narcotic Association at the Shepherd's fold, you would be overwhelmed by what the Lord is doing there. While most of us are talking about what we should do for the Lord, those at Shepherd's fold are doing it without talking. The Lord said when Zion travails, sons and daughters will be born. Someone is travailing in prayer there, for many precious 'Souls are being delivered from narcotics and other vices. The glory of the Lord is there. The shout of victory and the glow of Jesus on the faces of redeemed saints constantly convinces others caught in sin's grip that this is real. They come from the wilds after having searched for God in witchcraft, eastern religions, dope, nature, pioneer-type living, sleeping in hollow trees, etc. You would be thrilled to see some one like "Big John," who was pronounced insane a result of his many LSD trips. He spent fifty days fasting in the mountains searching for truth. He was found and brought back to civilization as a wild man. Now he is redeemed, in his right mind, restored to the "establishment," working at a job, rejoicing over the National Anthem and Amazing Grace. When others in their rugged, wild living see Jesus shining out through the redeemed, they know they have at last found the place where Truth is actually experienced.

Sister Grace Jones united her work with the Walraths at their Glory Hill Farm. There the dope-crazed street people were camped under trees, tents, garage, house, tool room, and what have you. When the water and sewer systems failed, they were forced to seek larger quarters. They bought the old Tower Lodge Inn located in the Santa Cruz Mountains, three miles north of Santa Cruz on the main highway to San Francisco, via Los Gatos. They named their new place "Shepherd's Fold." The work grew so rapidly and the new-born souls needed such constant care and counseling, that Brother Walrath resigned his lucrative position with a California firm. He now devotes full time to the mission and is trusting the Lord to supply the constant needs. When I was there I thought I was eating choice beef, but to my surprise I was eating on a donkey. I ate more. They are feeding around fifty meals a day.- Perhaps the Lord will put it on someone to buy a donkey for the table. The payment on the property is \$540 each month. It takes around \$300 a month for groceries. They do not eat fancy food, but it is good and healthful. Automobile expenses are around \$500 a month. Utilities are high. Where does the money come from to operate such a place? It comes from the Lord moving on folk like you and me. If I were the Lord, I would stand by such a WORKING crew. This is all done to rescue young people from the deep sins of today. One of the rescued is now pastoring a Bible Missionary Church. I am told that four more are to enroll in BMI this Fall.

The schedule at Shepherd's Fold is not for lazy people.. They arise at 6:30 and have devotions at 7:30. The boys are divided into work crews around the Fold. The girls clean, cook, launder, etc. They have two street meetings a week. These are conducted with the Gospel Band marching down the main street singing, shouting, testifying, preaching, handing out tracts, etc. I

believe it would be safe to say they are passing out more tracts than the rest of the church put together. Mission services are held every night, besides the regular church services and evening devotions where they sing, pray, testify, read the Bible, and enjoy the presence of the Lord. They have a home missions project going to start another church in another city. They are organizing a training program for home calling. They are putting together a team that will go to other churches and encourage them to be more evangelistic. They also plan activities on the campus of the local University of California. Jerry and Linda Beck are the local pastors and are right in the middle of all this activity. Praise the Lord!

With the FBI Crime Clock telling us that there is a murder every 28 seconds, a rape every 11 minutes, an assault every 81 seconds, a burglary every 13 seconds, a robbery every 84 seconds, a larceny every 17 seconds, an automobile theft every 36 seconds -- it is a refreshing breeze from Heaven to see such a dedication for souls and such outstanding miracles of Grace from their labor. We are all going to the judgment and there we shall account for our labors of love. If at the judgment your faith and hope are fulfilled, what will your works be? You can now be a silent partner with the workers at Shepherd's Fold by investing your prayers and finances CONTINUALLY. At the judgment they will rise up and call you blessed. Write to Reverend Jerry Beck, 1324 E1 Rancho Drive, Santa Cruz, California 95060. Ask to be placed on the mailing list for the "Anti-Dote" and the "Victory Herald." I cannot tell it as they do in those periodicals. Praise God for this wonderfully effective mission for souls at Santa Cruz. Their foot prints are becoming knee deep all over our beloved Zion. You and I can be a part of these good works by prayer and financial support. Start NOW. I don't want to be left out of one single part of the Bible Missionary Church. Brother Moderator, please count me in on every offering and every tour for everything our church is doing. And I also want to be COUNTED IN on the Shepherd's Fold at Santa Cruz.

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## 32 -- ETERNAL PUNISHMENT

From the February, 1975 Missionary Revivalist

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"... the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." II Thess. 1:7-9 Munsey said, "All principles of quality, character, and state exist in two's. Each is opposed to the other in its nature, each is dependent upon the other for its existence -- such as rest and motion, order and anarchy, beauty and ugliness, proportion and disproportion, light and darkness, life and death, good and evil. If there were no motion, there would be no rest. If there were no life, there would be no death." All men are either good or evil. All men are free moral agents. Therefore all men are voluntarily good or voluntarily evil and deserve actual merit or demerit. One is rewarded for merit and the other for demerit. Simple justice demands and requires that both shall have their deservings. If there is no fixedness of punishment for the wicked, then there is no fixedness of reward for the righteous. If there is no hell, then there is no heaven.

We are created in the image of God. His doctrine of eternal punishment is written in the mental and moral constitution of men of all classes, conditions, creeds, characters, ages and attainments. Those who deny or oppose it still practice it, manifest the spirit of it, desire it for others, and fear it for themselves. The phrase "Eternal Punishment" is used in two senses: (1) It is eternal punishment in the sense that it is administered in eternity, not in time. (2) It is eternal punishment in the sense that it is eternal in its duration. All operations and administrations of men are entirely confined to the shores of time. Hence it is in the second sense that the punishments prescribed by men, if fully executed, would extend far beyond the bounds of the lives either of the administrators of the punishment or of the criminals who suffer it.

The recklessness and persistency of sinners is expressed in the outrageousness, heinousness, and exceeding sinfulness of their sins. Governments, men, and religions all practice eternal punishment toward transgressors in this second sense: eternal duration.

Unforgiveness, implacability, and irreconcilability imply a wish for the other fellow to be punished forever. Hence, even sinners and carnal-minded people practice the doctrine of eternal punishment. God seems to have written the doctrine of eternal punishment upon every phase and condition of human nature, upon the good and the bad, upon the malicious and the benevolent, upon both friend and foe.

Sinful men who have been offended or injured desire to have their foes punished forever. Men fear they are lost forever. Sinners who have the privilege of a deathbed seek to repent for fear of eternal punishment. Both good and bad, religious and irreligious, Christians and skeptics, illiterate and learned, heathen and civilized, all believe and apply the doctrine in some form. No class, creed, or condition of sane men is found without it. It simply shows that while men are trying to get away from eternal punishment in one form, they run into it in another form. It cannot be ruled out, reasoned out, or driven out. No method of philosophizing or theorizing has been able to dispose of it. Even those who are making the greatest efforts to eliminate it from their minds or consciences seem to be afraid of it. It is here to stay.

God says, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2 "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Hebrews 9:27 "I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God -judged -- according to their works." Revelation 20:12 "...fire that shall never be quenched." Mark 9:45 The following are quotations from various theories of men trying to eliminate eternal punishment. "No final judgment awaits mortals." "Hell does not exist and never will." "All who died without Christ will have another chance." "After seventy million years of successive incarnations, the spirit may lose consciousness." "We refuse to believe in the reality of the loss of life, or death." "God is too loving and merciful to send any of His own creatures to eternal punishment."

In Luke 16:19-31 Jesus allows us to hear -- not see, for we could not endure such a sight -- a man experiencing the fire of torment. The voice we hear is the voice of experience. This man with burning lips and fiery eyes is allowed to speak from the fire-swept platform in hell. Will you listen to the voice of experience? Will you listen to one who once stood in time as you do now, but

is now experiencing the eternal flame ? He said he stumbled over Lazarus into hell. Abraham said his five brothers were stumbling over Moses and the prophets into hell. What are you stumbling over? God is not willing that you perish but that you come to repentance. This is why Jesus Christ sacrificed His former glory with the Father and suffered such humiliation by condescending to unite Himself to a human body forever. He became one of us in order to save us. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." "He shall save His people from their sins." "No man cometh unto the Father but by me." Sinner, Jesus Christ is your only hope to be redeemed and cleansed from sin in order to escape eternal punishment.

Eternity cannot be defined. It is beginningless and endless. It cannot be measured. Its past cannot be increased nor its future diminished. It has no past, it has no future, it has no ends, it has no middle, it has no parts. It is an unanalyzable, tremendous unity. If all the mountains of the world were pressing down upon the brain, they could not weigh it down more heavily than eternity's least conception. It is something which always was, and is, and always will be. It began when God began and He had no beginning. It will end when He ends and He has no ending. It is unoriginated, beginningless, endless, measureless, imperishable, indescribable, indefinable. Munsey said we must bow our heads and confess our weakness and folly in trying to explain it. It is older than the world, older than the sun, older than the stars, older than the angels, as old as God. Yet no older now than when the world was formed, no older now than when the stars were placed in their sockets, no older now than when the angels were made. It never will be any older, yet never was any younger. Eternity -- no other word to explain it.

Yes, there is an eternal punishment, but there is also an eternal blessedness called heaven. You choose your own eternal dwelling place. If you will look into a mirror and into your own eyes, you will be looking into eternity. That eternal something is looking out of your two windows. There was a time when you were not, but now you are and will forever be. Eternal punishment is for the wicked who obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and eternal blessedness is for those who do.

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### 33 -- A LIFE OF IMPACT

From the April, 1976 Missionary Revivalist

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Jesus said, "You shall receive power (dynamite) after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The explosion of dynamite gives an impact felt by all. There have been a few men who have had tremendous impact upon me. One of these men was Reverend Glenn Griffith. The impact of this man of God first reached me in the latter forties. It was at a preachers' meeting where Reverend Elbert Dodd had Glenn Griffith to preach. His message and delivery made my hair stand and skin crawl. I shouted beside myself while he gave the announcements at Clinton Camp. I felt the impact in his prayer, his message, his life. Glenn Griffith, the founder of our Bible Missionary Church, was truly one of the ununusuals who moved out beyond the normal and touched God. The supernatural was felt wherever he went. I loved him and was stirred deeply to do more for God.



He was called home in January of 1976. On my way to Santa Cruz the plane flew over the sand where he is buried. My heart leaped. The impact of Glenn Griffith will always be felt. He was considered by the devil as a dangerous man. Surely he was on the devil's list for concentrated persecution. He has had a grand home coming the home coming he so often preached about! I plan to meet him again in the final Jubilee!

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## 34 -- ORGANIZATION vs. SECTARIANISM

From the December, 1977 Missionary Revivalist

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"For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting (left undone), and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee." I have been receiving literature by mail that constantly opposes all organization of churches. I have recently heard a radio program seemingly dedicated to hammer on calling all Christians to come out of all organizations. They say all organization is sectarianism and sectarianism is sin. Therefore to remain inside an organization is to sin. They quote many choice leaders of yesteryears on their sayings about sectarianism and then make them say what they did not say about organization.

There is a difference between organization and sectarianism. Organization is ordered of God, while sectarianism is a heart condition. The devil is trying to get many people to listen to his call, mis-quoting God out of context, "come out of her my people." But who is doing the calling? The caller may be more sectarian in spirit than those called. Sectarianism is that spirit from carnality that wishes to have nothing to do with any who "followeth not with us." God is against all sinful, carnal, selfish, proud, legalistic, sectarianism wherever it is found. The Lord has called us to order. We cannot ordain elders without order. We cannot put the church in order without organization. The Bible teaches us that God is on His Throne and Jesus as High Priest is at His right hand. Jesus is the head of the Church. The Church is the Body and we are members in particular. The Church is fitly joined together.

Organization calls us out of confusion, selfishness, and littleness. It also places us under discipline, rule, and responsibility. Carnality does not want any overseers. By organization we pool our efforts, prayers, and finances to do something for God and humanity in our short day. You who are listening to the call to come out of order by calling it sectarianism must not forget that you still will have to stand before God at the Judgment to give an account of yourself. The caller you listened to will not be there to take your place. If organization is firmly founded on the Truth of the Bible, stands firmly against all evil with Scripture to back its position, practices the rule of love among its members, and is ever seeking the lost to bring them to Jesus, that organization will have the presence of Almighty God.

May the Lord bless all organizations, whatever their nicknames, if they be of this same mind. Unity of Spirit is not man made but God given where ever His great work of grace is found.

We are unified in worship, unified in prayer, unified in praise, unified in purpose and effort. He commands us to keep this unity. This unity of the Spirit is that same unity Jesus prayed for us to have, "that they all may be one." He redeems us from all iniquity and purifies unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. When carnality is cleansed out of the heart, unity of the Spirit is given. This unity will reveal itself in evangelism and missions to get others into this same experience of grace. If any are sectarian in our midst, it is because they are yet carnal. If any are subjected to delegated authority and helping bear the load of responsibility in an organized effort, do. not allow the devil to get you to un-harness and pull out just because someone calls you a sectarian. Ask the question, "who is calling whom a sectarian" ?

May God bless all who make up the machinery of our church. May we ever keep it oiled with His Holy Presence. May God help us to stand by our missionaries with our organized effort. May the Lord continue to help our organization to maintain our Bible School. May He help us with all our glad willful obligations. May we ever have sense enough to know the purpose of organization and keep its wheels turning. Also may we ever have sense enough to know we can have organization without God. If that ever happens to us then all we will have left is our little organization. That is when carnal sectarianism takes over.

What is this anti-organization movement? Why are men continually shooting at us holiness people who love to be organized? Ask one who has fallen under this spell and left an organized holiness church. If they will be honest they will tell you the hindrances, the limitations, and many times the legalism they fell into when they took the "no straps on me" position. Carnality thrives on anything that becomes its major, as long as it is not holiness of heart. When death to the old man is placed second, then whatever takes its place will have full carnal support.

I would advise you to weigh the benefits of organization of not only accomplishments in time but also the fact that you will stand before God at the Judgment. God has not called us out of order but out of sin and the world and compromise. Holiness rejoices in the midst of order and responsibility. Holiness loads up with pledges to support and keep organization at full speed ahead. We must worship God, win the lost, and leave a well ordered, Spirit filled Church to the next generation.

Organization is not necessarily sectarianism. We who have been delivered from carnality know full well that our little organization is only a part of the big effort of God to win the lost to Him. Sanctified people know this and feel this. You are not sectarian just because you are a member of an organized holiness church. If you have a sectarian spirit it is because you are yet carnal.

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## 35 -- THE WORD OF THE LORD -- PART 1

From the June, 1981 Missionary Revivalist

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"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time (at any time) by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Peter 1:20-21. The Lord used the colloquial human language to reveal His heart and mind to man. Words are little vehicles of human thought for communication. I may have a thought in my mind. I may use my vocal chords and tongue to frame

impulses transfer the sound waves to your brain. My thought becomes your thought by the use of spoken words. The Lord Jesus used human words to convey the mind of God to our minds. The words He selected to use were common, usable, and understandable. He knew what each word meant to the hearer of that day. What ever the word conveyed to the mind of the hearer when He spoke them is the mind of God.

Languages change by usage. Words become obsolete, or change meaning, and new words are added. The Greek language used by our Lord was replaced soon afterward by Latin. This caused the words spoken by Jesus in Greek to remain the same in meaning. The translation of the original Greek into modern living languages can easily distort the original meaning of the word used. There was no written Anglo-Saxon literature until after the conversion of the people to Christianity. Noah Webster said a language is constantly changing and "... it can never, cease to change until it ceases to be a living language. ' Many words in use three hundred years ago have since become obsolete. A much larger number have been added. Noah Webster's First Edition in 1828 had 70,000 entries. In 1864 the Unabridged Edition was published with an increase to 114,000 words. In 1890, 175,000 words; in 1909, 400,000 words; in 1934, 1,656,000 entries. How many of these words in the English language are mispronounced, misused, and hence have lost their original meaning? Word changes have made it necessary to redefine both the historical and the modern significance of many terms.

"Definitions of words of many meanings have presented one of the major problems in editing the new dictionary." Noah Webster, in 1828, was the actual originator of the "historical method of arranging definitions. His exhaustive researches into etymology had for their primary purpose the determination of the earliest meaning of every word. Until this earliest meaning had been determined, he pointed out, meanings could not be arranged in intelligent order.

John the Baptist said of Jesus, "For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God." Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." John 14:23. You can now see why it is so important we know the words He spoke. The King James version of the Holy Scriptures was translated from the original words into English. You will note many words are in "italics." These are added words by the translators to make the translation more readable in English. The added words were put in italics to make certain everyone knew they were not from the original text. Many of the Greek words have various meanings when translated into English. We have discussed the many changes of words by constant usage. It is very essential that you know the Word of Truth. It is to your soul's salvation that you allow the Word of God to come through to you in its true, pure, original intent.

We believe that the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments were given by divine inspiration. "All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God." II Timothy 3:16. The Holy

Scriptures inerrantly reveal the will of God concerning all things necessary to our salvation. God is fully able to reveal His Word to man and is equally able to maintain His original Word. Even though the original letters are not preserved, we have copies and translations that preserve the original mind of God to us. "The perfection of the Scriptures must be seen in the message,, . which they convey," according" to Dr. Earle.

The Bible may be considered the Word of God in the same way that Jesus is the Son of God, called by John the Word. Jesus is the Word of God incarnate in the human nature; the Bible is the Word of God incarnate in human literature." His Word is settled forever. Men have burned the Word as well as crucified the Christ, but He lives on and so does His Word.

Dr. Wiley said, "By inspiration we mean the actuating energy of the Holy Spirit through which holy men were qualified to receive religious truth, and to communicate it to others Without error." The first generation Christians had no New Testament to read. In fact, they wrote the New Testament. The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew and Aramaic. Some seventy Jewish scholars translated the Pentateuch into Greek in about 250 B.C. This was called the Septuagint. The rest was translated later. In the second century the New Testament was translated into Latin. This was called the Latin Vulgate. We are told there are over 4,000 manuscripts of the Greek New Testament in safe keeping today. The Wycliff Bible was translated from the Latin Vulgate. Tyndale's New Testament was translated from the original Greek. Tyndale was killed for doing this. The first complete printed English Bible was done by Miles Coverdale. The first authorized English Bible was called "The Great Bible." It was chained to the reading desk in the churches. The Geneva Bible came from the many Protestants who fled Bloody Mary to Switzerland. The Bishops' Bible was a reprint of The Great Bible. The Douay version came from France by the Catholics in an effort to win England back to the papacy. The King James version of 1611 came from fifty-four men appointed by King James to do the translation. It has been the favorite Bible by the English speaking world for hundreds of years. Our desire to have the original mind of God conveyed to our minds makes us very cautious of modern translations. Our changing of meanings by usage of words keeps us settled to the King James version. And even in this version, there are English words used in the translation that have varied meanings in English. Be sure you know the original meaning of the words Jesus used when He spoke them before you conclude your doctrine concerning a subject. Guy Duty gives us eight rules of interpretation. He says that Biblical interpretation is more than knowing a set of rules, but it cannot be done without the rules. The rules are only to keep us to the original meaning of the word. If we violate the rules, we end up with theories, opinions, misunderstanding, false doctrine; and we are in serious risk of making God say what He did not say, or not allowing Him to say what He did say. We will discuss these eight in the next issue.

(Editor's Note: This is one of three articles. Watch for article number two in the July issue and the final one in the August issue.)

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## 36 -- THE WORD OF THE LORD -- PART 2

From the July, 1981 Missionary Revivalist

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"All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." II Timothy 3:16-17. We have discussed the constant changing of a living language. Words are vehicles of human thought for communications. Jesus used the colloquial language of the common man of that day. He knew what each word He selected meant to the hearers. Whatever the word meant conveyed to the hearer the mind of God upon every subject He saw necessary to speak upon. It is essential we get that original intent of God's mind. Jesus said the devil is a liar and the father of lies. The devil made his first statement to man in misquoting God's Word. He lies with the Word of God. This makes it necessary to establish rules of interpretation. Guy Duty gives us eight rules of interpretation. Permission is granted for brief quotations embodied in critical articles and reviews. We will discuss the necessity of rules for correct Biblical interpretation. We share with you the results of fourteen years of study by Guy Duty. The following quotes are from Mr. Duty.

"These rules are the center of all grammatical interpretation. They were developed by specialists in the 'science of meaning' over the past 2,500 years." Confusion comes from the devil as he lies about God's Word. Satan deceived Eve with words. We must have a sure method of interpreting the Word. If we will apply the rules with an honest heart and mind, and ask the Lord to give us wisdom, we will have the Truth as it is in Christ.

Rule 1 is the rule of definition.

Note that our first article was dealing with words. We must define the terms to the meaning they had to the hearer of that day in which they were spoken, and not so much the meaning to us in English in this day; for English has changed so many times through usage and misunderstanding, or through the adding or dropping of words. In order to get the mind of God, we must define the word. Jesus did not use new words but only those already in use, in order that the mind of God could be conveyed to their mind. Hence when He spoke, they said, "We see." Today brethren have parted ways and denominations have split over failing to define the Word. Without proper definition, we will end up with preferences, prejudices, opinions, theories, traditions--and mistake all of them for the Truth! For an example, we can use the word that Jesus used in Greek when He spoke "porneia." The translation of that Greek word into English in the King James version is fornication, but the original meaning of that word "porneia" when Jesus used it was more than just "fornication." In Hebrew and Greek, the word "fornication" includes incest, sodomy, harlotry, perversion, and all sexual sin both before and after marriage. But when we ignore the original meaning of the word used and try to confine it only to what it means in our ever changing English, we end up in the hands of confusion. "God is not the author of confusion." I Corinthians 14:33

Rule 2 is the rule of usage. Jesus did not ignore the words He found existing, nor did He try to change them--He used them. He spoke to the people and His words were intelligent communication. They understood Him so well that they picked up stones to stone Him. So when we read the Word and statements of Jesus, we should not try to think of them as to how we use words today, but rather as to how the words were used when they were spoken. He spoke to the

Jew first. The sense of those words as understood by the hearers, and the use of those words as used by the hearers is the mind of God. Do you want the mind of God? Are you trying to make the Bible teach your doctrine, or are you making your doctrine bend to the Bible? If you are wanting only the "thus saith the Lord, then you will have to make several trips to the trash can and scoop out the error of your thinking to get it in line with the original Truth of God.

Rule 3 is the rule of context. "Many a passage of Scripture will not be understood at all without the help afforded by the context; for many a sentence derives all its point and force from the connection in which it stands." You must read the words before and after the verse you select. Otherwise you may be guilty of pulling a verse out of context and be making God say what He did not say or not allowing Him to say all that He did say on the subject. False doctrines base their premise on "Thus saith the Lord" and quote chapter and verse. But it is false when out of context. Do not be guilty of making the Bible prove your doctrine. For example, I came to a house in visitation. The husband was rocking furiously--a newspaper in his hand--but not reading it. The wife was rattling pots and pans at the kitchen sink. He welcomed me and then said, "Preacher, where is it in the Bible that says, Wives, obey your husbands?" I went over and put my arm around him to stop his furious rocking and then looked over at his wife I said, "Now, isn't that just like the devil? Here your husband is concerned about a Scripture that does not have anything to do with him. What he needs to do is be concerned with the Scripture that says, 'Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the Church, and gave Himself for it.' " He was guilty of pulling a verse out of context and trying to make it back up his carnality and demands of her slavery toward him. You must stand with Jesus as He stands on everything. You must stay with definition and context.

Rule 4 is rule of historical background. "Even the general reader must be aware that some knowledge of Jewish life and society at the time is requisite for the understanding of the gospel history." "The moment the student has in his mind what was in the mind of the author and authors of the Biblical books when these were written, he has interpreted the thought of Scripture .... If he adds anything of his own, it is not exegesis." U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. said, "Our only interest in the past is for the light it throws upon the present." How true that this rule must be applied in order for us to get the mind of God from His Word.

Rule 5 is rule of logic. The Lord said, "Come now, and let us reason together." Isaiah 1:18. Improper notions of implication come from sheer nonsense, and many times this is what is served from the pulpit. When I was a lost sinner without any knowledge of the Word, my common sense would keep me fairly well straight when confronted with a Biblical question. When I saw those two drunks and adulterers trying to preach the Word of God to us on our way to the battle of Guam, my common sense said, "Something is haywire here, somewhere. I was Scriptural and did not know it. Logic, or common sense, is God given and is to be used in getting the Word of God to your heart. Finney said, "The Bible must be understood on fair principles of interpretation such as would be admitted in a court of justice."

Rule 6 is the rule of precedent. "We must not violate the known usage of a word and invent another for which there is no precedent." We can make words say what they never have said in any usage.

Rule 7 is the rule of unity. "Where a transaction is carried out by means of several documents so that together they form part of a single whole, these documents are read together as one." God is not in contradiction to Himself. His entire Word is in unity. We must stay within the rule of unity.

Rule 8 is the rule of inference. "An inference is a fact reasonably implied from another fact. It is a logical consequence." This rule will allow you to draw a conclusion from evidence. It is a fact of inference, though not expressly stated. Many will refuse the truth on second-blessing holiness by refusing to stay to this rule of inference. Satan hates God's Truth. We will discuss his way of getting Truth out of your heart in the next article.

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### 37 -- THE WORD OF THE LORD -- PART 3

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"The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the wayside, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts." Mark 4:14-15. The entire fourth chapter of Mark must be taken in context. Jesus teaches the parable of the sower. The seed is the Word of God. It is sown in the hearts of the hearers. Satan comes immediately for the Word's sake to take it away. Satan hates the Word of God. He could care less about you, but he hates the Word. When you hear the Word, you have Satan to contend with immediately. Satan knows that God's Word is true. He knows that if it is allowed to stay in your heart it will take root, grow, and bear the fruit it promises. He must get the Word out of your heart immediately. Someone has said that God has made over 33,000 promises in His Word to us. I do not know if this is correct, for I have never counted them. But one thing is certain--every promise that God has made will return to God with the fulfilled intent with which He made it. Promises of forgiveness will return to God with you, as the fruit --forgiven! Promises of total deliverance -- if allowed to root, grow, and bring forth its harvest --will return to God with you riding the beam-delivered! Promises of heart purity and the old man crucified -- if allowed to root, and grow, and harvest out -- will return to God with a one hundred percent fruit unto holiness, with you radiating Divine love, and possessed with the Holy Ghost, His being housed in your soul! Promises of growth in grace, the fruit of the Spirit, all your needs supplied, physical healing, etc., are heard; and if allowed to remain and take root, will come forth one hundred fold! Jesus said in verse twenty-one that the Word is to give light to you. In verse twenty-two He said there is nothing hid but that it should be revealed. If you are able to hear, then hear the Word. Verse twenty-four declares if you will hear the Word, then more will be given to you. In verses twenty-six through twenty-nine He tells you that you don't have to know how it works, but just keep it planted and growing and it will work and you will get your harvest.

Note that after Jesus has said all this about the importance of His Words and how they will bring forth the fruit intended by them, that Satan comes immediately to take the Word out of your heart. You will decide whether he gets the Word out or not. Your faith in God's Word should be

explosive, contagious, steadfast, and reckless. Your faith in the Word and your obedience to the Word will not allow Satan to get his dirty hands on it. Satan uses five ways to get the Word and remove it from your heart.

He uses affliction, persecution, cares of this world, deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things. These things enter in and choke the Word, and it becomes unfruitful. You do not get the end result of the promise. In verse seventeen Jesus said the seed of Truth is sown, but they have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time. Then Satan is able to bring affliction to rout out the Word. The word affliction in the Greek meant pressure. This word is used sixteen times in the New Testament. According to Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible, there are seven other Greek words that are translated affliction into English; but the one used here is "pressure." Satan knows how to apply pressure to you-when the Word is sown. This could come through a husband, or a wife, or down on the job from the manager or fellow workmen, or at school or from your peers. The desire to be accepted by others will cause one to yield to pressure and the Word is taken away.

Satan uses persecution. This word means "to pursue." It has a host of areas where Satan can attack. Ill treatment, abuse, oppression, injury, trouble, torture, horrible offenses, and disastrous calamities are just some of the ways Satan comes to get you to lose faith in God's Word and give it up. This could come through the preacher, or through the church, or even through loved ones at home. Just be sure that it comes with the express intent of causing you to close up your heart. If you hurt and suffer so much that it causes you to withdraw into coolness or to compromise in order to remove the persecution, you have allowed Satan to scare you out.

Satan uses the cares of this world. This word means "division" or "distraction." Jesus said, "...your hearts be overcharged with... cares." John Wesley said you cannot have faith and worry at the same time. No wonder Wesley said he had just as soon curse as worry! Worry cancels faith. Peter says, "... casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Casting is an active participle, which means that you are to be doing it all the time. Daily cares will come, therefore there has to be a continual casting of them upon Him. If you will try to carry them you will end up in anxious worry. The doctors tell us that worry causes heart trouble, high blood pressure, asthma, rheumatism, ulcers, thyroid malfunction, arthritis, migraine headaches, blindness, stomach disorders, palpitations, pain in the back of the neck, indigestion, nausea, dizziness, unexplainable fatigue, insomnia, temporary paralysis, etc. Worry is sin, because you can't pray and worry at the same time. The Lord said He would "...keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee." Isaiah 26:3. The sin of worry disrupts families and destroys your witness. We might as well send a hearse for a joy ride as to send a worrying person to represent Jesus to a lost soul. Worry will destroy praise, poise, power, and peace. Satan knows that worry and care will destroy the Word of God in your heart, hence he loads you up with cares. Jesus tells us to pray about everything, but instead you worry about everything. If Satan can't throw you with affliction or persecution, he knows the cares of this world will do it. Someone came to me with a pained expression on his face and with a whine said, "Oh, brother, I just heard on the radio that gasoline might go up to \$2.00 per gallon. What in this world am I going to do? I told him I knew what I was going to do. He asked me, "What?" I said, "I'm going to pay it."



Satan uses deceitfulness of riches. Deceitfulness means distortion, dishonesty, misrepresentation, mistaken, untrue, false, faithless, cunning, and phony. It is not money that is the root of all evil, but the love of money. Many love it but have none of it. We all must have money. They still believe in it down at the grocery store. Satan uses phony distortion to get you to rely on money rather than on God, or to get you to love it in the covetousness of your soul. Faith in the Word of God to care for you and supply all your needs in Christ Jesus cannot abide in the heart that is taken up with the deception of the love for money. There is so much more that could be said here. This is the way the Word of God is removed from your heart.

The devil uses the lust of other things. You will notice here that Jesus said these enter in. They cannot get in unless you allow them to enter. The five senses are used of Satan at this point. The ear gate or the eye gate or some other desire is kindled to get you to open to Satan. In this present world we are constantly surrounded by junk music; sinful, lustful, filthy books; T.V.; griping, complaining, cursing, faiths humanity. The Word of God does not sneak up on you, but Satan does. When you don't open the gate to him, he will scrap back. If you still have the Word of God in your heart, you can come running and screaming at him, fighting, scratching, shouting. Just jab the devil under the fifth rib with the Word! Give it to him where it hurts! Yell at him! If he wants the Word so badly, you will be glad to give it to him! Take the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. Glory to God! It is sharper than any two-edged sword known to man. Use it on the devil. Keep the Word of God in your heart, for it will give you the harvest God has promised. The Word promises you salvation, keeping grace, supplying grace! And then He will come for you and take you home with Him forever. Keep the Word of God in its original form in your heart. Reap your harvest of one hundred fold. It is God's intended harvest for you and it will be to His glory. Satan will be chained in the pits of hell and God will there choke him until he admits that the Word of God is so!

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