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INTRODUCTION

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Article 1 THE HOLINESS PEOPLE AND THE MIXED MULTITUDE

From the September, 1957 Missionary Revivalist

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"Now these are the names of some of the holiness people and their households which came out from the world and separated themselves unto God for the cause of 'Spreading scriptural holiness over the lands.' Peter, James and John, Paul the apostle, and all the holy laymen of that early day. Also, John and Charles Wesley, Fox, Whitefield, Asbury, Inskip and Godbey. "And what shall we more say? for time would fail us to tell of Robinson, Morrison, Bresee, Williams, Chapman, Tidwell, and an innumerable host of fire baptized laymen along, "Whose hearts God had touched;" Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again; and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance: that they might obtain a better resurrection"

These all rejoiced and made merry in their hearts, and exercised to the fullest extent, their full rights of liberty and freedom in preaching, singing and shouting their God-given convictions, pouring forth the fiery invectives of holy truth by sermon and song into the hearts of the people of their generations; Revival fires breaking out everywhere, and spreading into all the cities, and villages and hamlets of the country, and around the world.

Now Paul, Peter, James and John died. and all their brethren, including Wesley, Whitefield, Bresee, Williams, Morrison and others, but others whom God raised up took their place and led on in the "Old Path," and thus the holiness people were "fruitful and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty, and the land was filled with them."

"Now there arose up another leadership over the holiness movement that knew not Paul, Wesley, Bresee, and others of the "Old Paths." And behold they said, "The holiness people are entirely too radical, and they are more and mightier than we. Come let us deal with them!" "Let us make plans, and draw up methods, and insert amendments, and resolutions in our constitution and by-laws whereby we can stop their progress and bring them to a halt." Therefore, they did set over them taskmasters, (Apostate leaders, Boards, Committees, etc.) to afflict them by refusing to give them evangelist's commission, referring their licensed ministers back to the local churches, thus depriving them of their ministerial authority, and a voice in the business of the district and General gatherings. Furthermore, canceling their meetings where at all possible, and specifying that none should preach against T.V., the wedding band, immodesty in dress, mixed bathing etc., which things they designated as "externals," or "thing." And as such should never be mentioned. Also they were to never raise their voice against the entertainment program which by now had become a set pattern of the church. That if they continued to preach and testify against these things they would be guilty of disloyalty to the church, and consequently would be tried for heresy and cast out.

But the more they afflicted them the more they multiplied and grew. "And they, (the compromisers) were grieved because of the holiness people." "And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage." They ignored them, and refused them recognition in the public gatherings, such as the holiness conventions, camp meetings, and annual conferences, assemblies etc. They were left off the boards, committees and any other places of leadership where they might have a voice. The people were forbidden to be seen with them anymore, and consequently many of their friends turned and walked no more with them. Furthermore. the taskmasters and leaders of the modern holiness movement fell upon a still more subtle and deceptive plan to further crush the growth and spread of the holiness people. Altar fires, were burning, and sons and daughters were being born into the kingdom. Thereupon the Midwives, (the altar workers) were commanded to kill the new born babes, or worse still, to prevent their births, using as their methods, the "take it by faith theory," "Accept Christ as your personal Saviour," "The altar sanctifies the gift," etc. "Have you done all you know to do? then just believe the Lord, and the work is done." But these midwives, (altar workers) among the holiness people did not take to this modern birth prevention theory, and thus stood faithfully by the old fashioned way, letting nature, (The spiritual nature) take its course, beating them in the back and urging them to take it by the job and pray until they had witness of the Holy Ghost that the work was done. So the holiness people "multiplied and waxed very mighty."

But the oppressions, persecutions and bondage laid upon the holiness people became more intolerable with the passing years; and the demands of the taskmasters more bitter and

unendurable, until the cries from the oppressed people were heard by their God. And He sent them strong" deliverers who led them out of their bondage. With great shouts and demonstrations of the Holy Ghost they formed their new organization. "Glorious freedom" was their theme song as they crossed the red seas of opposition and shouted deliverance on the other side.

But grave dangers beset this new organization of the holiness people. "A mixed multitude went up also with them" . . . And mixed they were. Their professed holiness convictions were mixed with selfish interests, place seeking, and hidden worldly tendencies. And in the process of time it came to pass that when this mixed multitude became a bit more settled in their new environment, and felt that they had become more or less a permanent fixture in this new movement they began to be more bold in following out, and openly practicing their worldly inclinations. Thus "The mixed multitude fell a lusting," . . . Saying give us flesh, (the world) to eat, We remember the leeks, and garlic and onions of Egypt." "Good old Egypt!" "We remember the short sleeves, the low necks, the beads and trinkets, and our wedding bands, and other ornamental jewelry. Also our ice cream suppers and TV. "We gave these things up to go along, though we did it reluctantly. Yet these have never been our convictions." And so it came to pass that the mixed multitude began to shorten their sleeves even above the elbow, trim their hair, put on Sunday School socials, ice cream suppers for get-togethers and entertainment. Yet, they murmured when the sermons bore down upon them regarding immodesty in dress, and along other holiness standards in general. Moreover, to the dismay and grief of the holiness people it was found that many preachers who, though they had been rigid enough in taking members into their churches, by reading and emphasizing the rules, and questioning each individual carefully, yet became lax and negligible in enforcing the standards. Thus the mixed multitude increased, and became more bold in their deeds and darings. Many of them being placed as Sunday School teachers, song leaders, pianists, special singers, etc. But many of the brethren of the stronger lines remembering from whence they had been delivered cried out with a loud voice and testified against these glaring inconsistencies until it was decided upon overwhelmingly at the next "great feast day" (The General Conference) that "These things ought not so to be." That the mixed multitude should be brought to task in every local church, and called upon to put away their half-hearted convictions, and their carnal rebellions, and line up all the way with all their hearts, or withdraw their membership according to the original covenant.

The passing of this resolution was made amidst much shouting and mighty demonstrations of the Spirit of God. God Himself answering with a mighty amen from the lighted heavens. The fire fell, and lightning bolts from Pentecostal skies found their targets, and, many of the mixed multitude fell prostrate, and prayed and wept, and died out to all their carnal rebellion and worldliness, then arose with gladdened hearts, and shining faces to join wholeheartedly the ranks of the holiness people with oneness, and harmony and unity to push heaven's cause with renewed vigor and holy intensity to the ends of the earth. Revival fires broke out and swept with uncontrollable fury throughout that great gathering. Committees and boards in busy sessions were invaded, and swept through by this mighty baptism of holy fire.

Visionless, burdenless, tearless, passionless and powerless preachers fell prostrate under this mighty power, and with "Strong cryings and tears," prayed through until they were emptied of all self, and carnal weaknesses and mightily endued with power from on high.

The revival tides rose steadily higher and spread out over all the land, until from Dan even to Beersheba its mighty impact was felt upon groups and individuals insomuch that the mixed multitudes dissolved under its melting power, many praying through, while others who refused to pay the price Withdrew. And thus "The word of God grew and multiplied, and great fear was upon all the people." Then were the holiness people glad, and went on rejoicing in the goodness of their God and in the mighty miracles which He wrought among them.

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Article 2

THE FRUITS OF A LYING MINISTRY

From the December, 1957 Missionary Revivalist

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"Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad; whom I have not made sad and strengthened the hand of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked ways by promising him life: Therefore ye shall see no more vanity? nor divine divinations, for I will deliver my people out of your hands? And ye shall know that I am the Lord. (Ezekiel 13:22, 23).

The ministry of the word of God is a sacred ministry. Originating in God, it is holy, hallowed, and divinely anointed; and to keep the smiles and blessings of God upon him the minister must be faithful and loyal to this divine calling and work. If such be the case, he will both save himself and those that hear him. If not, then he becomes the agent and instrument of His own damnation, and the delusion and destruction of those who hear and follow him. Thus the ministry becomes the pivot around which the generations rise and fall: and the man who wields the scepter of the ministry the preacher, bears the burden of responsibility for those he has helped to damn with his compromising gospel, or is blessed of God for those he has led into the paths of righteousness and peace under the influence of the gospel of true holiness, as the case may be.

Much of the early part of the book of Ezekiel is a message of warning from God to the false prophets of that day and age. God designated them as lying prophets. "Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad," . . . How, like much of the ministry in the present day holiness movement! A weak, sickly, anemic, watered down, backboneless, spineless, jelly-fish type of ministry under the disguise of so-called "Red hot, sky blue, gun-barrel straight holiness is the most obnoxious odious and sickening thing this side the gates of light. It is utterly revolting in the extreme, and is an abomination in the sight of God. A holiness that does not cry out against all sin, and cleanse from all sin, and keep from all sin is a false holiness: is untrustworthy, and leaves its blighting, withering effects upon all those poor deluded souls who have fallen under its baleful influence.

Notice, "They strengthened the hands of the wicked" . . . In the realm of Christian experience we are either in or out. We are either saved or we are not saved. There is no middle ground. The same applies in the ministry. The minister is a holiness preacher or a sinning religionist preacher. He is either a holiness preacher or a holiness fighter. He has either joined up

on God's side or the devil's side. He is either a truthful minister or a lying minister. He either fights sin to the utmost, or makes allowances for sin. He preaches the true holiness which cleanses from all sin, and excludes all worldliness from one's life, or else he makes allowances for certain forms of worldliness which are most popular in the minds and hearts of the people. O, but some preacher says, "I believe in staying in the middle of the road!" What road? In the highway of holiness there is no middle of the road position. It is holiness from one side to the other, from one end to the other. All is holiness in the highway of holiness. In the broad way of sin which leads to hell there is no middle of the road position. Jesus condemns it all as sin. And sin is sin, and has its blighting withering, soul-damning effects wherever it is found, whether it takes its shape in the form of a wedding band, television, mixed bathing, immodesty in dress, cursing, swearing, gambling, lying, drunkenness, hypocrisy, and everything else out of line with the holy scriptures.

The powers of hell are arrayed against the church today. The battle-lines of modernism, skepticism, atheism, deism, liberalism, compromise and apostasy are lined up against old fashioned holiness, and against all who dare to go in that blessed way.

When a preacher backs upon light and refuses to abide by the word of God and gives the green light to his people to indulge in worldliness: when, either through his sermons or actions, or both he states that one can have TV and have holiness, can go mixed-bathing and have holiness, can sit on the bleachers or play in the ball games, even to the big league games and have holiness; that the women can cut their hair, wear their shorts, jeans, jewelry, makeup, sleeveless dresses, etc., and have holiness; his ministry is, according to God's own words, a lying ministry, and will certainly strengthen the hands of the wicked, and damn the souls of its followers. It is popular in the holiness movement today to rent bowling alleys, or have their own in the basement of the church or an adjoining recreational center, take the young people mixed-bathing, engage in tacky parties, ball teams in the churches, all for the entertainment of the young people, because, "They must have some form of recreation and fun" (Fun is the devil's substitute for joy) "and if we don't give it to them under spiritual ? ? ? supervision they will go to the world for it." Poor young people, isn't it a shame that the Christ who said, "These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full," is, after all unable to perform His promise to the fullest capacity? That after all the Christian must supplement his joys with the pleasures of the world? No! Christ fully satisfies every longing of the soul. If the young people or any people go to the world for their entertainment it is evident that they are not saved, for the holy scriptures declare that, "Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." I John 5:4. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life are not of the father, but is of the world. (I Jno. 2:15,16)

The Psalmist David reaching the height of full heart satisfaction expressed it in these words, "They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house: and thou shalt make them drink of the rivers of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light. (Psalm 34:8, 9) The world can always do a better job of entertaining than the church. We had better stick to the Holy Ghost program.

Yes, a lying ministry strengthens the hands of the wicked? and saddens the heart of the righteous. The false prophets of Ezekiel's day promised the people peace in the midst of their sensual indulgences and idol worship. This strengthened the hands of the wicked. Increased production in the idol industry. God had said to Adam and Eve, "But of the tree that is in the "midst of the garden thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die!" But the devil who is the father of lies, the perpetrator of all evil, and who originated the lying ministry preached the first apostate sermon to them, using as His text, "Thou shalt not surely die!" Adam and Eve fell, and all their posterity with them as a result of hearing and believing a lying ministry. Thus it behooves us to pray and keep close to God and refuse to bow to a compromising gospel. When the church puts her stamp of approval on the ungodly, hell inspired, devil-dominated, and Hollywood monopolized television, she strengthens the hands of the wicked, and becomes the agent and instrument of the damnation of human souls. O, woe betide the reaping day!

When the preacher decides to telecast his sermons and church services he tells his people by such actions that it is all right to buy a set. Many times from pulpit or personal conversation the green light is given in the following assertion: "If you don't feel condemned over it then it is all right." O, who can fathom the consequences of a lying ministry? But ere long the green light will turn to red, and then in the end, to the black, lurid flames of hell. Let us say for instance that ten thousand homes out of three hundred thousand so-called holiness people have a TV, and, each set cost approximately three hundred dollars. This would be three million dollars thrown into the coffers of this demoralizing, character degrading, soul damning industry. Three million dollars to building more TV sets to send into more so-called holiness homes, to wreck and ruin hundreds of thousands more. And so the deadly work goes incessantly on, strengthened by a so-called holiness ministry. Heaven is grieved, Hell is populated, and devils and demons laugh and hoot with hellish glee. A ministerial alliance in one southern city voiced their opposition to Sunday movies, to which objection was fired this retort: "If your church members would quit patronizing us we would have to quit." If the church would form a solid line against all sin of every kind all hell would feel its terrible impact. But, "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." And, because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold."

O, compromise and apostasy, how baleful is thy influence! No church or nation ever rises above its ministry. In France, as a result of the ministry becoming putrid and rotten with atheism and infidelism there followed in its wake the terrible French revolution which has left its stigma indelibly on the page of human history. England was degenerating fast into this fateful miasma, only to be reached in time by the mighty Wesleyan revival. In America we are sinking fast in to the awful maelstrom of liberalism, modernism, compromise and apostasy, from which, only a heaven-born, fire-baptized, Holy Ghost revival can save us. The Jews were broken as a nation, and thrust under Gentile domination, from which they have not emerged unto this day, because of a corrupted, and profaned ministry.

The empires of Babylon, Persia, and Greece met the same fate. Rome, the once mighty, flourishing empire of the world weakened and crumbled and fell until she could rise no more, debauched through a paganized and corrupt priesthood and ministry.

I fear for our own safety when no longer the fires of a holy, God-anointed, Christ honored ministry surrounds us. Where are the sermons on death, the second coming of Christ, the judgment, and brimstone fires of a burning, blistering hell which once thundered from the pulpits of the churches of our fair land? Where is the preaching on the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and the deception of deep-dyed carnality, as preached by Asbury, Finney, Morrison, Bud Robinson, and hosts of others whose ministry was a blaze of glory for God, and a holy terror against the devil. Under that type of preaching sinners would fall under the thunder bolts of Holy Ghost conviction from Pentecostal skies, backtrack into their lives, confess out their wrongs, settle the old grudges, make full restitution for all their old unpaid debts, shed off their jewelry, quit the tobacco habit, and clean up thoroughly and genuinely. They would take this matter of, "Gitten Religion" by the job until they prayed clear through. Then the fire would fall, and the Holy Ghost would witness to their hearts that the glorious work of salvation was done. When they came through in this manner they knew, and everybody else around knew that they had gotten the victory. When believers began to seek God for the blessing of holiness they didn't go to the altar and pray a little sentence prayer, and shed a little crocodile tear or two, make a shallow consecration, and, at the bidding of some shallow, superficial altar worker get up and "take it by faith." No! But they would bury their nose under the altar rail, writhe like a worm in hot ashes and sometimes groan and bellow like a dying calf, confess out all the corruption and meanness of their carnal heart, consecrate all their ransomed powers once and forever to God for all time and eternity: and die out completely to all self and carnality, and at the end of a full surrender and abandonment to God the fire would fall, and the glory would fill the soul.

Yes, it has been, and always will be that clear-cut, straight forward, scriptural holiness preaching weakens the hand of the wicked, and makes glad the people of God. But a soft-soaped compromising ministry strengthens the hands of the wicked, damns souls, populates hell, and grieves heaven.

O, preachers and laymen of the holiness movement, let us gird on the armour of full salvation, and launch a full scale offensive against all sin and carnality; against the forces of infernal darkness. Let us be men of the hour, a people of destiny. We have a job to do, a task to perform. We have no time to fuss and fume with those who would oppose us, with those who would assail to block our way. Remember, God is bigger than the block or the blockade, and will make a way through the seemingly impossible. All heaven is at our disposal. God the Father said, "My presence shall go with thee." Jesus said, "And lo, I will be with you alway even unto the end of the world." The Holy Ghost is our indwelling sanctifier and comforter. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Also, "the glory of the Lord is our reward." Of the church He said, "I will be a wall of fire round about her, and the glory in the midst of her." Then let us not be afraid to cry out against sin and name it. "Cry aloud, and spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins."

Let us make glad the people of God, and weaken the hands of the enemy.

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THE IMMUTABILITY OF HOLINESS

From the November, 1958 Missionary Revivalist

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Holiness, sublime attribute of God! Truth of the ages! Light of the centuries: Originating in God, condescending to man.

Smiting sin and carnality with the eternal death strike, it lifts fallen man from the quagmires of iniquitous shame and woe, to the lofty sun-kissed mountain peaks of divine love and purity; thus blending the two personalities of God and man into one beautiful, harmonious whole. "For both he that sanctifieth, and they who are sanctified are all of one, for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren." (Heb. 2:11) What love! What ardor! What pathos! What affection! What marvelous condescension, that back in the council chambers of eternity; before the infant earth lay wrapped in swaddling clothes of light; before the valleys were scooped out, and the majestic mountains piled up, with their great feet planted firmly in the bowels of the earth, and their lofty heads towering into the ethereal blue. Before the blazing monarch of the heavens, the king of day mounted his fiery chariot in the east with sprays and spangles of golden light, splashing sunbeams here and there upon earth's beautiful carpet of green; and ascending the arched dome of the vast universe, and reaching his zenith, glided down the sunny slopes to the ending of day, and disappeared among the spiraling hues of the West's golden mellow twilight.

Yes, before the dawning of creation's day God thought in terms of a holy manhood, clothed in Heaven's royalty, and regal splendor; to associate with Him to fellowship with Him on the high levels of a sinless life.

So He chose, He planned, He purposed. The blueprints were drawn up, the pattern set. And though, through His foreknowledge He saw that man would fall, He provided for his full and complete recovery through the blood atonement of Christ on Calvary's Cross. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come." (Heb. 13:12-14)

Yes, holiness is the escape route from hell; the gate way to the Heavens; blest heritage of the saints of light.

Holiness is the grand depositum of all truth. It has shone through the centuries with scintillating light and radiating beauty, bathing Angels and redeemed saints in the effulgence of its ineffable glory.

It is the supreme will of God, and the highest law for man. It is as changeless as the Eternal, and as strong as the Divine Omnipotence. Devils and demons have marshaled their black-hearted, hell-instigated and satanically inspired forces against this holy truth and its

Heaven-empowered warriors through ages past, only to fall back before the mighty impact of its onrushing advance.

Catholicism assayed to obliterate it. Mohammedanism, Buddhism and Confucianism endeavored to replace it. False heresies have tried to smother it. Modernism seeks to crush it. Worldliness and compromise fight frantically to counterfeit it. Communism, with its teeming millions of God-haters and Christ rejecters, backed by the black winged myrmidons of the infernal regions are hurling onslaught after onslaught of fiery invectives against it. But on every desolated battlefield holiness lifts its proud banners, while its sanctified, battle-scarred warriors shout with the exultant cry of victory.

Modern Ecclesiastics and compromisers of eternal verities are throwing the weight of their position, power and influence against its holy standards and precepts. They are seeking to make void its arguments, nullify its teachings, and to strangle its hold on certain issues. They will inevitably go down as have all their apostate predecessors before them. But Holiness is engraved by the omnipotent hand of God in the immutable Rock of Ages. It has survived every battle, outridden every storm; and is destined to shine on in all its resplendent glory and radiating beauty in the glad city of God and the saints of Light.

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Article 4

THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH

From the December, 1961 Missionary Revivalist

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"Forever O Lord, thy word is settled in Heaven." Psalm 119:89

Jesus Christ the Son of God is the King of kings, and Lord of lords. The Bible is the Book of books. It is God's own word, God's own message to man. Over and above all others it stands supreme. It has been for generations, and till is, the world's best seller. Mary Baker Eddy's Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures, The Book of Mormon, Mohammed's "Code of Ethics," and all others fade into utter oblivion before the penetrating, devastating and captivating Light of God's Holy Truth. God's word is Light. The entrance of thy word giveth Light." (Psalm 119: 130b) "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105) Light exposes, reveals, manifests. It searches the deep inner recesses of the soul. Hence the writer to the Hebrews exclaims, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." It is the preaching of the word of God then by His faithful ministers under the Holy Anointing that brings the heart in direct contact with Divine truth. God chose, by the "foolishness of preaching," to save men. Then preachers and heralds of this holy truth, let us preach it, sing it and shout it from every vantage point possible, "line upon line, line upon line,

precept upon precept, precept upon precept," until all within the scope of our years, our ministry, our influence may hear and know.

The Bible is the Holy Book or the Book on Holiness. "Hear ye O Israel, the Lord thy God is one Lord." "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." It therefore stands to reason that since God is holy He would make man a holy being. This He did saying, "Let us make man in our image, After our likeness . . . " Genesis 1:26b. "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." Eph. 1:4 Holiness then is the divine requirement not only for Heaven, but for our life lived here. "The oath which he swore unto our father Abraham, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life." Luke 1:73, 74, 75.

The Bible is the inspired word of God, and He has uttered severe warnings to those who would dare to add to or to take away from its intended meaning. We, the Bible Missionary Church, therefore deplore the attempts of the present day Modernists to modify the Holy Scriptures. We reject the Revised Standard Version basically on the grounds that many of its translations are misleading in the extreme; that they are wholly unfounded in the light of Holy Truth. The Virgin Birth is assailed. Isaiah's prophecy, "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isa. 7:14. The Revised Standard Version puts it, "A young woman shall conceive and bear a son " This could be either a pure or an impure woman. God said, "Ye shall put a difference between the unclean and the clean " Lev. 11:47. This, the NCC Committee refused to do. Also some Scriptures on the Blood Atonement and the Deity of Christ have been altered. In fact, Professor Stevenson, in a debate with evangelist Dan Gilbert, acknowledged that they (the NCC revision committee) meant to humanize Christ so as to make Him acceptable to the Communists. This is diabolical and revolting in the extreme. Many of the men who composed this committee are Ultra-modernists. An Ultra-modernist is nothing short of an Atheist. They deny the Virgin Birth, count the Resurrection a myth, and wholly discount the Blood Atonement, making Christ's death of no effect. Since the Holy Scriptures are spiritually discerned, these men, and any and all others like them are wholly unfit and completely disqualified to translate the Holy Scriptures, or to attempt in any way to interpret them.

"The New English Bible" is another recent translation which takes its place in the Modernist trend. It uses the word Consecration for Sanctification, and uses merely the word girls to replace Virgins in Matthew 25:1. We, the Bible Missionary Church, go on record as being opposed to these modern translations. We are opposed to the National Council of Church of Christ in the U.S.A., and any or all others who would wrest the Scriptures to the damnation of human souls.

We believe unequivocally and positively in the infallibility of the Word of God. In the plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. That holy men of old were ordained of God and inspired of the Holy Ghost to write the Holy Scriptures. We believe the Word of God to be eternally co-existent with God, and thereby eternal in its duration. "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in Heaven." The enemies of Divine Truth will have to dethrone God and destroy Heaven before they can destroy the Holy Bible. They will try this; and even now, steps are being taken

toward a One World Government and a One World Church. The antiChrist will head the One World Government, while the false prophet will be at the head of the World Church. In the Battle of Armageddon, all the consolidated forces of the nations of the world and all the false religions of the world under the Beast and the False Prophet will rise in one last great organized effort to dethrone God, at which time Jesus will come back to this earth with all His saints and will smite those sin blackened and Hell benighted armies with the Sword of His Mouth. The Beast and the False Prophet will be cast into the Lake of Fire, and the Devil bound with a great chain and locked in the Bottomless Pit, and the Saints will reign on the earth for a thousand years in perfect peace. All glory to God and the Lamb forever. AMEN! Holiness will ultimately win, and the holiness people will shine in the Kingdom as stars of the firmament. The Christian's hope is the return of the Lord. "I will come again"; "Fear not little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

"O God, our Father, we will hold high the standards of holiness, live this good life, and proclaim the redeeming blood of thy Son Jesus, and magnify the blessed Holy Ghost until our little day is done; and then, by thy good grace, be ushered into the full-orbed light of Heaven's eternal day.

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Article 5 DOOM AT NOONDAY

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PSALM 91:6b . . . "Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday." "Destruction that wasteth!" What a thought! Wasting away, deterioration. God abhors and condemns waste, yet we see it everywhere, and it has always been since the Fall of Man.

WASTE. What a descriptive word for this so called enlightened age. Waste in the national system; in the international, the school, the church, the home. Billions for space exploration, billions more for foreign aid. Billions for liquor, tobacco, fashions, sports and entertainments of all kinds; all of which spells deterioration, degradation, stagnation and damnation. Our jails are full, our prisons are overflowing, and the insane asylums are often having to be enlarged to take care of the ever-increasing masses flowing into them.

Look at medical science with its vast facilities, and almost unlimited resources. Hundreds of millions spent each year in laboratory and research work, and yet, disease like a gory monster stalking the nation, leaving its fearful and appalling toll of sick, maimed and dead. We are sowing the wind and reaping the whirlwind." THE DESTRUCTION THAT WASTETH AT NOONDAY.

Behold the march of nations in dispensational history! Babylon, Greece, Persia, Rome. These nations, Godless, paganistic, and ultra-idolatrous, plunged from their lofty heights of pride,

arrogancy and self-esteem to their eternal ruin under the wrath of God. Now hidden in the dust of the ages. DOOM AT NOONDAY!

In our own nation, the Supreme Court capitulating to godless atheism has ruled Bible reading and prayers out of the schools of our land. The move is on to remove the words, "In God We Trust" from the American coin. Also the words, "Under God" from our Constitution. It is understood that two-thirds of the three point program to put our Armed Forces under the United Nations has been accomplished. The ONE WORLD movement is fast reaching its goal. The continuation of the Ecumenical Council in Rome in September of this year in our opinion, will bring the merging of Catholicism and Protestantism closer to the Satanic goal. A "one world church" will, we believe, be consummated in the False Prophet under the reign of the antiChrist. The foundations of Ecclesiasticism are fast crumbling beneath our feet. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

Television made its landing, established its beach heads, and now flies the black flag of hell over ninety percent or better of the homes of America. Upon its entrance, the giant movie industry faced with the loss of hundreds of thousands from its audiences, and hundreds of millions of dollars declared, "We will throw decency and modesty overboard to cope with Television. Short wearing is as common as breathing. Home religion, the family altar is about extinct. Violence fills the earth. A most shocking and frightful spirit of defiance is in the air. Surely the spirit of the Anti-Christ doth "already work."

Accumulated waste in the intestinal tract of the human body, according to Medical Science causes deterioration, stagnation, disease and death. So it is in the national system, the church and the home. The tapeworm of modernism, liberalism and apostasy is eating away, and destroying the vitals, until Spirituality is at low ebb. Jesus said, "When the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? Luke 18:8 Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. II Tim. 3:13. "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Matthew 24:12 "Let no man deceive you by any means, for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the Son of Perdition." II Thess. 2:3

Spiritual waste and decay throughout the holiness movement. Standards of holiness repudiated and scorned at. Jewelry, bobbed-hair, short wearing, mixed bathing, ball games, television; all, and much more have replaced the Holy Ghost fire.

Our little Zion is not immune from the fierce and blatant threat of the invasion of this dread waste matter of hell. We must earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." The only way to be ready when Jesus comes is to keep ready. The story is told of the little boy who observed a very beautiful little stone in the bed of the brook which flowed near his home. Every day he would go down to the brook and gaze upon his beloved stone as it glistened in the water under the light of the sun. He loved this stone so until one day he decided he would take it out of the water and take it to his home for safe keeping. Ever so often he would go to his room and take his stone from its place and behold its beauty. But one day upon viewing it he found it had lost its luster. Imagine his disappointment and grief. But his better judgment reminded him that it had shone its best when under the water; that its absence from the bed of the flowing brook had made it lose its brilliancy. So he took it back and deposited it, in or as near the same place as he had

originally found it. In a few days it regained its versatile beauty. O, let us abide constantly in Him. "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with the other, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

God has verily promised, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the almighty. I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and fortress: My God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust. His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day, nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. Psa. 91:1-6. O people of our beloved Zion, and kindred brethren take courage, be true. Then let us, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall rise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: Thy sons shall come from afar, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. Isaiah 60:15. This is the thousand years of peace on the earth. Our Millennium is soon to appear! O glory to the Lamb!

Jesus said, "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." He will make His sanctified ones "Kings and priests unto God," and, "The saints shall rule the earth." No we are not afraid Khrushchev, Fido, Mao or any other will take over. We ourselves under God and at His appointment will take over. O Hallelujah, and to Him be glory! Hush! Methinks I hear in the far distance the trumpet sound. Far away, but O so near. The heavens are bending, the skies are yielding. Hark, listen, my soul catches the strains of heavenly music. Ah yes, the Son of Man cometh and all the holy angels with Him. What a meeting that will be. Listen once again, "But I would not have you to be ignorant brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the Trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." II Thess. 4:13-18. Yes, the waste matter of hell is hastening the world to its awful doom, but God is preparing his church for the glorious rapture. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

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Article 6
MORAL COWARDICE

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Text: "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: Refuge failed me; No. man cared for my soul." Psalm 142:4. "Give us help from trouble; for vain is the help of man." Psalm 60:11.

The definition of the word cowardice as taken from "The New Winston Dictionary and Reference Library is as follows: Want of courage; faint-heartedness; dishonorable fear. The synonym of the word cowardice is, pusillanimity, timidity, poltroonery, baseness. A poltroon, according to this dictionary is, "A mean spirited, lazy coward."

God exalts bravery, but condemns cowardice. "The children of Ephraim being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle." Psalm 78:9. King Saul lost a battle when his army, because of cowardice dwindled from 3,000 to 600. Two-thirds of Gideon's Army left him and went back to their homes because "They were fearful and afraid." The remaining third with the exception of 300 disqualified themselves because of carnal selfishness. A lazy, slovenly coward is a stench in the nostrils of almighty God; and if there should be any class of human wretches the devil would be ashamed of it would be that class of cowards.

We thought it couldn't happen in America, yet the gruesome facts that made recent headlines in newspapers and magazines tell the fearful story of the girl stabbed to death by her assailant while thirty-eight people heard her screams, and saw the awful struggle, and yet did not lift a hand to save her. When questioned by the police why they did not try to save her or at least call the police their answer was: "We didn't want to get involved." Another girl attacked by a sex maniac in her office in the Bronx, broke loose from her attacker and ran to the door and screamed for help. He dragged her back into the room. Forty people heard, and some looked on the fearful scene, but none offered to help her. Two policemen heard her screams and rescued her and arrested her assailant. Another story of two boys drowning. A man tried to rescue them but failed while fifty persons "stood idly by," but not one offered to help.

If this sorry reaction to the cries of people in distress reflected what our American people are everywhere then I would be forever ashamed to own the name American, but I am inclined to believe that these are isolated cases, and that there are many red-blooded Americans who would rise to the defense of a woman, or anyone in distress.

"We didn't want to get involved." Many are like that. There are political poltroons who would sell our country out to the Communists rather than to stand firm against the Red Tide. They take the "Better Red Than Dead" policy, and brag it up. It is easier to follow the appeasement program than to take up arms against the enemy. We are facing national suicide because our leaders are unwilling to face up.

Scores of thousands of handicapped people derive benefits from the relief and welfare, which is a blessing to them: but there are multitudes who draw such relief from the government, who are too lazy to work. They have no job because they seek no job. They seek no job because they want no job, while the want ads in the papers go begging.

Moral cowardice is seen in the Church. Many stayed in the drift of worldliness and apostasy because they didn't want to get involved. Silent submission. Ecclesiastical poltroons. These are they who think more of prestige and popularity than they do of their own salvation or that of their children.

Then there are yet others in the holiness movement who seem to want to be identified with the remnant, the old-fashioned crowd, but when the challenge to giving comes they don't want to get involved. The pastor's salary can get behind (and many times this is because the religious poltroons in the church are too stingy to pay their tithe) but they have no concern to help to bring it up to date. (Incidentally my salary is up to date.) They have no burden for camp meeting, and make no plans to go. Like the priest and the Levite, when the missionary cause is lagging they "pass by on the other side." If they have a vision at all, it is completely localized, and that in itself spells stagnation and death. The family altar is abandoned, and personal work among their own children is a lost art. The prayer closet is never frequented any more. No time. Don't want to get involved in the effort it takes for intercession. They have lost their ambition to "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." There was a crowd in Jesus' day who followed Him for the "loaves and the fishes," but when the crisis came, and Jesus was brought into Pilate's Court that same crowd joined the rabble and cried, "Let him be crucified."

The only cure for moral cowardice is to get genuinely saved, and entirely sanctified. Cowardice is born of a carnal heart, and once the heart is completely set free from all carnality that soul is no longer hampered by cowardice, but is endowed with boldness, bravery and Holy Ghost fortitude.

"O for a faith that will not shrink,
though pressed by every foe;
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe.

Shall I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize
And sailed through bloody seas?"

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Article 7 WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

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"The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Self, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also. the night: If ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come,," Isaiah 21:11, 12.

In the ancient days cities were surrounded with high, massive walls for the purpose of protection from the enemy. At strategic places on the top of the walls were built towers, called the "Watchman's tower." It was from this vantage point that the watchman could get a sweeping view of the surrounding country in every direction. The security and safety of the people was, in a very technical sense, in the hands of the watchman. Tremendous responsibility rested upon this man. Everything depended upon his wakefulness, watchfulness and alertness. He must be "Instant in season, out of season." If he saw the enemy approaching he must at once sound the warning with the trumpet blast.

The text at once suggests apprehension, fears and dread suspense; forebodings of a dark and dreadful enemy lurking in the shadows of a restless night. Thus, it came as no surprise that a trembling voice broke the stillness of the night, crying, "Watchman, .what of the night? watchman what of the night? The text is prophetic, and the watchman's answer in the first part is like the sun shining in his strength in a cloudless morning for the saints weary and near exhausted with the battles of the long years, bringing reality and full fruition to the hope that has borne them along the centuries. Rapture for the saints, "The marriage supper of the Lamb." "Come my people, enter into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast." Isaiah 26:20

"The morning cometh" . . . was his answer. Hope? Yes, but only for the blood-washed, spirit-filled Saints. "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye we shall all be changed." Yes, in full fruition of the great redemptive scheme. Immortality, glorification, "Forever with the, Lord." Oh, blessed thought, oh, glorious reality! "Then we shall see, Him. face to face, And tell the story' saved by grave, Then we shall see him face to face, And tell the story saved by grace."

Oh, church of the. living God, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee, For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee." Isa. 60:1, 2

Then on the wings of sheeted lightning, and in tones of deep thunder the Stentorian voice of the faithful watchman continues, "AND ALSO THE NIGHT." We are in a fearful night now, but a far worse night will overtake this world. Thus, in the text is seen the morning between the two fearful nights. The present night is black with the sins of the age.

1. Moral decay. The dry rot of hell is taking its heavy toll. Everything almost seems to be geared to this sex crazed age. Immodesty is glamorized, and sex glorified. The 'strip tease' which used to be confined to the burlesque show houses, and marked 'For Men Only' is. now rampant everywhere. Up town, down town, mid-town, shopping centers, on the streets, on the highways and sky ways, resort areas and factories. Modesty is tossed to the four winds, and relegated to the dim distant past as outmoded; and scorned as a lost art. "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush." Jeremiah 8:12.

It will take the Holy Ghost indwelling the heart to keep one clean in mind, heart and soul in this dark night of moral decay. The political world is seething with an undercurrent of hate and bigotry, while on the surface the cry is, Peace, Justice and Freedom. "Blind leaders of the blind."

The last election in my opinion proved the carnal gullibility of a fast deteriorating nation once glorious, but now inglorious -- A NATION ONCE FOUNDED ON Bible principles and blest of God, but who now denies the right of Bible reading and prayer in the school rooms of the country. Once the "Land of the free, and the home of the brave," but now ravaged with riots led on by men held in high esteem by political big-wigs, and much of the grass roots of the nation. Integration is actually nothing short of disintegration and even the blind will eventually see. The whole structure is falling apart and will continue to do so. The great image Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream, and explained through divine revelation by the God-fearing prophet Daniel. The "Head of Gold," Babylon. The "Shoulders and Arms of Silver, Persia. The "Belly and Thighs of Brass, Greece. Legs of Iron, Rome. "Feet of Iron and Clay, Ten Kingdoms, representing the kingdoms of the world in the closing out of the age. Iron and clay infers some strength mixed with weakness. Human, earthly, void of God. The "Stone cut out of the mountain," Jesus, and His divine government. All kingdoms including Fascism, Hinduism, Nazism, socialism, Communism, republicanism and Democracy, all, will be destroyed once and for all by the Stone cut out of the mountain. Its impact will fall upon the nations of the earth with such trip hammer action until none remain. The Theocratic government, the divine kingdom whose head is Jesus Christ, will fill the whole earth for a thousand years of perfect peace.

"The morning cometh, and also the night." "ALSO THE NIGHT." Every preceding dispensation has ended in judgment, and so will the succeeding ones. Seven church ages in this the 6th dispensation. Six of these church ages have past, and we are well into the 7th which is the Laodicean Church age. This brings us right up to the coming of the Lord. At the coming of the, Lord the church will be raptured, and then the NIGHT sets in -- the world's darkest night. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be." Matthew 24:21. The Anti-Christ system is now already at work. The sinister plot of Hell's trinity is fast being set in order, and will be ready to take over at the given time. "The Great Society," "Social World Order," "One World for One People," "One Church for One World," and other like terms sets forth the thinking of the world at large, both politically and ecclesiastically, building towards a one world government, and a one world church. This will materialize as Satanically planned one world headed by the antiChrist, one world church headed by the False Prophet. The apostasy is on. The foundations are crumbling. "If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3

The current is moving swifter all the time, Great denominations are merging. This will continue until all have united in one, channeled through the National and World Council of Churches, and in the great overthrow will be delivered into the hands of the Beast and the False Prophet. All, that is, except the remnant of bloodwashed and spirit filled saints. God's judgments will fall in lightning like blows upon that unbelieving, apostate, blood rejecting, God hating, political and ecclesiastical world. The "Silence in Heaven," in Rev. 8:1 bespeaks of the lull before the breaking of the most terrible storm the world has ever known. The trumpets reverberating across the stormy heavens, and the judgments of God falling in quick succession upon a Godless and gainsaying world; but they have no heart to repent, but rather curse the name of God, and blaspheme, and "repent not to give him glory." The Satanic crystallization is even now on. What will it be in the Tribulation? Even now people can be robbed, raped, attacked and brutally murdered in the near presence of any number of people and their cries for help unheeded. What is this? It is the Cain spirit. "Am I my brother's keeper"? "Let 'urn die, just so it doesn't

happen to me." The foul demon spirit of Hell is fast possessing and obsessing the hearts of the unbelievers. Rebellion and violence is the order of the day. What will it be then? They will gnash upon the "two witnesses" that dare cry out against their ungodly deeds, with a vicious hatred that knows no mercy, unrelenting in their hellish fury until they accomplish their diabolical purpose, then whoop it up and shout their feelings of triumph. For a brief time it will be Hell's jubilee on earth, but the fierce judgments of God and the coming of Christ at the close of the tribulation with all His saints to "execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly, among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against them." Jude 15. This is Armageddon. Thank God for Armageddon. The Beast and the False Prophet will be cast into the Lake of Fire, and the Devil, that Old Dragon will be bound and cast into the bottom, less pit, and locked up for a thousand years. Then peace will reign on the earth under the theocratic or divine government. The "Stone cut out without hands" has crushed the last vestige of world powers, and now begins to fill the whole earth. "The knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Then will the Scripture be fulfilled, "They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make him afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken this. Micah 4:4. "Holiness unto the Lord" everywhere.

"Then the sin and sorrow, pain and death of this dark world will cease, in a glorious reign with Jesus of a thousand years of peace. All the earth is groaning, crying for that day of sweet release, when our Jesus shall come back to earth again." O Lord, our redeemer and sanctifier, we pray that we may be accounted worthy to escape the things that are coming upon the earth, and to stand before thee. Grant that grace and patience and strength may be ours to withstand the sieges and battles and that we may endure unto the end, and hear Thee say, "Come ye blessed of my father; and inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundations of the world." Amen and Amen.

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Article 8 HOLINESS AND EVERY DAY LIVING

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"The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out" of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life" (Luke 1:73-75).

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." (Titus 2:11, 12).

"... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

You will notice in these three passages the words, life -- live. "... All the days of our life" " . . . That . . . we should live soberly . . . " and in the third passage, " . . . that they might have life., that they might have it more abundantly."

The word "holiness" is all-inclusive in God's great redemptive scheme. Experientially, it begins in regeneration and culminates in entire sanctification.

Holiness is both experiential and experimental. It is not only an experience to be had, but a life to be lived. Life! Abundant life! Live! Holiness is the breath of God in the soul; the disposition of Jesus in the life.

It is a full life. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost ..." (Acts 2:4). "... Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the spirit" (Eph. 5:18).

The apostle Paul, in closing out his beautiful letter to the Philippian church, declared, "But I have all, and abound: I am full" The Spirit-filled life is likened unto trees full of sap. "The trees of the Lord are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted." (Psalm 104:16).

Moses is a blessed example of this full life. Biblical history shows a division of his life into three stages of forty years each. The first was spent in Egypt, in Pharaoh's house, where he kept alive the principles, the doctrine and experience of full salvation.

The second forty years was in the desert country. That was the drought era (dead, sterile, ecclesiastical formality), but he gained ground and grew in grace. There he received that wonderful revelation and call of God in the burning bush.

Third came the period of leadership. At eighty years he led Israel out of Egypt and through the wilderness wastes, and at the age of one hundred and twenty years God called him to the top of Mount Nebo. There he viewed the beautiful land of Canaan which he had longed those many years to enter. He now was denied that privilege. He died there on the mount, and God buried him in the valley of Moab. A full life indeed. He lived and died in the presence of God. Ask Joseph, Samuel, Paul, and myriads of others of this royal family along the line of the centuries. Their lives were brimming with the fulness of God.

The holy life is also a joyous life. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:1, 2).

"Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). Still another: "... the joy of the Lord is thy strength" (Neh. 8:10). This is why all the worldly entertainments such as television, ball games, shows, the dance, and all combined, cannot entertain the Christian. He lives in the divine presence, and in His fulness is joy forevermore. This is why Christians do not indulge in modern dress with its sex appeal. They choose, instead, modest dress and behavior which "becometh holiness."

It is a peaceful life. Peace is divine love in repose. It is restfulness and serenity of soul. The long struggle with the sin problem is over. The carnal nature is eradicated, and the Holy Ghost reigns on the throne of the heart without a rival. The soul rests in the Lord. "I cannot tell thee whence it came; this peace within my breast. But this I know, there fills my soul, a strange and tranquil rest. There's a deep settled peace in my soul there's a deep settled peace in my soul, though the billows of sin near me roll, He abides, Christ abides."

The holy life is a triumphant life. It is a life victorious over sin and the enemy here, and triumphant in the throes of death. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15). When the saintly Stephen was being stoned to death by his persecutors, ". . . being full of the Holy Ghost', looked up steadfastly into heaven and saw the glory of God . . . " and exclaimed, " ... Behold I see heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."

Moody said when dying, "Is this death?" When his loved ones assured him that it was, he said, "Then how glorious . . . earth is receding, heaven is approaching! This is my coronation day."

"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:54-57).

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Article 9 DON'T DISAPPOINT GOD

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Text: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." Genesis 6:5, 6

No disappointment cuts as deep and grieves as sorely as that which strikes the heart of love. The text expresses this deep grief in the pre-flood days of the Noahic dispensation. It is expressed more fully in the dying Saviour on the Cross of Calvary. It was not the spikes through His hands and His feet, not the spear thrust into His side that killed Him, but rather a broken heart. Evidence is given by medical science that when one dies of a broken heart and agony such as accompanied the death of Jesus, a watery secretion gathers around the heart. This is why water came out with the blood when the spear was thrust in His side. His heart was broken over the sins of a fallen humanity. The sins of a whole world from Adam to the final end of all things culminated at the cross and lay upon Him like a weight that no human tongue could describe.

Darkness covered the earth for three hours from twelve noon to three. The earth quaked and the rocks were rent, and the loving, sorrow-filled face of God the Father was turned away from His only Son. What grief! What compassion! What condescending love all mingled together!

God made man a holy being. He wanted a being to fellowship with, and thus He made man in the likeness and image of God, and walked with him in the garden in the "cool of the day." One could not imagine the grief that filled the heart of God when man had fallen and the black-winged monster of hell raised the black flag of damnation in that place where so recently the glory of the Shekinah presence had adorned it.

Some years ago I was browsing through a book store when my eyes fell upon the title of a book, and at once my attention was arrested. The title was this: "Don't Disappoint God." There was something in these words that challenged me. They are emblazoned upon the table of my heart, and I trust that I shall ever be a better man and a better preacher by having passed through that book store that day.

Thank God, the blood atonement of Jesus Christ provided full redemption from our fallen state. Let us not disappoint God at this point, for rejection of the blood atonement is the most wicked and heinous of all sins.

1. Let us not disappoint God in the Call to Repentance. Covered sin hides the face of a loving God and prevents divine forgiveness. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Multitudes fail at this point by accepting a substitute. This may soothe the conscience temporarily, but "be sure your sin will find you out." We must meet God at the Judgment.

2. Don't disappoint God in the clarion Call to Holiness. Holiness, divine cleansing from all inbred sin, is provided in the atonement, and we have not pleased God until we have fully met the divine requirement of a holy heart and have been fully cleansed, which is the highest level in the redemptive scheme in initial experience. "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." Holiness is therefore God's design for the believer and for the church. We must not fail Him here. As a church our responsibility is ever before us to exemplify in the highest degree the spirit of Jesus and the standards of holiness to the farthest bounds of His undiminishing grace.

Dr. P. F. Bresee urged his people to "Keep the glory down." This has been the secret of the power and success of the holiness movement from apostolic days until the present. When the glory would begin to wane and disappear, in the maze of error and compromise as the church would fail, it would emerge in the remnant that God would raise up to perpetuate His holy cause. Thank God for the privilege of being a part of that little remnant today.

Holiness, then, is ultimately God's design for His church, His people. For this Jesus was born in Bethlehem's manger. For this the angels sang on the Judean hills, breaking the stillness of that night of nights. For this He ministered among men, preaching, healing, comforting, consoling. For this He was despised and rejected, maltreated and spat upon. For this He prayed and agonized in the garden 'til bloody sweat oozed out of His weary body and fell upon the ground. For this He

endured the cruel scourging. For this He wore the crown of thorns. For this He bore the heavy cross up Golgotha's hill 'til He fell exhausted. For this He shed His life's blood on Calvary's summit, and opened the fountain that never runs dry.

Let us preach this glorious doctrine. Let us sing its matchless worth. Let us witness to its blessed truth. Let us shout its mighty triumph, and raise its holy standard to the highest peaks of earth's tallest mountains 'til the ends of the earth might hear and know the strength and faith and unshaken confidence of a church united in "Him that filleth all in all." Amen, and amen!

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Article 10 GOD'S PRO-SEGREGATIONISTS

From the February, 1969 Missionary Revivalist

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"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 dwell in them, and walk in them: and 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 I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." II Cor. 6:14-20

Much has been said for and against segregation in these late years, and the issue has been hot since the Supreme Court's decision in 1954, which in my opinion was master minded by the United Nations. Their decision ruled segregation unconstitutional and by the same token ruled integration the law of the land. They also ruled that Bible reading and prayer be banned from the public schools of our nation. And they also have ruled that the law enforcement of our land be so limited that it has resulted in giving protection to rioters and criminals in general, rather than prosecuting them. The heads of a Commuter System in one of our large cities appealed their case to the Supreme Court against the demonstrators that were endangering and hampering the success of their business, but were told that, on the contrary, they would have to, according to law, protect the demonstrators.

In one of our earlier General Conferences when the evangelists were introduced in one of the sessions I made this statement : "I am from the Deep South, and a pro-segregationist. I believe in the segregation of the holiness people." In conversation with one brother when he learned I was from the South, I was asked, "Are you sanctified?" I gladly answered in the affirmative. I tried to look at his question in the best possible light, but could not help but feel that he was a little skeptical that one could be from the South and be sanctified. But seriously, holiness is not sectional. It will do the same for one as it does for another. It will cleanse the heart from all the

defilement of sin and fill the soul with all the love of God and his blessed fulness. One cannot hate and serve the God of Love.

The New Winston Dictionary and Reference Library defines segregation as: "The act of separating from others. 2. The act of being separated: from others. 3. A separated number, portion or mass " It is logical to conclude, then, that it means to separate from, to be separate. According to the above given passage of scripture and the Bible as a whole, God's people are to be a holy people, a separate people. This is God's choice for His people. "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." Eph. 1:4

God's people are: 1. A called people. The word church means "the called out ones." All the blood-washed and spirit-filled people are members of the church triumphant, the church in Heaven. Their names are written in the Book of Life. God calls sinners to repentance. He calls believers to holiness. "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." I Thess. 4:7 Holiness is the separated life. God draws the line of demarcation between Himself and the world, and when a person is genuinely converted he is saved from the world and is joined on God's side of that dividing line. Abraham is a marvelous example of the holiness people, of a sanctified life. God called him out. "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Gen. 12:1-3 Literally this is true of the Jewish nation; spiritually it is true of the holiness people. He was called out from his country, its customs, its traditions, its way of life, its idols and all. He was called into an entirely new life, and never once looked back. God the Father, the Creator of heaven and earth, became God, and Abram served Him consistently down through his long life. "The oath which he sware unto our Father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life." Luke 1:73, 74

God's instructions and specific commands to the children of Israel in the wilderness after their mighty deliverance from Egypt has great significance. The instructions had to do with their crossing the Jordan into the Land of Canaan, typical of the experience of holiness. We will deal more specifically in a following article with the duties and obligations, for He said, "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations." Deut. 7:6-9 Thank God, that is enough for me. He will stand by those who have separated themselves from the world for His sake, for His cause. "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." "Lo, I am with thee, even unto the end of the world (age)."

It is not at all popular to be one of God's pro-segregationists, nor has it ever been, nor will it ever be until wickedness and carnal rebellion are put down forever. Take courage, ye saints of God, for He Himself hath said, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9 Let us walk, then, in the untarnished light of His holiness, exemplify the spirit of Jesus, and shout triumphantly the victory on every battlefield between here and the Heavenly City.

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Article 11 GOD'S PRO-SEGREGATIONISTS -- (Continued)

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"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 ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2nd Cor. 6:17, 18

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4

The call to be holy is the call to be separate. To be segregated. The life of holiness is to follow the same divine law. Segregation is not monasticism or Asceticism, which actually means isolationism in the extremist sense. But rather it means that the blood stream remains unmixed as we move in the midst of the peoples of the world. Circumcision was the physical line of demarcation which identified the Jew from the Other nations of the world. It symbolizes that spiritual work of divine grace in regeneration and entire sanctification which makes one a new creature having been cleansed from :all the defilement of sin, and his affections set upon things above. God has always had a people who are separate from the world, and He always will have. The multitudes are not going this way. "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil."

It is the way of the few, the "Remnant." Many who once were persecuted for this good way have now turned and are become the persecutors. Sad day for the apostates. They have integrated with the world. The World Council and the National Council of Churches are championing the cause of integration. I want nothing to do with what they champion or endorse. They have long since denied the faith and have become worse than an infidel. They spread hate and animosity among their followers against those who dare to stand against their beliefs, theories and practices. Apostate churches, many of whom used to preach and teach the holiness way, are using the same tactics and methods of reprisals against those who dare to stand for the old-fashioned holiness standards. It is all the antiChrist spirit in its all-out effort to stamp out the last vestige of Bible Truth and holy standards. Their integration with the world is seen clearly enough when no longer they want purity and decency and modesty, so they have joined the miniskirt crowd. (The mini-skirt is the product of a mini-mind.)

Now it is fashionable for them to wear shorts (men or women), wear jewelry of any or all kinds, make-up, bobbed-hair. Slacks and jeans are as much a part of the women's wardrobe as dresses; the T.V. is glamorized and deified. One professed holiness preacher I knew had a dedication service and dedicated his T.V. to God. No, he didn't bless God or the cause of holiness by this pious pretension, but what it amounted to was an act of sacrilege, an abominable sacrifice which, to say the least, was a stench in the nostrils of a holy God, and fearful judgment followed in its wake. "Be sure your sin will find you out." Num. 32:23 When the children of Israel were still on the wilderness side of Jordan God gave them commandments and holy instructions concerning their life and conduct in the land of Canaan. When once they had entered the land they were to search out the inhabitants, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, Hivites and the Jebusites and slay them to the last man. They were to destroy those wicked nations, which represented inbred sin, the embodiment of all evil and worldliness. "And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them and utterly destroy them ; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them." Deut, 7:2

They were solemnly commanded not to make marriages with the worldly, idolatrous crowd, but rather they were to marry strictly within their own nation. This is the divine law of segregation. "Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly." Deut. 7:3,4. "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 Beliel? And 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 dwell in them, and walk in them: and 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." 2nd Cor. 6:14-18.

This means, then, that our young people are not to marry into the world, but as holy young people they are to marry within the ranks of the holiness people. Also the meaning is clear here that the church is to be clean cut loose from the world, in her dress, her conduct, her attitudes, her relationships, her worship and her spirit. Integrated holiness is cold, worldly, formal and stereotyped. God's pro-segregationists are pure, unadulterated, radiant, joyful, and peace-loving. They are a compassionate, soul-burdened people. They are busy fighting sin and the devil, but keeping their gaze into the heavenlies. They live and move in this world but keep their blood-stream pure, because they are "Citizens of the heavenly country."

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Article 12 WHO ORDERED THE BATTLE?

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Scripture: Judges 19-21 Text: "Then all the children of Israel and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the Lord, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.

"And the children of Israel inquired of the Lord, (for the Ark of the Covenant of God was there in those days) And Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days) saying, "Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the Lord said, Go up; for tomorrow I will deliver them into thine hand." Judges 20:26-28.

The kaleidoscope of battles in the Christian life is interesting to behold, but more so to experience. Battles are many and varied, and revealing, as to the true perspective of Christian character. In other words, they bring out in unmistakable reality the quality and Caliber of the soul, the kind of metal we are made of. Battles either make us or break us. Circumstances are the trigger that reveals what is in us. One is never better anywhere than he is under pressure of battle. It is in the crucibles that the transparency of divine purity is brought out in us; the courageous spirit of the God of battles, or that carnal weakness :that recoils and vacillates, making one afraid to face up to truth and right.

A heinous, unnamable and shameful crime had been committed by a wicked group of Benjamites. The tribe of Benjamin was a wily, wicked people. Jacob's dying words to Benjamin, his youngest son, were: "Benjamin shall ravine as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil:" Gen. 49:27 In these words he sets forth the true nature of Benjamin. Read the entire story: Judges 19-21.

" . . . Behold, the men of the city, (Gibeah) certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the door.. . " Judges 19:22 (the same sensual perverts as the Sodomites in Lot's day). Then from there the fearful crime was committed. The poor woman was found dead on the doorstep by her husband the next morning. What a heinous crime! What wickedness! Such a deed could not be winked at by a holy God, or a righteous people. So it was little or no wonder that when all Israel knew of this wicked deed that they came, "knit together as one man." They were all united to the man that these heartless, merciless criminals must be put to death. They were fair, sending messengers all through Benjamin saying, "What Wickedness is that that is done among you: Now therefore deliver us the men, the Children of Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel. But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel." Judges 20:13-14. This, then, was their bitter reaction. They would protect these vile, wicked sinners and excuse them. They were of like kin to many modern professors of holiness who are willing to sweep such wickedness and its likes under the rug. O, yes, at the altar we demand the poor old sinner to make restitution and to right his wrongs as far as is humanly possible, but once he is in the church he can lie and cheat, go worldly and many times go unchallenged. Enough to grieve the heart of God, make angels to weep and heaven to mourn. The twelve tribes of Israel were a type of the church. God cannot bless wickedness in the church or out.. "Though hand join in hand sin

cannot go unpunished." In modern phraseology we might hear these Benjamites say, "These men just cannot be in their right mind and commit such an atrocious, brutal deed, and therefore cannot be responsible for their fearful act." And thus they excused them and assayed to protect them.

But Israel did not so appraise them. They called them "Men of Belial," worthy of death. They looked upon them out of the eyes of God. They regarded not kinship, friendship, nor position, but faced the issue in the Spirit of the justice of Almighty God. If there had been a real heart repentance on the part of the Benjamites, divine justice might have taken a different turn; at least the lives of forty thousand and thirty Israelites would not have been sacrificed, plus the fact that the tribe of Benjamin would have been spared.

Benjamin would not so much as approach God in prayer about their cause. They knew they were guilty and could not plead God's mercy over unrepented guiltiness. Israel did pray and fast and seek divine direction from God, who ordered the battle against the wicked Benjamites. Why it was necessary for three battles to be fought we leave to divine wisdom, but as the Israelites who fainted not in the crisis, it is our duty to execute judgment where God uses human channels so to do. They had a cause to defend, their influence to uphold, and their God to please. This much we know, that the loss is much greater always, in the evasion of divine justice. Another lesson we gather from this sad episode in the history of this people is that we must maintain the same attitude toward sin after we are saved as before, when we were praying to get saved. One pays a high cost for excusing sin in his life.

Excusing sin is one of the first marks of backsliding. It is one thing to preach the standards of holiness in life and in dress from the pulpit, but it is just as important to enforce it in the home and in the membership of the church within the bounds of our jurisdictional authority. Holiness cuts us loose from everything and everybody so that we do not find ourselves bound to kinfolk, friends, nor position when it comes our duty to do right. Discipline will be administered faithfully in the home, in the church and certainly in our individual lives so as to keep us within the guidelines of a holy life, which is the way to Heaven.

"O for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe;
That will not tremble on the brink,
Of any earthly woe."

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference." (Author unknown)

"And the Lord said, Go up, for tomorrow I will deliver them into thine hand "

May we fight the Lord's battles faithfully, and retain His favor and keep His glory upon us.

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Article 13
MY TESTIMONY

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I was born in a one room log cabin on the western outskirts of the city of Huntsville, Alabama, March 21, 1914, the year World War I began. I was the second of five children, four boys and one girl. My parents were Christians, my father being a Methodist and my mother a Nazarene. My earliest recollection (when about three years of age) was going to church. My father was leading me, my hand in his -- a sacred and highly cherished memory indeed. Since my conversion I have kept my hand in my Heavenly Father's hand -- sacred memories and an ever present reality.

I remember attending church and Sunday School in the old Nazarene tabernacle with a sawdust floor at West Huntsville. A few years later they built a frame church building directly across the street from the old tabernacle.

Christian principles and Christian living were the governing force in our home. Bible reading and the family altar were a vital lifeline.

In the year 1930 one of the last of the old-time holiness bands pitched a tent on a vacant lot two blocks above the Nazarene Church (the Collier Band). I attended that revival regularly and on the last Saturday night of the meeting I answered the call of God to be saved and was gloriously converted. The next morning, by the old kitchen stove, I witnessed to my mother what God had done for me. My father heard my testimony from the next room and came in and we had a rejoicing time together. Two months later I answered the call to Holiness, went to the altar, consecrated my all to Him who saved me, and God in sanctifying power cleansed my heart from inbred sin and filled me with His indwelling Presence, which holds good to this present day. All glory to His holy name!

God called me to preach shortly after, and I preached my first message at the invitation of my pastor on a Sunday night, preaching from Proverbs 28:1-13. I was nervous and scared, but the first verse gave me strong support: "The wicked fleeth when no man pursueth, but the righteous are bold as a lion." To add to my encouragement, three souls were saved that night.

I had been sickly all my life, due to a fall I had when a baby just learning to walk. In the Spring of 1931 God miraculously healed my body and to this day I have never had a recurrence of that trouble. I owe Him much, but can pay so little; but my all is in His hands. I was appointed supply pastor of my home church in the Fall of 1931, and in that term of service for my Master my three brothers were saved and sanctified, and in a Sunday afternoon baptismal service I had the privilege of baptizing my brothers and sister, my mother and grandmother, along with about ten others. ALL GLORY AND PRAISE BE TO GOD, FOR HE IS WORTHY!

I had no money in those hard depression days to buy books and could only pursue my ministerial course of study when I could borrow a book from a friend. For the most of those years

that followed I studied mostly by lamplight, and finally in 1942 at the Alabama Nazarene Assembly at Jasper, Alabama, I was ordained by Dr. J. B. Chapman.

In the years following God gave me a rich ministry in the pastorate and evangelism. Then in 1956 I joined the Bible Missionary Union at Caldwell, Idaho, where we had held a three Sunday camp meeting with Brother Glenn Grffith and that wonderful crowd of praying saints. In this meeting I was presented ordination papers by Brother Griffith, signed by him and dear Brother A. L. Crane, who was the first General Secretary. This is a cherished treasure. God bless their memory!

Time would fail to tell of the First General Conference and the seasons of refreshing across the thirty-two years that have followed. The devil has proved he is very much alive, but God, whose eyes "run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show himself strong in behalf of them whose hearts are perfect towards him" is still on the throne! My decision is made in Him; my hand is in His; my eyes are upon Him; He is my victor. My hopes are high; my future is bright, and one day I expect to see Him in His Eternal Glory. Meet me "there.

All in the Name of Jesus, E. E. Michael

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: With this issue Brother E. E. Michael is terminating his tenure of office as Assistant Editor and Directory Correspondent of The Missionary Revivalist. Brother Michael has served in this capacity for thirty-two years. He holds the record of having been the longest contributor to The Revivalist. Except for the first few issues he has served as assistant editor as long as there has been a paper. He has always been on time with his material, doing a commendable job of keeping the evangelists' slate up-to-date. We pray God's rich blessing on this faithful warrior of the Cross and commend him for this wonderful record. Across the years Brother Michael has been a rugged, old-fashioned preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He has served the Bible Missionary Church faithfully not only as an evangelist but as District Moderator and pastor.)

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