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Why Does God Allow War?

Many people are asking questions along this line just now: Why does God allow war? Why does He not stop the war? Why does not Christ intervene? If Christ lives today, and Christians believe He does, why does He not do something? But this question might be enlarged into the same question concerning any great sin. Why does God allow drunkenness, for instance, with its resultant suffering in the lives of thousands of innocent children? Why does He allow dishonesty and gambling, with their resultant harm? Why does not God banish poverty and the unfairness that causes some of the poverty? So the question about war might be enlarged? Why does God allow any of the great wrongs that we see in the world?

It might also be enlarged into a question as to why God allows the catastrophic in nature—the earthquake with its destruction of property and human life, the cyclone, the flood, the fire. Oh, but you say in regard to the catastrophe, nature is controlled by law. Why not believe that nations, too, are controlled by law? They are under the moral government of God, and if they are in rebellion, they must pay the penalty.

It is still true "righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." (Proverbs 14: 34). It is more than poetry, it is the philosophy of history when the sacred writer says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God." (Psalm 9: 17). There is a penalty to be paid for forgetting God and denying and defying God. God may or may not intervene. He may or may not interfere with the affairs of nations, or in the affairs of individuals, but He is still God. He is still working toward a plan.

What right have the nations to peace? If some ask, Why does God allow war? Why does not Christ do something? We ask, Why do not men do something? Do men really want peace, or do they merely wish to be undisturbed in their rebellion against God? Most of the men who are calling for peace merely desire that their lives shall go on uninterrupted—with their Sunday golf, their Monday bridge and Tuesday amusement, and their persistent struggle for money, and their total denial of God. But now they cry out in desperation, "We want peace," when they merely wish to be undisturbed in their sin.

You remember the title in type given to our Lord, "King of Righteousness and Prince of Peace." That is the order—righteousness and peace—righteousness the root, and peace the fruit. (Continued on Page Three)

I. DAILY

In the first epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians in the fifteenth chapter and the thirty-first verse, Paul says "I die daily." Much has been said about dying daily; so much in fact that many people have become disgusted with the subject. It is my desire, therefore, to show, by a study of the Word of God, that the "Daily Life" of a Christian, is an important theme. We have found the scripture, (The words of Paul) to say, "I die daily." Let us discard the word "die," for the present, and look into our DAILY LIFE.

In Acts 17: 11 we read. "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they receive the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures DAILY, whether those things were so." This refers to a people who did not believe that Jesus was the Christ. In the next verse (Acts 17: 12) the word says, "Therefore many of them believed." Therefore, as a result of DAILY SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES, many believed on Jesus. We know that DAILY, PRAYERFUL, CAREFUL, study of God's word will lead us into greater victory in the Lord and will deepen our lives in Him. Let us also remember that when we search the scriptures we must be in an attitude of prayer to UNDERSTAND the FULLNESS of the TRUTH. Our daily schedule should contain a definite period of time for study and prayer.

Hebrews 3: 13; "But exhort one another DAILY, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. In this verse we can clearly understand that a part of our daily routine should be to exhort ONE ANOTHER (that is: fellow christians) that we might all be encouraged to continue in the good fight of faith and not be tempted by the attractions of sin. This I believe is one of the greatest duties of Blood-Bought Brethren— to encourage one another in the Lord. "Bear ye one another's burdens," Gal. 6: 2.

When Peter and the other apostles were cast into prison because they preached Christ and healed the sick, the angel of the Lord by night open-

ed the prison doors and brought them forth and said, "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people ALL the words of THIS LIFE." (Acts 5: 19-20). In this instance, when directly sent of God, these apostles were commanded by the Holy angel to speak ALL, not a part, of the words of THIS LIFE (our daily christian life). When commanded to speak ALL the words of THIS LIFE, the apostles taught, Salvation through the Blood of Christ, Sanctification, which is the Will of the Father, I Thess 4: 3, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit John 14: 16-17, the promised comforter, which comes from the Father and the Healing of our bodies I Peter 2: 24. Many other truths were, and are, taught, as a result of this commission to the apostles. Let us strive EACH DAY to speak to some one about their soul and the benefits THIS LIFE will bring to whosoever will. Peter and the apostles, "Daily in the temple and in every house, ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5: 42.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren be ye steadfast, unmoveable, ALWAYS abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. I Cor. 15: 58. If we are steadfast (firmly fixed or established; steady; constant; uniform) and unmoveable (that which cannot in any way be altered from the position it now occupies) and ALWAYS (constantly or continually) abounding in the work of the Lord we will DAILY be a blessing to someone somewhere. Finally, we have opportunity to have the same testimony Jesus had when he said in St. John 8: 29, "And He that sent me is with me; the Father has not left me alone; FOR I DO ALWAYS THOSE THINGS THAT PLEASE HIM."

Who can deny that Matt. 5: 48 is as much a commandment as any of the famous Ten Commandments. "Be ye therefore perfect even as your father which is in Heaven is perfect." Let us therefore spend a part of our every day in PRAYER, in READING the BIBLE, in EXHORTATIONS of encouragement one to another, in TEACHING some sinner of the Blood of Jesus which can cleanse from sin, in ABOUNDING

IN THE WORK OF THE LORD, and if we do this I believe we shall be able to say with Jesus, "I do ALWAYS those things that please Him." Ask yourself the question: DO I, DAILY, walk with the Lord and know that I completely please Him in ALL that I do?

By Laverne Johnson,
Webb City, Mo.

DIVINE HEALING

"Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." (II Cor. 4: 10).

This is the finest passage in the New Testament on the supernatural life of the body. It is full of deepest teaching.

1. Divine healing is not inconsistent with much physical weakness and suffering. It is not a condition of natural strength, but supernatural strength manifested amid natural weakness. "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus."

2. Divine healing is the life of the Lord Jesus "made manifest in our body." It comes from direct union and communion with our risen Lord. His glorified body shares with us His own supernatural strength and sustains us when heart and flesh would fail.

3. This is a matter of daily dependence and constant receiving afresh from Him. "Though our outward man perish; yet the inward man is renewed day by day."

4. This is simply a foretaste of the resurrection life, which is to come to us in the next age. This is finely brought out in Chapter 5: 5. "He that hath wrought us for this very thing is God who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit." The Holy Ghost now dwelling in us anticipates the coming resurrection, and we are permitted to draw in advance upon our future inheritance of physical life. This is simply an earnest of the grander life reserved for us in the resurrection glory. Here we receive all that this body of clay can contain. There we shall receive according to the capacity of the body of our glory.—Selected.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mrs. Charles Maham
 Mr. Tom Patty
 Carolyn Stillmanks
 Marie Grimm
 Mrs. Jim Boren
 Mrs. Lizzie Anthony
 Mrs. Cora Harris
 Mrs. Harold Williams
 Mrs. T. W. Flanagan
 Mrs. V. O. Hines
 Mrs. June Johnson's daughter.
 Mr. Frank Ruth
 Mrs. Ellen Danner
 Mrs. Mollie Horn
 Mrs. Lillian Dunham
 Brother Virgil Peter
 Mrs. Anna J. White
 William Dorsey Campbell
 Mrs. E. F. Bliss
 Lloyd Schrimpf
 Naomi Landers
 Mrs. Jessie Huff
 Mrs. R. E. Ferguson
 Mrs. Thompson
 Clark Lamunyon
 Pearl Menke
 Myrtle Davis

TESTIMONY

Dear Brother Robert:

We are all O.K. Hope this finds you all the same. May the Lord bless you in His services. The Lord wonderfully healed me and has kept me, praise His name. Pray for us that God may keep us through these trying times.

Your brother in Christ,
 J. M. Beagle and Wife.

CAMP MEETING

There has been some talk of a general camp meeting being held in the Tri-State district and also a South Texas Camp Meeting. As we go to press, the plans are incomplete in regard to the camp meetings. We trust by the next issue we will have complete announcements of the camp meetings.

As we go to press we have received a letter about the future plans of the Camp Meeting in South Texas. The camp meeting will be held about the middle of July with Brother Paul Bailey in charge assisted by Brother Roy Wooster and Brother Reuben Busch at Rockdale, Texas.

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But men want the fruit without having the root. They want peace, but they ignore righteousness. The nations have had many peace conferences. Did you ever hear of a righteousness conference? Let me remind you of what the apostle says: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life" (1 Timothy 2: 1,2). In the thinking of most people there is a period there, and that is the substance of their prayer—"that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life." But it goes on, "That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." That is the foundation of the quiet and peaceable life—"Godliness and honesty." You ask: Why does not God do something? We ask: Why does not man do something?" — Moody Monthly.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

The last Young People's Rally of South Texas was held at the Belleville Mission in Belleville, Texas. Attendance was good and all enjoyed a fine spiritual service and one was sanctified. The officers of the rally are: Boyce Tucker, president; Virgil Mott, vice-president; Dorothy Stockdick, secretary-treasurer. The next rally will be held on Easter Sunday at Alvin, Texas.

The next rally of the young people of the Tri-State district will be held the second Sunday in April, at the church at Prosperity, Missouri. Sister Eloise Johnson is president; Brother Mays, vice-president, and Bonnie Bard, secretary.

THANKS!

We wish to express our appreciation to those who have supported the paper and made it possible from time to time. Your cooperation and prayers are greatly appreciated for the continued success of the paper.

Evangelist Elmer Russell and family have been evangelizing in South Texas and have had good revivals at Hempstead and Belleville.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The following is a resolution adopted at the annual camp meeting of the Original Apostolic Faith Movement held in Laverne, Oklahoma, August 7 to 18, 1940:

The Original Apostolic Faith Movement consists of hundreds of ministers and thousands of laymembers throughout the world who stand for the fundamental principals of the Word of God.

In a publicly announced meeting in which there was brought before this assembly with the opportunity of open discussion the question of our view in regard to combatant military service it was decided by unanimous vote that a committee should be appointed to draw up the resolution that expresses the sentiment of the movement represented at the camp meeting. Such committee was appointed which consists of Robert Girouard, Robert L. Parham and Ralph A. Durham, ministers of the Apostolic Faith Movement, with the approval of the meeting and drafted the following resolution:

We believe and stand for God first in everything, the Gospel of Jesus Christ as our doctrine and hold our country, our government, and our flag in highest esteem and honor and gladly stand by it as far as the laws of God permit not only in peace but in war, yet we agree that according to the Bible we cannot take up arms to kill or shed human blood. Our belief is based upon these and other scriptures, "Follow peace with all men," Hebrews 12: 14; "Thou shalt not kill," Exodus 20: 13; "He that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword," Rev. 13: 10; Matthew 5: 21 and 39. However, we are willing to support the government and flag in other phases of military service.

Be it also resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, War Department, Washington, D. C., and also published in the Apostolic Faith Paper, the official organ of the Apostolic Faith Movement.

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Brief Mention

Evangelist and Mrs. Olen Bachler closed a successful revival at the Full Gospel Mission in Laverne, Okla. A number were saved and sanctified and the spirit of the revival is continuing on. Brother Ben Barker is the pastor.

Brother and Sister Lawrence Clay have been pastoring the Full Gospel church at Booker, Texas, the past year and are now in the evangelistic work in Missouri.

Brother and Sister R. J. Eakens closed a good revival at Ralls, Tex. Several were saved, sanctified and received the Holy Spirit. Paul Harbin, pastor.

Brother Jona Janzen has been called back into Military service and his address is Private Jona Janzen, Medical Section, C.A.S.C., Unit 1967, Camp Haan, California.

The Rees Brothers, evangelists, have just closed a very good revival at the Mission in Katy, Texas. The blessing of the Lord was on the meeting and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Brother A. B. Stanberry, pastor.

Evangelist Edna Mae Long and Sister Lula Parham held a very successful revival at the Mission in San Leon, Texas, and have just closed a revival at the Gospel Hall in Galveston, Texas.

Evangelist and Mrs. C. R. Dale have just closed a good revival at the tabernacle in Rockdale, Texas. Seven were saved and sanctified and the church as a whole was blessed. Paul Bailey, pastor.

Brother Jack Barker and Brother and Sister Floyd LaMunyon have closed a good revival in the Gospel Hall at Stephens, Arkansas, and are now in a revival at Spearman, Texas.

The Sutton Brothers have just closed a successful revival at 600 North St. Francis Street, Wichita, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Faries, pastors.

Brother and Sister Albert Janzen and Hallie and Leota Chitwood have been in a revival for several weeks in Dallas, Texas, at 504 North Bishop Street. God is blessing their efforts there.

Evangelist and Mrs. E. W. Dickson closed a revival at the Seneca Mission, Seneca, Missouri, and also was in a number of special services throughout the Tri-State District and are now in Western Texas and Oklahoma in evangelistic work.

Brother and Sister C. R. Dale are now in a special meeting at Greenland, Arkansas, and expect to open a work in Springdale, Arkansas, soon.

Sister Vera Scott of Magnolia, Arkansas, has been pastoring the church at Stephens, Arkansas, and now plans to enter the evangelistic work.

Brother and Sister Jake Regier and Brother and Sister Hap Watkins have been in a revival at Meade, Kansas.

Brother R. L. House of Lansing, Michigan, writes God is blessing the work there and they have just closed a very successful revival which was very helpful to the church.

The Lord is blessing in the regular services at the Frisco Mission in Webb City, Mo., the entire church is praying and expecting a revival soon. LaVerne and Eloise Johnson, pastors.

Evangelist Gail W. Shultz and Bob Palmer held a good revival at the church in Leakey, Texas. Several were saved and sanctified and the church blessed. The revival closed with an all day service and a dedication of the church. Ed and Francis Stark, pastors.

Brother and Sister Roy Wooster report Victory in the church at Eagle Lake, Texas. God is blessing and attendance is increasing.

Brother and Sister Amos Watkins are pastoring the work at Clear Lake, Oklahoma. God's blessing is upon their work there.

Brother Claude Pruitt and family have moved to Alief, Texas, where Brother Pruitt is now pastoring.

Brother Ralph Durham, pastor of the Full Gospel tabernacle, Perryton, Texas, is having special Bible study which is proving to be very interesting and helpful to the church.

Sister LaVerne Johnson, who has been quite ill for some time, has remarkably improved and is gaining in health and strength for which all praise belongs unto God.

Brother and Sister Millard E. Brown, pastors of the West End Mission, 909 Knox Street, Houston, Tex., are now in the Tri-State District.

Brother and Sister Joe Dewees of Hempstead have been in special services at Clay Station, 15 miles north of Brenham, Texas. God blessed in the services and five were saved.

Evangelist Bob Palmer, who has been traveling with Brother Gail Schultz, has recently purchased a car and is entering the evangelistic work.

March 15, thirty-five years ago, the late Charles F. Parham dedicated the church at Keelville, Kansas, 10 miles west of Baxter Springs. This was the first church built for the purpose of preaching the baptism of the Holy Spirit in this latter day rain message. We hope sometime to have a history of this church and picture of it in the paper.

Brother Clifford Thacker who is pastoring at Blytheville, Arkansas, writes that the Lord is blessing his ministry there.

The Lord is blessing in a revival meeting being held by Brother Clark at the Fifth Street Church in Baxter Springs, Kansas. About 20 souls have been saved and sanctified. A new roof is being put on the church.

Sister Lucille Robinson has recently started a Young People's work at Cave Springs, Arkansas. Brother and Sister Gene Cornell are pastors.

Evangelist Otto Busch has closed a wonderful revival at the Energy Community Church near Meridian, Miss. Splendid crowds attended the meeting and nearly forty were converted. Brother Otto Busch is now in South Texas.

Brother Tica Tabor, Joe Lilly, and Wayne Huff plan to start a tent meeting at Granby, Missouri, the last of April or the first of May. Brother and Sister Harold Cooper are pastors.

We have received a letter from Brother and Sister Homer Coberly of Elkins, West Virginia, and the Lord has been blessing their labor there. Their son, R. L. Coberly, has been called into selective service.

Prayer meeting is held every Tuesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith at Brookshire, Tex. Last week the service was well attended and an old-fashioned prayer meeting was enjoyed by the Brookshire folk. The ministers and workers present were, Brother and Sister J. K. Seber, Brother and Sister Bennie Stanberry, Brother Elmer Russell, Edna Mae Long, Lula Parham, Brother and Sister Boyce Tucker, Brother and Sister T. B. Tucker, and Brother and Sister Chas. Stockdick, Sister Doty and several from Alief, and Brother and Sister Robert Parham.

Sister S. E. Waterbury of Katy, Texas, is building a home for herself and children. All those desiring to contribute or help Sister Waterbury could send a contribution to her and it will be greatly appreciated.

Brother and Sister Robert L. Parham are continuing on at the Heights Faith Tabernacle, 20th and Gostick, Houston, Texas. God is blessing and attendance is increasing. You are invited.

Sister Lula Parham and Evangelist Edna Mae Long began a revival at the Full Gospel Mission, 1314 South Main Street, Joplin, Mo., on March 17. Audley Hervey, pastor.

Brother and Sister Reuben Davis write the Lord is blessing the services at Calvary Chapel in Temple City, California. Several have been saved lately and some prayed through to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Brother and Sister D. R. Stephens of Houston, Texas, and Brother and Sister Stansbery of Katy, Texas, anticipate attending the Easter services at Rockdale, Texas.

The Young Peoples' work of Heights Faith Tabernacle, Houston, Texas, is growing and they are enjoying special Bible Lessons and Drills given by Sister Boyce Tucker. Melvin Scott is president of the Heights Young People.

Evangelist Olen Bachler has just held a successful revival at Hardesty, Oklahoma. A number were saved in the meeting.

Brother and Sister Johnnie Modrick closed a good meeting at the Mission in Cheney, Kansas. The church was blessed and the meeting closed with Victory. Sister Pearl Menke, pastor.

Sister Margaret Yeakel, who has been in Washington, D. C., for some time is returning to Wichita, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Perham of Corpus Christi, Texas, have recently built a church at Corpus Christi, and have consecrated their means into the building of it. They anticipate a real work for the Lord in that place. Brother and Sister Murphy Barnes are in a revival meeting there. The church lacks a little work to make it complete so if anyone feels lead towards contributing any towards the church it will be greatly appreciated. Send any contributions to Brother C. E. Perham, 501 Cheyenne Street, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Brother and Sister John Hockersmith, Brother C. O. Bard, and Brother C. A. West have recently held a very successful meeting at West Purcell, Missouri, and now in a revival at Galesburg, Missouri.

Brother and Sister John Modrick are now in a revival meeting at Altoona, Kansas. Brother and Sister Ed Burgan have recently moved there and anticipate making a work of the Lord possible in that place.

We have received a wonderful letter from Brother E. F. Bliss of Kalamazoo, Michigan. God has wonderfully touched his body and healed him, and is blessing him in a very special way. He requests special prayer for his wife, who is in need of prayer for healing.

Brother and Sister Millard E. Brown, who have been pastoring the church at 909 Knox street, Houston, Texas, are moving to Jacksonville, Texas. Their permanent address will be P.O. Box 607, Jacksonville, Texas.

Jona Janzen is in camp at Camp Haan, California. His wife has recently gone to California to be near her husband. She is now staying with Brother and Sister E. W. Skaggs at San Bernardino, California.

The church at Alvin, Texas, anticipates having a revival meeting soon. Brother Alford Whitely is pastor.

Brother and Sister Roy Morrissey, pastors of the church at Missouri City, Texas, is also conducting special services in East Texas.

As we go to press we have received a letter from the Rees Brothers stating that they have started their revival at Palm City, California. One had already been sanctified in the meeting. Sister Hattie Ostrander is pastor.

Brother and Sister E. L. Williams have recently taken the pastorate at Camp Wood, Texas. God is blessing their ministry there.

Brother and Sister Boyce Tucker conducted special services Sunday night, March 22, at Houston, during the absence of Brother Robert Parham, who had gone to Baxter Springs to get out an issue of the paper. Sister Pauline Parham is carrying on the regular services at Houston.

Evangelist Gail Schultz and Bob Palmer have been in a number of short revivals in Southwest Texas. God blessed their efforts and a number were saved and sanctified and filled with Holy Spirit in their special meetings at Vealmore and Polar, Texas.

We have received a very encouraging letter from Brother Walter Coggan, of Phoenix, Arizona. Brother Coggan attended the late Charles F. Parham's revival at Emmett, Calif., in 1916 and was also in the meeting there in 1919. He is now pastoring a church at 2113 East Washington street, Phoenix, Arizona.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

There has been a number of requests for us to print the book "Everlasting Gospel" written by the late Charles F. Parham. This book contains about 25 chapters and deals principally with prophecy that is coming to pass today. If we could get the book printed it would cost about \$1 to print and mail each copy. We ask those who desire one of these books please to let us hear from you AT ONCE. You don't need to send us any money now, just let us know if you are interested in having one, should it be possible for us to have it printed.

We have a wonderful letter from Mrs. Esther Crew of Chicago, Illinois. She has recently come into the light of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit through the life and personal ministry of Brother and Sister Jean Ferry, who have been in the faith for many years. Sister Crew is rejoicing in the truth. She expects to attend the camp meeting this summer.

Sister Hattie Ostrander writes God is blessing in Palm City, California. Sister Clara Stoehr is assisting her in the work there this winter.

Brother and Sister R. J. Eakens are now pastors of the Full Gospel church in Booker, Texas.

The new parsonage is being finished at Ralls, Texas, and the church is being blessed under the ministry of Brother Paul Harbin.

Sister Fern Graham is now in a revival meeting at Meritta, Okla.

Brother and Sister Marcus Adair are pastoring at Curtis, Oklahoma.

We have received a letter from Mother Lang of Detroit, Michigan. She is still on the firing line for the Lord.

Brother and Sister William Yeakel have rented a building in Clearwater, California, and are expecting the Sutton Brothers soon for a revival.

Brother E. M. Calhoun of Sultana, California, anticipates having a revival meeting soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Jones of Center Point, Texas, announce the marriage of their daughter, Texana, to Mr. William L. Jones of Port Lavaca, Texas, on January 23. Rev. Robert Girouard performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Merritt of Camp Wood, Texas, announce the marriage of their daughter, Wanderene, to Mr. Leonard Peck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peck of Katy, Texas, on January 31.

Mrs. Bertha Busch of Katy, Texas, announces the marriage of her daughter, Lydia, to Staff Sergeant James Pyles, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pyles of Austin, Texas, on March 1. They will make their home in San Antonio where Sergeant Pyles is stationed at Brooks Field.

Glenn and Blanche Alexander of R. 4, Box 151, Santa Ana, California, are the authors of the book called "The Last Revival." The book deals along the deeper truths. Many interesting thoughts are given in the book. These evangelists believe in the manchild similar to the way that Apostolic Faith people believe. We would like for everyone to read this book. The price is 25 cents for single copies; large quantities much cheaper. If you would like to get one of the books, we would be glad to send you one. As a special offer, all those sending an offering to the Apostolic Faith Paper, at Baxter Springs, Kansas, will receive one free of charge.

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES

There will be an All-Day service Easter Sunday, April 5, at the Eagle Lake Mission in Eagle Lake, Texas. Roy Wooster, pastor.

The Rockdale Tabernacle will have their annual All-Day Easter service at the Tabernacle in Rockdale, Texas, on Easter Sunday, April 5. Paul Bailey, pastor.

There will be special Pictures of Our Risen Lord shown at the Heights Faith Tabernacle, 20th and Gostic Street, Houston, Texas, at 8:00 p. m. Easter Sunday night by Brother Robert L. Parham. Everyone urged to attend this special service.

"THOUGHTS" FOR THE PROFESSING CHRISTIAN

From personal experience, I am inclined to believe, that one of the chief errors in the Christian Life is the Pharisee trait; namely, the shifting to our neighbors the admonitions and exhortations that would be very appropriate and applicable to our own lives. How prone we are, while privately meditating upon His teachings or while hearing His Word preached, to shift our thoughts to some acquaintance, thinking: "How well this sermon applies to so and so; how I wish they were present, perhaps they would take the hint and remodel their lives accordingly. Thus, we worry about everyone else but forget that the admonitions can be accepted by ourselves. We cannot or perhaps we do not desire to see the defects in ourselves. O, that all who tend to think thus would substitute, I, my and me for he, she and they. Ask yourself, "Am I doing anything that I would condemn in others?" "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobated." (2 Cor. 13: 5.) We should study the Scriptures and hear His Word, directing it to our own heart, always with the idea in mind, how we ourselves may apply it to our own lives (Matt. 7: 5). Let US ALL BEGIN TODAY not to criticize others, but to reconstruct our own selves. Let us learn to know ourselves well and we will not despise others. May WE ALL indelibly impress upon our hearts and minds Paul's mandate to the Romans, "We are inexcusable, whosoever we are that judge, for wherein we judge another, we condemn ourselves, for we that judge do the same things." (Rom. 2: 1). When we wake up to the fact that we must start within ourselves, then I think we are on the right track. Sincere self-criticism keeps us from conceit and self-righteousness, we become penitent, and we petition like the Publican, "God be merciful unto me a sinner." (Luke 18: 13). Yes, this is our problem. Let US think about it and be sincere with ourselves and with God. Dear reader,

with this thought in mind, meditate on this truth as applicable to your own life: EVERY PHRASE AND ADMONITION IS INTENDED FOR ME.

Our Bible

How familiar am I with my Bible? Is it put to daily use in our homes, or is it just a part of our home furnishings—merely a nick-nack or an ornament? If we were referred to Josh. 25: 16 or Jude 21, would we immediately know where to turn, or would we have to consult our Bible index, before we had any definite knowledge whether the designated texts were in the Old or New Testaments? Can we sincerely say, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path?" (Psa. 119: 105). Or, do we deliberately seek daily guidance of our associates or some general science book? If you are guilty of neglect of Bible reading, I plead with you, BEGIN NOW and take His Word, read prayerfully and reverently, what He commands. Read how we should live during our earthly pilgrimage and what we may anticipate beyond the grave. Make a thorough investigation. The most reliable information is found in the Bible. (2 Tim. 3: 16). May we have Joshua's statement as our daily motto, "This Book of the law shall not depart out of my mouth, but I will meditate therein day and night, that I may observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then I will make my way prosperous, and then I will have good success." (John. 1: 8).

Be Not Deceived, God is Not Mocked"

How frequently we hear the remark, "What would your preacher say if he heard you did or said that?" O, how ridiculous! This statement should be altered to, "What does God say or think?" Remember, it is not your preacher, who will judge you on the final Judgment Day, but God the righteous Judge. O, beloved, I warn you, BEWARE if your deeds and speech give you a guilty conscience, should they be displayed before your minister. This is a danger signal and is certainly not one to be ignored. Change your life TODAY, so that all may be revealed before

God and your fellow-men, without the slightest regret or sense of guilt. Then and then only will you have Peace. You may "get by" or conceal from your preacher or associates your secret works, but not from God. He looks where man looks least—at the heart. And, finally on the Great Judgment Day all the hidden things will be revealed. Beloved, how will YOU stand? Will you have motives of which to be ashamed? "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be bad." (Eccles. 12: 14).

"Be Ye Steadfast"

Have you seen a neon sign—the type advertising firms use which mechanically show lights off and on? Well, that is what many Christians remind me of. One minute they profess to be devout followers of our Lord, and the next minute they are serving the Devil. Today when circumstances are so that they may easily comply to His admonitions, they are "on" for Christ, but tomorrow they yield to the slightest temptation. This indicates weak character. O, "Brethren this ought not to be," for His Word says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation." (James 1: 12). We must endeavor to ALWAYS be "on" for Christ and be ever on the alert to win the victory over Satan, by the aid of the Holy Spirit. What would be the result, if Christ would come to "take unto Himself His own"—yes, where would you go, if He appeared in one of your "off" moments? This question is for you to answer and solve; I am not your judge. But, this I know; you are either for or against Him. "For" signifies eternal Joy and Glory—"against" eternal Woe and Sadness. And, if you are in the latter class, you will be denied even one drop of water. (Luke 16: 19-31). Follow Paul's advice "Put on the whole armour of God so ye may be able to withstand in the evil day." (Eph. 6: 11). May our sincere prayer be "Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, for Thou are the God of my salvation, ON THEE DO I WAIT ALL THE DAY." (Psa. 25: 5).

Is Your Faith Progressive?

Beloved, where is your faith today? (Luke 8: 25). Is it growing in

trust and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ or is it making no progress but rather retarded by your daily mode of living? If you have no stronger faith, trust and hope today, than you did last year, there is something radically wrong with your Christianity. If you saw a child when five years old and it was physically and mentally no more developed than a baby of five months, you would know that child was ailing physically. And, thus with our faith. No doubt there are many who read these lines whose faith is no more steadfast nor is their hope in Christ any more enlarged than it was ten or twenty years ago, or even since they first professed to be a Christian. Such a faith is not sufficient, for He says, "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (2 Pet. 3: 18). Dear reader, how is YOUR faith?

By Frieda J. Schneider

(To be continued next issue)

Brother and Sister Raymond Peters are now in the evangelistic work and Brother Leonard Turner is now pastor at Hardesty, Oklahoma.

Brother C. R. Swanson of Houston, Texas, has regular appointments at Bellville, Waller, and Cody, Texas.

Evangelist and Mrs. Lloyd Schrimpf of Seneca, Missouri, anticipate having a meeting soon at Garfield, Ark.

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Obituaries

Joseph Leroy Reynolds was born near Arlington, Kansas, March 11, 1879, and spent his entire life in this vicinity, and passed away suddenly at his home in Kingman, Kansas, January 15, 1942.

On March 10, 1909, he was united in marriage to Sarah Walker and to this union seven children were born, Roy of the U. S. Navy; Andy of Fort Orde, California, Walker of Kingman, Alice Wheat of Michigan, Shirley Heller of Arlington, Maudell Kelley of Kingman, June Reynolds of the home. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, and seven children, one brother, two nephews and a niece.

Brother Reynolds was converted in October, 1929, and was a minister of the Apostolic Faith for a number of years, pastoring at Kingman. He was a loving father and faithful husband and was loved by all who knew him. Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church with Brother Earl Nielson in charge, assisted by the Presbyterian minister of Arlington and Brother John Modrick. Interment was in the Arlington cemetery.

Catherine Dixon Johnson was born April 21, 1864, in Ousley county, Kentucky, and passed away at her home in Rome, Missouri, on January 21, 1942. She was united in marriage to James M. Johnson, September 14, 1899. She is survived by her husband, James M. Johnson. She was a faithful Christian and a willing helper to her husband in the Gospel work.

Dear Brother Robert:

Greetings to you and all of the Faith!

We would like to leave this testimony of God's wonderful healing power. A few months ago we were called in to pray for a little Mexican boy who was stricken with paralysis. The doctors had given him up, and said he would never walk again. A group from the church and myself began to pray and also go into the home and pray for this little boy. God has wonderfully answered prayer. For a while the boy could just move his hands and then as we kept praying and believing God he was able to move his arms and legs, and now he can walk. We are so glad that God is able to heal all those who come to Him. Trust this testimony shall be a blessing to all who read it.

Pray for us and the work here.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wooster, Pastors,
Eagle Lake Mission, Eagle Lake, Texas.

A PLAN THAT "NEVER FAILETH"

In praying for a revival at large, let us not forget that the Church cannot give to the unsaved what she has not received herself. The late D. L. Moody once said, "The best way is for the pastor or some other member to say he wants to see all who desire a revival. Don't let anyone else come. Then get down on your knees and pour out your HEARTS, asking God to revive yourselves. Don't be in a hurry to pray for your friends. Hold the people to THEMSELVES! You never see an anxious church without souls being saved. Don't wait for the whole church to be moved. Get two or three, soon there will be six or seven. Form a Praying Band. Pray for the work and the Blessing will Come. THAT PLAN "NEVER FAILETH!" — Bellingham Dial.

NOTE

As we go to press we learn of the death of Mrs. George Regier of Perryton, Texas. We have not received an obituary yet but hope to have one in the next paper.

The persons who love the brothers and sisters in Christ as they should will hold their confidence as a priceless treasure and will make any personal sacrifice necessary to keep it.

Those who lack in love will always lack in service.