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## *All Praise to Him*

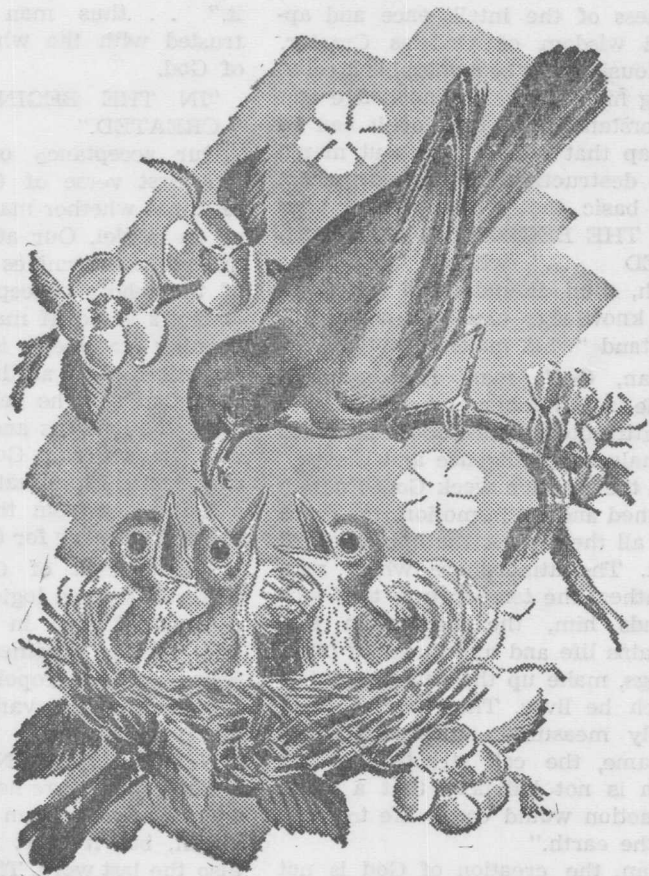
All praise to Him who built the hills;  
All praise to Him the streams who wills;  
All praise to Him who lights each star  
That sparkles in the blue afar.

All praise to Him who makes the morn,  
And bids it glow with beams new-born;  
Who draws the shadows of the night,  
Like curtains, o'er our wrearied sight.

All praise to Him whose love hath given  
In Christ His Son, the Life of heaven;  
Who gives us for our darkness light,  
And turns to day our deepest night.

All praise to Him in love who came,  
To bear our woe, and sin, and shame;  
Who lived to die, who died to rise,  
The all prevailing Sacrifice.

—Horatius Bonar



## SO GOD CREATED MAN

(GENESIS 1:27)

Marcus Adair

In this day when human civilization stands on the brink of total destruction by nuclear holocaust, we are caused to ponder and rethink and reevaluate the old question of from "where did man come and where is he going? Our age is filled with philosophical-religious issues of the nature and destiny of man. It is common, ordinary and right for man to be curious, to question, and to investigative.

Man's thirst for knowledge and his seeking for truth, within itself, has no sin but when God as creator is eliminated from his process of searching for truth, he finds himself in great error. Man has always had a desire to know about himself. In this desire, he at times has segregated himself and his world from God. All the creation cries out as witness of the intelligence and applied wisdom of God as Creator. Curiosity may be a valuable asset to bring man a greater knowledge and understanding of God, or it can be a trap that will bring about man's own destruction. It is fundamental and basic that we remember that "IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED . . ." without this basic truth, man flounders in his quest for knowledge and will never understand "what makes life tick".

Man, God's man, His creature, made in His image and endowed with his attributes, stands above all other animals in intelligence and reason.

In the creative week God ordered, planned and set in motion, the earth and all therein for the habitation of man. The atmosphere which man breathes, the temperature that surrounds him, the vegetation that sustains life and multitudes of other things, make up the environment in which he lives. These are so delicately measured, so precisely the catsame, the cell structure of his flesh is not balanced that a small infraction would cause life to cease on the earth."

Man, the creation of God is not a beast of the Jungle or field. He thinks, ponders, plans and calculates and by the sum of his findings, can build a bridge, dam a river, construct skyscrapers and by

his machines launch himself into the realms beyond his environs. No other creature can do these things. Man shares in the intelligence of His creator and by doing computes the ordained laws of physics and by doing accomplishes great and mighty feats.

Physically, man is different from all the other animals of the kingdom. His bones are different, his blood is not blended compounded and precariously alike, in all these and many more he is unique and distinct.

Man stands alone and apart in mind, soul and spirit and shares the intelligence of God. These and multiplied scores of ways man towers over the animal kingdom. "God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." . . . thus man has been intrusted with the whole handiwork of God.

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED."

Our acceptance or rejection of this first verse of God's book determines whether man be a believer or an infidel. Our attitude towards this verse determines what we think of the whole concept of the truth of God's Word. If man believes this opening statement, it sets in order and harmonizes all the rest of scriptural truths. If he believes that God made the heavens and the earth, he also knows that God created the tiny atom. The creation of man as a living organism then seems simple and ordinary for God to do.

The concept of God as creator seems basic and logical. Mere speculations of men in their theories and monkey business of so-called science and anthropology with all of its guesses and variants seem so empty and vague.

"IN THE BEGINNING — GOD".

These words are not only the first word of God to man concerning his origin, but it is at the same time also the last word. There is no more to be said. In the beginning God! Man may try to substitute philosophy, science, evolution for the word of God, but God's first statement still stands as the last word con-

cerning the origin and creation of man and his world. It answers every question with finality and authority. And this statement has stood the test of time, often challenged but never answered, often disputed but never reputed, often reviled but never revised, often denounced but never destroyed.

So we must conclude man is not a creature of accident of chance. He came not by evolution from lower animal life but is the Crowning Miracle of the Workmanship of God. Man is the master piece of all of God's Creation.

Search the heavens, examine the earth probe the depths and bring forth the findings. God's word faces all challenges. After generations of men have come and gone with all their theories and changing guesses, God's statement of truth still towers above all. "GOD CREATED MAN."

—GENESIS 1:27.

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Rev. & Mrs. Howard Whiteley,  
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### Associate Editor

Dear Readers:

Maybe it's because I am not feeling up to par or just that I have an impression along that line, but for some reason I have been thinking of health—Divine health given of the Lord this morning. Wouldn't that be a wonderful gift? There are not too many Scriptures along this line in the Bible, but there are a few. Let us look at them. In Psa. 42: 11 David speaks of h's down cast circumstances because of his enemies, then he remembers that God is the health of his countenance, which means bearing, conduct or favor. Does my face portray faith and victory? There is no greater testimony then that of God given health. Psa. 67:2.

III John 2 reads as follows: Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayst prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. Here I find a spiritual growth and obedience tied into body comfort, that is health which is the prize of every body, and highly favored are the ones that have health. Health may slip from us, but under the command of the Lord it can be regained. Let us all strive for more God given

We are made to rejoice when we think of the many blessings the Lord sees fit to bestow on each of us.

We would like to thank each church and many of you friends who made it possible for us to get the new addressograph machine. The machine is now free of debt. The Lord met this need far above our expectation. This will make our work load a lot lighter. It was a big task to address the Report and the old machine was wearing out.

I have been thinking of some words spoken by the great man, Paul, in the 26th chapter of Acts and verse 19, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:". Above this Paul tells us a little of that vision he received from the Lord. Starting with verses 17 and 18 "Delivering thee from the people and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and the inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me". Oh the thrill of this wonderful vision Paul received that day on the road to Damascus. He said I was obedient to it. It was a message that came clear to him that day.

When this wonderful gospel came to us of a real experience of Salvation, Sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Divine Healing and the soon return of the Lord back to earth, it burned brightly shining out to the world around. Have we lost that vision? Is it still bright in

deliverance and victory along this line.

I wonder, if we as a church, are keeping step with the signs of the times and the stress of the days?

## Pens of the Editors



our lives?

I have dealt with a number of people here who have lost that vision. It is a very sad state of affairs. We have people all over the country who are selling out for thirty pieces of Silver, or a bowl of soup. Paul speaks in the book of Galatians chapter 4, verse 9 of people turning back to the weak and beggarly elements of this world. Do we desire to be under bondage again? This is the thing that happens to us when we lose the vision. I am afraid if a lot of us are not careful we will lose this vision that Paul kept burning brightly all of his life. How could he go through the trials of scourging, the times of stoning, the many shipwrecks, the mockings and being run out of many cities for the gospel of a resurrected Christ? You say I am strong in faith. Nothing can shake me of my faith in the Lord. I have stood for this gospel all down through the years. I am strong. Peter also said he was strong. Christ said to him (Peter) "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak". I feel in a short time we will be called on to take our stand.

I think of Daniel and the three Hebrew children. They had to be prayed up to where they could stand. I feel that the vision of Christ was bright in their lives. This vision will take us through. It has to be bright. It can not grow dim. It will take us through if kept up to date and our lives under the blood, living a daily Sanctified life. May the Lord help us to be obedient to that vision.

Howard Whiteley

When we get right down to it, there are many forces at work today against spiritual development and continuance. The stress may be in

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# Children's Hour . . .

— Kathryn Cornell



## A Boy's Lunch Basket

Matthew 14:13-23; Mark 6:30-46;

Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15.

The disciples returned to Jesus, telling about the people they had healed and taught in Galilee. Now more and more people heard about Jesus. They came from everywhere to hear and see him.

The people were so eager to hear Jesus and have their loved ones healed, that they were always with him. He did not have time to rest or even to eat. So Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and said, "Come with me to a quiet place, for we must rest awhile."

They sailed to the other side of the sea and went into a desert place. But they did not find much time to rest, for soon a great crowd gathered. The people had followed from the other side of the sea. Perhaps the disciples were disappointed because the people had found them again, but Jesus looked at the people lovingly. "They are like sheep that have no shepherd," he said.

Jesus sat down to teach them again. He healed the sick and taught the people about the kingdom of heaven.

Evening came. Still the people stayed. They seemed to forget they could not find food or shelter in the desert. The disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away. "Send the people away," said the disciples, "so they can buy food in the towns and villages as they go home."

But Jesus answered, "We must

feed them before sending them away." Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where shall we find bread, that all these people may eat?"

Philip looked at the people and shook his head. "If we should buy two hundred pennyworth of bread," he answered, "there would not be enough for each one to have a small piece."

In this great crowd were five thousand men besides all the women and children. When they left home, they did not know they would have to go far to find Jesus. One boy, however, had not forgotten his lunch basket. In it were five little loaves of barley bread and two small fishes.

The boy heard Jesus and the disciples talking about what to do. He went up to Andrew, showed his lunch basket, and offered to give the food to Jesus. Andrew told Jesus.

"How many loaves are there in the basket?" asked Jesus.

"Only five and two small fishes," Andrew said. "But what will that be among so many people?"

"Bring it to me," Jesus replied. To the disciples he said, "Make the people sit down in groups of fifty and a hundred."

Jesus took the loaves and fishes, gave thanks, and broke the food into small pieces. He filled a basket for each disciple to pass among the hungry people.

When the crowd had eaten all they wanted, Jesus had the disciples gather up the food that was left. There were twelve baskets full.

This miracle excited the people. They wanted Jesus to become their king. How wonderful it would be to have a king who could feed them by working miracles!

Jesus would not allow the people  
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## Associate Editor

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a condition within the home or church or shop or school. It may stem from the very inside as we battle demon forces and seek to live above reproach as unto the Lord.

At any rate, keep right on with the Lord. Let Him be your joy and peace and call upon Him until the showers of blessings fall.

Its time now for the rush of Spring, the planting and growth of our natural foods. It is also time for the school's final days to take shape. Already there is a feeling of release and change and looking forward to things in store. With all of our planning let us plan not in ourselves, but with God. Let Him be the captain of our salvation and the bishop of our souls. Pray with us please that our steps may be ordered of the Lord. We may have to wait on Him (Psa. 27:14), but He still knows best and leads correctly.

Thanks for your constant thought of the Apostolic Faith Report. Keep the paper in mind, help it grow, your personal endorsement means a lot. Write often.

With Christian love,  
Gail W. Schultz



## Teacher's Notebook

### INSTRUCTION — ADMONITION

God is the author of law and order; Satan is the author of confusion and chaos. The words "disciple" and "discipline" come from a word that means "trained in orderliness". I Cor. 14:40, "Let all things be done decently and in order." Then in Eph. 6:4, "children are to be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." N U T U R E is instruction and ADMONITION is Discipline.

Since the Sunday School is the training center of the church, its teachers and officers must not only impart instruction, they must also exercise **discipline**. This must be done with love but firmness. Disorder interferes seriously with Sunday school making **effective** teaching impossible.

Furthermore, if a class is disorderly they learn disrespect for the teacher and disregard for God's house, God's Word, and God's day. As teachers, therefore, we have another responsibility in training the students to respect God, His house, and His Word.

Even though order is contagious; so is disorder. A Sunday School superintendent or teacher with a poorly prepared program INVITES trouble. While at the same time an orderly atmosphere in the Sunday School will command attention and respect. If chairs are properly arranged, songbooks in their places, etc. students are more inclined to be reverent and orderly.

Let us check our classroom equipment and procedures which stimulate good behavior. Classes should meet under the most favorable physical conditions possible. Pupils

will not sit quietly if they are uncomfortable in chairs that are too large or small. This only incites wiggling, weariness, and unrest. It would be best to provide a rug on the floor for the small ones with the teacher sitting among them than to have their feet and legs dangling from high chairs for an hour resulting in disorder and not hearing the Word of God. Poor ventilation and extremes of temperature also contribute to discipline problems.

The ideal situation provides a large, airy room for each class but often this is not possible. Even churches with little money can provide dividers of some sort if they will work at the job of improving things 52 weeks out of the year. Curtains afford partial privacy from visual distractions making it easier for the teacher to hold the attention of the students.

Protection so that his teachers may teach under the most favorable circumstances is the job and duty of each superintendent. Some officers interrupt the lesson (perhaps at a high point of interest or seriousness) to distribute or pick-up offering envelopes or Sunday School literature, make announcements, etc. These interruptions may upset the teacher, the class, and the lesson which is God's Word. Often the train of thought is never restored. This can be eliminated to a great degree by Record books and literature being in the rooms before class time, then record books with offering inside can be placed outside the door on the facing by the teacher after the roll and offering have been taken. A nail or a large paper clip

will hold these booklets. Certainly there will be times when interruptions cannot be helped but the superintendent should conduct the Sunday School on a business like basis giving his teachers sufficient time and privacy for their work. All of this will indeed help to establish good discipline among students as their thoughts and attention are not diverted as people enter and leave the room.

The pupils' conduct will also be affected by his teacher . . . her physical, mental, and spiritual image. A teacher should dress carefully, avoiding loud, flashy extremes but be neat, clean, and in general, well groomed. Striking mannerisms or peculiarities will draw attention from the lesson and be an indirect means to disorder.

Most teachers hope and pray that God will transform their restless boys and girls into quiet, attentive pupils, but few pray for their own self-mastery. If the teacher can't control himself, he cannot hope to control his class. Many things arise to try the teacher's patience making it a necessity for him to be on

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### How Others Do It

"VERSE UNSCRAMBLE" is valuable fun. You can use this method for memory verse review by lettering the words and references of the Bible verse on separate cards or strips. Give one to each child until all the words are distributed. Ask the "word holders" to come to the front. Give them 90 seconds to arrange themselves in proper order.

# NEWS from the CHURCHES

## PAMPA, TEXAS—

We are still enjoying the blessings of the Lord here. Our Sunday School attendance has been running regularly in the forties and fifties, and we have set a goal of 80 in Sunday School on Easter morning. Everyone seems enthusiastic, and we hope to see our work and faith rewarded.

We were so happy to see a woman saved in our morning service last Sunday. God has blessed many with conviction, and we are praying that these will soon make their decision to serve Christ.

We are endeavoring to begin a Youth Service on Sunday evening, and we certainly need the prayers of each one of you that God will bless this new effort. Several young people have been regularly attending church, and some of these have been saved; however, we are trying to reach those who need the Lord so much.

We are still praying for revival.  
Mrs. Paul Simmons, Reporter  
Amos Harris, pastor

## GALENA, KANSAS—

Spring and summer activities are upon us and with them comes a challenge to each one to gain from the Lord the spiritual strength for the days ahead. As adults we have a great responsibility in giving out the Word of God in its entirety to the youth during VBS and Youth Camps that they too might prepare their lives for the battles against Satan. We're thankful that our attendance has been back to normal during the recent months and are looking for many victories to be gained in the things of the Lord as we wait and call upon His name.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

## MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH, LOGAN, OKLAHOMA—

The Lord has been good to all of us and several have testified of late to His healing power being manifested in their lives. We give God all the Praise. We were glad to have Bros. Ollie Kinser and Ross Briles visiting in our midst recently bringing inspiring messages. We always welcome any of our ministers anytime.

Our church has purchased the Victory School which is close by and have it fixed up to use for our church affairs. In February our church ladies fixed the meal for the preacher's meeting. This was enjoyed by the ladies for several of them enjoyed the Holy Land pictures that Bro. Teddy Barker showed to the group.

We will have special services March 27-29 with Bros. Ronnie Martin, Keith Barker, Delvin Wiles, and Dewey Flock. We are praying for God's blessings to be with us.

Mrs. Deryl LaMunyon, reporter  
Doyles Wiles, pastor

## SNYDER, TEXAS—

During the week beginning with February 19th, Bros. Ronnie Martin, Keith Barker, Delvin Wiles, and Dewey Flock were with us for a week of Revival services. They were a real blessing to the entire church. All brought wonderful messages and their singing cheered our hearts. There were three reclaimed and many special blessings received. How wonderful to rely on the Lord and know that He never fails. Recently Elmer and Ava Christianson from Mineral Wells visited us and were a blessing.

Louise Sutton, pastor

## LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA—

We've enjoyed the Lord's blessings here at Laverne. Bro. and Sis. Vester Clanton were with us for a two weeks Revival in February. The Lord once again poured out His Spirit upon us. We're truly grateful for the victories gained and the hungry hearts seeking Him. Most of the special music for the Revival was supplied by the home church talent. Our church is fortunate to be blessed with so many who are willing to use their talent for the Lord. We're especially thankful for the interest shown by the young people. Also we appreciate the visitors who came from the surrounding churches and helped us.

M. D. Methvin, pastor

## HUDSON, WYOMING—

We are thankful for the blessings God has given us since we have been here in Hudson. But now we feel we must journey on. God has been good to us and our people here, and we leave many wonderful memories, and an outstanding year of our life behind. We have no definite plans after we leave except we will reside at our home in Taneyville, Mo., and we will be open for calls as evangelists or pastors.

Paul Wilkerson, pastor

## BAPTIST FORD COMMUNITY CHURCH—

With our Sunday school average in the 60's, we had 82 for Easter Sunday with 140 out for the morning service. We are thankful for the spiritual growth we see among our people here. New carpeting has been laid of which we're all proud.

Alford Whiteley, pastor

# Copy Deadline 20th of Each Month

ALVIN, TEXAS—

"Easter means the confirmation of everything sacred to life." With this season comes new hope and joys that seeing new souls born into the kingdom of God stirs in every Christian's heart. We are praying for a Revival and waiting on the Lord that His will might be manifested in our lives.

With visitation programs, youth camp, VBS, and other activities ahead in the near future, we desire an interest in your prayers. We are thankful for the fullness of the Gospel. May God bless all who have dedicated their lives to His work.

Jane Goodwin, reporter  
G. K. Kerr, pastor

PINE HILL, ALABAMA—

God truly sent us showers of blessings in our recent Revival with Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon. During the two weeks of the Revival there were six souls saved; some were in the hospital, but we are thankful that God deals with man in various places. We are encouraged with the work here. We thank God for giving us such a fine group of people to labor among. We desire an interest in your prayers for God's guidance over our lives, for the fields are white unto harvest.

Jim Arnall, pastor

HINTON, ALABAMA—

We are glad we can report victory through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He is so wonderful to us all. He has been blessing in the services for which we are so thankful.

The annual Easter service and singing will be held and also a basket dinner. We are expecting the Lord's blessing upon the services throughout the day. Come and be with us.

George Hintergardt, pastor

A Boy's Lunch Basket

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to make him king. He had not come to the earth to rule an earthly kingdom. He commanded his disciples to enter the ship and return to the other side of the sea. Sending the people away, he went alone up the mountainside to pray.



TWELVE BASKETS FULL

By Elvera Douglass

(JOHN 6:1-14.)

DOWN

- 1. Jesus saw a great company and said to Philip, "Whence shall we buy bread, that these may \_\_\_\_\_?" (verse 5)
- 2. Andrew said, There is a \_\_\_\_\_ here" (verse 9).
- 3. "Which hath five barley loaves, and two small \_\_\_\_\_" (verse 9.)

ACROSS

- 1. Jesus took the loaves; and when He had given \_\_\_\_\_, he distributed . . . likewise the fishes (verse 11.)
- 2. When they were filled, He said . . . "Gather up the \_\_\_\_\_" (verse 12).
- 3. They gathered together, and \_\_\_\_\_ twelve baskets. (verse 13).

ANSWER

DOWN: 1. eat. 2. had. 3. fishes.  
ACROSS: 1. thanks. 2. fragments. 3. filled.

APRIL

Birthday Calendar

- 3. .... PAUL THOMAS
- 6. .... GALE PLETCHER
- 11. .... NANCY BECK
- 11. .... GERALD ANDERSON
- 13. .... SUE ANN PHARES
- 13. .... EDWINA KING
- 15. .... STEVE BRUCE
- 20. .... CHRISTY PHARES
- 22. .... GREG CASSITY
- 25. .... JOYCE MATHIS
- 30. .... KEVIN ELSTON

Sometimes God sends His love letters in black-edged envelopes.

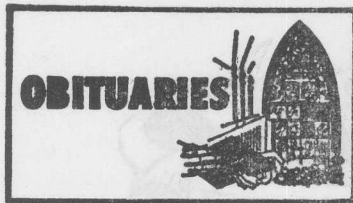
SINNER —

A CALL TO REPENTANCE

I am glad that I can put my trust in the Lord, and I am also happy that I can feed upon His Word. The strength of most Christians is failing to-day. I am alarmed when I see the churches dwindling in numbers and interest and often the pulpits limited in anointed messages and discontent and unrest abounding.

The work to-gether, pull to-gether powers shrinking and the vision failing for want of dilligent seeking, praying, fasting, and mourning for the lost and the needs of the church. I know that God has always had a man at the right time, for the right

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### MRS. BESSIE LEE CARL

Mrs. Bessie Lee Carl was born Bessie Lee Curtis at Clay City, Kentucky, the only child of Ben F. Curtis and Sarah Cooper, on May 28, 1894.

Mrs. Carl spent her younger years in the section of the country of her birth. She attended the Berea College. Talent given of God and her education made it easy for her to write beautiful letters and carry on a wide correspondence in which she always highly exalted her Lord and Saviour.

Dec. 19, 1920, she was united in marriage to J. C. Carl who preceeded her in death. To this union was born two children. Berna Mae King of Webb City, Mo. and J. Clell Von-Carl who preceeded her in death. Mrs. Carl has left, besides the daughter — her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Barbara Carl, eight grandchildren, one great grand child, other relatives and many friends.

In the early 1920's the Carl family came in contact with the Apostolic Faith Movement under the ministry of Chas. F. Parham while they were living in Battle Creek, Mich. To this Faith Sister Carl remained true, steadfast, and unmovable to the very end, with a beautiful faith in her Christ.

The Carl family moved about from Mich. to Ky. and later to Tex. There she met many of the Apostolic Believers and formed life time friendships. Later the family moved to Joplin, and in 1962 to Webb City. They tried in their moves to keep close to the Apostolic Faith Movement.

Rev. Homer Coberly, Rev. Gail Schultz, and Rev. Howard Whiteley associated with final services in the Apostolic Faith Church. Mu-furnished by Mr. and Mrs. [Name], Mr. Lee Oakes, Rev. F. [Name] with Mrs. F. E. Water-gan.



((Arrived too late for last months Issue))

### IN MEMORY OF . . .

#### MOTHER COBERLY

Your gentle face and patient smile  
with sadness we recall  
You had kind words for each  
And died beloved by all.

The voice is mute and stilled the  
heart.

That loved us all and true  
Oh, bitter was the trial to part  
From one so good as you.

You are not forgotten loved one  
Nor will you ever be  
As long as life and memory last  
We will remember thee.

We miss you now, our hearts are  
sore,

As time goes by we miss you more  
Your loving smile, your gentle face,  
No one can fill your vacant place.

God never permits a burden to  
trouble us, unless through it a great  
blessing can come to us.

Many of God's greatest blessings  
come to us in rough wrappings, but  
there is gold inside.

When there is no way OUT, the  
UP is still open!

## Teachers Notebook

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guard lest he become irritated and impatient. Pupils quickly discover if the teacher is in a state of confusion and will then disregard his leadership.

Christ, as the master teacher and example, was master of every situation in which he was involved. Each teacher should strive to follow His calm, quiet, forceful mannerism which gained for Him listeners held in rapt attention. This can only be done as we experience the "fruit of the Spirit" in our lives and demonstrate the grace of God which we teach that God will give to those that desire it.

If a teacher is to be master of the pupils, he must FIRST be Master of his subject. The poorly-prepared teacher will have trouble. Orderliness in instruction leads to orderliness in conduct. Disorder leads to inattention and a lack of interest. **A POORLY-PREPARED TEACHER IS ALWAYS OUT OF ORDER.**

Disorder may be intentional or unintentional on the pupil's part. The first finds the cause in itself while the second results from some external cause of which we've been discussing. Therefore, the teacher must analyze the situation to see if the student causing the difficulty is just thoughtless because of lack of home training in behavior or is deliberately for some reason causing the disturbance. Regardless of which cause the solution must be sought carefully and prayerfully.

The wise teacher will plan, work, teach, and pray that the grace of God will transform each pupil in his class. Then the problems, discipline, sacrifices will all be forgotten in the joy of watching his pupils accept CHRIST and "grow in grace".

### GEM OF TRUTH

"If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." II Tim. 2:21.





# Crusaders for Christ

## 12 INCH ANSWER

### Why Is Marriage, An Institution Of God Blamed For So Much Unhappiness?

Marriage, like christianity, is blamed for a great many burdens and cares that come with life, whether married or single, christian or non christian.

Recently, I heard a young mother referring to her spiritual victories with such statements as these, "That was before I was married", it was so much easier then," or "Since I've been married so much has been discouraging, the care of the children, financial problems etc."

This wife and mother was married quite young, hence the dividing line between a care free girlhood and the responsibilities of life, was marriage.

Older women, who knew little or no responsibility before marriage, often are slack in preparing young girls for the role of wife and motherhood. Too many times we hear these words, "Let them have a good time while they can, they'll have to settle down soon enough."

The young man who has had no one but himself to consider, feels keenly the responsibility of supporting a family.

Self-centered irresponsibility is for infants and children. Life in general and marriage in particular is for adults.

Perhaps another reason for frustration is in confusing thrill with happiness. Happiness is defined as

being glad or contented. Gladness is serene and is experienced over worthy causes. Contentment is a state of calm pleasure over what one has or is. Thrill is to fill with keen emotions; stir deeply; a wave of emotion; vibrating sensation etc.

Through life there are many thrilling experiences, but these are transient. Happiness, on the other hand, is not dependent upon exciting experiences, but rather in meeting life's challenge day by day, surmounting obstacles and making life worth living. This calls for maturity.

When God formed man, He also prepared a help meet for him. Help mate or help meet is an assistant; a co worker; a companion; a partner; especially referred to as a wife. . . Assistant, coworker, denotes work.

To be successful in any career demands work and self sacrifice. All too often people who will display these attributes in the business or professional world may be wholly lacking in them when embarking upon the greatest career of all — Marriage.

So far we have discussed marriage in general, but I would like to bring a few points where christians are concerned. One of the greatest causes of frustration and disappointment is to rush into marriage, disregarding all hopes, plans, callings, or religious differences. Such per-

sons seem to think the blind love of the moment has a magical power to change realities to their will. This is not true.

First let me say that a christian is taking a terrible risk in marrying a non-christian. In II Cor. 6:14 we have the admonition not to be unequally yoked together with the unbeliever. While marriage is not the only way one may be yoked together, it certainly is a major one. It is true that there are exceptions to the rule and some have won the unbeliever to the Lord, but in the many instances when this does not happen, the christian carries a double load, hence unhappiness. . .

Another serious mistake is in marrying one of different religious belief. The sad part of a union of this kind is that usually the stronger willed, rather than the deeper religious conviction, rules. There are exceptions of course. When both are equally determined, there is such discord that both marital happiness and spirituality are lost.

Christians who have a call of God on their lives certainly should consider that call first, if they hope for happiness. Failing to do so can cause misery for both. It takes a divine call to serve happily, either as a minister or minister's wife. The un-called one may continue to serve, but with a feeling of sacrifice and discontent. Again marriage is blamed.

Many women whom God has call-

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ed have given up their calling altogether. One young woman, for example, had hopes and plans to be a missionary, then as she put it, I fell in love." Now after a few years of marriage, she is faced with a nagging thought of having failed the Lord. Despite the fact that she loves her husband and children there is a void in her life, a blighted hope, a dream unfulfilled. The cause, marriage.

In this day of easy divorce, so many are entering marriage with the feeling that if it doesn't work out, get out of it. . . Only those who have had this experience can tell you it isn't a panacea for life's ills. Once you've crossed the threshold of marriage there is no way back.

Marriage was instituted by God and is honored and blessed of Him, however, to have a chance for happiness it must be entered into with a sense of responsibility and a certain knowledge that work and self sacrifice are essential. To get something for nothing is either no good or some one else has paid for it.

To you who are of marriagable age, this thought: Let your head help rule your heart. There is nothing wrong with marriage, the fault lies in the emotional immaturity of those who carelessly and selfishly take its vows.

### ITEMS FOR SALE—

**ONE CROSS:** Nearly new, I cannot carry it and keep up with the world and its crowd.

**ONE TALENT:** New except slightly shelf-worn. It has been laid away for several years.

**ONE FIVE-PIECE SET OF ARMOR.** All pieces in good shape only need polishing.

**ONE BUNDLE OF CHRISTIAN OPPORTUNITIES:** I seldom use them, so have decided to sell them.

**ONE BADLY USED CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE:** Buyer may be able to repair it if carefully handled.

The above articles are in the basement of my house located at the corner of Careless Avenue.

## THE DREAM OF HISTORY

Daniel 2:1-45

Robert Girouard

Prophecy is history foretold in advance. One of the most important prophecies in the Bible is found in Daniel, chapter two. Therein one is given a prophetic pre-view of an outline of world history from about B. C. 606 to the return of Jesus in power and great glory to destroy Gentile world power at the battle of Armageddon. The period of time covered in this prophecy is called "The Times of the Gentiles" because during this period of time God has given political rule in the world to Gentile nations.

It was God's desire and will that the nation of Isreal should be the leading nation in the world with the capability of defending herself against all comers. The Lord promised the Israelites that if they would hearken diligently unto His voice and observe and do all His commandments which He commanded them that He would set Isreal on high above all the nations of the earth. Also, He would greatly bless her in a material way, and all the people of the earth would be afraid of her. She would always be victorious in battle against her enemies and she would be the head and not the tail of nations. Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Leviticus 26:3-10.

So we see that the Lord made ample provision that the Isrealites could have exercised political and military rule in the world. But the Isrealites miserably failed God. They forfeited their position of privilege by their disobedience and idolatry. The Lord permitted the nations about them to exact tribute from them, to oppress them and finally to take them into captivity. First the ten tribe nation of Israel was taken into Assyrian captivity in B. C. 721, and the first stage of the captivity of the kingdom of Judah took place in B. C. 606.

What befell the Isrealites was foreseen by the prophets. Isaiah chapter fifty-four foretells Isreal's rejection as the wife of Jehovah. She is termed a "woman forsaken," and a wife of youth who has been "refused." The period of her rejection is called "a small moment." But this chapter also gives good

news. Isreal is yet to be restored to divine favor and blessing.

"The small moment" of Isreal's rejection coincides with the period of Gentile political rule in the world as outlined in the prophecy of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Daniel, chapter two.

"And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Luke 21:24. Jesus clearly implies in this scripture that there will be "times" or a period when the Gentile nations will have political rule over Israel or the Jewish nation. Since Jesus spoke these words Jerusalem has never been free for any considerable period of time from Gentile rule. Even today when Israel is a sovereign nation, parts of Jerusalem and other Jewish territory are being trodden down of the Gentiles. The kingdom of Jordan, governed by King Hussein, today controls thirteen acres of ground in Old Jerusalem in the temple area. Gentile nations will continue to rule the world and have overlordship in part of Jerusalem until the return of Jesus. The time of Gentile political rule in the world is called the "Times of the Gentiles."

We are well aware of the fact that some people refer to this age as the "Gentile church age," and the church is sometimes called the "Gentile church." Also "Gentile times" and the "Times of the Gentiles" are terms used by some to designate the church age. Are such expressions used in this sense scripturally justifiable? What do the scriptures say?

It is a well known fact that the Old Testament scriptures teach that Jesus would be a light to the Gentiles. Luke 2:32; Isaiah 42:6, 7. But so far as the church is concerned, Old Testament scriptures are silent. Jesus predicted that He would build His church. Matthew 16:17, 18. It was left to the apostles, especially to the apostle Paul, to expound church truth. Paul tells us that the church is the body of Christ of which He is the Head. Ephesians 1:22, 23; Colossians 3:18. He also tells

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us that the church is made up of Jews and Gentiles. Ephesians 2:11-18. Paul's argument is that the law of commandments contained in ordinances which separated Jews and Gentiles were removed by the death of Christ. So as a result of the death of Jesus both Jews and Gentiles have access to God by one Spirit and may both be reconciled to God and "made both one" — one body the church. We use the terms Jew, Israelites, and the children of Israel without distinction as Paul did in his day.

Some earnest Christians believe that on the strength of the following scriptures God withdrew His offer of salvation to the Jews: "But when the Jews saw the multitudes they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you; but seeing you put it from you and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee for a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of earth." Acts 13:45-47. Are we to infer from the foregoing scriptures that Paul did not try to reach other Jews after he left Antioch in Pisidia because God had withdrawn the offer of salvation to them? Certainly not. It continued to be Paul's practice as recorded in the book of Acts to visit the synagogues of the Jews to preach Christ to them. The very next city Paul visited after leaving Antioch in Pisidia was Iconium. There God gave a great revival in which multitudes of Jews were saved. "And it came to pass in Iconium that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews, and also of the Greeks believed." Acts 14:1.

God had a purpose from the beginning of the world, which in other ages was not made known to man, but which He has made known in this age by revelation to his apostles

and prophets. God's purpose for this age is that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs—heirs with the Jews—and of the same body—His body the church made up of Jews and Gentiles—and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel. Ephesians 3: 1-9.

The church is not a Jewish church, nor is it a Gentile church, but a church composed of both Jews and Gentiles. So far as God's purpose is concerned, and the gospel is concerned, these are no more "Gentile times" than they are "Jewish times".

"The Times of the Gentiles" means the time of Gentile political rule in the world.

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### FAILURE? NO

Edna Schultz

Failure is the arch enemy of everyone who would achieve his goal. Christ was no exception. It threatened Him at every turn of life, still He did not fail.

Isa. 42:4 "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he has set judgment in the earth—He shall not fail: A wonderful promise given by Isaiah 700 years before the birth of Christ. Has it been fulfilled? Is it yet to be fulfilled?

The Jews looked, according to promise, for a Messiah. True, through blindness they rejected him, never-the-less, He did not fail. He came to His own.

We will consider a few instances in His earthly life in which He did not fail. He was about His father's business at the age of 12 years. He met and overcame the Devil in the Wilderness. During his ministry He met sickness, demons, and death in humanity. He delivered all that came unto Him. He did not fail.

He came to the time when he must give His life a sacrifice. Death was not failure. The Father would have sent Him more than twelve legions of angels, however, the scriptures could not then have been fulfilled. The plan of salvation hinged on His faithfulness unto death. He did not fail.

Almost two thousand years have passed since then, He has not failed thus far, neither has judgment been set in the earth, therefore, we know

the scripture is not completely fulfilled; Knowing this, we turn from the past to the future. We claim that wonderful promise, "He shall not fail."

While the flesh side of His battles are won, the spiritual warfare rages on. Evil men are waxing worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. They are attacking His word, His divinity, His power to save and heal, and his ability to present unto Himself a glorious church, but He shall not fail.

Isa. 21:12 "The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: - - - The shadow of that night is falling about us." Men's hearts are failing them for fear of those things that are coming upon the earth. If Christ had failed once it would be a dark picture indeed, for everyone, but He hasn't nor shall He fail.

The morning cometh: We who know Him look, with hope, for that morning when the Son of righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings.

Then comes that wonderful reign of righteousness, when the evening is put down, the curse lifted and the knowledge of the Lord covers the earth as water covers the sea. HE SHALL NOT FAIL.

## What Are Christians Like Today?

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows . . . not any good unless pushed.

Some are like kites . . . if you don't keep a string on them, they will fly away.

Some are like footballs . . . you can't tell which way they will bounce next.

Some are like balloons . . . full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like trailers . . . they have to be pulled.

Some are like neon lights . . . they keep going on and off.

Some are like pumps . . . they have to be primed.

Some are like a good watch . . . open face, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

WHAT KIND OF A CHRISTIAN ARE YOU? ? ?

**A CALL TO REPENTANCE—**

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place, but we need to put on the whole armour of God and stand in the power of His Spirit.

Sometimes I wonder if the message of salvation is stressed enough, especially when it comes to old fashion repentance that need not be repented of again, with restitution where it is needed to God in broken vows and covenants and promises and trusts. Then take another precious step and ask forgiveness of your wronged fellowman. Make the right mends, return the stolen goods, and repay the price exacted in unfairness and swindle. How long has it been since you have heard the call to live a life above reproach in all manners and methods.

We might not all agree on what is exactly right or wrong, righteous or unrighteous, but when we feel that tug at the heart and conscience put there not by man but by God something must be done about it. You do not have to agree with me to make heaven your home, but you will have to agree with the Lord.

Is the seared conscience holding sway? Are there dark unsearched corners of your very being, not so much hidden from others, as they are hidden from the individual. Honesty with one's own heart is precious.

Do you as a sinner try to hide behind the deeds and actions of others? Does the loose living or faulty examples give you a false assurance? Are you setting a "self righteous" pace? I am just as good or better than others? How do you know? What is your code and guide? The Bible or self made estimations or the swapted opinions of others, who like your self agree to certain ideas and standards regardless of the Truth. Blind leaders of the blind stumble forward to the same pit and same judgement. Because there is a lack of love for the Truth, or maybe none what so ever, they are given over to the lusts of the flesh, the deception of the Devil, and will be classed with the ungodly in the end time and the Anti-Christ period. Is there a craving and a raving for the things of the

world and for the gain and praise of men, plus the "make-believe" of this old life. You need not follow along the trail that leads to nothing, but you can come to the Lord and there bask in the sunshine of His love.

It was my privilege to find the Lord when I was just a boy, but the mighty conviction that seized my soul on that occasion is just as real to me as it was then. The very thought of going on without God in my life was unthinkable. I did not know His ways, but He saved me, and lead me and taught me. So many times these days the sinners do not even come to the place of worship. Many places of amusement are wide open on the day of worship, and others stay at home to rest and read and do the jobs that have accumulated during the week. Sure life is busy and full and some times even a strain, but the answer is not in hiding from God, in a cover up profession, or an "excuse me" attitude.

I am not your friend when I condone the wrongs, and encourage you to live a false life or try to leave the impression that repentance is not necessary. It is my God given task to warn you of God's judgments that are to come, many of them are already in the land, war is abounding. Starvation could easily be the next step and proud man will find the way most difficult.

Are we as Christians doing all we can to win some, to be fruit bearing, and preparing in our lot to stand?

Time could be running out for you sinner, not only in the close of this age and the coming of the Lord, but in your allotted days on this old earth. Many are being cut down, for the grim stroke of the reaper to death comes often in an unguarded hour. It is so easy to put off and put away the call of the Lord and your need. "I should" and "I must" is not the answer, but "I will" brings results. Do it now, right now, as you have read these lines, turn to John 3:16 and confess and seek and repent and become in spirit and in truth His follower.

Become a church goer, because we are instructed to assemble our selves together for worship. As

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much as you can, become a part of every service, not just for the Sunday School. Shame on any one who leaves after the Sunday School, if you could have just as easily stayed. And the ones who will not come to Sunday School are in a rut also, all things being equal.

Open the door of your heart and the mind of your understanding and be taught of Him. The way of the transgressor is hard — The wages of sin is death — There is no hope for the wicked—Eternity is long— death is sure — but there is a way to spend eternity with God and heaven and home. Again may I echo a call to your heart, "Repent, heaven is cheap at any price".

Christians are like tea—it takes hot water to bring out the true strength and flavor.

The trouble with doing nothing is . . . "You can't stop to rest"!