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No Hiding Place

When but a very little girl
Outside the ark of God,
I dreamed that Jesus came again
To walk this earthly sod.
The fear that gripped my childish heart
Rose like a mighty tide.
The first grim thought that came to me,
Was find a place to hide!

I turned and ran into the house
With feet that seemed as lead,
And then as any child would do
I crawled beneath the bed.
Such consternation gripped my heart,
I was not hid from Him!
Then I awoke oh, blessed relief!
To find it was a dream.

It was a dream, He didn't come;
But I recall His word,
That if He went, He'd come again
Our Master, King, and Lord.
A blessed day for everyone
Who in His love abide,
But oh, what horror and regret!
For those who are outside.

There is no cloak to hide our sin,
No secret place to dwell,
No one to give us peace of heart,
Nor deadly fears to quell.
For God fills all the universe
And sees what ere betide,
Our only hope is His great love,
Where we can go and hide.

Yes, He alone can blot our sins
And write our names on high,
O'er shadow us with wings of love,
As on His breast we lie.
If we consider Him today
And in His love abide;
When Jesus comes to earth to reign
We'll need no place to hide.

Edna M. Schultz



SERMON OF THE MONTH

Parables of Christ's Second Coming

by Jerry McClenagan

Faith will become sight. Now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face. Now we know in part, but then we shall know as we are known. (I Cor. 13:12.) Today, we face trouble and distress. Perplexities and persecution are on every hand, driving many to despair. But, we must continue with our eyes on Christ, our eternal hope. For "we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." (II Cor. 4:18.) We look for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:13.) "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry." (Heb. 10:37.)

We would like to bring to you in this article a few of the parables that Jesus gave concerning His second return to earth.

Beginning in Matthew 24:45-51, we find these words, "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, my lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken, the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

In this parable we find a "faithful and wise servant" and an "evil servant." They were left to manage the affairs of the master's household. At their master's return they were to give an exact account of their man-

agement. The servant who had given the lord's household their meat in due season, or at the proper time, would be made ruler over his master's goods. The slothful servant would be punished, because he had said, "My lord delayeth his coming", and, thus, began to beat his fellow-servants and to eat and drink with drunkards.

We note that both of these men were "servants" and both were left to perform a duty. Yet, one of them was evil. Today, we find many Christians who have begun in the service of the Lord, but have become "evil servants" because they failed to "attend to the management of the Master's affairs." We find them in a lukewarm condition, which will class them as evil. Because, God said, "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." (Rev. 3:15-16.) They will be appointed their portion with the hypocrites. Perhaps they are not as the scoffer, who says, "Where is the promise of His coming?" But, they are in a dangerous position when they are unconcerned and without a realization of the nearness of the coming of Christ, saying, "My Lord delayeth His coming."

Let us now consider the faithful servant. We find him to be not only faithful, but wise. He was faithful to give the household their meat and he was wise to do it in the proper season. So, Christian friend, in your fidelity and loyalty, let wisdom and prudence guide you and keep you. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." (James 1:5) By "wisdom that is from above" (James 3:17) you can give the needy their "meat in due season." They that lack in spiritual food you can help to feed. This exhortation is not to the minister alone, but to you Christians who would be "faithful and wise servants." "Who then is a faithful and wise servant" that will fill his place of responsibility and service with all faithfulness and wisdom? "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when He cometh shall find so doing." ". . . He shall make him

ruler over all His goods." Faithfulness will bring a reward. Not only will it pay in the end, but in this life. If you are faithful over a few things, you will be made a ruler over many things. Referring to this same parable in Luke 12:47-58, we would like to bring a few thoughts. "And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worth of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." Those who have great abilities are noticed more by those about them, and thus, of them will they ask the more. In serving God, the Christians who "stand out", as to ability and talent, are naturally going to be "asked to do more." Of those who have been given much by the Lord (such as light on His word or abilities in His service) shall much be required. Will they be required to do more than others? Will their duty be harder to fulfill? I don't feel that this is true, but I do believe that as God hath blessed and added to their talents, they should be faithful to their responsibility. But, faithfulness is also required of those who haven't the greater qualities. So, whether given much or little, God giveth the grace, and He can supply as they have need.

We are "fellow labourers" and "co-workers" in the "household of faith". Let us not say, "My Lord delayeth His coming," but rather live in expectation of His coming. Let us live in the same expectation of the man in the following story:

Some years ago a tourist was traveling in northern Italy. When he reached the castle, a friendly old gardener opened the gate and showed him the grounds, which the old man kept in perfect order.

The tourist asked when the owner of the castle had last been there.

"Twelve years ago."

"Does he ever write to you?"

"No."

"From whom do you get your orders?"

"From his agent in Milan."

"Does he come?"

"Never."

"Who, then, comes here?"

"I am almost always alone; only once in a while a tourist comes."

"But you keep this garden in such fine condition just as though you expected your master to come tomorrow."

The old gardener quickly replied, "Today, sir, today!"—(From Christian Observer).

The next few thoughts we would like to bring will be taken from the parable of "The Pounds" found in Luke 19:11-27. (verses 11-15) "And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading."

Jesus brought them this parable because they thought His kingdom was to appear immediately. No doubt their hearts were filled with anticipation as they thought of Christ as King upon earth and all rulers and kings subject to Him. But, Jesus told them of a nobleman that went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom. In those days, they who had kingdoms or governments given unto them, went to Rome to receive that dignity from the emperors. And, as in the parable (where the citizens sent a message after the nobleman, saying they would not have him to reign over them), those who were opposed to their position sent an embassy to the emperor to prevent him from establishing the object of their hatred in government. We find in this parable that the nobleman's efforts were not in vain, but that he returned, "having received a kingdom", and had his servants called unto him that he might know how

much every man had gained by trading, as he had given each of them ten pounds and told them to occupy until he should come.

We find this nobleman to be Jesus, who has gone to receive a kingdom. This kingdom He will receive at His second coming, when "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever." (Rev. 11:15) He shall reign over this kingdom for a "thousand years" as "King of kings and Lord of lords." (Rev. 20:4, 19:16) "Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." (I Cor. 15:24-26)

Christ has gone on a "far journey," but is soon to return. He has left "ten servants," or all those who have received or have professed to receive Him as Saviour and Lord. He has left the command, "Occupy till I come". Let your time be filled with labour for Christ. Be concerned in the battle for life. Cast not away your confidence which hath great recompence of reward, but be enthused in this "occupation" which you are engaged in as "servants for Christ".

Let us read on. Luke 19:15-27. "And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. And another same, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. And he saith unto him, Out of thine own

mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me."

The question that may arise as to this parable is, "How do you compare the pounds to our lives in Christ's service today?" We determine that the pounds could represent different abilities, gifts, and talents, but all of these are contained in the gospel of Christ. So, we might say that the pounds imply the gospel of the kingdom given to every believer of Christ that he might "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The Word of God is given to "study" and "rightly divide" that we might show ourselves "approved unto God." (II Tim. 2:15) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (II Tim. 3:16-17).

The one who had gained ten pounds was told, "Thou hast been faithful in a very little." Though he had gained more than all, it was very little. The servant who kept his pound "laid up in a napkin" was told, "Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant." He had convicted himself by what he said. He knew his master was an "austere", or hard man, but yet he didn't put the money into the bank that it might have been required with usury (interest).

Many people today, who know "our God is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29), who will pour out His wrath in the last day, still "neglect so great.

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From My Viewpoint

By Gail Schultz
(EDITORIAL)

Greetings: How are all of you this winter month? We are here at Bible School with our thoughts on the good things of the Lord. Study and prayer and waiting on the Lord are the duties of each day. Since the next number of the Apostolic Faith Report will be dedicated to the school, we will not say more about it at this time, only that it is worthy of your support and prayers. Come visit us if you can.

After some delay for just one reason and then another we were able to contact the salesman about two weeks ago and purchased an addressing machine. It is not new, but carries a new machine guarantee and we feel it will meet all requirements. Sis. Rodney Gains has consented to type the mailing file into the cards to be used in addressing. For this we are very grateful to her and express our thanks. O yes, the machine and equipment cost \$175.55. It is all paid for. Isn't that wonderful. The Lord willing we will be set up to use this method of addressing in March.

This paper is one week late — We

RALLS, TEXAS—

We are indeed grateful to the Lord for His approval and blessings upon us. We have been very busy with the moving of our church. The Lord made it possible for us to secure lots on North Main St., which are much more desirable. The church has been moved, sidewalks run, shrubbery and trees planted. Now plans are underway to put a parsonage on the church property. Everyone has worked so untiringly and God has been so gracious in supplying every need physically and now we are trusting the Lord for some spiritual needs.

Bro. Murphy Barnes began a revival here Jan. 20. God's love and spirit has prevailed in each service. There is a great burden to see a spiritual awakening among the children of God in these last days and also to see new sons and daughters born into the Kingdom of God.

We have appreciated so much the ministers who have come by and given us a boost. We want to extend again the invitation to all ministers of the Faith to come by and help us.

We would especially desire to be remembered in prayer. There's so much to be done here.—Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Waterbury, Pastors.

Apostolic Faith Youth Camp Center Point, Texas June 29 to July 6

planned it that way for several reasons including announcements, etc. The March number too will be about a week late, coming to you about the 15th. That will make the School announcements come out right.

With victory and vision and a true purpose we press on. If God be for us who can be against us? Indeed His word and work lives on. Out of the shadows of unbelief there comes monsters of hate and doubt and fear, but I know a name and a way that expels all this. Even Jesus—the winds and waves obey Him and He hears my feeble cry. O praise Him from whom all blessings flow. Lord willing we will be coming your way again next month. Keep praying and waiting on God for I'm sure He wishes to do great wonders for all of us.

Lines From The Co-Editor

By M. D. METHVIN

The year has surely begun with victory; the blessings of God have flooded our souls. We can clearly see as God said to Asa "The Lord is with you, while ye be with him". Certainly when we seek God and are with Him, He will be found of His people.

The year has opened with several new names added to the Report mailing list. We are very thankful for each one of you, and may the Report bring strength, joy, faith, and happiness unto your homes and lives.

We are very thankful to God and you wonderful people because an addressing machine has been bought and paid for. It will be a greater help than words can tell, which those of you who have helped in the mailing of the paper can understand.

God is blessing in a wonderful way in Bible School. We are enjoying the school so very much. The main thought is that God is here, and we praise His name for that. We do ask your prayers for the school and for the paper. Don't fail God in this request. May God richly bless you as His people.

BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS—

Bro. and Sis. S. B. Echols, Jr., are conducting a revival here. The Lord has been present at every service. At the beginning of the fourth week there had been seven saved, two sanctified, and several prayed thru to the victory in the Holy Ghost. There has been some marvelous healings and several new families have been added to the church. Praise the Lord. Bro. Harold Crane is also helping in the revival.

SNYDER, TEXAS—

Bro. Lloyd Schrimpf conducted special holiday services beginning Dec. 23, and ending with a wonderful watchnight service. Some attended from Lovington, N. Mex., Big Springs and Ralls, Tex., and Bro. and Sis. Jr. Echols from Des Arc, Ark. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful presence of the Lord.—Bro. and Sis. Jake Pletcher, Pastors.

Testimonial

The following is a testimony of Bro. James Hosler of Rockdale, Texas:

As we were returned home to Rockdale Saturday, Jan. 5, I was injured in a car accident near Cheyenne, Okla. I had such severe pain in my right hip I couldn't walk. When we got to Rockdale we decided to have some X-rays taken. They showed a fracture in my right hip bone and a small piece chipped off. The doctor told my wife that because of the fracture I should have a pin put in.

My wife made several phone calls requesting prayer for me.

The doctor here sent me to a bone specialist at the Breckenridge Hospital in Austin. After looking at the X-rays taken at Rockdale, he had several more taken and when he saw them he was puzzled. He had two more taken Monday morning and Monday night he told me that from the last X-rays he couldn't even find the fracture. I asked him when I could go home and he said in the morning. He wanted me to go on crutches for a month.

We feel that God definitely heard and answered prayer and healed the fracture. I preached on Thursday night still sitting down. On Sunday the 13th, I used crutches to get to the pulpit and stood up and preached both services without any pain.

We want to thank all you dear ones who have prayed for me and thank the dear Lord for His mercy and favor bestowed on me while in the hospital, as I didn't take any shots or medicine, just X-rays and care. Praise His dear name for the victory.

SUNRAY, TEXAS—

Bro. Sol Getz writes that they are doing some finish work on the church. Then they plan to start on the parsonage. All ministers and workers are welcome at any time. They are in need of a piano player and a young people worker.

Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting
Holy Grove, Arkansas
July 23 - August 1

OBITUARY

Leonard Milton Crowhurst

Leonard Milton Crowhurst was born in Waller County, Texas, July 23, 1913, and departed this life Jan. 15, 1957 at the age of 43 years, 5 months, 23 days.

October 7, 1942 he entered the military service of the United States and served 3 years, 15 days. He attained the rank of sergeant and was honorably discharged October 22, 1945.

He was united in marriage to Violet Louise Mathis July 22, 1949. He had resided in Waller County during his entire life. As a young man he answered the call of God and has been active in the Apostolic Faith church of Hempstead, Tex. Through the years his faith in God has not wavered.

Services were held at the Apostolic Faith church, and burial was in the Hempstead Cemetery. Rev. J. K. Seber, Rev. D. D. Dibens, and Rev. Joe B. Dewees were in charge. The Veterans of Foreign Wars were in charge of graveside services.

He is survived by his wife; his mother, Mrs. Alice Crowhurst of Hempstead; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Dewees and Mrs. Deanie Matthews of Hempstead; four brothers, Earnest and Joe of Houston, Albert of Austin and Gilbert of Bakersfield, Calif.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

I would like to thank everyone who has prayed for us during the long battle. The Lord has touched Leonard's body many times for which I'm very grateful. Truly like Paul of old in II Tim. 4:7-8, he could say "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." I desire your prayers that I may as faithful be.

Mrs. Leonard Crowhurst

BAYNARD, ARKANSAS—

Dear Friends:

Once again we are thankful for the opportunity of visiting the Bible School. This brings back old memories of the years we attended, of past blessings and the wonderful instructions received, which has been a great help in labouring for the Lord. It has been two years since we have visited the school, we note the many great improvements, as the seats, piano, tiling on the floor, and the finished apartments, etc. These things make our hearts rejoice as we see the interest of the school grow. We are thankful for the students who have taken time to come and study God's word and to draw nearer to Him, that they may be better ambassadors for Christ. As we know the Harvest is white and the labours are few.

Let us all pray and do our best to see the Bible School as God would have it to be?

We have had a cold winter in Baynard this year but, God has been blessing in many ways.

The parsonage has been progressing nicely as we have the basement finished and have made our dwelling there for the present time. We hope to have the upstairs finished very soon. This project for God has been a great asset to the church. The parsonage is located next to the church, consisting of three Sunday school rooms and a kitchenette in the basement, the upstairs has a kitchen, and dining room combined, living room, bath, and three bed rooms complete with closets. The additional classrooms have proven to be a great blessing, as we have organized two new classes and our attendance increased 30 per cent. We praise God for this accomplishment and wish to thank everyone who has helped in any measure.

We ask an interest in your prayers as we are in need of a great Revival? May God Bless You. — Rev. Amos Harris and family.

A big man is not one who makes no mistakes, but one who is bigger than any mistakes he makes.—American Eagle.

'Tisn't life that matters! It's the courage you bring to it.—Hugh Walpole.



SERMON OF THE MONTH—

PARABLES OF CHRIST'S
SECOND COMING

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a salvation." They have failed to reach out or to subdue by faith. Thus, Satan stands as conqueror over their lives. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God." (Heb. 10:31) For, He will bring them into greater ruin than Satan has ever led a man. Out of your "own mouths" you will be judged. Your own excuses will bring you into condemnation. They will be reversed, in that you will pass your own death sentence. "Awake, thou that sleepest!" Arise, and do the Master's biddings. "Occupy till (He) comes." Else, that which you "seem to have" (Luke 8:18) will be taken away from you and then how will you stand before God? Naked! Destitute! Foresaken! Keep your garments that you walk not naked at Christ's coming. (Rev. 16:15) Let us be faithful with the talents God has entrusted to us as loans, for which we must give an account. Christ cometh quickly! May we "occupy" until He comes.

The parable of "The Man on a Far Journey" is found in Mark 13:34-37. "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."

We want to consider in this parable the "porter" as the minister, and the "servant" as other Christian workers. Christ has given to "every man His work" and has "commanded the porter to watch." The minister has his place of responsibility to fill with care, humbleness, wisdom, and prayerfulness. But, let's not forget that Jesus has given to "every man his work" and that none are to be negligent in the care of the Master's work. So, what we would say about the "Porter" would almost entirely include the co-

labourers in the vineyard of the Lord. What He said unto the porter He said unto all. (v. 37).

A command was given to watch. Therefore, "Watch", for you do not know when the "Master of the house cometh." Watch, "Lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping."

What were they to watch? I believe they were to watch their work to see that it was done properly. They were to keep all things in order, as expecting their master. You and I must watch our daily living. We must watch our conduct, our speech, and our thoughts. We must, also, watch for Satan. His wiles and trickery will damn our souls. His cunning maneuvers will catch us unawares. Watch! We must watch steadfastly lest we be caught unprepared to meet Satan's deceiving ways. The porter had to watch, and "sleep not", that the enemy would be kept from entering and taking anything of his master's. As sure as we fail to watch, and are sleeping, Satan will enter. And if he enters he will "rob us spiritually." He will rob out strength, our vision, and our faith. Lankness of soul will keep us from victory in Christ. We must remember and consider the words of Jesus when He said, "What I say unto you I say unto all, W A T C H."

While we are watching there is a preparation and advancement in our growth spiritually that must be wrought through the grace of God. We will study this preparation and the rewards of the righteous and the wicked in the parable of the Wheat and Tares. Matt. 13:24-30. "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his fields: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat

with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." We will now read the explanation of our Lord concerning this parable. Matt. 13:37-40. "He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world! and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world."

"Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Are we the "good seed"? Let us earnestly search our own hearts as we are enlightened by the scripture on the "children of the kingdom" as the "good seed."

First of all let us note the harvesting of grain in old Jewish times. When the first ripe grains (or the firstfruits) were harvested it was brought into the temple and presented to God as a wave-sheaf of thank-offering. (Lev. 23:9-12). Soon after this the great gathering of grain would take place, when the reapers would gather the plentiful harvest itself with joy. The tares would be destroyed and the remainder of the grain put in the barn with the firstfruits.

Beginning with the planting of the seed, we will compare our Christian experience with this parable. John 12:24 ". . . . Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

We as Christians and "children of the kingdom" have been sown by Christ and "except we die" to self and "grow in Christ" we cannot "bear fruit." We are "justified by faith" and are brought into the experience of "sanctification" at "death" (to self and sin), wherein we have "standing grace" through the "Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" that abides within our hearts. (Rom. 5:1-2; 8:1-2; Heb. 2:11; Col. 3:3; Gal. 2:20.) A heart in this position is now ready for the abiding Comforter and Spirit of Truth promised by

Christ (John 16:6, 7; 15:26.) The Holy Spirit can only abide in a "clean temple". This cleansing is wrought by the sanctifying blood of Christ. (I Cor. 6:19; II Cor. 6:15-18; 7:1; Eph. 5:25-27.) The Comforter is evidenced by speaking in other tongues (Acts 2:4; I Cor. 14:21, 39; Mark 16:17), and is the Baptizing of the "Holy Ghost, and with fire" spoken of in Matt. 3:1.

To bear the fruit of the Spirit—"love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance." Gal. 5:22—one must walk in the Spirit, and should be "filled with the Spirit" so as to be used of God in His way. (Eph. 5:18).

We would now like to discuss the "redemption" of those who have the "firstfruits of the Spirit" as mentioned in the following passages of scripture:

Rom. 8:19-23. "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

II Cor. 5:1-5. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit."

Rev. 14:1-5. "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and

four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found guile; for they are without fault before the throne of God."

These verses give us a reasonably clear explanation of the "redemption of the body", as the "firstfruits" are those who have been given the "earnest of the Spirit" and who are following the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. They have the "firstfruits of the Spirit" in their lives and are "without fault before the throne of God." Therefore, we are convinced that one has to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and doing the whole will of God if they are among the redemptive class of people. The "anointing" which abides in one, or the "Spirit of Truth", will teach them the will of God. By doing God's will one can abide in Christ and be ready at His coming. I John 2:27. ". . . Even as it ("Anointing" of the Holy Spirit) hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." One is not only taught God's will by His Spirit, but they are given strength to do His will by the Holy Spirit. I John 4:4. ". . . Greater is he (Holy Spirit) that is in you, than he (Satan) that is in the world." If God "hath anointed us" and "sealed us" with His Spirit (II Cor. 11:21-22), let us not let that seal be broken by us, someone else, or Satan. It can be broken by the antichrists (against Christ) in the world today if we allow them to seduce and lead us astray. It can be broken by Satan as he tempts us through the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. (I John 2:15-16) It can be broken by ourselves if we become dilitary, unconcerned, negli-

gent, and fail to keep ourselves in the love of God. Therefore, let us be careful that we "grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby (we) are sealed unto the day of redemption." (Eph. 4:30.)

We have covered a few scriptures covering the "children of the kingdom" and the "firstfruits" of the harvest. We would like to consider the "tares" at this time.

"As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world."

Matthew 3:12, speaking of Christ, reads, "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Mal. 4:1, 3. "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts."

In Matt. 3:12, it speaks of "unquenchable fire." By this we see that it is a fire that will not be quenched until the "chaff" is completely burned up. It will not be quenched until they are left "neither root nor branch." The "tares" shall be cast into a "furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth" until they be "destroyed". (Matt. 21:41) Their "body and soul" will be destroyed. Matt. 10:28) They will be left "neither root nor branch." One could destroy the branches of a tree and there would still be life in the roots. But, if the roots were destroyed also, there would be no life left. It would be completely dead and utterly destroyed. So shall it be with the wicked.

We have given you a brief picture of the reward of the wicked, so let us look now at the reward of the righteous.

"Then shall the righteousness shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

Faith shall have become sight; our hope shall have been fulfilled;

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OSTRICH RELIGION

by J. D. Ray

Scripture: Gen. 3:1-19.

Text: Gen. 3:8 " . . . Adam hid himself."

The ostrich is known to be the largest and most powerful bird in the world. Despite the fact that this creature cannot fly as do others of the bird family he is able to carry a man on his back while running at an unbelievable speed. There is one special peculiarity that this bird possess which I wish to call to your mind. When the ostrich sees danger or harm approaching he buries his head in the sand. This action offers no protection whatsoever but makes this fowl feel secure because he can neither see himself nor the oncoming danger.

Even as this feathered friend buries his head in the sand there are many today who are burying their head from the truth and the danger that faces them. Realizing this to be the truth we are made to see that perhaps you may have **Ostrich Religion**. Many today are hiding their heads in mythical sands that become the ruin of their soul.

Here is Adam; the handiwork of the Eternal God. God had given to Adam everything one could want or need. He knew no wrong or hurt either bodily nor spiritually. He sinned for the first time and then hid himself from the fellowship and presence of God. Since this incident in the Garden of Eden man has been hiding himself from God. Religion is a rope. It can be used either to save ones life or to destroy it. May I suggest four "sands" in which modern man seeks to hide in to avoid the issues of his own soul salvation and service to God.

One of the most cunning sands Satan is using in this present time is the sand of SINCERITY.

A christian is sincere but simply being sincere does not make one a fit candidate for heaven. If sincerity was a test of salvation or of right then the eight-hundred and fifty prophets of Baal were worthy of salvation. Paul was sincere before his experience on the road to Damascus and his conversion. Though he was having the Christian Church

slaughtered no one would dare accuse Paul of insincerity. Pilgrims to Mecca and the Holy Men of India are doing their duty and ceremonies sincerely. Hitler and Ghandi were sincere men. So often we hear individuals make the statement, "Oh! he'll make it in to heaven because he is so sincere in what he believes." This is a deceiving lie of the Devil for sincerity has never saved nor can never save anyone. There is but one test of sincerity. If it leads you to repentance and faith in God then this is sincerity that pays off. Sinner friend, don't be guilty of sticking your head into the sands of sincerity.

Morality is the next of the subtle sands in which man seeks to hide. A christian must possess a high moral standard but being moral doesn't make one a christian. Morality is a substitute for a real old fashioned experience with God. Every religion is a moral approach to life and has as their goal a good life. Morality is man made and seeks to reform while christianity is God made and seeks to transform. It turns over a new leaf while salvation is a new life. Morality needs no cross; no blood, no resurrection, no hereafter while christianity is built on them all. An athust or an agnostic can be moral. **Two** dogs can be moral; but throw them **one** bone. Morality cries "I'll be good without Christ; I don't need a ship I'll swim the Atlantic." Again friend dig yourself from the sands of morality and find new life in Jesus Christ.

The most subtle sand into which countless thousands have fallen into is the sands of Orthodoxy. Orthodoxy believes in God only in emergencies. It believes in the Bible but never reads it. It believes in the Church but only for weddings and funerals and etc. Many of you who are reading this message will fall into this category. God demands a whole hearted consecration and service while many try to play religion with God thus are destroying their own soul. Orthodoxy is like a wedding without a preacher; a post office without stamps; everything is one hand without the thing. You cannot make heaven with only a form or empty profession.

Since Adam blamed his wife, Eve, of having caused him to sin against

God men have buried their heads in the sands of Excuses. The scripture gives us a vivid account of a world of excuses. Recorded in the Gospel according to Luke 14:15-24, the invitation was sent for all to come for the great supper. Luke 14:18, "And they all with one consent began to make excuse . . ." Let us consider their excuses in the light of modern day excuses.

The first involved a wife as did Adam's excuse. Man, don't let your wife's attitude keep you from serving God. You have got your own soul to save and you alone will answer to God. We all have a duty to society that must be met but we cannot afford to let these obligations crowd out our duty to God. So very many today are letting people come between them and the living God. Christ must come before wife, husband, mother, father or children.

Another of the excuses was concerned with a piece of ground one had purchased and felt it imperative to go and see the land. Can you imagine an individual buying a piece of property and never having seen it? This would indeed be a most foolish act to commit. This man used this only as an excuse to rid himself of the duty of attending the supper. Man today is often guilty of allowing real-estate or worldly possession to crowd out heavenly belongings which are of the utmost and only true value.

Yet still another of the invited guests had purchased a yoke of oxen and had to prove them; thus letting his work push aside the unreserved duty we owe to God. In many homes today a father puts his job before the church and family ties. In reality this man is depriving his family and himself of the things that are of paramount importance. Trade and commerce become gods to both fathers and mothers today until they cannot fill the position that God has intrusted them with. This also offers an excuse for failure to be true to God and the church.

These three excuses; social obligation; real estate; trade and commerce afford thousands an excuse that pleases the mind but does and will fail to please God. These excuses and many more offer a great deal of sand into which many people are burying their head. Take a les-

THE DIVINE SCHEDULE

God never acts prematurely or behind time. He moves and performs His will in the fulness of time, or on time in His divine schedule. Christ on earth lived and labored in His Father's schedule. Christ never acted hastily nor was He ever late. When He journeyed on His way to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, the fulness of time had come to fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9. Christ was born, crucified, died and arose in the fulness of time. He will come again, dethrone Satan and set up His kingdom in the fulness of time.

FAITH

Faith is something more than mere belief. Faith is a spiritual apprehension of that which cannot be substantiated by immediate proof. It is the power and the glory of religion, for it breathes the breath of life into the frigid dogmas of creed and form.

son from Abraham, the friend of God, as he reached his destination. He first built an altar to God, then pitched his tent and then began the work that was his to perform. God and the church comes first, home and family obligations second and third the job or occupation. All of the feeble excuses, and all excuses are feeble, will melt and vanish away at the judgement bar of the Most High. You, my friend, will then be unexcusable.

In conclusion may I ask this, Will any of the four mentioned sands save a soul? If so; Why calvary? Why pain and agony He had to bear? We are told by philosophers today "there are many roads that lead to God." This is a great untruth for there is but one way a soul lost in sin's sea can be brought to God. That is through Christ only for "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." John 14:6. Without the way there is no going. Without the truth there is no knowing. Without the life there is no living.

Ostrict Religion! Are you guilty of burying your head in these or other mythical sands?

OBITUARY

Wesley H. Goodson

Wesley H. Goodson, age 66, of Rt. 1, Magnolia, Texas, passed away at his home at 9:30 p.m. January 19. Survivors are his wife, Marie; five sons, A. W. Goodson of Houma, La., T. E. and C. H. Goodson of Hempstead, Texas, R. D. Goodson of Nineveh, Texas, and W. R. Goodson of Houston, Texas; three daughters, Mrs. D. C. Ware of Seagraves, Texas, Mrs. E. E. Pettijohn of Conroe, Texas, and Mrs. D. C. Swanson of Houston, Texas; two brothers, and 19 grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. January 22 with Rev. Gerald Cannon officiating. Burial was in Goodson Cemetery, Pinehurst, Texas.

AMARILLO, TEXAS—

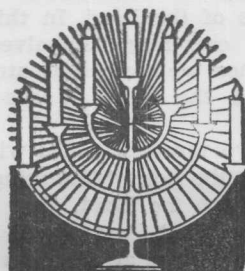
Plans are under way to begin a revival soon in Amarillo. The meeting is to be conducted by Bro. Raymond Barker of Katy, Texas. Bro. and Sis. Modrick request sincere prayer that much may be accomplished in this meeting.

Successful People

The men whom I have seen succeed have always been cheerful and hopeful, who went about their business with a smile on their faces, and took the chances of this mortal life like men.—Charles Kingsley.

He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.

Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting Holy Grove, Arkansas July 23 - August 1



Abiding In The Lord

There are certain abiding principles of life, a fellowship with God, to know Him, to fully trust Him, so that He is the power and presence that rolls our lives along. Relationship with God, kinship from on High. In Rom. 8:16-17 we read, The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. The ten commandments are still basic law, that is, we cannot break the commandments and still claim full fellowship with the Lord. We are living in a day when more stress is being placed on "feeling", "excitement", and "religious show", than on the deep truths that fail not. The teachings of Jesus still work, they are foundation stones that must not be forgotten. We must perform our duties to God, not as men pleasers, but as just stewards of a mighty cause and a right way. We are not puppets, but stalwart soldiers led forth to battle by a mighty captain. Let us keep this position in full contact and fellowship. Now we seek to do His will. A workless, worthless, non fruit bearing life only adds misery, sorrow and regret. Life without God is only vanity—it is so empty and so void and meaning less. An endless chain of events may surround our lives, but each only lead to a disappointing detour and a dead end, if our Christ is not honored. In contrast each day is so full, so interesting and so active with so many duties when we are safely anchored in God, in full fellowship and relationship.

Prayer isn't a trick to change the mind of God, but a way to adjust ourselves to the mind of God.—Rev. Wm. B. Ayers, Wollaston, Mass.

Enthusiasm is the best protection in any situation. Wholeheartedness is contagious. Give yourself, if you wish to get others.—David Seabury.

Apostolic Faith Youth Camp Center Point, Texas June 29 to July 6

“ENCOURAGING OURSELVES”

I have chosen the twenty-seventh Psalm for our scripture. I would like to use the entire chapter, consisting of fourteen verses.

This is a Psalm of David, and he is sustaining his faith by the power of God; by his love to the service of God; and by prayer. I feel that these three things are necessary for Spiritual growth and consistent Christian living. There are times when we must encourage ourselves. We do this by remembering the greatness of God, by remembering our vows of service, and through the process of reading the Bible, meditating and praying.

David must have come to a time of fear. Perhaps there was something ahead of him, or closing in about him that he was viewing with alarm. He began to look for some help. About him was nothing that he could feel was secure. Anyway David did not feel that it was secure enough or was able to help him. In his searching, he remembered the Lord, and with this remembrance we open the reading of Psalms 27. **“The Lord is my light and my salvation: Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: Though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.”** To progress and get about, we need light. Our only hope is in the salvation of the Lord. In spite of all difficulties, the Lord will give us light, and in the dark hours the Lord will give us light. This light will lead us out of darkness, and the stumbling path, and will lead us into plain, clear path. It is no wonder that David said, **“Whom shall I fear?”** The Lord also supplies the strength of our life. David began to realize this, and in remembering, his fears began to subside. The greatness of the Lord, and David's assurance that the Lord was mindful of him, caused the fear that had gripped his heart to loose its hold. In the place of this fear, there came a calmness that enabled David

to face the future. In the place of his lack of ability, he felt that the Lord would supply the wisdom, strength, and ability which was needed. It is amazing how quickly a transformation can take place in our lives, when we quit being fearful of the surrounding problems and realize the greatness of God.

David began to pursue a course directed of God. When he followed this course, he was pleased to find that the wicked, his enemies, and his foes that would come to devour him, were not able to realize their desires. Instead, they stumbled and fell. It is marvelous how the Lord can lift a standard against the evils and harms that are about us. Possibly there are some people who do not have enemies, but I doubt if there are any who do not have some enemies. It should not be this way, but it seems that it is this way. Some have enemies because of bad business dealings. Others have enemies because of differences of opinion. Some who do good, live honestly, exert a great effort to be a blessing and accomplish much good, have enemies because of envy in the heart of another. Instead of being a blessing with them, they begin to envy the influence they have, and then that envy turns to hatred; consequently effort is put forth to do them harm. Even in situations like this, the Lord will give protection. Isn't it wonderful to know how to cast every care upon Him **“for he careth for you?”** I have noticed some occasions where harm was tried against another, because of envy, and in every case the one bringing the harm, and showing the envy, has gone downward; while the other has consistently gone on exerting a fine admirable influence. This should be a good lesson to remember. By remembering this type of lesson, we can better avoid the pitfall of trying to do harm to another. These three verses have dealt with the reassurance of the greatness of the Lord. In this way we can encourage ourselves, because when we see the greatness of the Lord the evils of life grow smaller.

Verses 4 through 8 deal with the service to the Lord. **“One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my**

life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: In the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me: He shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: Therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy: I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. When Thou saidst, seek ye My face: my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.” David here encourages himself by reaffirming his love for the service of the Lord. Instead of many great interests, David said, **“One thing have I desired of the Lord.”** This one thing coincides with the great commandment. **“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.”** Jesus left us these words, **“But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness: And all these things shall be added unto you.”** Matthew 6:33.

David had a wonderful attitude of love service and consecration. Sometimes it is necessary for us to tell the Lord that we love His service, and recall our vows of consecration to do His will. Are we as willing, and as quick, to answer the voice of the Lord as was David? **“When Thou saidst”**—this would be the voice of the Lord. Do we live close enough to the Lord to hear His voice? David lived close enough. He heard the Lord say **“Seek ye My face.”** David did not begin to present excuses. He said, **“My heart said unto Thee, Thy face will I seek.”** Beloved, here is a heart willingness: here is a love to seek the face of the Lord. This is quite different from the attitude that is often expressed in actions, **“I do this as my painful duty.”** There are two manners of service—one is a willing service of love, the other is a service fearful of the consequences of not serving. Sometimes we need to encourage ourselves to serve with a willing heart. There will not be a rich reward unless we do serve with a willing heart. I believe one of the things that will keep the church machinery moving smoothly is a willing service. You show me a smooth moving church, and I will

find some willing servants. A willing service is the oil that keeps the church running smoothly.

Verses 9 through 12 give us the prayer side of David's encouragement. **"Hide not Thy face far from me, put not Thy servant away in anger: Thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither foresake me, O God of my salvation. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: For false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty."** In this prayer David is asking to be remembered. He knew that if God would remember him that help would be present. The outstanding part of this prayer of encouragement, for me, is when he said **"Lead me in a plain path."** The main reason for this request was because of his enemies. David did not want to give his enemies any occasion to speak against him. He also knew that **"A plain path"** was the best path to travel. Some would wish for an outstanding path, but David was satisfied with a plain path, and a consistent life.

The two closing verses of this chapter are composed of some very good statements. **"I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord: Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: Wait, I say, on the Lord."** The hope, that burned in David's breast, kept him from fainting. This hope was to **"See the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."** Beyond all the discouraging things that he saw, there was a belief deep in his heart. This belief assured him that the goodness of the Lord would be produced in the land of the living. With this so forcible before him, David left us the only course that could be pursued. **"Wait on the Lord: Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart."** We can accomplish this in a twofold manner. We can wait for the Lord to return to this earth. This would constitute a period of time; perhaps a spending of many hours and days as one would wait by a sick bed for the recovery of the ill. Spend long, faithful hours and by so doing fulfill

Hotchkiss, Colo.

Nov. 22, 1956

Dear Bro. and Sis. Schultz,

Greetings from Colorado in Jesus wonderful name!

I am writing in regard to our little Sunday School work on Redlands Mesa near here. J. D. and Eula just closed a week of services in which twelve souls were won to the Lord. After nine years of work there through our S. S. we feel now is the opportune time to begin regular services because of the interest of the people. There is no other church on the mesa. We run about 30 in Sunday school and during the meeting we had in services from 30 to 60 each night. Services are held in the community building.

Bill is in Moab, Utah, now. We were wondering if you knew of anyone who might be interested in coming here to establish a permanent work. Since it has been so long since we have been in contact with the movement we know so few of the preachers we thought perhaps you could help in some way.

We can promise to anyone who would come only one thing that people are hungry to hear God's word. They seemed so thrilled to hear the messages from His Word.

In Christ,

Mrs. Bill Briles

Box 278

Hotchkiss, Colo.

MILL CREEK—

Bro. George Hintergardt writes that the Lord is blessing the church at Mill Creek. They had a good watch night service there, Bro. Fred Rawlings and Bro. Hintergardt bringing the messages. God is dealing with hearts in their regular services. They ask an interest in your prayers that souls would be saved.

His command i.e., **"Occupy till I come."** The other waiting would be to keep presenting ourselves before the Lord. In this way, we would be waiting for an answer to our prayers, waiting for instructions, waiting for strength.

Let us be encouraged in the service of the Lord—by the Lord's words and blessings, by the inspiration of friends, and by encouraging ourselves.

SERMON OF THE MONTH—

PARABLES OF CHRIST'S SECOND COMING

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and eternity with Christ shall have come to pass.

Will you be among the righteous or among those who shall hear the words, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity"?

We are admonished to be FAITHFUL, to WATCH, and to OCCUPY. Is the reward worth striving for? Let us note the hope of the righteous.

In Rev. 3:21, Jesus said, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne." We "seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life." (Rom. 2:7) We have been "begotten—unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for (us)." (I Pet. 1:3-4) John enlarges on this "lively hope" in Rev. 21:1-5. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."

We trust these words shall bring you the conviction, hope, comfort, and courage that you need to help you fight the good fight of faith and inherit the Eternal Reward of Christ our Lord.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As reported to us we understand that it is the burden of Bro. and Sis. Bennie Stanberry to enlarge the borders of their radio work. They have an opportunity to go on the 100,000 watt station of XEC. This would cover all the territory of our Movement and would be a constant reminder of the good things of the Lord of our Faith to all of us. This would be a Sunday morning broadcast, the exact hour and price is material for a later announcement if this vision materializes. Bro. Stanberry wishes to know the desire of the Movement, as he is not seeking a personal ministry, but an Apostolic Faith Movement voice. This will be a Faith work, as is all of our work, however offerings will be accepted and sincerely appreciated, as they are for this paper, Bible School, camp meetings, youth camps, convocations and all work that goes forth in the name of the Lord. Bro. Stanberry wishes to know your sentiment, please write him, expressing your wishes. Are you in favor? Would this not be extra good? Let us pray that this broadcast, by these humble, able and yielded servants of the Lord can soon be coming to our homes. Write Bro. Bennie Stanberry, Katy, Texas.

LIBERAL, KANSAS—

The first service was held in the new building here last Sunday. The building is not completed but is far enough along to have services in it. We extend an invitation to all ministers of the faith to come and have services with us any time they can. We ask an interest in your prayers concerning a revival we are planning in the near future.—Bro. and Sis. Aubrey Murray, Pastors.

"THE PHARISEE"

I looked at myself through a telescope;
A bright and shining star;
I looked at my friends through a microscope;
For Oh, How small they are.

Apostolic Faith Youth Camp
Center Point, Texas
June 29 to July 6

DICKINSON, TEXAS—

The first service of the new year was conducted in the new church, which is located on the Nicholstone addition on the San Leon Highway, 517-Corner of Texas and 41st St. Since moving into the church, interest has increased and the Lord has blessed greatly. Some are hungry for the deeper blessings of the Lord. An invitation is extended to all ministers of the Faith to visit this church. They are very grateful to the Lord for making a way to obtain a church building of their own.

ENID, OKLAHOMA—

Bro. and Sis. Sherman Sutton wish to extend an invitation to all Apostolic ministers to visit the church at Enid. They also ask an interest in everyone's prayers that they may always be led of the Lord in the work there. They live at 2427 No. Monroe.

Bro. A. L. Moses and family have resigned as pastor of the church at Leroy, Kansas, and are now residing in Oklahoma City. They are working with the pastor in the church there.

A hundred Ceasars do not make a Christ. He stands alone, the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

GRAVETTE, ARK.—

Bro. and Sis. Harold Wills of Goldthwaite, Texas, recently held a three weeks revival here. The community was stirred to a greater interest in church and the Sunday School attendance has increased as a result of the revival. One was sanctified and one filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was blessed in many ways.—Bill Clevenger.

KINGS MILL, TEXAS—

Bro. Rogert Girauard reports that the Lord gave them a most wonderful watch night service. The communion service and feet washing was a part of the evening service.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Deryl LaMunyon of Laverne, Okla., announce the birth of a son January 1, 1957. The baby weighed 5 lbs., 10 ounces and they named him Joe Fon. Mrs. LaMunyon is the former Edith Haines.

Bro. Homer Coberly is in a revival at the Midway church. He asks an interest in your prayers that the Lord will bless in every service.

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