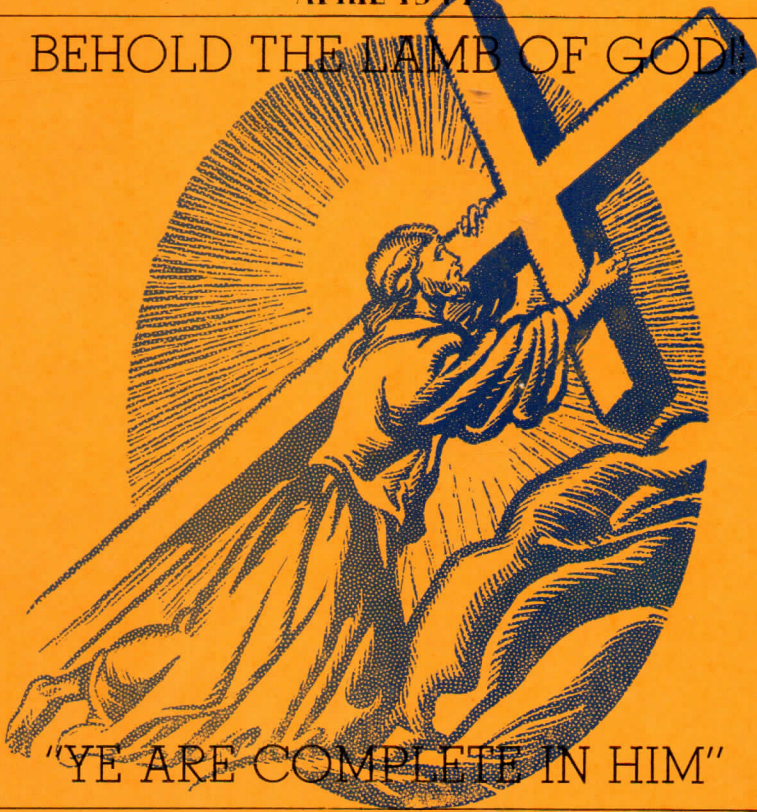


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A Personal Letter To You

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Those in charge covet the prayers of every one, as we seek to labor with all the ability God has given for the Salvation of lost souls and the blessings of all men everywhere; not only through this paper but also in the pulpit and on the radio.

We are endeavoring to maintain a ministry of prayer for all those in need and especially for the men and women in the service of our country and to you of that group we say, may the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the protecting hand of God be with you wherever you are, is our earnest prayer. Remember that the Lord has said: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

There are days of darkness and uncertainty yet out of all the darkness of evil there shines the light of the Gospel to illuminate the lives of those who will put their trust in the Lord and follow his leadings; Let us lift up our eyes and look up for our redemption is near at hand.

We take this opportunity to express a word of appreciation to all who have helped with our work for the Lord, financially, or otherwise, and we feel that this work is as much or more the fruits of your consecration as ours. May God richly bless you one and all.

We are depending on your prayers as we go forward in His Name.

Your humble servants in the Lord,

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Challenge!

Return to God and the Bible

CITIZENSHIP

*The Bible, the only text book needed to set forth
real Citizenship:*

It is not the purpose in this brief group of statements to attempt to set up some new standard of Social Order, neither to bring some thing to light which has not afore been considered; But with the conditions Socially and Economically and Politically as they are at this present time and as we began to think of and look toward post-war conditions I feel that upon the structure and soundness of the Spiritual phase of our communities, Nation and world will rest the responsibility of success or failure of the things we are striving for and the possibilities of a lasting peace.

Then to a great extent the duty of pointing the way toward a better Spiritual structure which goes hand in hand with better Citizenship lays as a charge in the hands of the Ministry. May we accept the challenge and take up the duty which then becomes an opportunity and turn to the Bible, the greatest of all texts or references for our guide.

Equality of Persons

There is being sown in the hearts of humanity today the seeds of evil and hate: Namely that some people are far more to be favored than others, while some of the other peoples of the world should be crushed even to destruction. And even from some of the great minds of our own leaders is emanating this theory that some of our enemy peoples should be almost vanquished. This very thing was manifested a short time ago in the heart and center of Nazism and Fascism as they proclaimed to the world that they were the superior people and that the rest of the world would fall before them.

Let us be aware that the same thing does not take root in our hearts and Nation because of overwhelming desires to conquer.

This should not be interpreted to mean that we are in any manner tolerant of or in sympathy with the horrible atrocities of Nazidom which we hope to see wiped from the face of the Earth, but evil is

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EASTER

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The night has passed, the pain is over, the price is paid, and that one thing for which Jesus came into the world to do, has been accomplished. (John 12:27) The cry "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me," shall never fall from the lips of Jesus again. (Matt. 15:34) Now it is morn, a New Day, and it's Easter! Christ is Risen, and He is alive for evermore! If we seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified. He is risen. (Mark 16:5) The tomb is open, and is empty, and only the grave clothes (Luke 24:12) are a reminder that here He laid for the three days and nights that the scriptures might be fulfilled.

O what a price . . . First His life was given in service in a ministry of redemption to the sick and lost, poor and wretched. To men of every walk of life He was the lowly Galilean and Conquering Nazarene. He was a blessing, light and life, and faith in Him brought a great reward. And in those last few days the price was even greater, so that the knowledge of it should bind our hearts in love to His cause forever.

There was Gethsemane with its tears and sweat of great drops of blood; followed by the angry mob, and the trial in Pilate's Judgment Hall, until all forsook Him. Yet He went a little further. By the cruel whipping post He brought healing to the Nations, and Calvary, dark and dreary, changed the history of the world,

bringing salvation and liberty to all mankind. By His great power He transplants each soul from darkness to light, and from sin to righteousness, from sickness to health, from poverty to wealth. Now we can boldly say that tho' once bound we are free and lost yet found.

It is necessary that each Christian understands as fully as possible the purchase of Calvary for who-so-ever will, by that One that is the same Yesterday and To-day and Forever. Then we must acknowledge in all worship the resurrection of Jesus for by this was He declared to be the Son of God (Rom. 1:4) If Christ had not risen from the grave then all the plan of God would have been foiled. But by His resurrection He gave an eternal seal or guarantee to His Divinity.

Without faith it is impossible to please God! Without love our life is empty and void and without hope our future balance is lost. But we have hope in this life and in the life to come a still greater reward, for Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the Life" (John 11:35) Because Jesus arose, we as His followers have this blessed hope that tho' we die, we shall live again. If that power that was in Christ is in us at the appointed time of the resurrection we shall come forth in a new body fashioned according to His will (I Cor- 15:40-44).

We may even step out further by Hope and Faith and Promise in the closing age (this day) and look up for our redemption draweth near. (Luke 21:28) This re-

HAS PRAYER BEEN MORE OF A DUTY TO ME THAN A PRIVILEGE.

demption will change our bodies without the taste of death in a moment and in a twinkling of an eye. But this one thing is certain in life or death we are the Lord's and He will bring us with Him when He comes again. When we seek Jesus for salvation, whether we realize it or not, we are gaining that source of life that will last through ages to come. And not until sin and sickness and death are completely destroyed shall we know what the beautiful purchase of Calvary was. When Jesus comes again we shall see Him for ourselves and not another (Job 19:27) We shall be like Him (I John 3:113) and shall live in His sight. (Hos. 6:2) Then again in a richer and fuller way declare, "The night is past, the toil and tears are gone." The last lost soul has been bought, the last sick one prayed for, and the curtains have fallen across the record. Now it is a new Morn, and the eternal day spoken by many Prophets throughout the ages, is here.

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The Perryton Gospel Tabernacle will present a very extensive Easter Pageant, entitled, "The Crown of Thorns" Sunday night, April 9. This pageant presents in a very stirring manner the events of those few days and hours prior to the first Easter. Also stressing what the spirit of forgiveness as manifested by our Savior can do in the lives of those who accept Him.

Questions and Answers

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Q. IS CONSECRATION AND SANCTIFICATION THE SAME?

A. No. Consecration is no more Sanctification than repentance is conversion. They are related in this manner: Consecration is the individuals part in this experience, just as repentance is the individual's part in seeking for Salvation, but, the work of Sanctification and cleansing must be and is accomplished by a power far beyond that of human ability. Only by the Power of the Blood of Jesus. For our authority on this we note the following scriptures.

Eze. 43:26, They shall consecrate themselves. But someone will say that is from the O. T. Note this then: Rom. 1:1, I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God that YE present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.

Heb. 13:12, Wherefore Jesus also, that HE might Sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

Permit us to say also that in the majority of instances where people try to believe or teach Consecration as Sanctification it is because they are not willing to pay the price to obtain an experience of Sanctification.

Q. FROM THE TEACHING OF THE BIBLE CAN WE KNOW WHETHER OR NOT

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AM I CONSCIOUS OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD WHEN I PRAY?

"The March of World Empires"

*An outlined study of the book
of Daniel*

By Evang. Ralph A. Durham

SERIES No. 1

INTRODUCTION

1. The importance of Bible Prophecy, II Pet. 1:19-21.

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in our hearts:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: But holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

When we examine the preceeding verses of this passage and then note that Peter said, We, in the prophecies, have even a more sure word than the Things heard spoken it should cause us to realize how important the prophecies of the Bible are. Many people have said that it is useless to study prophecy yet the Bible is composed largely of prophetic truths, (the major part now fulfilled) and others have said that we use too much time preaching on prophecy but we maintain that the message of prophetic fulfillment and the close of the Gospel dispensation is the greatest of all Evangelistic messages and it is a proven fact that by far the greater part of all real conversions today are under the efforts of pre-millennial evangelists.

When the world is filled with religious reform and dead ceremony in professed Christianity as it is today we say that you one and all will do well to take heed to the prophecies of God's Holy Bible. Peter also tells us that the prophecies are a light shining in a dark place. No one would dare deny the fact that the world today, is the darkest place so far as the future and natural things are concerned that the pages of history have recorded. Sorrow, chaos, broken hearts and the atrocities of war are reaching unheard of heights, and we say that were it not for the light of Bible prophecy shining through that awful darkness the world would be groping its saddened way toward "curtains" for all existing peoples. But thanks be unto the God of Daniel and all the Holy prophets we are not in darkness, but the light of prophecy surely guides us on to the dawn and the rising of the 'Day Star.'

Prohecy did not come by the will of men; but was God-given and Holy Ghost inspired and is one of the greatest of all God's miracles and gifts to the human family. When we stand amazed and survey the precise exactness with which God has foretold the destiny of men and nations our faith and devotions to him mount until all earthly things seem as fleeting views compared to His great wisdom and power.

2. The truth and authorship of

HAVE I HAD DEFINITE ANSWERS TO PRAYER IN THE PAST WEEK?

Daniel confirmed. How? Mat. 24:15-16.

There is a very prominent school of thought among the modernists and higher critics of religious Theology which displaces Daniel from among the Prophets and deny the authenticity of the Book of Daniel. Our answer to that theory is, and in no uncertain terms that one must needs be the expression of dumbness in the final stage to even voice such a theory in view of the many things recorded in secular history which so clearly verify the fulfillment of the God-given prophecies recorded in Daniel's words and as a paramount verification of the truth and authorship of the book we quote the words of Jesus: "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth let him understand:)" We maintain that the words of Jesus are the end of all controversy and with these words of endorsement we accept all the glorious prophetic truths of the book of Daniel.

3. The two outstanding characteristics of Daniel.

Many are the virtues of the life of Daniel but we believe that to two characteristics can be largely attributed the reason God used him in such an important role in the revealing to him future plans concerning the Empires of the world; those two being Faith, and Humility; and we are well aware that the source of such faith and humility is obedience to his God. Those same two characteristics which were so profitable in the time of Daniel will stand us in good stead today when after

many centuries we are privileged to see the very closing stages of those things spoken then. O! that we may have a like faith and life of humility as we stand awaiting the hour of Redemption and the rising of the "Sun of Righteousness" to heal a world torn and bleeding because of sin and Satan's hoardes of darkness.

4. Daniel was the pre-eminent prophet of the "Times of the Gentiles."

In this manner; Foretelling the coming political powers or Universal Empires and the ever increasing rise of the forces of Satan and deception in those Empires.

Daniel saw very little if anything of the plan of salvation or Church age, except, the deterioration or apostasy at the end time.

Now we are ready to leave these introductory thoughts and take up a very careful study of the first chapter: Let us remember that it is by a prayerful attitude and a hungry heart for the things of God that our understanding becomes fruitful, so may we remain prayerful as we consider this subject.

Chapter 1

The first chapter of Daniel is largely history of the conquest of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar, and of the carrying away captive of the people into Babylon; However, there are some things which are important in this passage which we call attention to:

WHY WAS ISRAEL CARRIED CAPTIVE INTO BABYLON?

In Lev. 26:33-34 we find that because Israel did not permit their land to keep its Sabbath as God had commanded them they

DOES THE ELEMENT OF ADORATION ENTER SUFFICIENTLY INTO MY PRAYERS?

would be carried captive among the heathen so that the land would enjoy her Sabbaths. May we say in passing that the same spirit of selfishness and greed is sometimes manifested today, but remember, even though you may refuse to pay that which belongeth to God; somewhere down the way it is going to be collected just as it was from Israel by their going into captivity, and when it is collected it perhaps will be with compound interest.

In II Chron. 36:15-21 we find a very complete record of the reason Israel went down into bondage. After God had sent His servants the prophets unto them warning them of the dangers of disobedience to his laws they yet chose to go on in their own evil way, and to fulfill the words of the prophet Jeremiah they were taken captive into Babylon for seventy years until the land enjoyed her Sabbaths.

It can also be said that Idolatry was one reason why the captivity came and what a severe lesson did Israel learn in regard to their worshiping other gods which were no gods. Their going into Babylon took them to the very center and origination of all idolatry where they were well cured of their tendency to worship idols. Since their return from Babylon they have never been an idolatrous people as they were before.

WHY DID DANIEL AND HIS COMPANIONS RISE TO THE PLACE OF AUTHORITY WHICH THEY HELD IN BABYLON?

In this first chapter we find Daniel and his companions making a very noble stand for God, for which the Lord undoubtedly richly rewarded them and even

back of this was a prophecy which must needs be fulfilled, and was in their lives.

Isa. 39:7, gives us these words, "And of they sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. Thus we see how exactly God not only knows the future and foretells it but how also he sees that it is fulfilled as he has spoken.

Thus in this lesson or chapter we have discovered the real reason for Israel's going into captivity and also how God dealt with Daniel and his companions from the very beginning of their sojourn there to fulfill, yea and not only that but to reveal great things concerning the future Empires.

Chapter II

As we enter into the study of the second chapter we are aware that it is far too great and extensive in nature to complete in this particular writing but the time spent on it will prove profitable.

Before we enter into the text itself we wish to note the Theme of the whole chapter and express it thus: "The times of the Gentiles." The things contained in this chapter are of vital import to us as we are living in the close of the "Times of the Gentiles." Nowhere else in the Bible can there be found a more perfect chart of the course of Gentile World Empires than that revealed to King Nebuchadnezzar by the great servant of God in this chapter.

Before we read from the chapter in Daniel we desire to better acquaint ourselves with some of the things spoken concerning that

great Gentile king, Nebuchadnezzar. In Jer. 27:5-9 we find these words, "I have made the earth, the man and the beasts that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemeth meet unto me. And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him. And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: And then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him. And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Bebylon, that nation will I punish, saith the Lord, with the sword, and with the famine, and the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand. Therefore hearken not to ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, ye shall not serve the king of Babylon.

Thus we have the prophecy concerning Nebuchadnezzar and in the text we find the fulfillment of that prophecy; Therefore we have with the coming a Gentile Monarch into world dominion the beginning of the "Times of the Gentiles."

WHAT IS THE CORRECT APPLICATION OF THE TERM, "THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES"?

The term is not found in the book of Daniel but is the words of Jesus. Lk. 21:24.

The idea held by many that it began with the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus is incorrect, and the common thought that it began with the opportunity of salvation being given to the Gentiles following the rejection of Jesus and his gospel by the Jews is also not the proper application of the thought. Rather the times of the Gentiles is that period of time which began about 606 B. C. when world power passed completely into the hands of a Gentile king, Nebuchadnezzar; (from which time Israel ceased to be a world power) and as history conforms the vision has, and will continue to be in the hands of Gentile Rulers until the "Fullness of the Gntiles be come in." Rom. 11:25.

WHAT THEN IS THE "FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES"?

There is a difference between the "Times of the Gentiles" and the "Fullness of the Gentiles." Namely: in that the former has to do with the political or Governmental powers of the world while the latter has pertinance to the spiritual or working out of the plan of salvation and will be reached at the time of Redemption of the "Man-child" and the flight of the Church, (Woman) Rev. 12: This is the "Fullness" of the plan of salvation, for out of the Gentile nations will have been taken a spiritual Israel to receive the fullest reward of the plan of salvation.

With this matter thus explained and we feel substantiated by the scriptures, we are ready to begin the study of "The Great Metallic Image" and the place it was to hold in the March of world Empires which will of necessity come in a later lesson. May God bless His word to the hearts of all people everywhere.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Continued)

AMERICA WILL WIN THIS WAR?

A. I feel that I can unhesitatingly answer yes, America and her allies will win the war, with a scriptural background for the answer. It is a vast field and would take us over many prophetic scriptures were we to go into detail, which time will not permit now. At a later broadcast we will deal specifically with that subject. D. V. but only briefly now we will say that, in spite of all their sins which are many, yet Great Britain and America are foremost among the nations in Honoring God, Circulating the Bible, Missionary activity and in refuge afforded the Jewish people.

This should sufficiently answer the question but let us turn to the Bible for a brief array of scripture. **RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION:** Also, Isa. 60:8-9 gives us a prophetic answer.

"Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?"

Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy son from far, their silver and their gold with them unto the name of the Lord thy God and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

And the sons of strangers shall build up thy ways, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my

favor have I had mercy on thee."

We know Isaiah did not see aeroplanes in his day yet this is very definitely a prophecy of the aeroplane and Isaiah saw it as men flying, so then that gives the clue that in this 20th century of the air filled with men would also come the restoration of Israel, by whom? The ships of Tarshish first, note that the isles and the ships of Tarshish are connected and also the term first, who was first to help the returning Jews back to their home land? Great Britain and America; Also the Lord said the isles would wait for him. What nations have waited upon God? Few nations have had any time for God in their programs. Has Russia waited for the Lord? NO. Has Germany? Has Spain? Has Japan? Britain and America are most certainly known as the world's most Christian Democracies. These nations maintain the open Bible and it is their most cherished book. These and other scriptural reasons undoubtedly tell us who will be most favored by the hand of God in this war.

Q. ARE THERE SCRIPTURES WHICH PROVE THERE IS A TRINITY IN THE GOD-HEAD?

A. Without one moment of hesitation, we say, YES, the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelations teaches nothing else but a trinity; And the teaching of oneness is an erroneous doctrine used by the Devil to so confuse the minds of many people until they cannot understand many of the great truths of the Bible, and also opens the door for the entrance of false spirits resulting in fanaticism and in-consistency. We give these few

HAS THANKSGIVING HAD ITS TRUE PLACE IN MY PRAYERS?

references in brief though there are many others; At Jesus baptism, Mk. 1:11, And there came a voice from heaven, saying, "Thou art my beloved son in whom I am well pleased."

Then, Jn. 16:5, But now I go my way to him that sent me, Jn. 14:16, And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another comforter, that HE may abide with you forever. Jn. 16:8, And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.. As a final word in regard to this question I am going to say that the Bible is so plain on this truth that I doubt if many of the teachers who set forth this false doctrine of Oneness believe it themselves.

Q. ARE THE DEAD NOW IN HEAVEN OR HELL AS THE CASE MAY BE, CONCERNING THE WAY THEY HAVE LIVED?

A. The answer is, NO, the wicked dead are not in hell, the Righteous dead are not in heaven. But some one will say, O that spoils my thoughts concerning my dear, sainted mother who I want to think about as being in heaven and knowing what I'm doing, or that sweet little babe who is a tender blossom in heaven. In all respect to feelings, I say that when our traditional beliefs don't teach us according to the Bible we better give them up and find out what the Bible teaches and we will have a much better chance of entering into Life Eternal and enjoying the glories of heaven.

First, let us take David for an example. Surely, in view of the place he is to hold in the kingdom

of Christ, he would be in heaven if any one would be. In Acts 2:29 we find these words. "Men and brethren let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Then in verse 34, For David is not ascended into the heavens."

**THEN WHERE ARE THEY?
HID IN THE GRAVE 'TILL A SET TIME.**

Job 14:13, O that thou wouldst hide me in the grave, - - that thou wouldst appoint me a set time and remember me. (resurrection). Verse 14, All the days of my appointed time will I wait, 'till my change come. (resurrection). Verse 14, Thou wilt call and I will answer thee.

NO REMEMBRANCE IN THE GRAVE: Psa. 6:5, For in death there is no remembrance of thee.

NO KNOWLEDGE OF OUR PEOPLE IN THE GRAVE: Job. 14:21, His sons came to honour and he knoweth it not, they are brought low and he perceiveth it not.

THOUGHTS PERISH WITH DEATH: Psa. 146:4, His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth, in that very day his thoughts perish.

THE DEAD KNOW NOTHING: Ec. 9:5, For the living know that they shall die, but the dead know not anything.

BUT PREACHER, WHAT ABOUT THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS? THE DEAD ARE ASLEEP, THE RIGHTEOUS WILL BE RAISED IN LIKENESS OF CHRIST UNTO LIFE ETERNAL, THE WICKED WILL BE RESURRECTED TO

HAVE I IN MY PRAYERS MADE CONSTANT USE OF THE PROMISES OF THE WORD OF GOD?

JUDGMENT, AND GO INTO FINAL AND COMPLETE DESTRUCTION IN LAKE OF FIRE.

Q. CAN A CHRISTIAN ENGAGE IN WORLDLY PLEASURES?

A. There might be many things come under the term worldly pleasures, and because of that it will necessitate a more or less general answer, however the Bible is very plain on the teaching of staying clear of the entangling sins of the worldly attractions. Let us note a few of the scriptures: First, Ja. 1: 7, Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and *to keep himself unspotted from the world*. Now this should be plain enough for any to understand that we as Christians can't hold to God with one hand and the Devil's soul-damning hell-traps with the other; but just in case you can't understand the language of that verse we give you this one, Ja. 4:4, *Ye adulterers and adulteresses*, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? *Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.* 1 Jn. 2:15, Love not the world neither the things that are in the world, *if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

Q. WHAT IS THE SCARLET BEAST SPOKEN OF IN REV. 17:3?

A. This question properly answered, would require more time than we can devote to it at this particular time, however we

shall endeavor to give a brief explanation of the context: Let us read the preceeding verses; first let us remember that to Daniel by Visions and interpretations and John by revelations was shown the world empires from the time immediately after the flood, i.e. the building of the Tower of Babel which was the founding of the old Assyrian world empire and the the first in the ages of human government (explain) down through all the successive Empires which were to be seven in all and to close this age of human governemnt with the Revived Roman Empire which will be in existence at the time of the personal return of Jesus to this earth to put down all earthly or human governments. Let us note now as we revert to the question that the woman which is riding on this scarlet beast has committed fornication or rather the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her; Bear this in mind as we go further with this thought. Who are the Kings of the earth? Generally speaking, the heads of the 7 world empires; however, show me the king or ruler of the Gentile nations which has not become infatuated with this Harlot which is nothing but false religion and modern church-anity. Now bearing in mind that the Harlot woman is false religion which had its origin at Babel when they said let us make us a way to heaven and was fostered by and empowered by the Satanic spirit we say that the scarlet beast is the sin-crimson power and

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HAS MY PRAYER LIFE BEEN HINDERED BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS: HASTE, IRREGULARITY, INDOLENCE, LACK OF DEFINITENESS, WRONG ATTITUDE?

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MOVEMENT

Acts 2:42

Enlightenment

By the Spirit of God and the preaching of the Gospel, St. Jn. 1:8-9.

Conviction

By the Holy Ghost, St. Jn. 16:8.

Repentance

Resulting in forgiveness of sin and conversion, Lk. 13:3, Ac. 3:19.

Sanctification

SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY

A positive second definite work of Grace received, by perfect and entire Consecration and Faith in the Blood of Jesus which cleanses from all sin, delivers from Carnality, making the heart ready for the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit and providing the Grace wherein we stand, II Cor. 1:15, St. Jn. 17; I Th. 4:3-4. Also Sanct., the New Birth, by the removing of the spirit of carnality and the birth of the spirit of Christ in our heart. Heb. 2:10-11.

Baptism of Holy Ghost

According to Acts 2: with evidence of speaking in other language, and not with fleshly and fanatical manifestation. Lk. 24:49, Ac. 1:8, Ac. 2:39.

The Baptism of Holy Ghost as the Seal Unto the Day of Redemption

Eph. 1:13-14, Eph. 4:30.

Divine Healing

The door to Divine Health, through the Sacrifice of Jesus' broken body. Isa. 53:5, Mat. 14:17, III Jn. 1:2.

Trinity of the God-Head

Namely: God the Father, the forgiver, Jesus Christ the Son, the Sanctifier, He, the Holy Ghost, the Baptizer and indwelling spirit.

The Personal Return of Jesus Christ

Ac. 1:9-11, to reign over this earth for one thousand years or, the Sabbath of the Lord, Rev. 20:4-6.

Conditional Immortality

Or, Life only, through Christ. St. Jn. 6:53-54, I Jn. 5:11-12.

TWELVE GREAT THINGS Jn. 3:16

GOD—The greatest Lover.
SO LOVED—Greatest degree
THE WORLD—Greatest company
THAT HE GAVE—Greatest act
HIS ONLY SON—Greatest gift
THAT WHOSOEVER—Greatest Oppor-
tunity
BELIEVETH—Greatest simplicity
IN HIM—Greatest attraction
SHOULD NOT PERISH—Greatest promise
BUT—Greatest difference
HAVE—Greatest certainty
EVERLASTING LIFE—Greatest Posses-
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Wichita, Kan.

Albert L. Durham, director

"RADIO REVIVAL"

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Sidney B. Rees, director

"GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM"

Tuesday, K P D N, 2-2:30 p. m.
Pampa, Texas

Ralph A. Durham, director

Final Destruction of the Wicked

Rom. 6:23, Mat. 10:28, Mal. 4-1.

The Ordinance of the Lord Jesus

As He instituted them, namely: Water Baptism as into Jesus Christ, the answer of or testimony of a clear conscience toward God. The Sacrament of bread and wine or the Lord's Supper to shew forth the purpose of His death 'till He come again; Foot-washing as an act of humility, in obedience to the example of Jesus washing the Disciples feet.

The Support of the Ministry

By the Bible plan of Tithes and Offerings and without collection or solicitations.

A CHALLENGE TO ALL!

With charity in our hearts to all men, let us strive for the faith once delivered to the Saints, endeavoring to bless humanity and save the lost by serving the Lord in a sinless—Sickless—surrendered life 'till He shall come as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Wherefore—give diligence to make your calling and election sure: For if ye do these things, ye shall never fall. For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. II Pet. 1:10.

MOODY ON SPIRITUAL POWER

"A great many people are afraid to be filled with the spirit of God—afraid of being called fanatics. You are not good for anything for God until the world considers you a fanatic. George Fox used to say that every Quaker ought to shake the country for ten miles around.

What does the Scripture say? "One" shall chase a thousand, but "two" will put ten thousand to flight.

It takes now about a thousand to chase one. Why? Because people are afraid of being too religious. MEN THAT ARE OUT-AND-OUT FOR GOD, is what the world needs today and not half-hearted in their allegiance and service."—Dwight L. Moody

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The Voice of Christian Youth

This department earnestly solocits the messages and testimonies of the Christian Youth of today.

IN THE FURNACE

He sat by a fire of seven-fold heat,
 As He watched by the precious ore,
 And closer He bent with a searching gaze,
 As He heated it more and more.
 He knew He had ore that would stand the test,
 And He wanted the finest gold,
 To mold as a crown for the King to wear,
 Set with gems of a price untold.
 So He laid our gold in the burning fire,
 Tho' we fain would have said Him "nay",
 And He watched the dross we had not seen,
 As it melted and passed away.
 And the gold grew brighter and yet more bright,
 But our eyes were so dim with tears,
 We saw but the fire—not the Master's hand—
 And questioned with anxious fears,
 Yet our gold shone out with a richer glow,
 As it mirrored a Form above
 That bent o'er the fire, tho' unseen by us,
 With a look of infinite Love.
 Can we think that it pleased His loving heart
 To cause us a moment's pain?
 Ah, no; but He saw through the present grief
 The bliss of eternal gain.
 So He waited there with a watchful eye,
 With a love that is strong and sure,
 And His gold did not suffer a bit more heat
 Than was needed to make it pure.

—Selected.

HAS MY PRAYER LIFE BEEN RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN TIMES OF DAY? OR HAVE I COME TO KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE WHAT IT MEANS TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING?

Have You Sought Him?

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near. Isa. 55:6.

To seek the Lord while he may be found may not always be when we are ready or feel just like it. But I feel there is a desire in everyone's heart to seek the Lord sometime. If God, in his infinite love and wisdom, knows when it is time for us to seek him and lets us know it by sending his spirit to convict us of sin, we would profit much by moving towards him then. He will be found with less effort on our part if we call upon him while he is near and not far off.

The call of the spirit of God seemingly interrupts the plans of some. Others may feel that what they are doing is more important than seeking God, at least at the present. When an individual feels that way when God calls, they need to think of the eternal result of their decision. Our plans and hopes will vanish without accomplishing what we wanted them to if we fail to seek the Lord and consider him in all we do.

We all know that God can be found of those who seek him now. But we have no promise of finding him after continuously rejecting his call. The text that we used implies that sometime the Lord will not be found nor be near. How terrible the day will be when thousands of good, intelligent young people will call on the Lord, only to learn they have been undecided for too long. To-

day is the day of salvation and we have no reason or excuse for not serving God that will stand in the Judgment. We have a promise in II Chro. 15:2 that if we seek him he will be found of us.

There is so much to gain in seeking God and so much to lose in failing to seek him. One who has never experienced salvation can never realize the riches he bestows upon those who seek and find him. In Hebrews 11:6 we find he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. So seeking the Lord is not a duty to perform that gives nothing in return. The knowledge the Lord gives us that we have passed from death unto life is worth all our effort in seeking the true and living God.

The earlier we seek God in our life, the more of his marvelous blessings we are apt to obtain. Many young people feel that they can not live as a Christian should so they continually go their way of unheeding the commandment to seek the Lord. No one can live for the Lord without the strength he gives to do so. And God never gives us a job to do without supplying us with the proper amount of help. So let us not reject the call of God just because we are young. We can go our own way and walk in the ways of our heart but for all these things, God will bring us into judgment. Ecl. 11:9.

There is a wonderful promise he gives to us after we have sought and found him, that is, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5.

EVANG. BOB PALMER

DO I CONSCIENTIOUSLY USE A PRAYER LIST?

“Serving so great a God is indeed a great pleasure to me, I’m thanking Him every day for the numerous blessings He has bestowed upon my life. I began serving Him at an early age, and I’ve found Him to be an all sufficient Savior to me.

He has been my healer and companion all along life’s way and my life could never have been what it is today, had He not picked me up out of sin and set my feet on the Solid Rock, Christ Jesus. It means much to me to be able to witness for so great a Savior; One who sticketh closer than a brother and one who is a present help in every time of need.

My greatest desire is to be true to Him and let my light so shine that others might see Christ in me.”

A Follower of the Lord,
Opal Pearl Murray

PRAYER

After long years in the Christian life and in the Christian ministry, I am more convinced than ever that prayer is the greatest weapon we possess. No matter how important the daily calls may be which demand our attention, no work is of such importance as that of prayer—and it is work—work that we will neglect if we are not careful, very careful, under one pretext or another. I am not now talking about saying prayers—reciting prayers, or reading prayers, helpful as that is to some—I am thinking about wrestling with God, coming into vital contact, personal, living touch with God as a daily habit.

—Selected

Under Pacific Stars

(A Marine’s Last Letter
To Mother and Dad)

On November 22, 1943, under the stars of an alien sky somewhere in the South Pacific, Phillip Welsher, 22, of the United States Marines, breathed his last. Mother and Dad and beloved home were far away; horror, violence and devastation were all around. But Phil was “Looking up” far beyond the stars into the face of his Savior.

Phil’s last message to his Mother and Dad (5049 W. Crystal St., Chicago) was written more than a year before his death. His pals found it among his few possessions and mailed it home at once as requested on the envelope. He wrote:

Somewhere in the Pacific
Sept. 16, 1942

Dear Folks:

I am writing this letter in the hope that after my death it will be forwarded to you. My purpose in writing this is twofold. First, that you may be assured that, while we are temporarily separated, we know that we shall soon be joined together with Christ in the presence of God. As I write this I am in very little danger, but who can tell what the morrow may bring? We simply trust in God to give us the victory in temporal things as well as in spiritual matters.

As I pass on, I wish to leave behind me a testimony of the saving Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that God may be glorified in my death more than He was in my life. Today, knowing that I may

DO I HEED THE REQUEST OF OTHERS FOR AN INTEREST IN MY PRAYERS?

very soon be called to give an account of myself, I can say that I am trusting only in Jesus Christ, who died as a sacrifice for my sins that I might have eternal life. He paid the price with His own precious blood, and by faith in Him I am cleansed from all unrighteousness.

I am now with Jesus, and all is well with my soul. Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the Life: He that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Jn. 11:25-26.

My second purpose in writing this letter, Dad, is that you might make the way of salvation clear to a friend to whom I have written a similar letter. Give the message as from me that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." I Cor. 15:3-4. Say, also, that in Him we shall all meet again.

Dry your tears Mom; a son has been called home, where He waits to be joined by the dearest parents a boy could have. Perhaps consolation may be found in knowing that when we shall again be together, it shall be even as He has promised: "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." Re. 21:4.

My life and the lives of my Buddies have not been given in vain. We have fought and died to maintain those God-given lib-

erties with which we have been blessed. Now, for just a little while I would say, Good-bye, and God be with you till we meet again.

Your loving son Phil.
—from Good News Pub. Co.

Editor's Note: Of all the monuments which could be erected in honour, nothing could be more noble than this testimony. "And he being dead, yet speaketh."

ANNOUNCEMENT

Evangelists Mr. and Mrs. Gail Schultz of Laverne, Okla., will begin an extensive Revival Campaign at the Apostolic Faith church in Roswell, New Mexico, Easter Sunday, April 9, 1944. Those in that district will be favored with seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord we feel sure. Evang. Wm. Yeakel, pastor.

Albert L. Durham, pastor New York Tabernacle, Wichita, Kan., informs us plans are being made for a Revival Meeting at the Tabernacle there in April. Evang. Millard Brown is expected there for that service.

Said the Archbishop to Betterton, the actor, "How is it that you actors produce more effect with your fables than the clergy with their truths?" He replied "May it please your Grace, the clergy utter truth as if it were fiction and we actors utter fiction as if it were truth."—Selected.

TESTIMONY

"I wonder how many of we young folks realize the many, many privileges we have in serving the Lord?

There are a great many things I am thankful for and to the Lord be all praise for giving me these blessings; First of all, He has given me a desire to serve Him. That in itself is a great gift. He has also given me the desire to find comfort and blessing by going to Him in prayer.

Sometimes I am made to wonder if the average young person of our day even knows that there is a God, and I know there are very few that understand that there is such a glorious plan of Salvation that actually brings satisfaction to the youth as well as to older folks. We young folks which have been reared in a Christian home, and in a Christian environment do not know how much that has helped us toward a standing experience in the Lord.

I have many other things to thank the Lord for also. In the past few weeks we have seen our young peoples group grow, in answer to prayer, we have seen several young folks converted and others deepen their experiences in God.

We request an interest in your prayers and invite all young people to serve the Lord, also to attend our young people's services at any time.

Yours, in the service of the Lord,"

Wilfred G. Durham

THE EMPTY PEW

Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.—I Samuel 20:18.

The empty pew has an eloquent tongue. Though its message is unpleasant, it is one that all may hear.

TO THE PREACHER, the empty pew says, "Your sermon is not worth while."

TO THE VISITOR, it whispers, "You see, we are not quite holding our own."

TO THE TREASURER, it shouts, "Look out for a deficit!"

TO THE STRANGER, who is looking for a church home, it suggests, "You had beter wait awhile."

TO THE MEMBERS, who are present it asks, "Why don't you go visiting next Sunday too?"

The empty pew speaks against the services. It kills inspiration and smothers hope. It dulls the fine edge of zeal. The empty pew is a weight. The occupied pew is a wing.—Earnest Worker.

SENTENCE SERMONS

Drink does not drown your troubles—it floats them.

The steady drinker soon becomes unsteady.

The man who says, "He can drink or let it alone" always drinks: And then the man who "takes one now and then" takes more now than he did then.

Even if you get the best whiskey, it will get the best of you.

Be a dogmatic preacher, but never be a bull-dogmatic preacher.

You may study Geology and never see Theology, but true Theology accounts for all Geology.

—Grace and Truth

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Continued)

presence of the spirit of Satan which had a head in each of the seven world Empires which go to make up the entire age of human government beginning with Assyria, then Egypt, Babylon, Med-Persian, Roman and the very near at hand to come revived Roman Empire, thus making up the 7 heads. And the woman has stepped from one of these heads to the other as the time came for one to fall and another to rise.

It has been commonly taught that this scarlet beast with its 7 heads and Harlot rider was some mysterious world Phenomena which was to originate at the very end of this age but we say that it has positively been in existence and in process of development as long as there has been a world Empire ruled by man and also that each world empire has been saturated with its false religion and the harlot has given birth to many daughters in the process of time (modern God - forgotten churchanity).

CHRISTIAN IDEALS

I. The Ideal Church

1. A church composed of born-again members.—Jn. 3:3, 5, 7; Gal. 6:15.

2. "A peculiar people, zealous of good works."—Tit. 2:14.

3. A body of members, who are completely upon the altar of the Lord, "unspotted from the world."—I Jn. 3:9; Rom. 6:13; 12:1, 2; Jas. 1:27.

A. A church unshaken by contrary winds.—Mt. 16:18.

5. A church that in doctrine and in life recognizes the headship of Christ, Col. 1:18, in charge of faithful undershepherds, every one of whom can say of a truth, "Be ye followers of me, even as I am also of Christ."—I Cor. 11:1, Ac. 20:28, I Pet. 5:1-4.

6. An obedient church in "All things whatsoever" our Lord commands us, making a faithful effort to obey the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the GOSPEL to every creature."

—Selected

II. The Ideal Home

1. A home in charge of parents who are not only "one flesh" but one in faith and fellowship with those "of like precious faith," bringing up their children "In the nurture and admonition of the Lord."—Mat. 19:3-6, Eph. 6:4.

2. Children who are bound by love to "the first commandment with promise."—Eph. 6:2-4.

3. A family altar upon which the heavenly fire never goes out.—1 Thes. 5:17.

4. A home where scriptural discipline is a continual practice.—Eph. 6:4.

5. A home blessed with edifying literature and associations.—I Tim. 4:13, Prov. 20:13.

6. A home in which doctrine, faith, and life are typical of the eternal home of the redeemed in glory.—In the Gospel Herald.

HAS MY PRAYER LIFE BEEN POWERLESS BECAUSE OF DIS-OBEDIENCE?

A Bible Church Should Be

ACCORDING TO PAUL IN PHILLIPIANS:

Instructed

1:9—"That your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment."

Sincere

1:10—"That ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ."

Fruitful

1:11—"Being filled with the fruits of right."

Joyous

1:25—"That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Christ Jesus."

Steadfast

1:27—"Stand fast in one spirit."

Suffering

1:29—"For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake."

United

2:2—"That ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

Humble

2:3—"In lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."

Blameless

2:15—"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God."

Expecting

3:20, 21—"We look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Praying

4:6—"In everything by prayer and supplication."

At Peace

4:6—"And the peace of God, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Giving

4:18—"The things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God."

—Selected

A RADIO LISTENER WRITES

Gray, Okla.

Dear ones in our Lord and Savior:

Am enjoying your broadcasts. God wonderfully anoints and use you to His glory by bringing precious jewels to Him.

Remember to pray for me to have strength in my ministry of prayer.

Pray for my son in the "service," he has been in hospital forty-seven days.

Use this offering where need is greatest. God bless each of you and yours.

A Radio Listener

Guymon, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Durham,

Dear friends in Jesus:

I want prayer for healing. We don't get to go to church very much and we listen to you over the radio and also to Bro. Barker. We really enjoy these broadcasts, they sure cheer me up.

I am praying God will send someone this way to hold a revival soon. I am sending some Tithes.

Yours in Jesus,

A Radio Listener

CITIZENSHIP (Continued)

evil whether in Germany or in America and the Bible teaches the equality of men. *if all men* will obey him, if not, those who do not, will suffer his judgments.

For the basis of the above statements we quote the following:

"The Lord looketh from heaven; He beholdeth *all the sons of men*. He fashioneth their hearts alike; He considereth all their works. Psa. 33:13-15.

So we see that it is their works which matters to the Creator.

And again quoting from Ac. 17: "God made the world and all things that are therein, - - And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth.

God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Ac. 10:28.

Duties of A Good Citizen

Paul is one of the great examples of the Bible in citizenship as in many other things, yet we find that it was not always possible to keep the entire ordinances of the day in which he lived, but occasionally stepped aside from those things to keep the commandments of God. Yet he was one of the truly great teachers on Social Life and Citizenship.

We find him instructing Titus on this matter with these words:

Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, - - To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle shewing all meekness *to all men*. Ti. 3:1.

Then to Timothy this admonition which surely should be stressed today in behalf of our rulers.

I exhort - - that first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for *all men*; For kings and for all that

are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and a peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 1 Tim. 2:1-2.

Courtesy

I suppose we are inclined as we pass the milestones of the years of our life to look at the shortcomings of the rising generation because we have already come part of the way with the great teacher, Experience and perhaps learned some things the hard way to say; the younger set are not what we were; Yet surely it is true that certain virtues are disappearing from the social life of today: And among them Courtesy to all men and honour our elders.

Courtesy not only repays in rich dividends from a natural standpoint but is also so closely related to the Golden rule that we should always remember the words of Peter on this: "Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.

Hospitality

Many incidents in the Bible show the need of being hospitable and many are the opportunities to increase in this virtue yet it is easy to be so self-centered that we hardly have time to think of others or show the interest in our fellow-men that we should. Perhaps, I say perhaps this condition does not manifest itself in other churches but I confess I have seen the tendency in my field of labour that our church folks are not as ready to associate with the folks from the church down the way as they are with the folks who attend our church. If this condition can find place in lives of the church people what can we expect of the outsiders who are not under the influences of church.

Let us again note the words of Holy Writ: "Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 P. 4:9.

Neighbors

Perhaps without turning to the recordings of the parable of the Good Samaritan to decide who our neighbors are we may briefly mention the place neighborliness holds in Citizenship.

I have wondered sometimes if some of the things we have read in our Good Neighbor exploits have not been motivated by the desire to use our neighbor nations to our advantage rather than a desire to be of help to them whether we receive anything in return or not. I have seen that happen with individuals sometimes.

The commandment of the royal law "To love our neighbor as ourself has been an obstacle very hard to surmount for many, many people. It is yet a commandment to be observed in spite of all the failures to do so and many will be the needs to observe it in the future, individually and collectively as we view the conditions which shall follow this time of war and suffering. How great will be the responsibility that shall rest upon the Spiritual structure and the church in this? A question impossible to fully answer now but we must accept the responsibility.

Tolerance

A good citizen must be tolerant of the actions and views of his fellow men; to come a little closer to where we live may I make the statement: there is a tendency in our church not to tolerate the other fellow's belief or work, but to segregate ourselves too much. I can't think that we should compromise with evil to be tolerant but with charity to all men be an example to the world of this part of citizenship.

Jesus gave us the example of this in the recordings of John. John said: "Master we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us." Jesus said unto him, "Forbid him not: For he that is not against us is for us."

It is my sincere opinion that in the not too far distant future conditions will arise which will make us appreciate our fellow-Christians more than ever before, regardless of church affiliations.

Then if for no other reason we are too busy trying to save the lost through the gospel to spend the time judging our fellow-men. Hear Paul again on this matter: "Why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Let us not therefore judge one another any more." *The Christian In War*

Since we have thus far based the thought of good citizenship on Christianity as the foundation then we digress from the direct subject to briefly express the things we feel as concerns the Christian in War.

I realize this is a very controversial matter with which to deal but I hope I am Christian enough to practice the thing which I preached only a moment ago: Namely that I can tolerate the other fellow's belief in the matter.

We have been confronted many times with this question: How far can a Christian participate in war? My answer from the sincere belief of my heart has been; To stand by our nation and flag in war to the place of actually taking life of our fellow man. Then it is that I must say that I believe these and other scriptures forbid us from taking the life of any man.

"Love your enemies"—can we love some one whose life we would take?

"If your enemy hunger, feed him—"

Jesus prayed for his enemies—yet had power to destroy them.

"Follow peace with all men—"

The Lord rebuked Peter for defending the dearest thing on earth to him—"He that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword."

The question is asked sometime, "What if our enemies should attack our homes and churches and schools?"

The Bible has said when a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh his enemies to be at peace with him.

If that is true in an individual sense then it is also true in a national manner. Something is lacking in the national life of our country, as a nation we are failing to please God or else his word is untrue.

Then back to the subject: We need and must have Christian citizenship and a peaceful nation to please the Lord.

Many other things could be said about Citizenship from the teachings of the Bible and in these things we have dealt with we have tried to stay with the Bible rather than the popular opinion of today for whatever we may hope for or attain is going to come through the influence and work of Christianity and the Church.

Then may this be our battle cry as ministers, as communities and as a nation: "Back to the Bible and Peace through Christian Citizenship and leadership."

Yours for better Citizenship,

RALPH A. DURHAM

WE GO TO PRESS

As we close this copy of this little *Evangelistic Messenger* we wish to say that it has been prepared after much prayer and waiting upon God.

One purpose and one alone has motivated our efforts, that being to try to extend the glorious Gospel to other hearts and homes trusting that it will result in the salvation of lost souls and the blessing of many lives.

We trust that some three or four ministers will be able, through these pages, to preach a Spirit-filled message from time to time to many who would not otherwise have the opportunity to hear the message. We will welcome your articles, testimonials, prayer requests, announcements, etc

We are thankful for all our friends whom He has raised up to fellowship with us in our work for the Lord. We praise Him for your lives of consecrated service and co-operation which have been so abundant to usward. We are glad and thankful also for the opportunity of the printed page as a means of Evangelism.

Today, with the world in a state of war and turmoil, evil men and seducers are waxing worse, and the church reaching the Laodicean period, lukewarm, materially rich and spiritually poor; we must press the battle to the victorious end "for now is our Salvation nearer than when we believed."

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The Easter Morn

The world was sleeping 'neath the snow;
Some said the world was dead.
The trees were stripped of leaf and flower.
Rose bush and pansy-bed
Were cold and brown and bleak and bare
And hopeless everywhere;
But when the time of Easter came
New life was singing clear.

The graves were broken in the ground,
The buds were bursting new;
The flowers were coming forth to live
All clothed with sun and dew;
And everywhere the world was glad
And bird-song woke to cheer.
The weary world had conquered death
And banished every fear.

He lives. In all the world He lives!
No grave can hold God's best.
In Him all peoples find new birth,
In Him the East meets West.
The light that shines from Joseph's tomb
No other light can dim.
Because He rose on Easter Day
I, to, shall rise with Him.

—J. Sherman Wallace.