

The Apostolic Faith Report



*As cold waters to a thirsty soul,
so is good news*

Proverbs 25:25

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Editor's Notes

A few weeks ago, my husband and I and two of our daughters were at the Tulsa Oklahoma International Airport waiting for a plane to arrive. There were several others waiting for the same plane that we were.

One man with two little girls about the ages of 3 and 7 drew our attention. He took the girls up to the long plate glass window so they could see real well and he showed the runway where the plane would be landing and said "Now that is where Mama's plane will land." Then he pointed to the sky and told them that if they would watch pretty soon they would be able to see the lights in the sky of the airplane that "mama" was on. The girls were real excited-Mama was coming home. There were a couple of smaller planes that landed but they knew those were not the one they wanted to see. Pretty soon, just as their father had told them we could see the lights up in the sky. Those little girls really were excited and as that plane landed the older one said, "There's no doubt about it Daddy, that's Mama's plane." During this time, we had watched these little girls in their excitement and we all agreed that we were anxious to see their mother also. As the plane taxied to the gate where the passengers would disembark, the little girls ran to the front of the line so they could get the first glimpse of Mama coming home. We watched with anticipation also, to see a joyful reunion. Finally after what seemed like a long time the girls exclaimed, "Mama!" Then they ran to their mother's open arms. As a parent, my heart was touched as I watched that mother embrace her children for I realized that she no doubt was just as anxious to see them as they were her. I felt that something very important had taken her away from them in the first place and she was glad to be with them again.

I thought of another reunion that will take place one day soon, and like those girls, we as God's children are anxiously waiting for the return of Jesus Christ. Our Heavenly Father has given to us many signs of the return of Jesus and has instructed us to Watch and to Pray. Jesus gave to us the promise that when He went away He would return. I questioned myself—am I excited about the return of the Lord; Am I watching the signs? Am I preparing myself to be ready to meet Him? Am I telling others of His soon return?

We see signs all around and the sounds of His coming are getting louder.

The world situation is very serious, but God will still have a people of His own that will keep Him first and foremost in every aspect of their lives. Satan is busy trying to deceive and destroy because he also knows that Jesus will be returning soon, but God had promised to be with us and give us power over all of satan's work.

May we keep our eyes on Jesus, and keep Him first in our lives so that one day soon we will be part of that great reunion with Him.

—Karen

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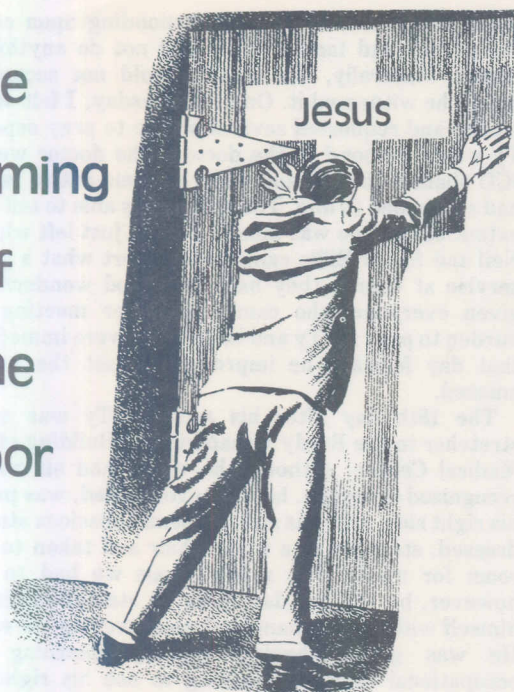
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The Slamming of the Door



As the signs of the times continually appear on the scene, one of the questions that was asked of Jesus runs through the minds of many of us. "How many people are going to be saved?" We may wonder because of friends or family that are not yet into the ark of safety. In all our wondering, we can find the answers to the questions in the words of Jesus. For He said, "Many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in and shall not be able." Luke 13:24 It takes striving, giving, serving and living everyday in the way that is pleasing unto the Lord to be able to enter in at the straight gate. "Because straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to life."

Matthew 7:14 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 7:21 All the professing and pretending to be righteous that many may attempt will never bring entrance into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus told Nicodemus that it is impossible to enter the kingdom without being born again. Peter declared that we must be born, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God that is alive and remains forever. We live in a time when many feel it is the popular thing to do to say, "I'm a born-again Christian." However, to live this is much more than simply making a profession. From Luke 13:24-30 we understand that there are many who confess to know the Lord, and yet the Lord would say unto them, "I do not know you". People who have gone to church a few times and tried to just become one of the number in Sunday School. I'm sure that there are some who have deceived themselves with going to church with a "reasonable" regularity into believing that they are as good a Christian as almost everyone around them. In this word from Luke, Jesus tells these people who said that they had been at feasts and heard many of His messages that He simply does not know them. Does Jesus know you? Sometimes we ask the question, "Do you know the Lord?" But it seems that is not the real point when we begin to think

of entering into the kingdom. The point is, does the Lord know you?

Luke 18:9-14 speaks of two men. One professed to be so holy and so faithful. He said, "I'm not like other men, I'm not an extortioner, I'm not unjust, I'm not an adulterer, I fast, and I give tithes." In other words he was saying, "Lord, I'm just one of the best people you have." The other man realized that except for the grace that God would give, he would be lost. So he prayed a prayer asking God to be merciful and the Lord said that this second man is the one who is justified.

We must strive to enter in. Men must press their way into the kingdom. We have an appointed time to serve the Lord and to strive to enter into the kingdom. This is the day of salvation.

Don't be deceived as was the Pharisee. Don't be fooled as the people spoken of in Matthew 7:21 and Luke 13:25. These people were depending on good works and having a fellowship with Christian people to be their redemption. Know this, we are in a personal and individual race to gain eternity, and each one must make his peace, calling, and election sure. For when the master rises up and shuts the door, all opportunity will be gone. Knocking on the door will be a futile effort.

Matthew 25 records the parable of ten virgins. The wisdom in the hearts and minds of five of those virgins caused them to strive in preparation for the bridegroom to take not only a lamp with oil in it, but also another vessel of oil for the lamps as well. Don't think just because you have a lamp burning that you have an entrance into the kingdom sealed. Five of the virgins are labeled foolish because they had not prepared for the extra oil that would be needed to wait for the bridegroom. While they were waiting, all the oil in their lamps was used. Hear the word of the Lord, the foolish virgins could not go in with the oil that belonged to the wise virgins. They had to go and buy for themselves. You and I cannot by any means enter in on someone else's efforts. We each must work out our own salvation. But notice that the foolish virgins waited too late to strive to have enough oil. Don't postpone striving to enter in until it becomes too late. When the bridegroom comes, those who are ready will go in with Him and He will shut the door. I declare to you that the door is wide open now and will be wide open until the master rises up and the bridegroom comes. That is when the door will slam shut. The opportunities for man now are more than just barely squeezing in. We can have the privilege of walking through a wide open door. Take advantage while you can. Seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near. Lest the time come when the door will be shut and you are left on the outside saying, "Lord, please open the door."

I suppose the most terrifying sound of all the ages will be the slamming of the door!



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THY WORD IS TRUTH

God Still Heals

Everytime I look into my son's eyes seeing how bright and clear they are or hear him laugh and grip my hand, I have to pause for a moment in thanks to God for His wonderful healing power and the miracle He brought to our family through the healing touch on Tyrone's life.

To think back to the Thursday, July 10 when Ty was hurt so terribly in an auto accident, it is a miracle hearing him talk and laugh. For 18 days he lay in Freeman Hospital's ICU Unit unconscious. God answered our prayers Friday morning when Ty was most critical with a 107 degree temperature. The Rev. Ollie Kinser and Rev. John McClendon were called out to the hospital about 5:00 a.m. and immediately started praying with us. We all felt the peace and victory that God had heard and answered our prayers and in just a short time the nurse came to tell us Ty's temperature was coming down and he was in a stable condition.

Each day afterward you could see the improvement. One machine after another was removed and although still unconscious, he began to respond to family and friends by a squeeze of the hand or movements of his head.

Then came the day his eyes lost that glazed, blank look for only a few minutes but gradually for longer periods of time. How thrilled we were the night he hugged his father's and my neck with his left arm (the right side of his body was paralyzed).

Each time another step was accomplished we were so happy-his response of holding up two fingers upon command, learning to drink from a straw, awareness and listening to the sound from the TV and finally being able to be fed soft foods.

Always, when victory has been won, it seems like that's when the devil puts these little fears and doubts in your



**Tyrone Suman, after God's miracle
in his life.**

mind. For instance, Ty was responding upon command of the nurses and family but would not do anything for the doctor. Naturally, the doctor would not accept anything unless he witnessed it. On a Wednesday, I felt so burdened all day and requested several people to pray especially that Ty would respond to the doctor. The doctor went back to ICU about 8:30 p.m. and when he came out to talk to us Ty had responded to him. The doctor was able to tell us that the extent of damage was minor. He had just left when Brother Neil and Sister Billie came in to report what a good prayer service at church they had. Isn't God wonderful? He had given everyone who came to prayer meeting the same burden to pray for Ty and the results were immediate. From that day forward he improved so fast the nurses were amazed.

The 18th day after his accident Ty was taken on a stretcher to the Brady Rehabilitation Building of St. John's Medical Center. Although he would nod his head that he recognized everyone, he had never talked, was paralyzed on his right side, and was still in a semi-conscious state. He was dressed, strapped in a wheel chair and taken to the dining room for meals. For a few meals we had to feed him; however, by the 3rd day there he started talking, feeding himself with his left hand and maneuvering his wheel chair. He was given physical therapy (learning to walk) occupational therapy (learning to use his right hand and arm) and speech therapy (learning to talk in sentences and remembering). After only 21 days he was dismissed to come home as an outpatient and after only one week, he was dismissed completely and told he could start to school . . . he was only one week late in starting school.

I have never doubted his being completely 100% healed since the day while praying in the hospital chapel I opened the Bible to the scriptures of the woman with the issue of blood who after twelve years of affliction was by her faith made whole. That same promise is ours today according to James 5:14-15. "Is there any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

Our sincere thanks go to all of you who prayed for Tyrone at camp meeting and sent the anointed kleenex to him. Our faith was strengthened knowing people in many different churches were praying. We appreciate the many people-friends and relatives who visited us at the hospital and took the time to sit with us. Our thanks especially to the people of our Joplin church for their help and Pastor Brother Neil and Sister Billie who faithfully stayed with us, prayed for and encouraged us. Sister Billie won the admiration of all the doctors and nurses in ICU for performing the very difficult task of cutting Ty's hair while he was still unconscious. To the ministers, Rev. Edwin Waterbury, Ollie Kinser, G. K. Rees and John McClendon, who were so faithful to visit and pray with us we express our sincere appreciation.

We do not understand why these terrible events take place, but hope through the witnessing of God's healing power someone else was helped and won to Christ. It made us realize more than ever that we serve a big God whose power is not limited and who watches over us all . . . He's the same YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER.

**—Mrs. Harold Suman
Joplin, Missouri**

Prayer Changes

For some time I have been impressed to tell how God in His great love and mercy, brought me through a very trying time in my life, but my heart overflows where I try to speak, so I am writing my personal testimony. I only tell this for the glory of God and I hope it might be a help and a blessing to someone who could be going through the same experience. Through much prayer, faith, and support from my wonderful family and dear friends, one day I was able to go on my knees in prayer and say as the song; "Dear Lord, I haven't come to ask you for anything, I have just come to thank you for what you have done."

I have one son who I love with all my heart, and who was dedicated to the Lord when he was born. When he graduated from High School, he went away to college. I hadn't seen him for a couple of months, but when I did see him I could see him changing in so many ways, careless in dress, very nervous, and would not sit down and talk. I tried to find out what was wrong, but he always tried to assure me that there was nothing wrong. Then he quit college, sold everything he had, bought a van, and started on the road. Then, he started hitchhiking, he would be gone for weeks, then months, and I would never hear from him. He came home on day to stay, and that was when I found out he was on drugs.

We try to think or say what we would do if this happened to us, but we really don't know until we are face to face with the problem. The devil had him so mixed up and confused, and I seemed to be his target. God in Heaven only knows the hell we endured for five years. When it seemed that there was no hope, I would pray, "Oh God! Just take me away from all of this." I felt that I had nothing to live for, but the Lord had other plans. I stayed on my knees and prayed until it seemed like at times, I knew not what I should pray for; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered, Romans 8:26. Praise the Lord that I never gave up. I had to do some real soul searching to see where and how I had failed in any way in my commitments to the Lord. Finally, I turned everything over to Him and He so marvelously started working things out. It was a slow process but just one little ray of hope gave me so much faith and in time, my son was delivered from drugs, and we that knew him, know that it didn't just happen; it could have been nothing but the hand of the Lord.

Our God is still on the throne. He is our only hope. If the world could only see. How precious are the promises of God; "For they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned . . ." Isaiah 43:2

I thank God everyday for giving me the strength, wisdom and faith to know how to handle this destroying power of satan, but Praise the Lord, He is so much more powerful.

My son and I have a good relationship now, Thank God. He started back to college and will graduate soon.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name." Psalm 103:1

—Gracia Rumley, Ft. Supply, Oklahoma

THE LIVING SERMON

I'd rather SEE a sermon than hear one any day,
I'd rather one would WALK with me than merely tell
the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear.
The best of all the preachers are the men who live
their creeds,

For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.
I soon can learn to do it, if YOU'LL let me see it done.
I can watch YOUR hands in action, but your tongue
too fast may run.

The lectures you deliver may be wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what
YOU do.

I may not understand the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how YOU act and
how YOU live.

—Anonymous

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CHURCH NEWS

Crosses, Arkansas

We just recently enjoyed the Christmas season when our thoughts were of the birth of our precious Savior. The young people of the church presented a program. We have enjoyed having our boys, Marty and Warren Haney, and Tony Jacobs back with us for a month before returning for the second semester at Bible School.

We were glad to have my Dad, D. G. Babb from Follett, Texas with us in services recently. Brother Bobby Waggoner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Waggoner from Roswell, New Mexico were recent visitors in the Waggoner home. We certainly enjoyed Brother Glenn's testimony.

Dora Juarez and Sandy Danley were weekend guests from the Bible School. They were a blessing in our home and church. We praise God for His many blessings.

—Roland Haney, pastor

—Loretta Haney, reporter

Union Chapel Church

The church was greatly blessed by a revival recently held by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Prather of Edgewood, Illinois. Many of the sick were prayed for and were blessed. Many Christians were praying for the deeper experiences in the Lord. This was the Prathers first time at the church but we feel if God tarries that they will visit us again.

We were also recently blessed by a visit of The Eternals of Cardin, Oklahoma who came by and sang and ministered to us.

Mrs. Bona Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Woods are all working with our young people. They have their meeting on Sunday evening. We invite anyone who would like to, come by and help with the Young People or with the church. We feel that all should work together for the edifying of the Gospel.

Pray much for the church that it will be able to reach all in our area that are in need of hearing the Bible preached.

Albert Durham, pastor

Joplin, Missouri

God has been very good to us. Our attendance has been holding up very well.

In November, we had a wonderful service with our young people being in charge. God blessed in a very special way.

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We also were privileged to have the Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir in concert with us on November 30th.

We appreciate the students and faculty for their desire and dedication to do God's service.

December 12, we as a church family enjoyed a time of fellowship with a Christmas supper. December 21, was the date of our Christmas program with the youth group presenting a play and the Sunday School classes giving song recitations.

We're thankful for all of God's goodness to us during 1980 and we know that if we keep Him first, He will lead us safely through 1981.

We invite you all to come by and worship with us when you are in our area.

—Neil Ragan, pastor

Pampa, Texas

We have been encouraged the past few months. God has been blessing in all the services and we have had good altar services. We enjoyed a revival with Brother M. D. Methvin of Follett, Texas. We are praising God for all the good things that have come our way. We had our regular Thanksgiving dinner on November 23.

Our pastors, Brother and Sister Denton, are visiting and encouraging each family. We have been enjoying such good singing as Brother Roger Denton has charge of the music in the church now.

We are not discouraged but rather encouraged when we see all the benefits there are in being a Christian.

—Ralph Denton, pastor

Galena, Kansas

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Church in Galena! We trust that you had a very happy Holiday Season.

During the month of November we were privileged to have several visitors who ministered to us. Those visitors were Brother and Sister Winifred Hoops, Marty Haney, Bob Russell, RaeMona Arnall, Rhonda Reese, Julie Satcher, Terri Seaver, Tony Bartel, Brother and Sister Robert Beydler, and Brother and Sister David McCance. In December we enjoyed the ministry of Brother and Sister Ray Michener for a service.

Our prayer list includes: Brother and Sister Ray Strickland, Brother and Sister Ted Jackson, Anna Wade, Mae Tackett, Bernice McCumber, Sarah Jeffries, Goldie Myers, Grace Myers, Ruth Archer, Birdie Noe, and May Rowland.

Our sympathy goes to Charlie and Freda Buchanan in the loss of their son Otis Atkins.

We invite all of our brother and sisters in the Lord to drop by and visit us at any time.

—Elmer Christenson, pastor

—May Rowland, reporter

Apostolic Faith Church, Spearman, Texas

Praise God for His abundant blessings, which He gives to us freely as we ask of Him.

December 8, 1980, our town of Spearman, Texas, was covered with a beautiful blanket of snow. We received about inches of snow. The Lord, is so good to send us the moisture

and to keep the high winds down.

November 23, 1980, we were privileged to have Brother Jack Barker, in service and he ministered to us. Brother Jack Barker, came by to be an encouragement to Sister Elma Greever, as she has really been having a battle to get and keep the victory in health. Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Psalm 106:1

Brother Barker, enlarged on how it is easy to give thanks in good times, but not so easy during sickness, poor wheat crops, etc. Preachers, preachers' wives, and laity we all need one another. We need to really carry a burden for one another and not be so critical of our Christian brethren and sisters in the Lord.

It's always a blessing when our Christian brethren come by and give the pastor and the congregation a boost.

November 26, 1980, was the last service David and Joyce Buschman, were with us. They felt their need to move to Hempstead, Texas. We've really missed this young couple. Our loss will be Brother Waple Ferguson's gain. We trust God to bless David and Joyce, in a very special way. Don't forget to come back to see us!

November 30, 1980, Brother and Sister Frances Dearing and family, were in service with us. The family favored us with some specials and Brother Dearing brought the morning message. Scripture used Daniel 6.

Just want to say thanks to the church for being so good and helpful to come to the preachers and laity meeting December 1, 1980. We had 13 from the church present and we got to take the Attendance Banner to the church and keep for a month. Lets do it again! As a pastor I really appreciate your backing.

Leland Grimmer, pastor

From the Coberlys

I want to Thank You for your prayers and help that carried us through 68 years of revivals from California, West Virginia, Michigan to the Gulf and a host of central states.

The first year we walked, carried suitcases, then Dad loaned me a team and wagon, with sideboards, put over the bows on sheet boards, made wide enough for bed springs and mattress, left his home with wife and 2-month-old baby boy, headed for Cherokee Indian country in N.E. Oklahoma revival call to far for team and wagon, took train. Finally by the help of a friend we were able to build a 24-foot homemade house trailer, lived in and pulled that over several states into West Virginia. That lasted over 18 years, never an accident or wreck. Thank and praise the Lord for His love and care and thanks to you and your prayers and help that made it possible to reach the many places with this wonderful gospel. Thanks the Lord and you for all your prayers and help, and thanks for your help and prayers this day, we both need victory this day in healing.

Yours in love and prayer today,
Homer and Pearl Coberly

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A cold church is like cold butter, hard to spread.



## Crouse

Gary and Barbara Crouse of Dumas, Texas announce the birth of their second child, a son, Jamie Alan. He was born November 19, 1980, and weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces. Jamie has a proud older sister, Katina. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Quesenbury of Hardesty, Okla. and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Garold Crouse of Wichita, Kansas.

## Walker

Bobby and Glowanda Walker of Perryton, Texas announce the arrival of their daughter, Kori Denae who was born November 20, 1980. She weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Quesenbury of Hardesty, Okla. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walker of Dumas, Texas.



The Rev. and Mrs. Amos Harris are happy to announce the marriage of their son, Paul Eugene to Julie Ann Leever, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Leever all of Bayard, Nebraska.

The wedding took place on October 4, 1980 in the First Baptist Church in Scottsbluff, Neb. The Rev. Amos Harris officiated at the double ring ceremony. Paul and Julie now reside at 40 East H Street in Gering, Neb.



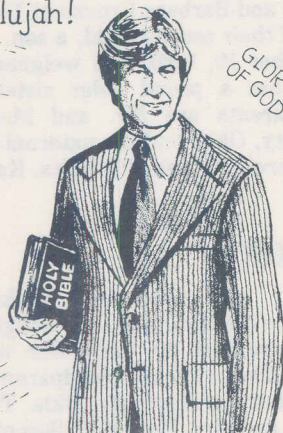
## Pearls Of Promise

"Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us." Psalms 62:8

# A New Year - 1981

**'BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW'**

Hallelujah!



IF ANY MAN BE IN  
CHRIST HE IS A NEW  
CREATURE: OLD THINGS  
ARE PASSED AWAY;  
BEHOLD, ALL THINGS  
ARE BECOME NEW.  
2 COR. 5:17

January is always a time when people reassess their values and consider the future. Some are excited and challenged by what they see. Others are depressed and terrified.

The believer has a distinct advantage as he looks forward. Among all the negatives and uncertainties that exist, his vision includes THE WORD which brightens his picture and helps him chart his course with confidence. "The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men" (Dan. 4:25) God is and always will be in control. As the patriarchs of old faced their future, all they had was the promise of God, but that was enough. We have those same promises today. The apostle said that all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable (2 Tim. 3:16).

Therefore we should not pick and choose in our personal Bible reading. We should read God's Book the way we read other books, from beginning to end. It's all profitable. We like to speak of the FULL gospel, so let us apply it to our new year, for the whole Bible is important and relevant to our daily lives.

—Myrtle Carney



*I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart. Psa. 9:1*

## Turning the page

*Turning the leaf that the New Year brings  
To the worn old book of life  
Is turning our backs on a tired past  
With its fear and distress and strife.*

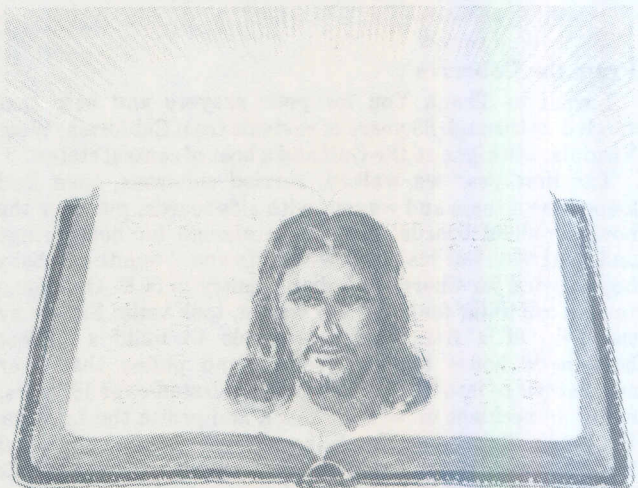
*Turning the leaf, you may turn to love,  
To brightness and joy and laughter;  
But it isn't the turning that counts so much  
As what may happen after!*

*It's writing that counts in the book of life;  
It's the message you pen each day;  
It's whether the page be rosy-hued  
Or touched with a sullen gray.*

*It's what we teach as we humbly write  
And what we, please God, may learn;  
What really counts as the New Year dawns  
Is what comes after the turn!*

—MARGARET E. SANGSTER in *Covenantal Witness*

**'IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD'**



IN HIM WAS LIFE: AND THE LIFE  
WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN. JOHN 1:4



## THE FALLING AWAY

Who will be in the falling away? This is a very important question for each of us to consider.

II Thess. 2:1-3 "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;" Is the falling away taking place now? The World Book Dictionary gives this definition—To decline gradually, languish, fade. It would seem we have been in the falling away for some time.

We have seen a decline in church attendance, prayer meetings, and in Sunday night services. These in some cases are almost a thing of the past. It seems that many people feel that Sunday morning service is all the church they need. Do you really think God is pleased with such meager service? Remember the definition of "falling away"? Are you among those who have left these important services out of your lives?

God has placed on my heart a great burden concerning this subject the past few months.

When we look at world conditions, we should realize that the end time is near. The trouble we see in the Middle East should tell us. The time for the Anti-Christ to be revealed is at hand. Christian, let us take heed not to get so involved in everyday life, that we lose sight of the most important thing in our lives, and that is our hope in Christ. We need to realize the importance of attending God's house every chance we have. It will take more than part-time service if we want to escape the "falling away." Do we have enough of the power of God in our lives to stand?

—Roland Haney

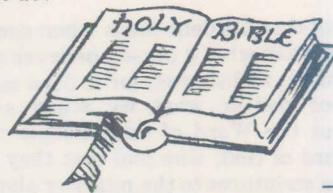
## THE DOLLAR AND THE CENT

A big silver dollar and a little brown cent  
Strolling along together they went;  
Rolling along the smooth sidewalk,  
The dollar remarked—for dollars do talk—  
"You poor little cent, you cheap little mite,  
I'm bigger than you, and twice as bright;  
I'm worth more than you a hundred fold,  
And written on me in letters bold  
Is the motto drawn from the pious creed,  
"In God We Trust," which all men read,"  
"Yes, I know," said the cent,  
"I'm a cheap little mite,  
And I know I'm not big, nor good, nor bright.  
And yet," said the cent with a meek little sigh,  
"You don't go to church as often as I."

*What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits? Psa. 116:12*

## Psalms 11:3

*... If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"*



—Lyndel Arnall

From the very beginning of the church, Satan has tried to destroy the foundation upon which it is built. Indeed it is not possible, he will never be able to destroy the true foundation, but what he is doing successfully, is convincing people to build upon an inferior foundation, that is easily shaken and easily destroyed. I'm not a carpenter, I know very little about carpentry, but I do know this much, and that is, unless you have a firm foundation the rest of the structure is worthless.

Sometimes we Christians have been guilty of building on something other than the true foundation. The fault lies in our desire to make the propagation of the gospel quicker and easier. We try different methods to make the gospel more acceptable and a lot of times we are able to draw crowds and gain people. But I wonder if the structure we have built, is it going to stand? Is it going to endure?

Satan realizes that he cannot destroy the foundation on which the church is built, for after all, what is that foundation? The Bible tells us that it is Jesus Christ, the Word of God. I include those terms together, Jesus and the Word of God, because they are inseparable. There are a lot of Orthodox Christian people that accept Jesus but never his Word, which in reality is impossible, for Christ is the Word. When we speak about building upon the foundation of Christ, we are actually talking about building upon His teachings. Christ came to bear witness of God, and to teach the things God wanted Him to teach. If we try to build our church or our Christian life upon anything other than that Word, we are building upon a very shaky foundation.

I would like to share with you a few verses of scripture to substantiate what I am trying to say. First of all, in I Cor. 3:11, we are told that Christ is the foundation for it reads "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." There isn't any other foundation that will do. I think today one of the most often foundations people try to build upon is the Holy Spirit. I appreciate the Holy Spirit and thank God for His precious Spirit that has come to lead, guide, comfort and edify the church, but it isn't the true foundation. The Holy Spirit came to testify of the true foundation. I have had people tell me that we live in the Holy Spirit dispensation and therefore the Holy Spirit overrides the Word of God. There is *nothing* that overrides the Word of God.

In John 1:1-5 We are told that Christ is the Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." Christ, the Word of God. His life and His teachings were the light of the world. Why do you suppose that men hated Jesus Christ enough to

crucify Him? It is because He brought light and revealed all their hidden sin. They hated Him for it, they wanted to live in their darkness, they wanted to live in their sin. Christ brought the light that showed men just exactly how filthy they were.

Another thing that burdens me is when people say that it doesn't really matter what a person believes as long as they are sincere. That is foolishness, for it does matter what we believe. It does matter what we study and if we are concerned about the Word of God. People who ignore or neglect the Word of God, who feel that they will leave the searching of the scriptures to the minister alone, are foolish. For their very experience with God is based upon the Word of God. If you don't have the Word, you don't have anything.

Preachers, what about us? Have we lost the vision of the great commission? How long do we spend in preparation to deliver the word to the congregation? Are we searching every homeletic manual that comes along rather than searching the Word of God, because it is easier to preach a simpler salvation message, rather than searching, praying and reaching down to the depths of the truth? I feel like today that much of the church world has built upon a false foundation and when the winds and the storms beat against it, I don't believe it's going to stand. Satan realizes that he cannot destroy the true foundation, so he substitutes a false one for it. In John 12:48-50 we read, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." In light of these scriptures, can we say it is not important, it doesn't really matter? That word is going to judge us in the last day. It is the standard for judgment, for Jesus said, "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting; whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak."

Let me speak to you concerning faith, fact, and feeling. It is impossible to please God without faith and there are reasons behind that, one of those reasons is that the word of God has to be accepted by faith.

At one time or another every individual, whether a Christian or not, is going to come to grips with the question of whether or not they believe this Bible, is it the divine inspired word of God? Either you believe it or you don't. You might say, well, I believe in Christ and I believe in God and I know that there must be a God, but that isn't the question. The question is boiled down to, Do you believe the Word, and if you do, then you've got to stand on that Word and you become responsible for that word. If you don't somehow accept the Word we have, as the inspired Word of God then you have nothing whatsoever to tie to, to hold on to. Everything must be built and aligned by that word. How do I know a prophet is speaking the word? How do I know that a message in tongues and interpretation is of God? By feeling? No! By the Word! How do I know whether I am saved or not, by feeling? No! By the Word. Everything I have is based and built and aligned to that Word. It has to be, and to superceded it with any other thing is wrong. We must have faith, and yet I don't believe it is a blind faith which God expects us to have in relation to His Word, for God has given many, many remarkable proofs. God has never said, You believe I'm God, and I'm never going to do anything for you, I'm never going to reveal myself in any matter, you are just going to have to accept it. God hasn't done that. God has revealed Himself and proven His word

over and over and over . . . again. He has very adequately proven the authenticity of His Word. There are numerous miracles that have been documented. There are many, many miraculous prophecies that God revealed many years in advance. I think of Cyrus, God prophesied of this man 160 years before he was even born and called him by name and told us just exactly what he was going to do. God gave Daniel insight to the nations of the world, what was going to happen, the nations that were going to rise and fall and how they were going to fall. He gave in great detail the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for the first time and He gave again the details of the second-coming of the Lord. God has proven His word over and over again but we must still accept by faith, not by blind faith, yet faith. There is no doubt in my mind, that the Bible is the divine inspired Word of God, and everything I have, is based upon this.

With all the different doctrinal teachings of today, one can't help but question who is right. I realize that I do not have all knowledge nor all wisdom and therefore there may be things that I am mistaken about. But I believe if I'm honest before God and I'm concerned about His word, He is going to show me, He is not going to leave me in darkness. If I follow after men and their philosophies and their vain ideas or concepts of God, then I may get deceived, but I believe if I stand true upon God's word He is going to show me the truth. In Psalms 50:21, the Psalmist writes, "Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself." This was God speaking, He said to the people, You thought that I was a certain way, You thought that I was like you are. How often it is that we get these preconceived ideas of what we think God is like, maybe it is a matter of tradition, maybe it is just a matter of what we would like for Him to be like. Nonetheless, we get these preconceived ideas and no matter what, we believe that is the way God is. I was ministering in a church a little over a year ago and I was talking about the wrath of God that was going to be poured out, and a lady said, "Well, I can't believe God would do that." It doesn't make any difference as to what I feel God would or would not do. It's what the Bible says He is going to do that counts. All we know about God is what God has revealed about Himself through His word. If we are ever to know anything else about Him it is going to be again through His word.

There are the Atheists that don't believe in God, they say there is no God. There are the Fortunists who believe only in luck, the Agnostics that aren't sure about anything. They felt that the only way to reach God is through some mediator being, an angel of some sort. There are the Polytheists who believe there are all kinds of Gods, and Materialists that think this world is god. But I know because of God's Word, that there is one God and that God is the creator of this world and that He is going to be when everything else passes on into oblivion. If we are going to endure it is going to be on the foundation that shall endure. The Bible tells us that "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matthew 24:35.

Many would claim that the word contradicts itself and is unscientific but that type of statement only shows their ignorance of the Word itself. The Bible doesn't contradict itself, and the Bible is very scientific. As a matter of fact, the Science Research Bureau directed by Dr. Harry Rimmer, published an article in different magazines and newspapers for 15 years, offering a reward of \$100.00 for anyone who could submit an item in the Bible that was unscientific. For

15 years this article appeared in different magazines and newspapers in 20 different countries. Naturally, the humanist and the free fingers and the atheists all sent their claims in by the thousands and they were confronted with the word of God, and on each occasion everyone was satisfactorily proven to be correct. The Bible was very scientific. Harry Rimmer is deceased now but the bureau a while back placed a \$1000.00 reward for anyone that could give an item that was unscientific. There was a man in New York who thought he had 53 things that was unscientific in the word of God so he took them to court. After spending a day and a half in court, the judge said, "Sir, you have failed to prove one item," and he dismissed the case. There has been a number of claims but there hasn't been one individual that has ever been able to prove the Bible is unscientific or that the Bible contradicts itself. It is a proven book. It has stood through the ages.

Now I'm not talking about translations, I'm talking about the word of God, the true word. We should bear in mind that these claims were judged in respect of the most ancient manuscripts available, not translations. Satan is using translations to corrupt God's word and produce an inferior foundation. Friend, you may not realize that there are something like 44 translations of the New Testament and of those 44, there are only about 2 or 3 that have not corrupted in some way God's word. I stand very fast upon the King James Version. I have heard people say, well, if it was good enough for the apostles, then it is good enough for me, and I realize that the apostles didn't have the King James Version, nor did they write it. But the King James Version is translated from what is called the Texus Receptus, which comes from the Latin form of the received text. In other words, from the most ancient available manuscripts. There were something like 54 Hebrew and Greek scholars that were set together. They were divided up into six different groups; 2 in Oxford, 2 in Westminster, and 2 in Cambridge. They began to transcribe the Bible from the Greek to the English as ordered by King James in 1604. In 1611 it was made ready for publication. Each group would work on a particular portion, and when they were finished, the next group would then revise it or go over it to see that there were no errors, no discrepancies. The words that they were not certain of were placed in italics, so there were no questions whether it was from the divine manuscripts or not. It passed through all six groups before it was completed. Then it went to a council that approved it. It wasn't transcribed by one individual, and therefore it couldn't be influenced by their own individual ideologies. Satan realizing again, that he can't destroy the true foundation, tries to deceive people into believing other things. We have a multiplicity of translations circulated all over the country. These translations have brought about a condition of confusion, that is hard to imagine. Men and women don't know what they believe, switching from one thing to another, "Tossed two and fro with every wind of doctrine." In the book entitled, "God wrote only one bible" by Jasper James Ray, it lists the 44 versions of the New Testament and the corruptions in each. In some of these versions, out of 162 scriptures that he uses, every scripture is changed. Words such as 'the blood,' 'the virgin Mary,' 'the Son of God' are left out, making it as though Joseph was the real father of Christ.

One of the main issues at the time of the establishment of the church was Arianism. This was the teaching that Christ

was not equal with God. He was a creature rather than a creator, and while He is superior to man He is inferior to God. This teaching came from the Agnostic train of thought. This group tried to reprint the Bible and to reteach the Word of God with scholastic, philosophic and hypothetical ideology, rather than accepting the Word as the apostles gave it. We have that very teaching today in our society and we have had it throughout the centuries. There are men who are still trying to discredit the blood of Jesus Christ as the redemptive factor, the virgin birth and all those things that are very vital to our Christian experience. I once attended a minister's breakfast and Bible study, where I was appaled to hear one minister say that he did not believe in the virgin birth of Christ. He didn't think that it was important. This is not all that unusual. It would probably shock us if we had the accurate figures of the percentage of ministers of America that did not believe in the resurrection of Christ.

Notice the warning in II Peter 2:1-3, "... there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction." In II Corinthians 2:17, Paul says, "For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God:" Paul wrote in Galatians 1:6 and 7, I marvel when I think of how quickly you are changed from the gospel of Christ to another gospel, which is not really another gospel at all, it is not good news, it is damnation and destruction. I marvel also of how quickly a congregation can be carried away by some fly-by-night minister. Do you know why people can be influenced so quickly? It's because people are not grounded upon the Word. They have built upon some other foundation other than the Word of God, and therefore some flashy character comes by who talks with great eloquency and they say, wasn't he marvelous. He could tell them lies and heresies but because of his manner, they accept it. I've seen some come along, supposedly being used by the Holy Spirit, bringing about miracles, and people drop immediately everything that they have been taught and follow them. They are willing to forsake the Word for signs and wonders. This shaky foundation does not stand. I believe in miracles, in the power of the Holy Ghost, but it has to come according to the Word of God. Some instruct those seeking the Holy Spirit to open their mouths and jabber and you have the Holy Spirit, or if you jump up and down, you have the Holy Spirit, just profess it and you have it. This is not true! The Bible tells me it takes a holy life, a vessel unto honour. We need to get back to the Word.

Too often, we try to make the Gospel easy and convenient, and sacrifice the truths and our standards in the process. Any time Christianity was popular, it was corrupt. In 325 when Constantine made Christianity the popular religion, it was as corrupt as it ever was. It was a damnable heresy, going under the name of Christ-like. There are a lot of things that are going under the name of Christ-like or Christianity that are damnable heresies. And we don't perceive it, simply because we have not builded upon the foundation like we should have. I beseech you and behoove you with all that I have, to get back to the Word of God. Satan is going to try to deceive you, He is going to try to get you to build upon other things, other doctrines, other translations, and other methods. Don't let this happen. Let's get back to the Word. Let's get back to the teachings of Jesus Christ, through the Apostles. I feel like that there is a negligence within our own people, within our own ministers, within our own lives. We need the Word. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

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