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Satan ...

By Dale Heil

# Introduction

There is a Devil! We read of him from the very beginning. In the Pentateuch, in Job, in the Gospels, and in the Epistles there are the most direct allusion to him, his origin, his malignity, and his works. The Bible tells of evil spirits, and of Satan as the head of them. Reason is reluctant to receive such doctrine. It is one of the favorite resorts of Satan to try to persuade men that no such being as he exists. Some think it is impossible for such an evil power to find a place in the realm of Almighty goodness. But there is no greater difficulty in explaining the existence of wicked angels than the existence of wicked and devilish men. The very nature of moral government implies and necessitates the possibility of evil. God never made an evil being; but, having constituted moral agents, the ability to do wrong as well as good had to be in them. And with the ability to do wrong, there is nothing improbable in the doctrine that some have exercised that ability, perverted their being, and lost their character, standing and place as holy creatures. Instead of being offended with God for having made it possible for evil to originate within his domain, and of finding fault with Him for allowing sin, we should rather be praising and blessing Him

for those sublimities of moral being, to the existence of which the possibility of evil is necessarily incident. That evil exists is a plain and evident matter of fact. A man must have lost all perception not to see and admit it. It stares him in the face whithersoever he turns. He encounters it in others, and he feels it in himself. And if it is possible for men to be evil, it is just possible and likely that other creatures, higher in the scale than we, likewise have among them some who are apostate and depraved. And if so. reason itself is sufficient to suggest the doctrine of some great leader and prince in evil, in exact accord with the scripture teaching with regard to the Devil. At all events Revelation tells us of a crafty and powerful spiritual being who was the cause of the fall of our first parents, who was the direct agent of Job's afflictions, who tempted and assailed Christ, and who is the head and soul of a great empire of evil, which has eaten its way into the glorious creation of God, drawing some of His sublimest works into peril and ruin.

When Moses was commanded to take up the serpent, into which his rod had been turned, he was told to "take it by the tail (Ex. 4:4). And this may be a very proper way to take hold of this Dragon, "the old serpent." His tail is certainly one of the most striking features in the picture, and with it very marvellous execution is done. It swings through heaven, coils about celestial princi-

palities, and "draweth along the third of the stars."

### SATAN'S ORIGIN

In the first verse of the Bibie we read "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." In the second verse of the same chapter we read "And the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Between these two Verses something happened. The original creation was thrown into a chaotic state. Darkness was upon the face of the deep. From Isaiah 14:12-18 we have a picture of Lucifer. "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the Mount of the Congregation, in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms. That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisons?

In Ezekiel 28:12-20 we have Satan described under the title of the King of Tyrus. "Son of man take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum full of Wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou was created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth, and I have set thee so; thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise

they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and 1 will destroy thee. O covering Cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee; thou shall be a terror, and never shall thou be any more."

When God brought the world into being, we are told that "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:4-7). These were the angelic hosts. They are fitly called stars by reason of their beauty and glory; and they are pre-emenently "the stars of the heaven," as they pertain to heaven, and are the sublimest ornaments of the celestial world. Satan himself was once one of these stars, as we saw in Isaiah (14:12) alludes to this where the exclamation is, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer (literally, day star), son of the morn-

Has there then been any calamity among the angelic hosts to answer the description before us? The scriptures distinctly tell us that there has. Jude (6) speaks of "Angels which kept not their first estate (their principality) but left their own habitation." Peter refers to "The angels that sinned," whom "God spared not" (II Peter 2:4). A time there has been when evil got in among these shining sons of light, soiled their robes, tarnished their crowns, silenced their songs, dislodged them from their glorious seats, and eat out of them every noble impulse and holy affection. How the sorrowful disaster came about, is suggested in various places, and distinctly indicated in the picture before us. Satan, one of the brightest and mightiest among them, was the cause and

author of it all. Abusing his moral liberty, he dared to lift himself up against his maker, and instituted a revolt against the throne and majesty of God. By his example, instigations and persuasions, he infected others, imbued them with his spirit, and made them co-partner in his plot.

How many were thus involved is not told us. The scriptures indicate that the terrible apostasy embraced "the third of the stars of the heaven." Many take this as significant only of a large proportion without regard to any exact number. And so the meaning may be, but the statement itself is definite, and will bear the interpretation that just one-third of all the angelic host fell through that satanic rebellion.

These were "Cast to the earth," not the literal earth. Contrasted with the visible heavens, the earth is simply the lowest place, the ground, the base. For a star to be cast down to the earth, is to be plucked out and thrown down from its setting as a star. And so these rebel angels have been plucked from their places, dethroned and abased. Hence we read of them as "reserved in Chains, under the darkness unto the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6). Having failed voluntarily to keep to their proper place, they are now kept against their will, in the power and purpose of God, for a doom, not yet fully executed. They lost their heavenly principality. In place of their starry brightness they are now darkness, which clings to them, as chains to a prisoner, and holds them for eternal punishment. They still roam at large, particularly about our earth, and in the atmosphere which surrounds it; for the devil "goeth about to do mischief, but, like tethered cattle or chained dogs, their liberty is bounded, and they can go no further than that tether's length.

# CHARACTER OF SATAN

The ambition and adventure of earthly despots in setting out to conquer this world, is startling; and because of what men have done towards accomplishing it, history calls them "Great." Yet here is a being who has adventured upon the exploit of conquering the universe, of wresting creation from its maker. Under the mysterious economy of God, he has also been enabled to

make mighty strides towards the realization of his full purposes. Principality after principality in the celestial realms, succumbed, and fell in line beneath his banner. A third of the very stars of the heaven joined his cause, and followed in his train. The appointed lord and sovereign of the earth at the beginning was betrayed into his power, and all earths' naturally engendered children were made his born slaves and servants. And so there now exists a mighty confederation of evil, made up of angels and men disembodied and in the flesh, numbering millions on millions of disloyal spirits, who burden our atmosphere and overspread our planet with disorders, anarchy, misrule, darkness, gloom, sorrow, death and ten thousand embitterments of existence from which uncounted creatures sigh, and groan and cry to be delivered!

Long ago, indeed an effectual check was put upon the growth and sway of this impious coalition in heaven. Also in the decrees of God, the unalterable determination stands, to uproot and destroy it utterly. But till the eternal Son of Diety undertook the case, not a potency in all the circle of created things could shake its hold upon this world of ours. Neither could He, without centuries on centuries of preliminary work, and then the resignation, of His place in the divine bosom, the conjoining of himself to human flesh and blood, and the enactment of a humiliation, as astounding to all heavenly intelligences as it was unparalleled in the history of things. No, Nor even then without battle and conflicts so intense and horrible that they wrung even His mighty soul with anguish unspeakable, shook the fabric of His immortal being to the verge of anihilation, and put the very Lord of glory under the pangs, and bonds, and darkness of death and the grave! And only when we have surveyed the dimensions of an empire so gigantic and counted the cost at which alone its hold could be broken, are we in a position to estimate the greatness of that fell spirit, who created it out of his own subtle deceit and unholy ambitions, sits as its head giving force and direction to all its parts, and wields it with a genius and will inferior only to that of eternal uncreated mind. Oh, yes, the Dragon is "great."

When Satan pointed out to Jesus "All the kingdoms of the World, and the glory of them." and offered them as a compromise and compensation to the blessed Christ if He would but "fall down and worship" him, it was not mere boast and false pretense. Three times the Saviour pronounces him "The Prince of this World" (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11). Paul styles him the very "god of this World" (II Cor. 4:4). John testifies that "The whole world lieth in the wicked one" (I John 5:19).

He is the great usurper, and one or the other of his numerous heads has been under and in every temporal crown that ever swayed the sceptre of sovereignty on earth, save only the Israelitish teocracy.

He is a fierce and murderous being, cruel, bloodthirsty, and ever intent on destruction. Jesus says "He was a murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44). Peter warns all Christians against him, as one that walketh about, as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (I Peter 5:8). He is the Destroyer of both souls and bodies. He seduceth and misleadeth the whole world, promising good and peace only that he may the more effectually entrap and ruin.

There has never been a murder, but he caused it. There has never been a death-scene, but it is tracable to him. Every blight of human happiness, every failure of human peace, every sorrow of human life has come from him. And even to this day and hour, the old serpent lies coiled in the church's path, and in the forms of a pretended superior science, a false philosophy, a perverted Gospel, and many an ugly persecution, still strikes assails and mightily struggles to crush the meek Gallilean's power from the earth.

# SATAN'S METHODS

He is the deceiver of the world. By the world is meant all those who belong to the "Satanic System". And we know that we are of God, and the whole (Satanic System) lieth in the wicked one (Satan) (I John 5:19). If our Gospel is hid it is hid to them that are lost; in whom the God of this world, hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, least the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should

shine unto them (II Cor. 4:3-4).

To this end Satan has his preachers who preach "Another Gospel" (Gal. 1:6-9). That Gospel is the doctrine of Devils. (I Tim. 4:1). He is the instigator of the "Great Apostasy" Peter speaking of the latter times says: There shall be false teachers among you who privity shall bring in damnable Hexesies, even denying the Lord that brought them. and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious way by reason of whom the "Way of Truth" shall be evil spoken of. II Peter 2:1-2. These teachers are on every hand. There are those who deny the Virgin Birth, Diety of Christ, Bodily resurrection, and personal Pre-Milleneal return. Others deny the existence of Hell, set dates and practice Spiritualism.

Satan seeing that he could not stamp out the church by violence and persecution, has changed his tactics and is now trying to seduce her into conformity to the world, and to try to better an age that God has doomed to destruction. His present purpose is to build up a magnificent civilization and he has deceived the church into believing that it can bring in the Millenium without Christ by the betterment of Society. His hope is that the Gospel of Social Service will take the place of the "Gospel of Grace" and by diverting the attention of Christian people to "secondary things" they will neglect the primary work of soul saving, and thus delay the evangelization of the world: and postpone the return of the Lord and his own confinement in the bottomless pit.

He is the Adversary of God's people. The warfare between "Good and Evil", as recorded in the Bible from Genesis 3:15 to Rev. 20:10 is most intensely interesting reading:

- Satan tempts Eve, She eats the forbidden fruit and Adam with her —they fall.
- Satan enter Cain Abel murdered.
- 3. The Sons of God at Satans' instigation marry the daughters of men the flood.
- Noah delivered from the flood, is tempted to drink and a curse falls on Ham.
- 5. The people multiply and Satan fills their heart with pride and pre-(Continued on Page 8)

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# From My Viewpoint

By Gail Schultz

(EDITORIAL)

# Greetings to the Readers of the Apostolic Faith Report:

It was about two years ago that I accepted the responsibility of editorship of this publication. Brother Harrol Waterbury was assisting in this work. I feel that the blessings of the Lord has rested upon us, because with only a will-to-do as back ground, we have gone forward. With the help of the Apostolic Faith ministry and other interested parties we were able to build a mailing list, which now will demand the printing of 2,400 copies. The entire cost of printing, mailing, and incidental expenses will run a little less than \$200.00 a month. I want each of you to do the very best you can to help, so that we will not have to miss a number, which is due to come from the press the very last week of every month. We are indeed doing our best to trust the Lord, yet we are subject to your wishes. Each gift, from Sunday Schools and individuals, be that large or small, is greatly appreciated.

Brother Harrol Waterbury has resigned, not because of dissatisfaction

# HOLY CONVOCATION

The Lord willing, there will be a convocation here in Baxter Springs, Kansas during the Christmas week. Make your plans as soon as possible to come. The convocation will be under the direction of Bob Cooper from Granby, Mo., Paul Clanton of Joplin, Mo., M. D. Methvin of Galena, Kans., and R. D. Wooster of Baxter Springs, Kans.

# TEXARKANA, TEXAS—

Brother J. W. Elliott resides at 317 Spruce and still continues his work for the Lord.

from any source, but because of the distance that he was from the place of printing and mailing. Thank you Brother Waterbury for all that you have done to make this paper what it is today. Brother M. D. Methvin has now assumed the duties as coeditor. I know that all of you will be glad for his help.

Please help us make this report better every month. Most of all the comments received have been constructive and thankful. Please continue to let us know about the paper. Sometimes we miss a letter, that is it does not reach us, but is reported later. We try to answer all mail, but miss one now and then, I hope you will understand and will bear with us. We are endeavoring to do better. We need your endorsement. Keep news items and articles coming. We do not print "hear say," only that which we have in printed or written form. If you can send your announcements aside from letters, that is a seperate sheet, it is helpful. All articles should be typewritten and double spaced.

August 19 is the date set for the beginning of a tent meeting here in Baxter Springs, Kans. As soon as that is over, we want to go to Galena, Kan. Remember us in prayer, God is working and we desire to do His will. Pray for us.

May God bless you and keep you living in victory. Christian work is branded inconsequent only by the devil and his tribe. Let each of us seek to be efficient.

O yes, we feel very keenly the need of an addressogaph. Help us pray about this need.

# Lines From The Co-Editor

By M. D. Methvin

Greetings in the name of our Saviour to the people of the Apostolic Faith and readers of the Report. This is the first edition of the Report since I've taken the responsibility of co-editor, and it is my desire to do my best; first for the Lord, and second for you readers. I have truly enjoyed every issue, and I know the reason is the faithfulness of our editors. We appreciate the work Brother Waterbury has done for our paper.

We are looking forward to a wonderful time in the Lord here at Galena. Brother Shultz will begin a tent revival September 4. We extend a welcome to you if you can attend this revival. Be sure to remember us in prayer.

Now just a few words of the Lord to inspire you on in His service: John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you!" Let this peace rule within your heart until the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

# **BIBLE SCHOOL TOUR**

You will find in this paper an itinerary as proposed by Brother R. D. Wooster, in the interest of the Bible School. He will write each church, in advance, however sometimes letters are lost — will you please read carefully when he will come to your church and make announcements accordingly.

Brother Busch took a great many pictures of the School in action, these will be shown to you this time in slide form. This Gospel is real, let us all help others to learn about it. The School is a great teaching agent. Your complete endorsement is wanted and needed, so that a bigger and better school may be had each term.

Be a Booster for the Apostolic Faith Bible School of 1957.

Do we judge ourselves by our motives and others by their actions?

# **EXCUSES**

By John Billings

According to Webster's dictionary the word excuse is defined as: To make apology for; to endeavor to remove blame from or to grant an exemption to. One excused either as a superior or as an equal. To over look small faults or neglects.

We can get by with some things in this world. An example may be found in a student who misses a day of school, however with a good enough excuse it is not held against him. An algebra teacher once said," No matter, if you have got a good excuse, you cannot make up the work you have missed. You can do some other work in its place, but the work of that day is gone and cannot be recalled." In the same way, in the work of God, when He calls you to do something and you don't do it probably the opportunity will pass, and that particular work cannot be done. Closed forever the gates of yesterday. You might be able to do something in its place but you will never be able to make up for missing that first opportunity. Before God an excuse is nothing but a "skin of fact stuffed with a lie". God doesn't have time for people who make excuses when He impresses them to do something, or when He calls them to serve Him. There is simply no excuse for ex-

When I hear some making an excuse, it makes me think, that they are feeling sorry for themselves. God may say, "Go preach the Word" and we may answer, "Lord, you know I can't do any thing, poor little old me! God why don't you get somebody else?" God will do just that, and you will be left completely out. Luke 14:15-24. Parable of the great supper. The man prepared a great feast and bade many when the supper was ready. But they began to make excuses to the servant who was sent for them by saying, "I have bought a piece of ground and must go see it. I pray have me excused". Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen and must go prove them," and yet another declined the supper invitation by saying, "I have married a

## GUYMON, OKLAHOMA-

Brother and Sister Dale Heil are going to pastor at Guymon. They have been labouring at Lovington, New Mexico, where a new church is being erected. May God bless them in this field of labour.

#### DUMAS, TEXAS.

Brother and Sister James Brooks are taking the responsibility of pastoring this work for the coming year. May God bless them as they minister to these people.

### STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA-

Brother Bill Patterson and family have gone to Stockton as pastors. We know they will prove a blessing to this church. We trust the Lord will bless them abundantly.

# SPEARMAN COUNTRY CHURCH-

The work at this church is growing and prospering under the able leadership of Sister E. A. Greever. May God's richest blessings continue to rest upon this church.

Don't you think for a moment that the Bible is a back number — it is a thousand years ahead of time!

"The time to hold on tightest is when you feel like turning lose."

wife and cannot come". The giver of the feast was angry and gave command, "Go quickly out into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring the poor and maimed and the halt and the blind". There was yet room to spare, so the invitation was extended to the highways and the hedges and "compel them to come in was the order". None of the men which were first bidden ever tasted of that supper. Is this not proof enough that excuses will not stand before God?

When you stand before the Great Judgment Seat of God, will your excuses that you have made, cause you to be placed on the left hand with the goats? Let us that are men, now serve Him, in fear and trembling, yet with gladness of heart, for He is God and besides Him there is none other.

# OBITUARY Dale F. McClenagan

Dale F. (better known as Bud) McClenagan of Hardesty, Okla, died at his home August 4th. Survivors are his wife, Phyllis; three sons, Jerry of Roswell, New Mexico, Duane of Hardesty, and Michael of the home and one daughter, Glennis, also of the home; one brother, Fred, of Houston, and two sisters, Mrs. Alpha French of Sublette, Kans., and Mrs. Jr. Carter of Borger, Texas.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Donald Dibbens of Hempstead, Texas, and Rev. E. K. Cornell pastor at Hardesty.

Acting pallbearers were Jim Randles, Hollis Quesenbury, R. C. Jones, Jim Fox, Jim Morris, and Roland Busch.

Brother McClenagan was a devout Christian and a board member of the Apostolic Faith Mission of Hardesty, Okla.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family.

# CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS-

We are sure that the work will grow under the ministry of Brother and Sister Alford Whiteley who are now pastoring in this Northwest Arkansas town. Long has the Gospel been preached here, and we know the labor there has not been in vain.

# LOGAN, OKLAHOMA-

Brother and Sister G. K. Kerr are returning from Alaska to take up their duties as pastors at the Midway Country Church. We have missed Brother and Sister Kerr and are glad to welcome them back.

# SNYDER, TEXAS—

The new pastors at Snyder are Brother and Sister Jake Pletcher. They will find new duties and new responsibilities, but the age old fight against sin and darkness. May God bless them.

# GRAY, OKLAHOMA-

Brother and Sister John Whipple plan services in this church every Wednesday and Sunday A. M. and P. M. They want ministers of the Faith to come by to encourage them.

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# Satan . . .

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sumption — the tower of Babel is built — the result the Confussion of tongues.

Then God calls Abraham through whom the promised "Seed of the Woman" the second Adam should come who was to bruise Satans' head. Now the fight begins in earnest. We have only space to indicate it.

- 1. Satan Closes Sarah's Womb.
- 2. When Isaac is born he seeks to have him slain by his father.
- 3. He puts enmity between Esau and Jacob hoping the tragedy of Cain and Abel would be repeated.
- 4. He causes Potiphars wife to tempt Joseph seeking to get him out of the way.
- 5. When it came time for Moses to be born, he put it in the heart of Pharoah to order all Hebrew children should be slain at birth.

But the story is too long. The sin of David was Satans' work, and at one time the "Royal seed" was narrowed down to one child, II Chron. 2:4-17; 22:10-12.

When Christ Came Satan prompted Herod to destroy all the male children at Bethlehem under two years of age.

It was Satan who tried to overcome Christ in the wilderness.

It was Satan who caused Him to be crucified.

### SATANS' DOOM

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his Angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his Angels.

And prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth and his angels were cast out with him.

And I heard a loud Voice saying in heaven. Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto death.

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you. having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. (Rev. 12:7-12).

The means of the victory disclose the nature of the conflict.

This war occurs when the woman of Rev. 12:5 brings forth a man child. Every saint of God and a blessed immortality. How can the almighty be just and true to His nature, laws and threatenings, and yet lift these people in honor and glory from their graves, receive them to His throne, and give them place in the Heaven of His Holy Administrations? Here is the Devil's strong point, with which he ever assails men, and with which he here assails all the celestial powers. His line of battle is shown in the statement that he accuses the brethren, the saints, by day and by night. The great thunder of his tremendous cannonading is, that these people are not fit for and not worthy of such honors; that God disowns His Holiness and casts dishonor on His throne by awarding to such a people such a portion and such a destiny; that all reasonable being and intelligence is set at naught and outraged by such a proceeding. This is "The dismal hiss of fiery darts," flying "in flaming volleys," and vaulting either host. Accusation, accusation keen daring, deep and clamorous accusation, subtly insinuated, and with infernal rancor hurled, is the artillery which belches forth with all the desperate energy of hell.

This is further shown beyond mistake in the statement as to how he and his hosts are vanquished. The record says they overcame him by means of the Blood of The Lamb, and The Word Of Their Testimony, and Their Not Having Loved Their Lives To Save Them From Death.

Sinners indeed were all those who belong to the company of this mystic child and forever contrary is it to the nature and government of God to connive at sin, or to look with allowance upon iniquity; but these people are not therefore without a maintainable cause. An ample atonement has been made. A lamb has bled, whose meritorious blood,

weighed in all the strictness of eternal right, by which the carping malignity of hell itself is silenced, covers the whole amplitude of their deficiencies and cleanses away all accounts of their sins. "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died." "Blood of The Lamb!"

This is the everlasting fortress of the saints: and this stands foremost of all the means by which the accuser and his hosts are driven back. But, sheltered under this by faith in Him who died for them, there is also some claim and show for works. Justified and forgiven men, who have no hope but in their Saviour's merit, may still have title to some consideration and reward for their fidelities. Having given their word of testimony for the Lord that loved them and stood firm to it against an adverse world, living martyr lives, or dying martyr deaths, cheerfully resigning all that man counts dear for the sake of the truth they confessed, God is not unjust to forget the work and labor of love they have shown towards His name in ministering to His people and His cause. And thus Michael and his angels, standing up for the Lord's saints, conquer the accuser and his hosts by reason of the blood of the Lamb and the worthiness that appears in what they have done and sacrificed for Him.

The means of the victory discloses the nature of the conflict.

"Woe to the earth and the sea! because the devil is come down to you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

This brings Satan to the last years of this world's history. It is a judgment time; for it is the time of resurrection and translation of the seizing away of God's holy and prepared people to Him. It is the sounding of the seventh or last trumpet. It is the time when the Devil himself is convinced, and swollen with unwanted rage and fury because he sees and knows that but a few brief years remain till his reign is over and the abyss is his prison house.

The manchild having been taken away and the Holy Spirit with him the world rapidly ripens for judgment. Weakened and depleted as the Woman is, she must flee, as of Old Time "It was told the king of Egypt that the people fled "The Dragon pursues her. The lament of Jeremiah will then reach its deepest pathos in the lips of God's people: "Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the Heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness." (Lam. 4:19)

So terrible will these times be that "Except those days should be shortened, there should be no flesh saved; but for the elects sake those days shall be shortened." (Matt. 24:22)

Many a sore trial of their patience and faith have the saints of God experienced from the persecuting powers of this godless world; but they will all be as nothing compared with the tribulation of these last evil days. Under the Antichrist shall all true worshippers be tested and tried as never in all the ages before, Nor can any one hold out faithful then except he be posted and grounded before hand in the divine teachings concerning the infernal character of the power which then reigns, the sure interference of Heaven for its speedy destruction and the certain damnation of all who abet its blasphemies or accept its mark.

But the shadows of the night are beginning to lift. Toward the East the mountains are taking shape. A watchman, standing on the wall of some town of Israel and looking off toward Edom, the perpetual and congenital foe of Israel, beholds in the distance a solitary warrior. The hastening day reveals him to be grand in His stature, majestic in His movements, striding forward with the mien of a conqueror, His crimson garments splashed with blood and streaming behind Him in the wind. As He comes nearer, the watchman on the wall challenges Him.

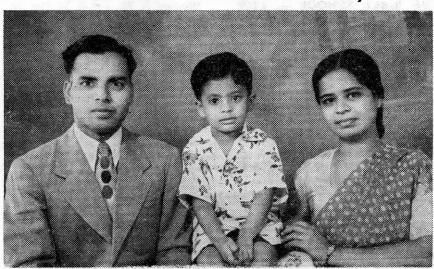
"Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah?"

I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save."

Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel and thy garments like Him that treadeth in the winefat?"

I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me, for the day of vengeance is in my heart, and the year

# Brother T. S. Abraham and Family



In a recent letter from Brother Abraham, he stated that he was teaching in a Bible School at Kumbanad, Travancore, So. India. The Bible School was started by K. E. Abraham, father of Stephen, and who was in our home just a few days ago. We enjoyed his visit and that of the young man with him, K. C. Varghes, also of India. The School is a Faith School and there are 45 students and six teachers. Brother Stephen is teaching one class of church history and another of Bible geography, and helping in the publication of a monthly paper, The Gospel Herald. He is also youth director for his church group. They have a native movement of about 250 churches and 300 ministers and 25,000 followers. May God bless this work. Pray for this work. If you wish to write any of these friends, they can be reached by writing them at the Gospel Herald Office, Lallaguda P. O., Secunderabad, 17, India.

of my redeemed is come. Isa. 63:1-4.

And I saw an Angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan and bound him a thousand years.

And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season. (Rev. 20:1-3).

"And when the thousand years are expired. Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.

"And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in four quarter of the earth, Gog and Magog to gather them together to battle the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

"And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the

# ARNETT, OKLAHOMA-

Brother Marcus Adair began a meeting in Arnett shortly after camp meeting. We received a favorable report, in that they are having good crowds and interest. May God give a gracious revival in that place. Brother and Sister Harold Bollinger are pastors.

# LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA-

Brother and Sister Harrol Waterbury are the new pastors. God has given these young people a fine ministry, and this home of Faith I'm sure will move on for God.

camp of the saints about, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of the heaven, and devoured them.

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." Rev. 20:7-10.

# TOUR OF THE 1957 TERM OF BIBLE SCHOOL — LIST OF CHURCHES WE WILL VISIT

Liberal, Kansas-Tuesday, P. M., September 11 Wichita, Kansas-Wednesday, P. M., September 12 Kingman, Kansas-Thursday, P. M., September 13 Bayard, Nebraska-Sunday, A. M., September 16 Chivington, Colorado-Monday, P. M., September 17 Olathe, Colorado-Wednesday, P. M., September 19 Stockton, California-Saturday, P. M., September 22 and Sunday, A. M., September 23 Modesto, California-Sunday, P. M., September 23 Palm City, California-Tuesday, P. M., September 25 Spring Valley, California-Wednesday, P. M., September 26 Roswell, New Mexico-Friday, P. M., September 28 Ft. Sumner, New Mexico-Saturday, P. M., September 29 Roswell, New Mexico-Sunday, A. M., September 30 Lovington, New Mexico-Sunday, P. M., September 30 Amarillo, Texas-Monday, P. M., October 1 Kings Mill, Texas-Tuesday, P. M., October 2 Sunray, Texas-Wednesday, P. M., October 3 Dumas, Texas-Thursday, P. M., October 4 Guymon, Oklahoma— Friday, P. M., October 5 Hardesty, Oklahoma-Saturday, P. M., October 6 Gray, Oklahoma-Sunday, P. M., October 7 Perryton, Texas-Monday, P. M., October 8 Spearman, Texas-Tuesday, P. M., October 9 Balko, Oklahoma-Wednesday, P. M., October 10 Follett, Texas-Thursday, P. M., October 11 Woodward, Oklahoma-Friday, P. M., October 12 Arnett, Oklahoma-

Saturday, P. M., October 13

Midway, Oklahoma-Sunday, A. M., and P. M. Oct. 14 Laverne, Oklahoma-Monday, P. M., October 15 Enid, Oklahoma-Tuesday, P. M., October 16 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma-Wednesday, P. M., October 17 Sulphur, Oklahoma-Thursday, P. M., October 18 Ralls, Texas-Friday, P. M., October 19 Lubbock, Texas-Saturday, P. M., October 20 Snyder, Texas-Sunday, P. M., October 21 Big Springs, Texas-Monday, P. M., October 22 Campwood, Texas-Tuesday, P. M., October 23 Leakey, Texas-Wednesday, P. M., October 24 Utopia, Texas-Thursday, P. M., October 25 Centerpoint, Texas-Friday, P. M., October 26 Goldthwaite, Texas-Saturday, P. M., October 27, and Sunday, A. M., October 28 Rockdale, Texas-Sunday, P. M., October 28 Gause, Texas-Monday, P. M., October 29 Somerville, Texas— Tuesday, P. M., October 30th Belleville, Texas-Wednesday, P. M., October 31 Racoon Bend, Texas-Thursday, P. M., November 1 Hempstead, Texas-Friday, P. M., November 2 Alvin, Texas— Sunday, A. M., November 4 Katy, Texas-Sunday, P. M., November 4 Alief, Texas— Tuesday, P. M., November 6 Waller, Texas-Wednesday, P. M., November 7 Houston, Texas-Thursday, P. M., November 8 SanLeon, Texas-Friday, P. M., November 9 Dickinson, Texas-Sunday, P. M., November 11

Ganado, Texas-

Deckers Prairie, Texas-

Monday, P. M., November 12

Tuesday, P. M., November 13

# GRANBY, MISSOURI-

Brother Bob Cooper is remaining at Granby for another year. The church has prospered under his ministry. May God continue to bless he and his family as they labour for the Lord. Brother Cooper is holding a meeting in Tiff City, Mo. A new field for this Gospel. Sister Edna Schultz will be preaching at Granby on Sunday nights during his absence from the church.

Alvin, Texas-Wednesday, P. M., November 14 Snell, Mississipi-Saturday, P. M., November 17 Hinton, Alabama-Sunday, A. M., and P. M., Nov. 18 DesArc, Arkansas-Wednesday, P. M., November 21 Doniphan, Missouri-Thursday, P. M., November 22 Taneyville, Missouri-Friday, P. M., November 23 Eureka Springs, Arkansas-Saturday, P. M., November 24, and Sunday, A. M., November 25 Crosses, Arkansas-Sunday, P. M., November 25 Cave Springs, Arkansas-Monday, P. M., November 26 Mt. Olive, Arkansas-Tuesday, P. M., November 27 Union Chapel, Missouri-Wednesday, P. M., November 28 Joplin, Missouri-Thursday, P. M., November 29 Granby, Missouri-Friday, P. M., November 30 Baxter Springs, Kansas— Sunday, A. M., and P. M., Dec. 2 Adrian, Missouri-Tuesday, P. M., December 4 Hale, Missouri-Wednesday, P. M., December 5 Galena, Kansas-Thursday, P. M., December 6 Purcell, Missouri— Friday, P. M., December 7 Baxter Springs, Kansas-Sunday, A. M., December 9 Prosperity, Missouri-

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LeRoy, Kansas-

Tipton Ford, Missouri-

# Camp Meeting is Wonderful Success

The Midwest Camp Meeting of 1956 convened in the Cornell Park, four miles south of Laverne, Okla., on July 26 through August 5, and once again, God met with His people and blessed all who came to Him in faith believing. His wonderful power was manifest in every service and His sweet presence was felt throughout the grounds. Attendance was excellent again this year, as more people realize that we are living in the last days and need to be preparing our lives for the storm that is coming.

Each day of worship was begun at 9:00 a. m. with the morning prayer service. Hearts were made to rejoice as the shouts of praise and victory and thanksgiving rang out at the beginning of each day! These services were conducted by different ministers, and God surely blessed.

Rev. Robert Girouard, Kings Mill, Texas, presented the Bible lessons each morning with clarity, the teachings positive because they were taken directly from God's word. These proved a real blessing and were enjoyed by all. Rev. Roland Busch, Katy Texas, brought one lesson on Sunday, July 29, in Brother Girouard's absence — and this indeed was a wonderful service as the Lord's Supper was observed, and His presence was very real.

Brother Jim and Sister Yvonne Morris were in charge of children's church at 1:15 each afternoon, and it thrilled the heart to see how eagerly the children hurried to their service to learn more about Jesus.

The 2:30 afternoon services were well attended, with messages brought by different ministers of the Faith which were very inspiring.

Rev. Jerry McClenegan, Roswell, New Mexico, directed the Young People's services each evening at 7:00 — interest was good and much was accomplished for the Lord through this effort to reach our youth for Him.

The 8:00 p. m. evangelistic service proved to be a real blessing, with outstanding messages delivered nightly. A number of souls were

# ALIEF, TEXAS-

The work of the Lord is going on with Brother and Sister Bennie Stanberry, Alief, Texas, directed the Sister Austin Morgan conducted a revival beginning soon after camp meeting. Another voice of warning for this place to seek the Lord while He may be found.

### HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS-

Brother Donald Dibbens and family are remaining at Hempstead for another year. May they see again the progress that they have made in the past. We have noted with interest the building improvement.

saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Spirit around the altars as people waited on God, and gained the blessings they needed from His bountiful hand. Attendance was especially good for these services, as not only campers were present but also, a goodly number of local folks came.

The 100 voice choir was a real asset to these services. Brother Bennie Stanberry as pastors. Brother and choir this year, accompanied by Mrs. Grace LaMunyon of Perryton, Texas, at the organ, and Mrs. F. E. Waterbury of Ralls, Texas, at the piano — and they did a splendid job. Rev. Waple Ferguson, Balko, Okla., was in charge of special songs and is also to be commended for his fine efforts.

The grounds offered the same accomodations as in years past, with groceries in stock for the campers who did their own cooking, and hot meals served in the cafeteria for those who preferred them.

The Camp Meeting Committee: Rev. Olen Bachler of Katy, Texas; Rev. Harrol Waterbury of Laverne, Okla., and Rev. Floyd LaMunyon of Perryton, Texas, are indeed grateful to all those who prayed and carried a burden for Camp Meeting, to those who gave so freely of their time and labors, and to those who supported the encampment financially, and in all other ways. Camp Meeting has proved a blessing to the Movement in the past, and once again, God has permitted this privilege and given His smile of approval on our feeble efforts for Him. Praise His wonderful name!

### GRAVETTE, ARKANSAS—

Brother Bill Clevenger and Brother Harold Crane are working as pastors in the Mt. Olive community. They are carrying on a good work there. In addition to their regular services at the church, they are conducting street services in nearby towns, jail services, and services in convalescent homes. God is blessing their ministry and they are seeing souls saved in their home church.

## JOPLIN, MISSOURI-

Eugene Rainey and family are in a revival at Joplin at this writing. God is blessing in a wonderful way. Brother Rainey is a new evangelist added to our ranks, and God is certainly blessing his ministry. Brother Paul Clanton, Pastor.

### HINTON, ALABAMA-

Brother and Sister L. J. Erlick have gone to Alabama to take up the duties of pastors. This is their first time so far from home, so remember to pray for them.

# FOREMAN, ARKANSAS-

Brother Homer Coberly held a good meeting here before camp meeting. Remember this work in your prayers, that God will bless and lead them aright.

### BACLIFF, TEXAS-

Brother and Sister Campbell report good interest in the country church near them. They are progressing for the Lord and we are so thankful for it.

# HARDESTY, OKLAHOMA-

Brother and Sister E. K. Cornell have taken up their duties as pastors of the Hardesty church. May God bless them as they labor in that place.

I start with thee. Cleanse my past, consecrate my present, clarify my future. I follow.

As we see the world's emptiness—void of happiness, morality, character, purity, uprightness—we need not to be empty. God offers the fulness of His Spirit. —Eph. 3:19. ".... that ye might be filled with the fulness of God." If He can fill the heavens and the earth with —His Presence, can He not fill a heart of flesh?

# DONIPHAN, MISSOURI— Mill Creek Church, Route 4

The Lord is continuing to bless in our midst. We had 36 out yesterday (Aug. 19) for Sunday school and a nice attendance for our monthly community singing which is every third Sunday at 2:00 p. m. Everyone is welcome.

We all enjoyed the good services conducted by Brothers Roland Busch and David Neff and Sister Edna Neff from August 8 to 12. We only regret that they could not stay longer. All ministers of the faith are invited to come by.

Brother and Sister George Hintergardt, pastors.

# PERRYTON, TEXAS-

Brother and Sister Floyd LaMunyon are staying at Perryton for another year. The Lord has blessed in this work. They have just completed some fine new Sunday school rooms and a Minister's study. This is a wonderful asset to this church as it would be to any church who can see their way clear to build.

# CHIVINGTON, COLORADO-

Brother and Sister Charles Mahan are labouring in this new work. May God give them a great harvest of precious souls. Brother and Sister Claud Bowen and Brother and Sister Charles Bowen have resided here a number of years.

# LIBERAL, KANSAS

Brother and Sister Aubrey Murray have accepted the pastorate at Liberal for another year. They are in a church building program. We will have more information on this later.

# KINGS MILL, TEXAS

Brother and Sister Girouard have accepted the pastorate of this church for another year. Brother Girouard's Bible lessons, given at Camp Meeting were an inspiration to all. I know they will be a blessing as they labour among the people at Kings Mill.

# KINGMAN, KANSAS-

Sister Lula Parham and party began a meeting with Brother and Sister Menke August 26th. Many were looking forward to this meeting. Make this your place of worship.

# HOLLY GROVE, ARKANSAS-

Brother S. B. Echols and party are in charge of a revival at Holly Grove in August. We have no late report on the meeting. Brother and Sister John Billings will have charge of the regular services at Des Arc during his absence. They will also assist in the revival on their free nights.

# LEROY, KANSAS-

Brother and Sister A. L. Moses are pastors in this church. They planned a revival shortly after camp meeting with Brother and Sister George Polvado of Big Spring, Texas as the evangelists. Brother Ed Cass is working out of LeRoy. He plans to give some chart lessons. Anyone desiring his services along this line may contact him there.

# BALKO, OKLAHOMA-

Brother A. W. Ferguson and family are to be the pastors at Balko for the coming year. May God's blessings rest upon them in the future as it has in the past.

# CENTER POINT, TEXAS-

Brother and Sister Joe Faries are continuing their work as pastors here. They plan a revival soon. At this writing we have no definite report.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pennington of Odessa, Texas announce the birth of a new star in their home. She is LaDonna Kaye, arrived July 25, 1956, weighing 5 pounds and 61/4 ounces.

Debra Ann was the name chosen for the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Stollings, Booker, Texas. She arrived at 5:45 p. m., August 3, 1956 and weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces.

A new little resident for Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ray, Sunray, Texas, is Miss Joanie Kae. She was born August 5, 1956 at 12:20 p. m., and weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces.

# KATY, TEXAS-

Unless plans have been changed since camp meeting, Brother Jack Barker will go to Katy for a revival in September. Let us pray for this revival, and especially those who live in or near Katy, put forth your best efforts to see a good revival. Brother Olen Bachler, Pastor.

# ENID, OKLAHOMA-

Brother and Sister Sherman Sutton are the new pastors at Enid. Let us hold them up to the throne of God in prayer as they take up the responsibilities of this work.

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